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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to PSD Don Wagner & his program & membership teams for a job well done the past fraternal year! Be sure to read Don's column for the details.

A new fraternal year brings with it new challenges and tasks. Now is the time to re-ignite those inner flames, rally the troops, contact all your members and let them know we need the help of each & every one of them to accomplish the work the Lord will set out before us in the coming year. Grand Knights, set up your calling committees and make sure every member of your council is contacted; appeal to them to be at your next meeting so you can get a



great start on this fraternal year's programs and recruitment campaign. If we are to accomplish all our state and local council goals we must employ the talents of all our members. Set your goals high, work hard toward them and one year from now the rewards will be great!

Our new membership campaign, "**FOLLOW ME, HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH,**" is based on Pope Benedict XVI's recent papal visit to the United States. Pope Benedict XVI, just as the late John Paul II, has called for a strong catholic laity to step forward to set an example for the rest of the world to see. Brothers, we as Knights of Columbus, are in the perfect position to answer their call. But we can't sit back; we cannot let the reins of indifference take hold. We must activate all our members to improve our programs and make them the best they can be, and yes, even call men to join our ranks in numbers greater than ever before. The challenge to help build up the Church has been set before us.

With each new fraternal year, new goals and incentives are announced. We will share these with the District Deputies at our Installation Meeting July 12-13. Regional Meetings will be held the following two weekends. The continued success of our Order in Kansas depends on all our councils being well represented at these meetings. The Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Program & Membership Directors and council officers should be in attendance at these most important meetings.

Won't you join me in the coming year and together we can answer Pope Benedict XVI's call: "**FOLLOW ME, HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH.**"

Francis G. Drouhard - State Deputy

PAST STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

We just completed a tremendous fraternal year. You, my Brother Knights, truly demonstrated the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism and worked together to share the Experience of a Lifetime with fellow Catholics. Our net intake for the year was 1,257 members. Although Kansas did not reach the coveted Supreme Council Circle of Honor level because of a high number of suspensions, our total intake of members for the year was in line, or above, other years.

As of June 30, membership now stands at 35,412. We have 39 councils that are Star Council eligible for the fraternal year. Contest of Champions net gain is Andale Council 2217 with 24 net new members and highest net percentage of quota is Bonner Springs Council 2408 with 400%. The Order is alive and well in Kansas. I thank each Grand Knight, council membership director and recruiter for the efforts in recruitment this year. To State Membership Director Vince Melvin III and his dedicated team I say, "Thank You" for a job well done.



As witnessed at the state convention in Hays, new records were set this year in many programs. Most notable accomplishments were the Pro Life donations, Adopt a Seminarian, Religious Education. I thank State Program Director Richard Broz and his team for their commitment. Records, however, are meant to be broken and I look forward to seeing new ones being set.

This issue of "The Explorer" marks the end of my term as your State Deputy. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for the honor and opportunity to serve you these past two years. Margie and I thank each of you for the hospitality shown us as we traveled throughout this great state. You have touched our lives in a very special way. The vision of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, remains alive and thriving in this great State of Kansas. God bless each and every one of you.

Vivat Jesus

Don Wagner - Past State Deputy

**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE**

Although, we did not attain the coveted Circle of Honor this year; I would like to commend the District Deputies and Grand Knights for a very good year in membership.

For the 2007 – 2008 fraternal year we “asked” 1257 members to join our honored Order and they said yes. But, we parted ways with 521 Brother Knights. We ended the year with a +736 or 83 % of our Supreme goal.

The past two years have truly been an “Experience of a Lifetime”. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication from the District Deputies and council officers across the State of Kansas. I would like to thank State Deputy Don Wagner for given me the opportunity to serve the past two years as State Membership Director.

DIVISION WINNERS AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

Div	Number	Council	Quota
1	2906	Tampa	100 %
1	9242	Galena Baxter	100 %
2	8505	Hiawatha	160 %
3	13354	Ft Leavenworth	240 %
4	7769	Osage City Scranton	240 %
5	2408	Bonner Springs	400 %
6	3423	Pilsen	180 %
7	10044	Hays St Nicholas	200 %
8	11661	Holy Spirit	222 %
9	1777	Marysville	127 %
10	2217	Andale	160 %

CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS

Highest Net Gain: Andale # 2217, 24 new members, Grand Knight, Neil D. Betzen

Highest Percentage Net Gain: Bonner Springs # 2408, 400 % of their membership, Grand Knight, Jason L. Bergkamp

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

REGION	MEMBER INTAKE
Wichita	202
Overland Park	136
Sabetha	118
Topeka	90
Scammon	48
Hays	47
Dodge City	46
Pratt	23
Salina	10
Colby	4

