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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

September is here! Children are back in school and football season had begun. Most councils in the state are meeting and putting into action their plans for this fraternal year. Try to involve as many members as possible. Participation is a key factor in maintaining membership, as well as, attracting new members. New members should become involved, especially through the Shining Armor Award Program.



God has blessed all of us with special gifts and talents. As members of the largest Catholic fraternal organization, we have the opportunity to do great things for our Church and the Order. Together, we can make a difference. This means providing our members ways to demonstrate their Faith through acts of service to others. Charity is the prime virtue of our Order. In unity, we can accomplish great things. By living our Faith, others will know what it means to be Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Listen to your membership and give them the opportunity to contribute their special talents to your council.

This is often a time of suspensions. Before suspending a member, you must contact them personally. There may be circumstances that justify having some patience and understanding. These are trying economic times for many. Let's exercise the principle of fraternity when it is deemed worthy.

Many reports of first degrees have already been received. Several major degrees are scheduled this fall. Do not be left behind. Schedule a first degree in your council and then recruit prospective members to attend. Don't wait to try to attain your membership at the last minute. If someone shows an interest, do not put him off for several months. Conduct the first degree and get him active, even if he is the only prospect, and allow him to share his talents. Membership is key to the continued growth of the Order. Just Ask!!

Vivat Jesus,

Mark W. Roth, State Deputy
State Deputy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

- 1 Form #468 Columbian Squires Officers & Counselors Report Due
- 10 4th Degree Exemplification in Colby
- 11 K of C World Day of Prayer for Peace
- 18 Major Degree at LaCygne #15026
- 25 Major Degrees at N. Topeka-Sacred Heart #2608

OCTOBER:

October is Respect Life Month—Schedule a Pro-Life Fundraiser or Seminar

- 1 Deadline for Religious Education Fund Requests to St. Chaplain
- 2 Major Degree at Olathe-Prince of Peace #7909
- 10 Columbus Day
- 14-16 Conduct Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Campaign
- 16 Major Degree at Overland Park-Holy Spirit #11661
- 23 Major Degree at Great Bend #862 and Wichita -Council Hall #4118
- 25 Deadline for GKs to return Religious Ed Fund Tickets & Donations to DD
- 30 Deadline to report Soccer Challenge reports to Supreme & State Council

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas Knight of the Month is Randy Houdashelt from Fort Scott Council 796 in District 16.

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

Kenneth & Mary Lou Gudenkauf family of Council #534 - Topeka; Jason & Heather Schlochtermeyer family of Council #1187- Ellinwood; Ferdinand & Darlene Haukap family of Council #2937- Garden Plain; and Robert & Joan Schiffbauer family of Council #4219 - Holton.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

WOW, we are doing much better in membership this year. I have been watching the Supreme Council membership report and I can see that some council's have got their game plans in action. Then there are other councils that are just starting to get their game plans formed to start running their plays. Let's not wait, it's September and the first quarter is almost over. You should have 25% of what you set out in your game plan to recruit by the end of this month.

With school starting, have you considered running the "Classroom Dad's" play? Last year one council gained over 30 new members by running this play alone. We all know that most the involvement in the classroom usually involves the mom's doing most of the work. "Classroom Dad's" is the perfect way to get fathers involved with the kids in the classroom. Your council can profit in programming also with this play. Dads can implement all of the youth activities that the Knight's offer such as the soccer challenge; free throw contest; poster contest, etc. More interaction between the Knight's and the kids could lead to a squire's circle. While starting Classroom Dads at your parish or school is the time to be asking dad's to join the Knight's. Don't wait until the school year is half way over. You want these new men to know NOW, how important it is for them to join the Knight's and the benefits that we can provide for them and their families.

