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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

November has arrived and marks the start of our 5th month of fraternalism for the 2008-09 fraternal year. In six months we will meet in Lawrence for the State Convention. Every council should have in place its plan of action to achieve Star Council and now is the time to implement those plans. With everyone working together there's no doubt our goals will be reached.

November offers us the opportunity and the responsibility to elect the officials that will guide our state and nation in the coming years. It is our responsibility to be informed voters as we go to the polls. Please encourage your council membership to consider the importance of the pro-life issue when making their decision. The next president will most likely influence in a large way the direction of future pro-life legislation and the direction the



Supreme Court will go by his recommendations for Supreme Court Justices. In the next 4 – 8 years as many as 5 or perhaps 6 Supreme Court Justices could retire. The great strides made in recent years could either be furthered or set back dramatically depending on who our next president is. Please encourage your members not to take this decision lightly. The insert this month contains links to information from the Kansas Catholic Conference which should be read by all Catholic voters. Please be sure to check it out and pass it on to all your council members.

Our Order-wide membership blitz and the "Father Wants You To Be A Knight Of Columbus" program has been a great success. Be sure to schedule first degrees to bring these new recruits into our Order this month and put them to work in council activities so they will be a valued member for years to come. Membership recruitment must continue to be a high priority as we try to accomplish the work the Lord has set out for us. With a larger membership our programs can be further reaching and much more of God's work can be completed. Be sure to continue scheduling those first degrees often and keep your membership recruiting new members to our great Order.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. In these turbulent financial times let us always remember the things that matter most in life, i.e. God, family and friends and let us be thankful for the blessings that have been bestowed on us. As we interact with family and friends during this month of Thanksgiving, be sure to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to all those eligible Catholic men you come in contact with. Ask them, and encourage them to become part of the greatest Catholic Family Fraternal Service

Organization in the world. Ask them to join us as we answer the call of Pope Benedict XVI to "Follow Me, Help Us Build Up The Church".

Lori and I and our family wish you and your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus

Francis G. Drouhard – State Deputy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

Remember Deceased Members with Memorial Mass

- 1 Deadline for DD's to return Religious Education Fund Donations & Tickets To State Religious Education Fund Chairman, Dean Haselhorst
- 1 Submit checks and Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Report To State Treasurer, Ron Zishka
- 1 Deadline to submit Free Throw Contest Kit Request Form to Supreme
- 16 Major Degree at Wichita #10483
- 22 Major Degree at Salina #8196
- 23 Major Degree at Coffeyville #991
- 23 Major Degree at Atchison #4708

DECEMBER:

Share the Light of Advent by keeping Christ in Christmas

- 2 Light up for Christ
- 6-7 Mid-year District Deputy Meeting at Hutchinson
- 6 Drawing for Religious Education Fund Prizes
- 15 Deadline to submit Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Reports & Checks to State Treasurer, Ron Zishka
- 22 Deadline for receipt of articles for the Knights-Lite
- 25 Celebrate the Birth of Jesus with your family
- 28 Major Degree at Norton #1510

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas Knight of the Month is Leo McClaskey from Horton Council #834.

Family of the Month Awardees of a Holy Family Plaque from Supreme were:
James & Mary Sullivan Family of Council #834-Horton;
Barry & Joan Leavitt Family of Council #2614-Arkansas City;
Mark & Kim Clark Family of Council #7279-Hutchinson.

**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE**

“HAVE YOU ASKED FOR A KNIGHT THIS MONTH”? By the reports I am receiving, it appears that many of you have. WOW, we have one council with 200% of quota and 4 councils are above 100% of quota. I believe it does pay to recruit in the first half of the year, doesn't it? What a great job some of you are doing. I realize some councils in the rural communities won't get rolling until this month, and I know you will catch up in a hurry. Be sure to schedule those First Degrees now and get your councils recruiting. Find below the Division Leaders as of October 1st. 2008, and Top 5 Districts.

