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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Why are you a Knights of Columbus member? There are many answers to this question. Most likely you are a member because of your ongoing dedication to volunteer by helping your fellow man and to improve the world around you. Your dedication may be to support the church and our priests and in particular, seminarians through our Adopt-A Seminararian Program. Others may find their dedication in helping to raise funds to assist our friends with intellectual disabilities through our Commitment to Humanities "Tootsie Roll" Campaign. Still others find their efforts pointing them to pro-life work, especially in this month of October—Respect Life Month, or by supporting the needy, the sick or the youth in our communities. We have many programs for each person to find a source of renewal and dedication. As leaders in our church and communities, we must step forward to be the source of inspiration and encouragement to those around us. We must plan our council service programs to reflect our high level of commitment to our Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. Have you and your council put a plan of action into place?



As we plan our activities let's remember that our programs will be able to reach much farther with greater numbers in our membership. Recruiting new members to our Order will bring new ideas, new sources of inspiration and new leadership for the present and into the future. In this month of October, we have the perfect opportunity to appeal to those men in our parishes who are not currently members. The "Father Wants You To Be A Knight Of Columbus" program gives us an opportunity to join with our parish priest in asking and encouraging the men of our parish to join us. If you didn't plan for this program at your September meeting, be sure to include it in your plans for your October meeting and carry it out some time in October. Our priests can be a tremendous source and help in recruiting members to our Order—let's be sure to take advantage of it. Be sure to visit with your priest today for his help in this program. The blitz weekend is set by Supreme for the weekend of October 10-11 however, if this weekend won't work choose another weekend or two in October and pass the great opportunity to others of being a member of the greatest Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization in the world. As we plan our council activities and recruitment efforts in this "Year Of The Volunteer" let the words of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI be our inspiration: "Follow Me, Help Us Build Up The Church".

Vivat Jesus
Francis G. Drouhard, State Deputy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER:

October is Respect Life Month—

Schedule a Fundraiser or Seminar

- 1 Deadline for Religious Education Fund Requests for Assistance
- 3 Major Degree at Manhattan #1832
- 9-11 Conduct Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Campaign
- 11 Major Degree at Topeka #4254
- 12 Columbus Day
- 25 Deadline for GKs to return Religious Ed Fund Tickets & Donations to DD
- 25 Major Degree at Wichita #4118
- 28 Major Degree at Lenexa #6673
- 30 Deadline to file Soccer Challenge reports with Supreme & State Council

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
- 8 Major Degrees at Hiawatha #8505, Mulvane #7486 and Schoenchen #4166
- 8 Major Degrees at Dodge City #2955, Chanute #1046 and Overland Park #11661

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas Knight of the Month was Rodney Hake from Tipton Council #1645.

Family of the Month Winners of a Holy Family Plaque from Supreme were:

Ted & Nancy Appelhanz Family of Council #534-Topeka; Robert & Theresa Pettay Family of Council #1370-Wamego; and Matthew & Christina Jundt Family of Council #3400-Ellsworth.

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

What a tremendous come-from-behind effort you made during the "World Series of Membership". WE ARE IN THE PLAYOFFS, **WE ARE IN THE PLAYOFFS**. We were placed in a league with some pretty big heavyweights. We may have started a bit slow, but we have finished strong. Let me tell you that I am so proud to be your state membership director. We don't back down from any fight and we didn't this time. Regardless of how we placed in this competition we should be proud of the charge we made. The idea that we are giving a higher % of good Catholic men the opportunity to join our ranks than any other jurisdiction is very special. It is tough to repeat as champions 2 years in a row, but I believe we are up to it. Don't you? We are pitted against Ohio in the playoffs from September 21st through October 2nd and we must defeat them to be seated against the winner of the Missouri – Massachusetts contest in the October 5th – October 16th timeframe. The finals then take place from October 19th – October 30th. We have it in us to take this thing if we have a successful recruiting time in September and October. We must have a successful "Father Wants You..." campaign in October to compete with these heavyweights. Let the playoffs begin!!