Keep up the good work Brother Knights and always keep looking for that new member that can help in our council's charitable efforts.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Gerber, State Membership Director

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Regional District Meetings have been completed and the programs for 2011-12 have been presented to the councils. With all the information fresh in your minds, now is the time for Grand Knights to plan strategies with your officers and program team to make this year the most successful in history. If you haven't already, be sure to hold your planning meetings soon. The most urgent programs at hand are the Religious Education Fund Requests/Ticket Sales, Adopt-A-Seminarian, and Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Drive to "Help People with Intellectual Disabilities". Lastly, remember to call your local radio stations and request them to play our PSA with the voice of Bill Self, coach of the Kansas Jayhawks, for the Tootsie Roll Drive scheduled for October 14-16.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Adopt-A-Seminarian

Church Activities Director, Mike Johnston, has contacted each Diocesan Vocation Director and is awaiting the official list of Seminarians. This will be available to the councils, assemblies and circles soon.

Grand Knights are reminded to complete the postcard pledge form, provided to the Grand Knights by your District Deputy, and return to Mike right away. Equalization of pledges among all seminarians is a priority and will be aided by prompt submittal of your council's pledge form. Since school expenses begin when the session starts in late August/early September, your pledges are needed early to assist the seminarians at this critical time. Mike asks each council to pray for their adopted seminarian, and to send cards and letters of support

Religious Education Fund Applications

Religious Education Chairman Rev. Ken Schuckman awaits receipt of the applications for funds from your parishes. He would like to remind you that October 1 is the deadline for submitting those applications and reminds you to get them in early so they can be tabulated and funds can be distributed.

Religious Education Fund Raising

By now, Grand Knights should have received your council's raffle tickets from your District Deputy. Religious Education Fund Raising Chairman Tom Schmeidler requests your council to work diligently at getting the allocated tickets distributed far in advance of the October 25th deadline to return tickets & funds to the District Deputy. A reminder: any person, group, or organization may participate in the purchase of these tickets! Please be sure to request additional tickets to help make this the most successful year ever!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Activities

Have you ordered your Free Throw Contest Kit, Essay Contest Kit, Soccer Challenge Kit and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Kit from Supreme? Rod Hoffman, Youth Activities Director reminds all councils to order them right away. The order forms are on pages 3 & 5 of the Council Reports Form Booklet or online with the Supreme Council.

Columbian Squires

Does your council sponsor a Squires Circle? Remember, a Squire today is a Knight tomorrow. There is no better way of training future K of C leaders than through the Squires program. A small investment in a Squire today will pay big dividends in his future and the future of your council. Call Squires Chairman Ed Schmeidler for assistance in getting started.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Life

Greg Lix, Family Life Director, reminds everyone that now is the time to honor those outstanding families in your Council. Choose a Family of the Month every month and submit their name to Supreme by the 15th of the following month. By doing so, they will be entered in the drawing for one of 100 Holy Family Plaques awarded each month by Supreme Council. Recognize these outstanding families by publishing their name in your Parish Bulletin and Council Newsletter and presenting them with a Family of the Month Certificate. Using this program to honor

families for their service to Church, community and council will encourage greater participation in your Council.

September will begin the Marian Prayer Program as images of Our Lady of Guadalupe; Patroness of the Americas will travel throughout the state during the upcoming year. There will be an opportunity for every council to host a prayer service inviting all in their parish to attend. Plan ahead to make it a successful activity in your council.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Rolls)

Have you ordered your Tootsie Rolls, asked the local radio stations to play Coach Self's public service announcement and contacted your fund drive locations to assure they are secured for the weekend of October 14,15 & 16th? Chairman Gary Wondra suggest arrangements need to be made early so all locations in your area are covered. Multiple councils within a metropolitan area are asked to work together in securing the locations so the merchants do not become irritated with more than one council trying to man the same location. Don't forget to ask merchants if there are matching funds available. Remember to seek donations for case quantities of Tootsie Rolls. We must concentrate all our efforts positively if we are to reach our goal of \$345,000 this year. The Knights in Kansas will again be sponsoring the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Hays next March. Helping citizens with Intellectual Disabilities in Kansas and seeing their faces light up will make all your hard work worthwhile.

Pennies from Heaven

Rick Weigel would like to remind Grand Knights now is the time to start your fundraising efforts for the Pennies From Heaven Program. Don't forget if you have an item you want considered for the auction at the State Convention to contact Rick. District Deputies are asked to remind all councils to become involved in this worthy program.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Pro-Life

October is Respect Life Month and now is the time to plan your council's Pro-Life activities. The Evangelium Vitae Award requires councils to be involved in the four-part plan of action described on page 26 of the Program and Membership Guide. Be sure to enter a Pro-Life scrapbook to vie for awards at the next State Convention. Start your meetings with a prayer for Pro-Life or say the Pro-Life Rosary, copies of which may be obtained from Ron & Paula Zishka. School and CCD classes are starting up and this would be a good time to start educating your youth and parishes on the Sanctity of Life.

