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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The month of June marks the final month of our fraternal year; the final month to accomplish the goals we have set as a state, as a council or personally—whether it be as a State Officer, State Director or Chairman, District Deputy or Grand Knight.

Has your Council or District achieved your membership objectives? Have you reached Star Council or Star District status? If the answer is “yes”, then congratulations and a heartfelt thanks are in order to you and your membership. If, however, the answer is no and you still need additional members to attain Star Council or Star District, then you still have a month to “beat the bushes” and reactivate those former members, recruit those graduating seniors, RCIA candidates or those men you have been meaning to ask and encourage to join, but just haven’t taken the time to do it. I encourage you to set aside that time now and make those contacts you have been putting off. Then set a First Degree in June and bring those men into the Order so they can enjoy the benefits of membership and begin their work for the Lord through the Knights of Columbus. Remember, to receive credit for Star Council or Star District for this fraternal year, the Form 100 must be recorded by Supreme by June 30. Faxing those Form 100’s to Supreme Council would be a smart decision as we progress into the last two weeks of June. The Lord will have much work for us to do in the coming year and we will need a larger membership to accomplish the greater tasks he will set out before us.



Have members of your council contacted those members who haven’t paid their membership dues or haven’t been to a meeting or helped with a fundraiser for awhile? Be sure to begin an effective retention campaign by contacting those members and let them know they are an integral part of your council and that you need their help to reach all the people in need and to complete the work the Lord has set out before us. These men joined our Order to make a difference in their life and the lives of those less fortunate. We owe them the opportunity to see that this desire is allowed to come to fruition instead of just being a withering goal left to die because of our shortcomings of not including them in our plans.

There is still time to accomplish our goals but we must act now. Let us leave no stone unturned. We must ask ourselves: Have I done all I can in answering the call of Pope Benedict XVI to “**Follow Me, Help Us Build Up The Church**”? If not, let’s act now to achieve those things in the month of June. Vivat Jesus.

Francis G. Drouhard
State Deputy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE:

- 7 Major Degrees at Hays – St. Mary’s #6984 and Wichita - St Patrick #9699
- 14 Major Degree at Leawood – Location TBD
- 20-21 State Planning Meeting at McPherson
- 30 Deadline for Membership Applications** for this Fraternal Year
- 30 Deadline for receipt of Columbian Award Applications** at Supreme
- 30 Deadline for receipt of RSVP Refund/Plaque Applications** at Supreme

JULY:

- Regional District Meetings—Late July/Early August – To Be Announced
- 1 Report of Officers (Form 185) due at Supreme
- 11-12 State Officers & District Deputy Installation Meeting at Salina
- 11-12 Distribution of Applications/Reply Statement & Tickets for Religious Education Fund Drawing to District Deputies
- 31 **Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) due at Supreme**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas Knight of the Month are as follows:
Month of April: Tom Trieb of Council #1832 - Manhattan

Family of the Month winners of a Holy Family Statuette from Supreme were as follows:
Ralph & Judy Lundin Family of Council # 657 – St. Mary’s; Leon & Rita Schroeder Family of Council # 1645 – Tipton; Glenn & Cindy Ziegler Family of Council # 4113 – WaKeeney;



**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE**

WOW, what a tremendous achievement many of you have accomplished across this great state of Kansas thus far this fraternal year. We have attained many of our goals, and I have listed by Division those councils who have reached at least 75% of membership quota as of May 1st. However, as a State we all have the major goal of **CIRCLE OF HONOR** to make this year complete.

With one month left in this fraternal year, I would like to remind everyone that membership in our order is a constant effort. Every eligible Catholic man deserves the same opportunity that each of us have had to enjoy the benefits of Knighthood. Let us all take this opportunity to examine our numbers in each council and take the necessary action to become STAR COUNCILS.

(Please see insert for more details on membership).

Div	Number	Council	Net	Quota
1	2127	Logan	5	100%
1	6660	Phillipsburg	5	100%
1	14218	Ft. Riley Prairie Village - St. Ann	4	80%
3	12093	Ann	12	240%
3	13354	Ft. Leavenworth	10	200%
3	7441	Oswego - Chetopa	5	100%
3	10755	Rossville - Silver Lake	5	100%
3	6665	Bird City - St. Francis	5	100%
3	8893	Cherryvale - Liberty	4	80%
4	2774	St. Leo	8	160%
4	3677	Wichita- BishopWinkelman	5	100%
4	1052	Westphalia	5	100%
4	1392	Paxico	5	100%
4	10344	Washington	4	80%
5	10786	Osawatomeie	8	160%
5	11853	Baldwin	5	100%
5	1291	Fredonia - Neodesha	5	100%
5	7769	Osage City - Scranton	5	100%
5	1370	Wamego	5	100%
5	5631	Hill City	5	100%
5	843	Mission - St. Pius X	4	80%
5	3316	Scammon	4	80%
5	6618	Medicine Lodge	4	80%
6	2408	Bonner Springs	22	367%
6	1383	Frankfort	11	220%
6	6781	KC - St. Patrick	10	200%
6	2131	Kinsley	12	200%
6	11067	Leawood - Nativity	11	183%
6	3423	Pilsen	7	140%
6	10834	Lansing	8	133%
6	2296	El Dorado	6	100%
6	12858	Wichita - St. Anne	5	100%
6	1993	Goodland	6	100%
6	4113	WaKeeney	4	80%