We must not forget one of the major reasons why the Knights of Columbus is so successful. I was reminded of it as I read the LETTER OF SAINT JAMES at Mass this past Sunday. "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well", but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

So it is with our councils. If we make it a priority every month at every meeting and at every council activity to ask eligible Catholic men and their families to join us in our commitment to the Church and community, our order will grow in numbers and in strength in the great state of Kansas. As we increase the size of our membership, we also increase our ability to help make our society a better place for all through our volunteer efforts.

How about it? "Have you asked for a Knight this month?" Many of the councils that increased in size this past year are not starting this year as strong. Let us not forget that each new member we helped join the Knights of Columbus this past fraternal year should have at least one friend he can ask to join him. We should be able to duplicate those members this year as every time a man joins our order, the next one should be easier to recruit. This "Year of The Volunteer" should be promoted with great intensity. Let your prospects know that it takes a special individual to VOLUNTEER and want to be considered **SPECIAL**!

By now you should have your plan in place for our October Blitz. Please involve many more members than you might think you need for your Blitz weekend. If you have a large number of Knights running around talking to

people after each Mass (the more the merrier), it will appear that being a Knight is the thing to do. The Knights of Columbus should be the only topic of conversation taking place after each Mass on Blitz Weekend. Enthusiasm is like the plague, it is contagious. May God Bless Our Efforts.

Vivat Jesus,
Gary Hoppe
Kansas State Membership Director

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Our programs are rapidly gearing up for this fraternal year. We will be in the public's eye much of this month, while we conduct our Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Drive October 9 – 11, and as we solicit donations for our Religious Education Fund through Religious Ed. Tickets. When we are out in public conducting our fundraisers, we must always remember we are representing the Knights of Columbus. Our organization is judged by the actions of our members, we must do our best to display the high standards set by our Order. Your actions this month will give your councils the type of exposure needed to attract other Catholic men to join. Programs like the Adopt-A-Seminarian and the Religious Education Fund also allow you to demonstrate involvement in the church to your fellow parishioners.

To attract new members and retain them in your council, you must keep them active. Assign every member to a project throughout the year. If you involve them in your council's activities, they will remain active. Programs outlined in the Program and Membership Guide also suggest activities your council can utilize. On the back inside cover are numerous activities which have worked for other councils. Take a look at the ideas and include them in your agenda. Your members will be rewarded with the satisfaction of knowing they are doing something good for the church, youth, family, community and/or council.

Nearly every council has members who cannot attend meetings and/or functions. Be sure to involve those members in your calling tree. In addition to being a prime opportunity to administer the "Fraternity in Action" Program, it will provide a vehicle to distribute information to the membership and assure your members will be available when needed. Keep up the good work – with your careful planning and hard work, this year will prove to be our most successful year ever!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Adopt-A-Seminarian

A list of Seminarists has been received from each Diocese indicating a total of 89 Seminarists this year in Kansas. Grand Knights should have received the list from Church Activities Director Vincent Melvin III. He needs your council's completed Postcard Questionnaire / Pledge Forms submitted right away to assure all Seminarists are adopted and the pledges are equalized. The pledge cards were provided by your District Deputy. School expenses have already begun and the Seminarists need our prayers, cards / letters and financial support right away.

Religious Education Fund Applications

Religious Education Chairman Rev. David Metz reminds all councils that **October 1** is the **deadline** for submitting applications for Religious Education assistance.

Religious Education Fund Raising

There are only a few weeks left to distribute your raffle tickets for donations to the Religious Education Fund Drawing. Religious Education Fundraising Chairman Dean Haselhorst reminds you that **October 25** is the **deadline** to return your donations and tickets to the District Deputy. Please call Dean for additional tickets if your council has the ability to distribute more than you were allotted. The goal of this program is to distribute \$102,000 in Kansas for Catholic education. The success of this program desperately depends on all Councils returning every ticket with a \$100.00 donation attached to it. Twenty-eight prizes will be given away totaling \$68,000. The odds of winning are better than one in sixty-five!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Activities

Youth Activities Director, Thomas Schmeidler, reminds us **November 1** is the **deadline** to order your Free Throw Kit for your Council Free Throw Competition. The order form may be found on page 3 of the Council Report Forms Booklet along with the order form for the Substance Abuse Poster Contest Kit. Why not order both kits at the same time? Tom also reminds all Grand Knights to make sure you have a gymnasium reserved for your competition.

