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## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Congratulations and a great big "Thank You" to all the District Deputies and Grand Knights who helped pull the team together across the State of Kansas to bring back the "CIRCLE OF HONOR" to our great state! Be sure to read Gary Hoppe's column for the final numbers and Division Winners. This has been a tremendous year in both Membership and Programming and all members in Kansas are to be commended. We must look forward to the new fraternal year and bring that same fervor to the New Year that made the 2008-09 year so successful.



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!

Welcome to "THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER", our new membership campaign. In these trying economic times it becomes clearer each day that more and more people need our help. In Kansas, we will continue to answer the challenge issued last year from Pope Benedict XVI to "FOLLOW ME, HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH." Brothers, we as Knights of Columbus, are in the perfect position to answer the call of Pope Benedict XVI and of those people in need. 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 Year of the Volunteer is at hand and we must step forward with greater efforts than ever before.

With each new fraternal year, new goals and incentives are announced. We will share these with the District Deputies at our Installation Meeting July 11-12. 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 make "THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER" the greatest year in our history as we continue to answer the call of Pope Benedict XVI to "FOLLOW ME, HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH." Good Luck in the coming year. Vivat Jesus.

Francis G. Drouhard - State Deputy

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

- 1 Report of Officers (Form 185) due at Supreme
- 6 "World Series of Membership" Begins
- 11-12 State Officer & District Deputy Installation Meeting at Salina
- 12 Distribution of Applications/Reply Statements & Tickets for Religious Education Fund Drawing to District Deputies
- 18-19 Regional District Meetings (See enclosed schedule)
- 25-26 Regional District Meetings (See enclosed schedule)
- 25-26 10th Annual K of C State Men's Golf Tournament in Emporia
- 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 84th Anniversary
- 4-6 127th Supreme Council Meeting in Phoenix, AZ
- 8-16 K of C Family Week
- 14 119th 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 is Norman Legleiter of Council #2340- Liebethal.

"Family of the Month" Winners of a Holy Family Plaque from Supreme were: Paul & Emily Irvine family of Council #1832-Manhattan; Jerry & Lori Anthor family of Council #1993-Goodland; Lawrence & Mary Gast Family of Council #3018-Ottawa; Charles & Sheila Croninger family of Council #6761-Haysville; and Lawrence & Phyllis Wetter family of Council #8196-Salina.

**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S  
MESSAGE**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to every Knight of Columbus in the great state of Kansas for his contribution to the success of attaining and surpassing our membership goals this past fraternal year. We have made it possible for 1486 good Catholic men and their families to join the ranks of the largest Catholic family fraternal service organization in the World. You have taken seriously the Pope Benedict XVI inspired theme of **“FOLLOW ME, HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH”** by helping these men to become better Catholics, husbands, fathers and citizens. We should all take great pride in the fact that we have increased the number of men to help carry out the work of our Lord in the many programs established by the Knights of Columbus.

As with all successes, there are challenges we must address to make our efforts remain effective as we carry out our great works. We must make sure these new members become active in council activities so they will want to share this experience with other families and thus continue to grow our splendid order. Make sure each new member's sponsor mentors them through at least their first year of membership and brings them to the council meetings. The Lord's work is never done in the areas of Council, Church, Family, Youth and Community.

As we approach this new fraternal year, **“THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER”**, we must continue our SEARCH for new members as we continue to fulfill the dream of the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Our goals have been increased and with the combined efforts of all the State officers, Membership Team, District Deputies, Grand Knights and the balance of the 36,000+ members in Kansas, we will enjoy meeting and exceeding our new intake goal of 1,650 new and reinstated members.

Once again, thanks to all who contributed to our success this past year, and we pray for the same great efforts from our wonderful order this coming year.

**DIVISION WINNERS AS OF JUNE 30, 2009**

| Div | Number | Council         | Quota |
|-----|--------|-----------------|-------|
| 1   | 2127   | Logan           | 100%  |
| 2   | 12093  | P.V. St. Ann    | 320%  |
| 3   | 13354  | Ft. Leavenworth | 200%  |
| 4   | 10786  | Osawatomie      | 160%  |
| 5   | 2408   | Bonner Springs  | 467%  |
| 6   | 11692  | Wichita Resur.  | 317%  |
| 7   | 13012  | Topeka St. Math | 214%  |
| 8   | 11661  | OP Holy Spirit  | 330%  |
| 9   | 8488   | Manhattan       | 210%  |
| 10  | 10932  | OP Ascension    | 311%  |

**CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS**

Highest Net Gain: O.P. Ascension #10932, 59  
New members, Grand Knight-Joe Kennedy

Highest Percentage Gain: Bonner Springs  
#2408, 467% of their Membership Quota,  
Grand Knight – Jason L Bergkamp

Vivat Jesus,  
Gary Hoppe  
Kansas State Membership Director

**STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

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 Form # 365** in the 2009-2010 Council Report Forms Booklet. This must be received at Supreme **prior** to August 1, 2009 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.

Marcel Braun, Athletic Events Chairman, reminds all interested golfers the State Men's Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 25-26 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.

## **REGIONAL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

| <b><u>Location</u></b> | <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Time</u></b> | <b><u>Meeting Place</u></b> | <b><u>Districts Attending</u></b> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Salina                 | 7-18               | 1pm                | K of C Hall                 | 26, 27, 28, 37, 38                |
| Dodge City             | 7-19               | 1pm                | K of C Hall                 | 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55            |
| Wichita                | 7-19               | 1pm                | Church of the Magdalen      | 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36    |
| Oakley                 | 7-19               | 2pm                | St. Joseph's Annex          | 51, 52                            |
| Topeka                 | 7-25               | 12pm               | Mother Theresa Church       | 3, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25         |
| Seneca                 | 7-26               | 1:30pm             | K of C Hall                 | 1, 2, 4, 21, 22                   |
| Shawnee                | 7-26               | 1pm                | Good Shepherd Church        | 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12         |
| Scammon                | 7-26               | 1pm                | St. Bridget Parish Hall     | 13, 14, 15, 16, 17                |
| Russell                | 7-26               | 2pm                | St. Mary Queen of Angels    | 42, 44, 45, 46, 48                |
| Pratt                  | 7-26               | 2pm                | K of C Hall                 | 39, 40, 41                        |

Scott A. Maurath  
State Program Director

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY**

The 20th Annual Campus Ministry Sundays are scheduled for July & August 2009. 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):

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| <hr/> <p>Student Name</p> <hr/> <p>University or College Attending</p> <hr/> <p>Students College Address</p> |
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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

## JUNE 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: David Soukup wrote \$3,290,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

Central Kansas Agency: Wade Greif wrote \$1,200,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

Western Kansas Agency: Darin Reed wrote \$1,368,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$36,342,704 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 2009.

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| David Soukup     | Jim Hensley  | Darin Reed |
| Dan Reed         | Joe Cummings |            |
| Jamie Cunningham | Wade Greif   |            |

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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