7	11692	Wichita - Resurrection Topeka - St.	15	250%
7	13012	Matthew's	11	157%
7	1510	Norton	8	133%
7	2680	Scipio	6	100%
7	918	Independence	6	100%
7	6761	Haysville	7	100%
7	11352	Tonganoxie	6	86%
7	10407	Gardner	6	86%
8	991	Coffeyville	9	129%
8	2614	Arkansas City	10	125%
8	1149	Paola	8	114%
8	8196	Salina Manhattan - Seven	8	114%
8	1832	Dolors	8	100%
9	4708	Atchison - Benedictine	29	264%
9	11661	OP - Holy Spirit Manhattan-	24	240%
9	8488	ThomasMoore	15	150%
9	10408	Wichita - Magdalen	12	92%
9	1743	Hanover	10	77%
10	10932	OP - Ascension Olathe - Prince of	59	311%
10	7909	Peace	37	176%
10	883	Pittsburg	27	169%
10	900	Leavenworth	17	113%
10	534	Topeka	19	100%
10	3114	Clonmel - Schulte	18	82%

Gary L. Hoppe
State Membership Director -- Kansas

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Over 160 Councils either submitted their Columbian Award Application Form SP-7 at the State Convention in Lawrence, or have already filed it with Supreme. Was your Council one of them? To qualify for the coveted Star Council Award, you must have this form completed correctly and into Supreme **prior to June 30**. Although it is not due until June 30, it makes good sense to submit it right away, so the state team will not have to call you at the last minute.

The SP-7 form **must include four (4) activities** in each of the five (5) programming areas - Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. Inside the back cover of the Program & Membership Guide you will find twenty (20) examples of activities for each of the areas. It should be easy for your Council to have completed most of these items. **If you list less than four items in each category, you will not qualify for the award.** The Columbian Award is available to all councils.

Adopt-A-Seminarian: Please be sure to fulfill your Council's pledge to the Seminarians adopted right away so you can get the RSVP Refund/Plaque application submitted prior to June 30. The only way you will receive the \$100 refund for each \$500 donated to each Seminarian is if you send a copy of

both sides of the cancelled check, or other documentation, to Supreme along with the RSVP form found on page 21 of the Council Report Forms Booklet. Even if you are not entitled to a refund, please submit the form and show your level of support; you will still qualify to receive a plate for your RSVP wall plaque.

Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365): Now that your Council has completed the election of Officers for the 2009-2010 fraternal year and submitted Form #185, Report of Officers, it is time to focus your immediate attention on appointing Directors and Chairmen. A report of the individuals filling those positions (Form #365-Service Program Personnel Report) must be submitted to Supreme **prior to August 1, 2009.** This is the first of three mandatory forms required to qualify for the Star Council Award. Both forms can be found on pages 31-34 in your existing **Brown 2008-2009 Council Report Forms Booklet.** If your council will be changing leadership in the Grand Knight position, please be sure the new Grand Knight receives this 2008-2009 Booklet, so these forms can be completed and sent in now. Be sure to submit them right away – don't wait until it's too late. A supplemental report can be submitted later if there are any changes or additions.

Family Life: Family Life Director Dennis Schrick thanks all councils who participated in the Family of the Month and Family of the Year program. Be sure to send your Family of the Month entries to Supreme by the 15th of each month.

State Convention: The Annual State Convention in Lawrence was a great success! Many awards were given in various programming areas. Except for the Pennies From Heaven winners, all program awards are listed in the Director/Chairmen Reports included in the Convention Reports Book. Pennies From Heaven Chairman Dale Weber announced the winners of the Pennies program at the business meeting on Monday morning. They were as follows:

Division	Council#	Council	\$ Per Member
Division 1	12804	Satanta	\$ 7.10
Division 2	7373	Kiowa	\$ 5.95
Division 3	9535	Mayetta	\$ 15.09
Division 4	11779	Elkhart	\$ 17.51
Division 5	3273	Larned	\$ 8.92
Division 6	1862	Wright	\$ 8.97
Division 7	13012	Topeka – St. Matthew	\$ 10.01
Division 8	2614	Arkansas City	\$ 7.48
Division 9	1163	Axtell	\$ 8.68
Division 10	601	Salina	\$ 4.98

District Deputy Winner is District Deputy # 17 Robert Duffin \$ 6.48 per member.

Pennies From Heaven Chairman Dale Weber thanks all who helped run the Country Store, Pennies Raffle and Pennies Parade at the 108th Convention of the Kansas State Council. A special thank you is extended to all who made donations and to our auctioneer for our Pennies From Heaven Auction, Fr. Bernie Gorges.

Pro-Life Chair Couple Jim & Theresa Pritchard thank all councils that reported pro-life donations. Kansas State Convention totals showed 158 councils reported donations of over \$232,498.27. Thanks also to those councils submitting Evangelium Vitae Applications. We hope to see many more in 2009-2010.