Columbian Squires

More and more councils are finding what a great thing it is to have a Squires Circle. Join the excitement other councils are experiencing in working with our youth! Call State Squires Chairman Jeremy Rabe today to see how to begin a Squires Circle in your area.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Life

State Family Life Director Dan Wimberly encourages every council to plan a family activity in the coming month if they haven't already done so. Council activities such as highway pickup, assisting with Mass as greeters or other ministries, and the Tootsie Roll Drive are great ways to involve the family. This past month 35 councils participated in the Supreme Family of the Month program, with three Holy Family Plaque winners. All councils should use this program as a great way to honor your outstanding families.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Rolls)

The Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Drive is rapidly approaching and is scheduled for the weekend of October 9, 10, & 11. If you haven't secured your distribution locations, this should be done immediately. Be sure to work with your neighboring councils, especially in metropolitan areas, to assure there is no double coverage. News releases have been given to all Grand Knights by the District Deputies for inclusion in your local paper. This news release may also be found

on the State K of C Website at www.kansas-kofc.org. A public service announcement by Kansas University Basketball Coach Bill Self has been provided to all Kansas Radio Stations telling of our event. Be sure to call your local radio station and ask them to play the Tootsie Roll PSA. This is our prime opportunity to facilitate a huge drive to benefit our special friends. Chairman Dale Weber reminds all councils to begin your distributions early each day and continue throughout the day so we can reach our goal of \$345,000 and make this our most successful campaign ever.

Pro-Life

October is "Respect Life Month" and the "Month of the Rosary". October 4th is Respect Life Sunday and it would be a good time to sponsor a Pro-Life rosary at Mass. Pro-Life Chaircouple Jim and Theresa Pritchard urge you to take part in the Pro-Life Chain in your area on that day. They also remind councils that now would be a good time to plan those year end fundraisers and begin working on qualifying for the Evangelium Vitae Award. Please take time to look at the insert in this copy of the Explorer to find when the Silver Rose will be coming to your area and when and where the masses or prayer services will be held. We encourage everyone to participate in the relay or services in your area. Kansas receives the Silver Rose from Missouri in the Kansas City area. The relay will head west from KCK to Oakley, south to Garden City, east to Wichita, south to Wellington and enter into Okalahoma. It will stop overnight in 22 cities in 20 days, beginning on October 18 to November 8, 2009. Contact Jim Pritchard at 913-294-3303 with any questions.

Pennies from Heaven

Chairman Gary Wondra would like to remind Grand Knights it is never too early to hold a fund raiser and begin working on items for the Country Store at the State Convention next spring. District Deputies are asked to actively involve all councils in this very worthy state program.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council Events

Council Activities Director Marcel Braun suggests that now is an excellent time to plan and hold a Health Services Program. Some examples are Blood Drives, Blood Pressure clinics, CPR training and the Organ Donor Program.

Fraternal

Reward outstanding members by selecting them as your Knight of the Month. Submit their name to Fraternal Activities Chairman Greg Lix by the 15th of each month and they could be selected to win a K of C Crucifix. Greg reports the number of entries has increased nicely this month and wishes to thank the Councils for this. Councils need to plan their November Memorial Mass for their deceased Brother Knights. Consult with the Parish Priest first and remember to invite the widows and children.

Publicity

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

Webmaster

Did you know that the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus maintains a website? It is located at www.kansas-kofc.org. It contains lots of useful information that is intended to facilitate communication between the State Council and members across the state. Here is a sample of what can be found on the website:

- A calendar of events, including dates that forms are due along with the dates of major degrees and 4th Degree exemplifications.
- Electronic copies of state reports and forms that can be submitted using email or the US post office.
- Contact information for all state officers, directors, chairmen, and district deputies.
- Contact information for all general agents and field agents.
- A listing of councils (by city or council number) including meeting date, time, and location as well as contact information for the Grand Knight.
- Prayer requests.