Div.	Number	Council	Quota
1	NA		
2	12016	Ashland	20%
3	13354	Ft. Leavenworth	200%
3	9532	Wathena	60%
4	8511	Manhattan KSU	40%
4	675	Severance	20%
4	13087	Baileyville	20%
5	10786	Osawatomie	120%
5	6618	Medicine Lodge	40%
6	2408	Bonner Springs	117%
6	2093	Nortonville	40%
7	13012	Topeka-St. Matthew	129%
7	2680	Scipio	83%
8	1149	Paola	86%
8	3381	Liberal	44%
9	4708	Atchison-Benedictine	109%
9	11661	O.P. Holy Spirit	40%
10	7909	Olathe-Prince of Peace	67%
10	534	Topeka	53%
10	900	Leavenworth	53%

DD #	Name	Quota
5	Robert Hall	74%
20	Thomas L. Smith	71%
12	Kelly McKinney	70%
4	Thomas Penning	48%
25	Marcel Braun	43%

It looks as though there are some people wanting that great big TOOL BOX in their garage. Gee, what a prize for the person who recruits the most members in this fraternal year. Remember, to qualify your name and membership number must appear as the sponsor on the form 100.

Now that we have implemented the “FATHER WANTS YOU” blitz, it is so very critical that we follow up with, first getting form 100s completed on prospective candidates, and then making sure that we have either 1st Degrees or Major Degrees for them to attend. Please do not rely on just one degree. As you should know from past experience, not all candidates can attend a Degree on the same date, so it is important to have more than one date scheduled.

Once the Degrees are completed, we must get the form 100s sent to Supreme for recording. It appears some Form 100s are not being sent in as soon as the Degrees are completed. Remember, many different people are relying on the councils to send in forms. So even if you have just one to send in, please do it.

Worthy Grand Knights, you are the key person in every council that makes things happen. I thank you for your efforts in helping with membership growth early in the year instead of waiting till the end. We have much work ahead

of us, however most races are won in the starting blocks, and you are proving that it can be done. With continued efforts from all of us as a statewide team we will not only hit our goals but surpass them.

Vivat Jesus,

Gary L. Hoppe, Membership Director

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The first four months of our fraternal year have come & gone and now would be a good time to assess your council's progress thus far. By now you should have filed your Form 365 at Supreme, submitted four (4) Family & Knight of the Month entries, completed your Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Drive, submitted your Adopt-A-Seminarian pledge, applied for your Parish Religious Education Funds, sold all your Religious Education Fund Raffle Tickets and returned them to your District Deputy, started your fund raisers for Pro-Life & Pennies from Heaven, and brought your council's history up to date. REMEMBER, the job's not done till the paperwork's in. In order to receive proper recognition, the reports associated with these programs must be filed on time. If any of these reports haven't been completed, now would be an excellent time to submit them.

What about your council's scrapbooks? Has your council begun compiling information to capture the special activities you have undertaken? Wouldn't it be nice to be recognized for one or more of your council's activities at the Convention in Lawrence next spring? Work begins early for a quality product. I'll look forward to announcing your council's name for the scrapbook awards in Lawrence. Grand Knights, work with your Directors & Chairmen to assure this is on their agenda.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Adopt-A-Seminarian

Church Activities Director Vince Melvin III reports that only about half of the councils have sent in their Pledge Form. Have you submitted your Adopt-A-Seminarian pledge? Time is of the essence. To insure that all 81 Seminarians are adopted and pledges are equalized, it is imperative that every council submit their pledge cards right away. Post Card Questionnaire / Pledge Cards were provided to your District Deputy in July. Contact him or Vince if you don't yet have one. Grand Knights should have the list of Seminarians and the addresses of the Seminaries. If you have already pledged to a Seminarian, begin sending your assistance and prayers. Don't wait until next year; our future priests need our help now.

Religious Education Fund Applications

Religious Education Chairman Rev. David Metz reports a majority of councils have submitted their request for parish Religious Education Funds. He wishes to thank all those responding. Grand Knights should receive the checks by the middle of December.