Fundraisers should be planned to reach a goal of at least \$6.00 per member. It is early but think about planning for the January Baby Shower. If your Council is doing the "Bottles for Life" fundraiser that was explained at the regional meetings, start collecting

baby bottles or buy new ones since supplies at stores may be limited. Choose a month for the activity and start the planning process. For help in any of the areas mentioned above contact the State Pro-Life Chair Couple Ron and Paula Zishka at 913-787-7222 or pro-lifechaircouple@kansas-kofc.org.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Athletic Events

Council Activities Director Steve Abels reports the 12th annual Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament was held July 16 and 17 at The Emporia Municipal Golf Course in Emporia Kansas. Gene Ohlman and LEO Council Number 727 are commended for hosting a successful tournament. The accommodations at The Golf Club in Emporia were outstanding. I believe all present enjoyed the hospitality from both the LEO Council and The Golf Club in Emporia. Tournament results are available and are posted on www.kansas-kofc.org.

The 2012 Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament will be hosted by Salina Council 601. The tournament will be held at the Salina Municipal Golf Course. Dates will be announced at a later time. 2013 Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament will be hosted by Dighton Council Number 3210 at Southwind Country Club in Garden City. Plan now to attend. Spouses are welcome to participate.

Councils wishing to submit a bid to host the 2014 Kansas State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament need to do so in writing to State Council Activities Director, Steve Abels no later than June 1, 2012.

Fraternal

Remember to recognize an outstanding member every month for the time they contribute towards your councils goals. Submit your council's Knight of the Month to the Fraternal Director Doug Wietharn by the 15th of each month. They will be eligible for the monthly drawing for the 'State Knight of the Month' and receive a certificate and a K of C crucifix. The winner will be listed on the homepage of the states website and in the monthly newsletter. Please submit entries as soon as possible via mail, e-mail or electronically from the forms link on the state website. Applications to be mailed can be found on page 30 of the State Program & Membership guide. All name and address corrections for the State Directory should be sent to State Secretary Scott Maurath.

Publicity

Our councils do tremendous work every day to help the Church, Youth, Family, Pro-Life, Community and Council. We are not a secret organization. We need to publicize the work we do! The council Publicity Chairman or any other designated member is encouraged to write newsletters and submit articles to get your council information and stories noticed. Your PR chairman will receive mailings from Supreme Council for tips and help. Additional help can be found by contacting State Publicity Chairman Doug Wietharn.

Webmaster

Webmaster Todd Bachamp reminds all councils to please review their information which can be found under 'Councils' then 'By City' or 'By Council Number'. Please e-mail all updates to webmaster@kansas-kofc.org.

Has your council ever needed to host a First Degree but the council's team is not available? We would like to help. Councils now e-mail their first degree information to the webmaster and it will be posted for other councils to see. The information should include the date, time, location including street address, and contact person. Please note that hosting councils that publish their first degree date on the state website must be prepared to hold the first degree even if they have no candidates as there may be candidates from other councils. Councils taking candidates to a first degree at another council must contact the host council to inform them of the number of candidates who are coming. Let's work together to help ensure that candidates don't wait weeks or months to take their first degree.

Knights-Lite

December 23 is the upcoming deadline. Articles are to be received by Dale Weber, Editor, in order to make the edition. Submit them early.

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State Program Director

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I Am My Brother's Keeper

SEPT./2011 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: Luke Henry wrote \$3,061,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in July.

Central Kansas Agency: Adam Bruna wrote \$933,829 in life insurance protection on members and their families in July.

Western Kansas Agency: J.J. Deges wrote \$928,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in July.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$31,387,805 in life insurance during the month of July.

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 July of 2011.

