



DIRECTIONS

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The information contained in this publication has many items that are of great importance to the success of each council during the coming fraternal year. Please read this and pass it on to other officers, directors and members in your council so that they may also be informed about upcoming matters. Send information to Doug Chilson, 1921 Iowa Ave SE, Huron, SD 57350.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Now - Send in Tootsie Roll Fund Drive report and funds collected.
Now - Make convention plans.
Jan 31 - Fraternal Survey was due.
Feb 15 - Essay contest entries due.
Feb 15 - Semiannual audits due.
Feb 15 - State Per Capita & Ceremonials Assessment is due to State Secretary.
Feb 15 - JFK Knight of the Year and Family of the Year applications due.
Feb 28 - Elite Council Application due.
March—Membership Blitz!
March 1 - State Free Throw Contest
March 1 - Crusader deadline.
March 26—KC Day of the Unborn.
March 29 - Founder's Day.

DEADLINES

This is the time of the year when there are many deadlines that are rapidly approaching with some past due already. These deadlines are set for a reason and should be taken seriously. Many things need to be compiled and verified at this time of the year and it is important to have all of the information needed. I would like to especially remind you of the per capita tax and ceremonial assessment. Your council will not be seated at the convention if these are not paid. Please send the extra copy of the billing with your check. Please review your forms book for forms and due dates. Pay special attention to page 73 to make sure that information gets in.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention will be held at the Sioux Falls Holiday Inn City Centre on April 24-26. Please refer to the January issue of the Crusader and the state web site for complete convention details.

FUNDS

Another item that should be handled as soon as possible is to forward any funds due or any donations to the State Council. Student Loan donations should be sent to Doug Chilson. All other moneys, including Tootsie Roll, should be sent to State Secretary Terry Andersen. The State Council would also appreciate the Bishop's Burse and Pro-Life contributions as soon as possible. Both Bishops have put out a plea for additional funds for the seminarian fund in each diocese. The costs of educating and training toward priesthood has risen a great deal over the years and more help is needed. Please consider donating \$2 per member toward the Bishop's Burse fund. Is there anything more important to put our money toward?

PRO-LIFE

January 22nd marked the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade court decision that legalized abortion. The National Vietnam Memorial in Washington stretches 492 feet and lists the names of 58,022 known Americans killed in that war. If such a wall listed the names of the children killed by abortion since 1973, the wall would be about 60 miles long. The casualties of all wars involving the U.S. put together are fewer than the casualties from abortion in a single year. Be sure that you talk to your local legislators about voting Pro-Life and thank them when they do! There is no issue that holds more importance to the our futures and that of our great country.

WANTED

Items for the State Council silent

auction at the State Convention. In the past all proceeds have gone into a disaster relief fund. The State Council has set up a foundation so some of the auction funds will be used for seed money. We really need participation this year. Please urge all members and councils to donate something for this worthy cause. *Also wanted are men wanting to become involved at the state level as a DD, Director, or officer.*

CEREMONIALS

*February 22nd — Tyndall
March 1st — Watertown
March 8th — Rapid City 1489
March 29th — Mitchell
Lets get all new members to one of these scheduled degrees. There is a 1st Degree planned to held during the State Convention also. This would be a special honor for a new member.*

MEALS & DELEGATES

The meal ticket form in the January Crusader doubles as the delegate designation form. Meal tickets ordered and paid for before April 1st qualify for the early bird pricing. All ticket orders must be received by April 15th.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Clear Lake won the bid for the bowling tournament this year. The plans are not solid at this time but hopefully they will be by the time the next Crusader comes out. This gives everyone more time to practice so there will be really high scores this year.

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY KONECHNE

Brother Knights,

As we begin our 8th inning we must all get involved in membership recruitment to finish a complete game and meet our membership goals. We have a little over 4 months to complete our game and achieve our membership goals of having every council membership active and reach our goal of 185 members after suspensions. We have 54 councils that have not added a new member as of Jan. 1, 2009. Let's break this down. There are 77 active councils in the state if every council adds 3 new members, we would surpass our goal of 185 members. I feel that I can say with surety that every member knows at least 3 fellow parishioners that do not belong to the Knights that you could approach and ASK to join the Knights. We can work into this by planning for the upcoming BLITZ to be held in March. If your councils needs any promotional items for the BLITZ, contact your District Deputy, Membership Directors, or order your materials from Supreme.

Do not be surprised at the painful test you are

suffering...Rather be glad that you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may rejoice when his glory is revealed-1 Peter 4:12-13.

If we break down this passage into our membership recruitment it would look like this: Do not get discouraged when you get rejected by someone not wanting to join-go on to the next parishioner...but you must continue to ASK to spread the words of charity, unity, fraternity, and our respect for the priesthood, so that others can experience these principles and rejoice with the Knights to continue to spread the good works of the Knights.

Another thing we must be involved in is the fight to defeat the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). President Barack Obama has stated if this bill comes to his desk he will sign it. Why does this affect us as Knights? The fights we have made in the past several years to protect the unborn will be null and void. If this bill is signed into law it will; among other things: Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe abortions. Force American

taxpayers to fund abortions. Require all states to allow partial-birth and other late term abortions. Allow abortions to be conducted by non-physicians. Strip parents of their right to be involved in their minor daughters' abortion decisions. Force Catholic hospitals/physicians/nurses to perform abortions thereby forcing them to close their doors. It would reach beyond federal policies to every state and local law or regulation having to do with abortion.

We must contact our Senators and Representatives in Washington, DC and let them know our feelings on this matter. You can do this by phone, mail, or e-mail.

Fraternally yours,

Maynard Konechne

The state free throw contest will be Sunday, March 1st at St. Joe's Indian School in Chamberlain. Registration starts at 12:30 CST and competition begins at 1 PM.