Religious Education Fund Raising

October 25 was the deadline to return your tickets and monetary donations to your District Deputy. District Deputies are reminded that if they haven't returned their tickets and proceeds to the Religious Education Fund Raising Chairman Dean Haselhorst please do so as soon as possible! Should the remote possibility be that tickets are still outstanding or unsold at this point, Dean will be contacting the District Deputy. If you still need extra

tickets, be sure to call Dean or your District Deputy to see if unsold tickets are still available. The drawing for prizes will be held on December 6th at the Mid-year District Deputy meeting.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Activities

Youth Activities Director Tom Schmeidler advises the Regional Free Throw Contest locations have been determined and the dates are now being set. Has your council ordered the Free Throw Championship Competition Kit? The deadline to place this order to Supreme was November 1. Obtain the order form from the Council Report Forms Booklet and submit it right away so your council will be prepared to conduct your Free Throw Contest in January. Please pay special attention to the "Free Throw Championship Program Guide" found in the Free Throw Kit. It contains several promotional items from Supreme including Official K of C Free Throw Championship Basketballs, which may be used at your Free Throw Contest. If your council hosted a Soccer Challenge please send in your participation form and the results to Tom right away.

Columbian Squires

Wouldn't it be great to have a yearly flow of 18 year old men as new members into your council? A Squires Circle could do just that. Squires Chairman Jeremy Rabe would like to help you make that a reality. Contact him for help.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Life

Protecting, preserving and recognizing traditional family values are a hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. By taking advantage of the Family of the Month Program, each council can help celebrate family values and life. Make it a habit to choose a family of the month every month. Submit their name to Supreme by the 15th of the month and they will become eligible to receive one of 100 Holy Family Plaques given each month by the Supreme Council. This past month 50 councils in the state submitted names. There were 3 winners of the Plaques. Was your council one of the 50? Chairman Dennis Schrick encourages all councils to take part in this program and to give those hard working families the special recognition they deserve.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Rolls)

The October Campaign Drive to Help People with Intellectual Disabilities is now complete across Kansas and Chairman Pat Winchester is excited with early returns. Pat reminds you that although the designated weekend for the event has passed, your council can still solicit and accept donations to help use up any remaining Tootsie Rolls. Evaluate your council's results to see if it can be improved next year. Now comes the paperwork. Every participating council must submit the white copy of the Tootsie Roll Report Form, along with a check for 100% of the proceeds, to State Treasurer Ron Zishka, and a yellow copy of this report to Commitment to Humanities Chairman Pat Winchester. This should be done right away so Ron can send the recipient checks back to you. Pat would like to extend a thank you to all Knights helping with this very worthwhile endeavor. Be sure to publicize the results of

your fund drive in your local newspaper and parish bulletin and extend a thank you to all who donated.

Pro-Life

The most important event this month is to get out and **VOTE** in the upcoming election. The Kansas State Council and the Kansas Catholic Conference have information on their web sites to help determine which state and federal candidates are pro-life. Be sure to check out the insert this month for additional information from the KCC as well and the reverse side contains contact information for the Pro-Life Centers in Kansas. All councils are encouraged to work on their fundraisers, programs, charitable works and prayers for Pro-Life. Start making plans now for the Pro-Life Baby Shower to be held in January. If your council plans on doing the Bottles for Life fundraiser, you need to start making plans now and determine when to have it. If you need information on this, call or e-mail the Pro-Life chair couple. Be sure to continue working on the Evangelium Vitae Award requirements. The traveling trophy would look good in your council's award display. If anyone is interested in going to Washington DC or Topeka for the pro-life rallies in January, call or e-mail Theresa and Jim Pritchard for information. A baby crib will be set up at the December Mid Year Meeting to help kick off the 10th Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower. People are asked to bring at least one baby item. Remember to get out and vote. It is your moral obligation that involves duties and responsibilities and a privilege that shouldn't be taken lightly.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council Events

Council Activities Director David Koch reminds all councils to begin putting your teams together for the State Bowling Tournament in Topeka, starting on February 21. If you don't currently have league bowlers in your council, a team still can be assembled and sent to the tournament. Letters and Entry Forms were sent out in October to Grand Knights and Team Captains. Work at putting a team together to make this a successful tournament. If your council is interested in hosting the 2010 Bowling, Golf or Sporting Clays Tournaments, a written request must be sent to Dave by January 23, 2009. Call Dave for details.