J. J. Deges	David Soukup	Shaun McGovern
Kirby Schmelzle	Darin Reed	R. J. Meyer
Adam Bruna	Luke Henry	Doug Martinek
Wade Greif	Gary Johnson	

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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Our Lady of Guadalupe

Marian Prayer Program

A new Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe (patroness of the Americas) was launched Aug. 3 at the Supreme Convention in Denver. The prayer program will continue through next year. Specially prepared framed images of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be used in the prayer program. The images have unique features: they were touched to the original tilma of St. Juan Diego, which bears the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and were blessed by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. In addition, the frame for the image is sealed with soil from Mexico's Tepeyac hill, where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared.

Kansas will receive three of the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will be passed throughout the 55 Districts. The program will be launched on September ?? in our state. Each council in the district is encouraged to hold a prayer service in the Church (with the pastor's permission), a council hall or other suitable facility. The entire church membership should be invited to participate.

A schedule for the travel of the three icons is included and will also be included in the Explorer. Only three weeks are allocated for the prayer service to be completed by all councils in the district before it must be passed on to the next district. Please plan ahead and schedule dates for the prayer services before the image and supplies arrive.

A supply of 500 booklets with a special prayer service for Our Lady of Guadalupe will accompany each of the images. The booklets may not be kept as they must travel with the image, but prayer cards will be available for each of the participants to keep. A log book will also travel with each image. It will be a record of each prayer service held and an approximate number of the participants attending. It is important that the log books be kept updated before the image moves to the next council. At the conclusion of the program, the Supreme Council will compile the reports from each jurisdiction and include them in a "spiritual bouquet" for His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

This will be a fast paced program (only three weeks per district) and will require a lot of cooperation to make it successful. I am confident the Knights in Kansas will work together to make this program a great success, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Civilization of Love.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Lix
State Family Life Director
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Our Lady of Guadalupe

Marian Hour of Prayer

Schedule for Traveling Icons

Start Date	Dist.	Councils	Dist.	Councils	Dist.	Councils	Icon #1	Icon #2	Icon #3
9/14/2011	54	2451 2979 3381 12804 13168	41	2224 3828 6618 7373	27	1142 1999 2114 2609 8316			
10/5/2011	50	2462 2955 3218 8974 12016	31	2217 2937 2987 9510	21	1163 1743 1777 10344 13087			
10/26/2011	40	1269 2662 2774 3058 12739	32	4458 6761 7486 12858	1	675 1769 8505 10279 14639			
11/16/2011	47	1539 1862 2131 7737 13019	34	3114 3677 4118 10483	4	723 818 2885 4708 9532			
12/7/2011	39	862 1187 1521 2100 9350	33	9767 10242 10408 11692 14799	3	2093 6671 10321 11240			
12/28/2011	38	1500 2630 3400 7422 10074	35	691 9699 12049 13550 15134	5	900 3146 10834 13354			
1/18/2012	28	601 1086 6778 8196 10778	29	612 976 5222 7279 12843 15100	6	826 843 3020 11735 12026			
2/8/2012	37	921 1645 1868 4759 8976	26	1029 1066 1181 1661 2906	7	709 2332 2408 10326 11917			
2/29/2012	43	1148 1510 2127 6660 11327	25	1832 4672 8488 8511 14218	8	10841 11534 11661 12093 13079			
3/21/2012	44	1857 2365 3124 5631 7674 7944	20	534 7769 8411 11777	9	3768 6673 6781 11126			
4/11/2012	52	1993 2647 3033 5387 6665	24	727 1589 3423 6055 10042	11	9856 11067 12546 12577			
5/2/2011	51	2058 2773 2866 3321 5366 5459	13	1052 1368 1901 2680 7446 15026	10	1913 7909 10407 10932			
5/23/2012	48	2133 2538 4043 4113 5050	14	760 924 1046 2289 6817	12	1149 3018 10786 12437			
6/13/2012	45	6984 10044 10211 11492 11687	16	796 883 7607 10032	18	1372 10204 11352 11853 12932 12960			
7/4/2012	42	1325 1867 1924 2794 3034	17	643 3316 7441 9242 9999	19	2608 4254 7426 8059 13012			
7/25/2012	46	2340 2352 2970 3273 4166	15	918 991 1291 8893 14817	23	657 902 1370 1392 10755			
8/15/2012	49	2624 2930 3210 5212 10833	30	2296 5328 7291 7485	2	834 4219 9535 10301			
9/5/2012	53	2975 7318 8491 10791	36	2227 2614 2728 4713	22	1144 1383 2278 3185 13394			
9/26/2012	55	5781 6998 7240 9755 11779							