Several memorials to the unborn were added to the list. Kansas now has 121 memorials. Many right to life signs dot the Kansas countryside. We would like a listing of pro-life billboards and pictures for a new scrapbook. Any updated information can be sent to Jim & Theresa.

Thank You to Program Personnel: This has been a **very outstanding** year in programming. All State Directors and Chairmen have worked very hard and done an outstanding job. I personally thank the following Directors and Chairmen for a job well done:

Vince Melvin III- Church Activities Director and Vocations Chairman
 Dean Haselhorst - Religious Education Fundraising Chairman
 Tom Schmeidler - Youth Activities Director & Free Throw Chairman
 Jeremy Rabe - Columbian Squires Chairman
 Rev. Frank Jordan – State Father Prior
 Dennis Schrick - Family Life Director
 Pat Winchester - Community Activity Director, Commitment to Humanities Chairman & Special Olympics Chairman
 Dale Weber - Pennies From Heaven Chairman
 Jim & Theresa Pritchard - Pro-Life Chaircouple
 Dave Koch - Council Activity Director & Health Services/Athletic Events Chairman
 Greg Lix – Publicity & Fraternal Chairman
 Todd Bachamp - WebMaster
 Duane Engel - Knights Lite Editor
 Larry Marstall - State Historian

I also thank all the District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Program Directors. Your teamwork, along with the State Directors and Chairmen, has set several records in our State Programs. **What a tremendous job you have all done!!!** Without all your hard work, our programs could not shine!

Scott A. Maurath
 State Program Director

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: Joe Cummings wrote 5,250,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in April.

Central Kansas Agency: Wade Greif wrote \$955,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in April.

Western Kansas Agency: J.J. Deges wrote \$408,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in April.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$30,494,900 in life insurance during the month of April.

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.

Jaime Cunningham	Jim Hensley
David Soukup	Joe Cummings
Dan Reed	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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From your Knights of Columbus Field Agent...

The fraternal year is nearing completion. Congratulations to those councils who have already made their membership quota for the year. Many others are getting close to reaching their goal. I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is likely the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you - transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

From your Knights of Columbus General Agents....

The rewards of being an insurance agent for the Knights of Columbus are many. Beyond the unlimited earning potential, you'll also earn respect from the community-and the self-esteem that comes from providing valuable, needed services to our members of the Order. You'll help clients plan for the future, freeing them from worrying about what's ahead. What you do will have a positive impact on your life, your family's, and the lives of our membership.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:

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June 1, 2009

Brother Knights,

You are the leaders of the Knights of Columbus in the great State of Kansas. Our state is meeting the challenge to be among the elite at the Supreme Convention this August in Phoenix, Arizona. The coveted Circle of Honor for membership growth can be the result of many hours of hard work by the Knights of this state, however the job is not complete till June 30th. What a wonderful accomplishment for every Knight in this state, providing we keep the pressure on this last month, as we have in the first 11 months of this fraternal year.

Just recently, through our Lord's Gospel, we learned that we are instructed to "Love your neighbor as I have loved you". We show our love for our neighbor by 1st having the will and then by our words and actions we let him know that we have his best interest in mind. By helping a good Catholic man become a Knight in our wonderful order, we give him an opportunity to become a better Catholic, husband, father and citizen. We need to perform the charitable act of holding 1st degrees in this last month of the fraternal year.

We have 3 remaining Major Degrees: June 7th Council 9699 – St. Pat's – Wichita, Council 10044 – St. Nicks – Hays, June 14th Council 12577—Nativity – Leawood. We cannot rely on Major Degrees to meet our GOAL. We must fill in with many 1st degrees.

Now for the list of Districts that have reached 75% of membership quota as of May 1st.

Dist.	Name	%	Dist.	Name	%
10	Michael Grothoff	264.2	12	Kelly McKinney	120.0
8	Rodney Hoffman	194.7	34	William Quaney	104.0
5	Robert Hall	162.9	22	Robert McNally	100.0
15	Gary Schaplowsky	150.0	32	Bruce Luehring	96.1
33	Mark Mason	150.0	23	Douglas Wietharn	95.6
20	Thomas Smith	135.4	43	Frederic Wetter	88.8
25	Marcel Braun	130.4	36	Richard Schneider	84.2
1	Charles McNally	128.1	21	John Deters	78.1
7	Edward Vogrin	125.8	30	Anthony Jancosek	76.4
16	Robert Lee Vernon Jr.	121.7	13	Russell Bunnel	76.1
4	Thomas Penning	120.0			

There are 7 Districts that are 100% of quota in Insurance as of May 1st. Let all Districts and Councils **BE AWARE OF YOUR NUMBERS**, as many councils and districts are very close to becoming STAR status. The members of your Districts and Councils deserve the credit they will receive from Supreme as a STAR COUNCIL. Let's work hard in this last month of our fraternal year to get them the recognition they deserve and let's work even harder to make the team working for the Lord grow even larger.

Vivat Jesus,

Gary L. Hoppe
State Membership Director --Kansas