Fraternal

Does your council select a "Knight of the Month"? It's a great way to honor a member for his participation in activities. Be sure to send your nomination to Fraternal Activities Chairman Greg Lix by the 15th of the following month so he can be entered in the State Knight of the Month drawing. Greg encourages all councils to reward those hard working members with the special recognition they truly deserve by selecting them as a Knight of the Month.

Publicity

Publicity Chairman Greg Lix reminds all councils to publicize all their activities. Making the public aware of what we are and what we do is important to the council, the Order, and our members.

Webmaster

Fourth Degree information is now available on the state website. All assemblies are listed along with new information. The information that can be displayed includes contact name; meeting time, day and physical

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Webmaster

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address; a website address if one exists; and a list of the Third Degree councils to which the assembly is assigned. All assemblies are asked to please review their information which can be found under 'Assemblies' then 'By City' or 'By Assembly'. Please e-mail all updates to webmaster@kansas-kofc.org.

Assemblies are also encouraged to send exemplification information to the webmaster to be added to the site. This information should include a copy of the letter that was mailed to area councils as well as registration forms. Electronic copies sent via email are preferred, but paper copies can be scanned.

Knights-Lite

The next edition of the Knights-Lite is scheduled to be published in early January. However, Knights-Lite Editor Duane Engel reminds everyone that articles need to be submitted by December 22nd to be included.

COUNCIL HISTORY

State Historian Larry Marstall reminds all councils to continue updating their council history. The annual update reports will leave a documented legacy to the future members of the councils and the Order in Kansas.

Scott A. Maurath, State Program Director

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: Joseph Cummings wrote \$1,100,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in September.

Central Kansas Agency: Wade Greif wrote \$720,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in September.

Western Kansas Agency: Jim Hensley wrote \$425,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in September.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$12,412,624 in life insurance during the month of September.

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.

David Soukup	Darin Reed	Mark Stallbaumer
Steve Schmidt	Dan Reed	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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Get Out and Vote in 2008

Election season is upon us, and faithful Catholics in Kansas are preparing to fulfill their civic duty by voting. While the Catholic Church does not endorse candidates or parties, it does have a solemn responsibility to help Catholics properly form their consciences in preparation for this important act of citizenship.

To this end, the four Kansas bishops have produced a document offering pastoral guidance to the faithful as they contemplate the choices before them on Election Day. *Moral Principles for Catholic Voters* makes clear the obligations of faithful citizenship by distinguishing between those issues where Catholics may have different political preferences, and those involving intrinsic moral evils where Catholics must be united.



Moral Principles for Catholic Voters does not instruct Catholics how to vote. It is a guide for forming consciences, not political opinions. It is the Church's hope that by promoting the proper formation of Catholic consciences, the democratic process will produce a properly ordered society – one which fully respects human life and the inherent dignity of the human person.

Important 2008 Election Voting Dates	
DATE	DESCRIPTION
Wednesday, October 15	Advance voting begins for general election
Monday, October 20	Last day to register to vote in general election
Friday, October 31	Deadline for voters to apply for advance voting ballots to be mailed
Monday, November 3	Noon deadline to cast advance voting ballots in person in office of County Election Officer
Tuesday, November 4 General Election	Advance voting ballots must be received in office of County Election Officer by close of polls

**CHECK OUT "2008 VOTE CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS" AT
WWW.KSCATHCONF.ORG
 TO GET ALL THE RESOURCES YOU WILL NEED TO PREPARE TO
 VOTE, REGISTER TO VOTE, AND FIND THE CANDIDATES WHO
 ARE RUNNING IN YOUR DISTRICTS.
 On the web site & below are helpful documents that explain why voting
 is a moral act, and every Catholic's responsibility.**

KANSAS CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS

To find out what services are provided and what hours they are open, call or write to the centers.