Silver Rose Run

The Knights of Columbus in Kansas will participate in a North American effort paying special tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, through the Silver Rose Relay Program. This program involves running a Silver Rose from Ontario through the United States and ending on December 12, 2010, the feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe, in Monterrey, Mexico. The Rose will journey through Kansas between September 25 – October 16 beginning in Syracuse, Kansas and ending in Wathena, Ks. At each stop a special prayer service and or Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated. Check the Kansas State Council's website for updated details of each stop.

Date	Location	Time
9/25	Syracuse St Raphael 506 E Avenue F	TBA
9/26	Goodland Our Lady of Perpetual Help 307 W 13th	630PM
9/27	Colby Sacred Heart Church 585 N French Ave	700AM
9/28	Garden City St Mary's 509 St John St	TBA
9/29	Liberal TBD	
9/30	Dodge City Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe 1000 1 st Ave	600PM
10/1	Hays Immaculate Heart of Mary 1805 Vine St	500PM
10/2	Salina Sacred Heart Cathedral 118 N Ninth St	800 AM
10/2	Salina Sacred Heart Cathedral 118 N Ninth St	1230 PM (Spanish)
10/3	McPherson St Joseph 520 E Northview	
10/4	Great Bend St Rose of Lima 1410 Baker St	700 PM
10/5	Hutchinson TBD	
10/6	Colwich Sacred Heart 311 S 5 th St	700 PM
10/7	Wichita Blessed Sacrament 3800 E Douglas	800 AM
10/7	Wichita St Patrick's 2007 N Arkansas Ave	700 PM (Spanish)
10/8	Wichita TBD	
10/9	Chanute St Patrick's 424 S Central Ave	1000am
10/10	Emporia TBD	
10/11	Topeka St Matthew 2700 SE Virginia	
10/12	Tonganoxie Sacred Heart 1000 West St	700 PM
10/13	Kansas City All Saints 229 S 8 th St	
10/14	Mission St Agnes 220 W53rd St	530PM
10/15	Wathena St Joseph 102 South 7th	500 PM
10/16	Transfer to Missouri	

Dear Brother Knight:

Great News! We have the funds to place an ultrasound machine in the LifeCare Pregnancy Center in Ottawa, Kansas! The Machine has been ordered and will be saving lives when you read this message. I extend a heartfelt thanks to each and every council and Brother Knight who has had a hand in raising funds or donating funds to this very worthwhile project. But we are not done yet. We are committed to an additional machine at Choices Medical Clinic in Wichita and Pro-Life Director, Ron Zishka is reviewing the qualifications of two additional pregnancy centers from whom we have received requests.

Our share of the cost of one of these machines is approximately \$25,000. Currently we have slightly over \$15,000 in our fund to place the next machine in Wichita. I would ask that your council consider holding a fund raising event on a regular basis to help with this worthy cause. If your council has pledged funds to this project, or set aside funds for this program and not sent the funds yet, I would invite you to send these funds to State Treasurer Vincent Melvin III and we will continue to accumulate these funds, in a separate account, toward the purchase of the machines. Please be sure to notate on the memo line of your check that it is for the ultrasound machine program. Supreme Council has not set a limit on the number of machines that we can request matching funds for, so the State Officers feel this program should be continued.

As you may recall, recent studies show that up to 90% of women who are considering abortion choose life after seeing an ultrasound image of their child. We must continue to fight for the unborn and do our best to appeal to their mothers to give life to their unborn child. Many children will be saved from the hands of abortionists because of your hard work and generosity, and you are to be commended! Isn't it a great feeling to be part of such a life-saving program!

In the meantime, I again extend my thanks to you and invite you to continue to send funds toward the purchase of additional ultrasound machines. May God bless you all and the great work you do through the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,



Mark W. Roth
State Deputy