Vivat Jesus,
Vincent P. Melvin III

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 1 Report of Officers (Form 185) due at Supreme
- 12-13 State Officer & District Deputy Installation Meeting at Wichita
- 13 Distribution of Applications/Reply Statements & Tickets for Religious Education Fund Drawing to District Deputies
- 19-20 9th Annual K of C State Men's Golf Tournament in Emporia
- 19-20 Regional District Meetings (See enclosed schedule)
- 26-27 Regional District Meetings (See enclosed schedule)
- 31 Deadline for DD's to distribute Religious Education Tickets to Grand Knights

AUGUST

- 1 Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365) due at Supreme **(REQUIRED FOR STAR COUNCIL AWARD)**
- 4 Columbian Squires 83rd Anniversary
- 5-7 126th Supreme Council Meeting in Quebec City, Quebec
- 9-17 K of C Family Week
- 14 118th Anniversary of the death of Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- 15 Semi-Annual Audit Report (Form #1295) due at Supreme
- 31 Deadline for ordering Tootsie Rolls

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas State Knight of the Month for May 2008 is Brother Ken Fedor, Council #1149 - Paola.

“Family of the Month” Winners of a Holy Family Plaque from Supreme were: Jon & Kari Spiers family of Council #883--Pittsburg and Eugene & Sonya Bergman family of Council #9535-Mayetta

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Scott A. Maurath, State Program Director

July 1st is the start of a new fraternal year! It is time to make plans for some **new major accomplishments**. One important goal should be for your Council to attain the coveted **Star Council Award** and deadlines are fast approaching. The first goal is the completion and transmittal of the **Service Program Personnel Report** or Form # 365 in the 2008-2009 Council Report Forms Booklet. This must be received at Supreme **prior** to August 1, 2008 in order for your Council to remain eligible for the Star Council Award. If you haven't already submitted it, please do so right away. If your council has a new Grand Knight for this fraternal year, it is the new **Grand Knight's responsibility** to appoint

these directors and chairmen and submit the report by August 1. Be sure not to confuse this report with the Report of Council Officers (Form #185) which was due at Supreme on July 1.

Dave Koch, Athletic Events Chairman, reminds all interested golfers the State Men's Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 19-20 in Emporia at the Municipal Golf Course. The entry deadline was July 1, however late entries may be accepted.

Tom Schmeidler, Youth Activities Director, invites all Councils to participate in this year's Soccer Challenge. Grand Knights are asked to reserve a date for the event in Sept. or Oct. All kits will need to be ordered by July 31. While they are ordering they can also order the kits for the Free Throw contest. One activity to promote relationships between Knights and future Knights is for

Councils to hold a Teens vs. Knights Softball game and picnic. If you have other ideas to share for Youth Activities send photos and stories to Tom at youthactivitydirector@kansas-kofc.org.

Regional District Meetings have been scheduled for the last two weekends of July. These meetings are important for a successful kickoff to our new Fraternal Year. Every council should plan to have the following members in attendance: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and the Program & Membership Directors. All members are invited. Please refer to the following schedule for the meeting in your region.

Scott A. Maurath

State Program Director

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>	<u>Districts Attending</u>
Salina	7-19	1pm	K of C Hall	26, 27, 28, 37, 38
Dodge City	7-20	1pm	K of C Hall	47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55
Wichita	7-20	1:30pm	St. Mary's Faith Center, Derby	29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36
Sabetha	7-20	1:30pm	Sabetha Parish Hall	1, 2, 4, 21, 22
Oakley	7-20	2:00pm	St. Joseph's Annex	51, 52
Mission	7-26	1pm	St. Pius X Hall	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Topeka	7-27	12:00pm	Our Lady Activity Center	3, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25
Scammon	7-27	1pm	St. Bridget Parish Hall	13, 14, 15, 16, 17
Hays	7-27	2pm	St. Nicholas of Myra	42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49
Pratt	7-27	2pm	K of C Hall	39, 40, 41

CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY

The 19th Annual Campus Ministry Sundays are scheduled for July & August 2008. Registration of students attending colleges will take place in all four dioceses on these dates. Check with your Parish Priest on which Sunday this will take place in your Parish. We are asked to assist our Parish Priests with copying (if needed), completing, collecting, and mailing the sign-up folders. Upon completion, Campus Ministers can contact the students at the university or college they are attending.

Your parish priest should have the sign up folders mailed to him (if not use the following form):

Student Name
University or College Attending
Students College Address

Although the Campus Ministers at Catholic Campus Centers are able to obtain a list of student addresses from the learning institution, they cannot obtain the religious preference of those students. Therefore, it is hoped that Campus Ministry Sundays will help to identify our young Catholics. We encourage all councils throughout the State to assist their Pastors in completing these folders so we can continue to keep our youth involved in their Catholic Faith.