Family Life Service 305 S. Summit Arkansas City, KS 67005 620-642-688	Family Life Service 224 E. 6 th St. Emporia, KS 66801 620-342-2244	Sunflower Family Services 1503 Vine St. Hays, KS 67601 785-625-4600	Catholic Services 320 Maine, P. O. Box 342 Lawrence, KS 66044 785-841-0307
Justice Aid for Moms Benedictine College Atchison, KS 66002 913-367-5340, Ext. 2568	Birthline 744 Horton Fort Scott, KS 66701 620-223-6853	Birthright 214 E. 3 rd Avenue Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-5872, 800-550-4900	Birthright 221 Delaware Leavenworth, KS 66048 913-682-2700
Crisis Pregnancy Center 415 State St. Augusta, KS 67010 316-775-9372	ABC Pregnancy Care Center P. O. Box 304, 506 N. 6 th St. Garden City, KS 67846 620-275-1777	Open Door Pregnancy Center 24 W. 4 th Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-728-2229	ABC Adoption 9230 Pflumn Rd Shawnee, KS 66215 913-894-2223, 800-406-2909
Heartbeat Pregnancy Center 602 W. 6 th Beloit, KS 67240 800-585-3433, 785-738-3433	Catholic Social Services 708 N. Main Garden City, KS 67846 620-272-0010	Midwest Pregnancy Care Cntr 213 E. Main Independence, KS 67301 620-331-0700	Birthline 412 N. Washington Liberal, KS 67901 620-626-6763
Birthline 320 S. Central Chanute, KS 66720 620-431-0120	KS Children's Service League 705 Ballinger Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-3232	Birthline Box 1143 Junction, KS 66441 785-238-3242	Life Choice Ministries 1445 Anderson Avenue Manhattan, KS 66502 785-776-9406
Catholic Charities 350 S. Range Ave., Ste 2 Colby, KS 67701 785-462-3426	St. Anthony's ProLife Outreach St. Anthony's Catholic Church Garden Plain, KS 67050 316-531-2252	Pregnancy Support 1111 Douglas Kansas City, KS 66103 913-371-5106	Crisis Pregnancy Center 11902 Blue Ridge Ext. Grandview, MO 64030 816-763-2020
Emerg. Preg. Services of NWK 350 S. Range Colby, KS 66701 785-462-3426	Catholic Social Services 2546 20 th St. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-792-1393, 800-794-9756	CPC of the Midwest P. O. Box 35143 Kansas City, MO 64134 800-821-5073, 816-864-3875	Crisis Pregnancy Center 1479 E. 151 st St. Olathe, KS 66062 913-254-1212
Birthright 605 Avenue B Dodge City, KS 67801 620-225-1249, 800-550-4900	Birthright 115 E. 6 th St. Hays, KS 67601 785-628-3334, 800-550-4900	Catholic Social Services 2220 Central Avenue Kansas City, KS 66102 913-621-5255	Pregnancy CARE Inc. 801 S. Clairborne Olathe, KS 66062 913-829-2272
Catholic Social Services 906 Central Dodge City, KS 67801 620-727-1562	Catholic Charities 2707 Vine St. Hays, KS 67601 785-625-2644, 877-625-2644	Crisis Pregnancy Center 717 Central Kansas City, KS 66101 913-321-0505	Life Care Center 225 S. Walnut Ottawa, KS 66067 785-242-4500
Bethlehem Maternity Home P. O. Box 1322 Eldorado, KS 67042 316-322-7233	Soul Communications P. O. Box 614 Hays, KS 67601 785-623-7531	Grace Center 7P8 SW Blvd. Kansas City, KS 66103 913-362-0844	Light House, Inc. 7110 Wyandotte Kansas City, Mo 64131 816-361-2233
Birthline 226 W. Central El Dorado, KS 67042 316-321-7600	Mary Elizabeth Home 204 W. 7 th , P.O. Box 13 Hays, KS 67601 785-625-6800	Crisis Pregnancy Center 4110 NE Vivion Road Kansas City, Mo 64119 816-453-1101	Adoption & Beyond Inc. 16236 Metcalf Avenue Overland Park, KS 66085 913-381-6919
Birthright 702 Commercial Emporia, KS 66801 620-342-8600	Project Rachel P. O. Box 614 Hays, KS 67601 877-HOP-E4ME	Birthright 204 W. 13 th Lawrence, KS 66046 785-843+4821	Catholic Community Services 116 W. 12 th Emporia, KS 66801 620-043-2296
Birthright 2525 8 th St. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-792-3316	Heartland Pregnancy Crisis Ctr 1027 D. Washington Rd Newton, KS 67114 326-283-7333, 800-536-7338		