This is only a sample of the information available on the website. We will continue to work to improve and expand this information to make the website an even more valuable resource for all of our members.

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: William Roggenkamp wrote \$1,800,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in August.

Central Kansas Agency: Trey Coleman wrote \$788,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in August.

Western Kansas Agency: Steven Schmidt wrote \$2,763,900 in life insurance protection on members and their families in August.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$21,139,250 in life insurance during the month of August.

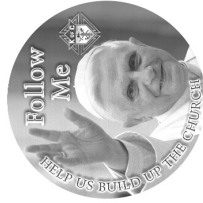
Please join us in congratulating the following men for their outstanding performance. These men lead the state for the Knights of Columbus insurance program in 2009.

Dan Reed	Jamie Cunningham	Wade Greif
Darin Reed	Joseph Cummings	
David Soukup	Mark Stallbaumer	

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October 18	Sunday	KCK	St Peters	Mass @ 5:00pm	Ed Vogrin 913-334-5406
18	Sunday	KCK	St. Marys, St. Anthony	Hispanic Mass @ 9:00am	Ed
19	Monday	KCK	Sisters, Servants of Mary & local high schools		Ed
20	Tuesday	Overland Park	Ascension Parish	Prayer Service @ 8:00am	Mike Grothoff 913-780-0208
20	Tuesday	Olathe	Prince of Peace	Prayer Service @ 10:30am	Mike
20	Tuesday	Olathe	St. Pauls	Prayer Service @ 2:00 pm	Mike
20	Tuesday	Gardner	Sacred Heart	Mass @ 5:00pm	Mike
21	Wednesday	Ottawa	Sacred Heart	Prayer Service @ 6:30pm	Kelly McKinney 913-294-9332
22	Thursday	Lawrence	Corpus Christi	Prayer Service @ 8:00am	Rick Anderson 785-312-9005
23	Friday	Lawrence	St. John's	Mass @ 7:15 am	Rick
23	Friday	Topeka	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mass/Service @ 7:00pm	Jose Hernandez 785-357-0052
24	Saturday	Manhattan	Seven Dolors	Prayer Service @ 5:30pm	Joe Beck 785-776-5793
25	Sunday	Salina	Sacred Heart	Mass @ 5:30pm	David Fox 785-825-5766
26	Monday	Russell	St. Mary Queen of Angels	Mass @ 5:30pm	David
27	Tuesday	Hays	St. Nicholas	Mass/Service @ 7:00pm	Chuck Hutchison 785-259-0930
28	Wednesday	Oakley	St. Joseph	Mass @ 7:00pm	Tom Halbleib 785-953-0549
29	Thursday	Garden City	St. Marys	Prayer Service @ 7:00pm	Mike Quint 620-275-6638
30	Friday	Dodge City	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Hispanic Mass @ 6:00pm	Joe Gleason 620-227-3206
30	Friday	Dodge City	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Prayer Service @ 7:00pm	Joe
31	Saturday	Great Bend	St. Patricks	Prayer Service @ 6:30pm	Frank Mages 620-385-2595
November 1	Sunday	Pratt	Sacred Heart	Prayer Service @ 7:00pm	Mike Gillen 620-243-4248
2	Monday	Hutchinson	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mass @ 6:30pm	Steve Bockhaus 316-283-6701
3	Tuesday	McPherson	St. Joseph	Mass @ 7:00pm	Steve
4	Wednesday	Newton	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mass @ 6:00pm	Steve
5	Thursday	El Dorado	St. John	Mass @ 7:00pm	Steve
6	Friday	Wichita	St Marys Cathedral	Prayer Service @ 7:00pm	Dan Wimberly 316-209-0792
7	Saturday	Wichita	St. Marys	Mass @ 5:00pm	Dan
8	Sunday	Wellington	St. Anthony Church	Mass @ 10:30am	Dale Weber 620-326-6304

*For additional information contact State Pro-Life Chairman Jim Pritchard, ph. 913-294-3303 (h), 913-731-1908 (c) or jlpritchard@cebridge.net

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