Dean Haselhorst
Campus Ministry Chairman

EXPLORER INSURANCE REPORT

The Knights of Columbus agency department is proud to congratulate the following men for achieving the honor of Field Agent of the Month for their respective agencies:

Eastern Kansas Agency: Bill Roggenkamp wrote \$1,635,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

Central Kansas Agency: Vince Pachta wrote \$1,407,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

Western Kansas Agency: Dan Reed wrote \$1,451,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$19,612,000 in life insurance during the month of May.

Please join us in congratulating the following men for their outstanding performance. These men lead the state for the Knights of Columbus insurance program in 2008.

Doug Martinek	Dave Soukup
Bill Roggenkamp	Darin Reed
Steve Schmidt	JJ Deges

If you or someone you know would like to join our winning team of Field Agents please call 1-866-391-8781 for more information.

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July 1, 2008

Brother Knights:

The 2008 -2009 Membership Team is made up of experienced and powerful Knights with great ideas to help us attain the goal of 1600 new members in this great state of Kansas this fraternal year. To attain this goal it is necessary to start by conducting many first degrees in the month of August. Most races are won in the Starting Blocks. Major degrees will be conducted in the months of September, October and November like never before.

The first challenge for the Grand Knights is to select the most important position on his team, Membership Chairman. This individual should be the person in the council who always attracts a crowd, the one people look to for leadership, a "People Person". To constantly be looking for people to ask "Are you a Knight?" Every Knight who attends a meeting should be armed with a Form 100. Have the tools ready when a prospect agrees to join us.

"FOLLOW ME – HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH" is the theme we will use to build our membership in the Knights of Columbus this upcoming fraternal year. Your membership team has the tools necessary to help you accomplish this task.

You are not alone in this effort to grow the Knights of Columbus in the state of Kansas. The membership team is very aggressive and wants nothing short of success for each council. We will be in touch with you to help you make it happen. However, you must accept the invitation to ask for help. You can do this by keeping the following information handy.

State Membership Director: Gary L. Hoppe, Wichita	316-722-4008
State Recruitment Chairman: Jim Gerber, Merriam	913-831-2644
Retention Chairman: Richard A. Broz, Jr., Spearville	620-385-2539
New Council Development/Roundtables: Neil Daugherty, Wichita	316-684-6881
Council Growth and Development: Jamey C. Roth, Victoria	785-735-9236
Council Growth and Development: Andrew T. Gilner, Tonganoxie	785-840-8844
Ceremonials Chairman: Paul Lenherr, PSD, St. Marys	785-437-2915

Fraternally,

Gary L. Hoppe
State Membership Director
2008 -2009 Fraternal Year

Vivat Jesus

My Brother Knights:

Some time back, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, outlined in the *Leaven* a request of Governor Kathleen Sebelius to not present herself for Holy Communion, due to her continued pro-abortion stance. Following the *Leaven*'s printing of his request, the *Kansas City Star* printed numerous "letters to the editor" and several columnist stories condemning his actions. Since the Knights of Columbus are in total support of our Bishops and Priest, the Officers of the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus had this ad printed in several local sections of the *Kansas City Star*.

Don Wagner
Immediate Past State Deputy

"IN SOLIDARITY"

In light of recent, widely publicized events in Kansas, we wish to declare our firm support for Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and our commitment to the sanctity of unborn human life. As a Catholic lay organization, we wish also to emphasize the inescapable conflict between support for legalized abortion and the teaching and sacramental discipline of our Church. It is impossible to be pro-abortion or even pro-choice and remain in full communion with the Catholic Church.

By no means, however, is the sanctity of life a matter of concern only to Catholics. For people of conscience this is a fundamental moral issue inseparable from the "unalienable" right to life grounded in the universal natural law and enshrined in America's Declaration of Independence.

Like millions of other Americans, non-Catholics and Catholics alike, we were uplifted and challenged by the recent pastoral visit to the United States of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Time and again, he recalled us to our highest ideals and our most deeply held convictions as a nation. Speaking on April 16 at the White House, Pope Benedict said:

Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons to personal responsibility....
The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate. It also demands the courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate....A democracy without values can lose its very soul. (*Address on the White House South Lawn*, April 16, 2008)

Taking these words to heart, we are deeply distressed as Catholics and as citizens that, as Archbishop Naumann points out, Kansas has acquired a reputation as "the late-term abortion center for the Midwest." We call for the re-enactment of the Comprehensive Abortion Reform Act, already adopted twice in both chambers of the state legislature by overwhelming majorities, and we urge Governor Sebelius to sign this popular and urgently needed measure into law.

The reign of virtually unrestricted late-term abortion now prevailing in our beloved state is a blot on the reputation of Kansas and an offense against principles of morality central to the common good. Rather than perpetuating a scandalous state of affairs, the time has come for all Kansans to join in taking swift and effective steps toward the elimination of this anti-life blight.

**THE KANSAS STATE COUNCIL
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