



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—forward football sweepstakes tickets and funds to Seb Axtman
Oct - Pray the Rosary
Oct— Membership Blitz
Nov - Appoint local free throw chairman.
Nov - Conduct local Tootsie Roll Drive submit report & funds
Nov 1 - Crusader information deadline
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day
Nov 27 - Thanksgiving
Dec 1 - Council History Worksheet Due
Dec 13 – 14 - State Officer's Meeting - Ft. Pierre
Dec 31 - 3rd Quarter reports due

THANKSGIVING

This is one holiday that should be celebrated throughout the year. So many times our prayers are focused on requests for ourselves and for others. The prayers of thanksgiving should flow just as often because all of us have many blessings that we often times take for granted. The day always goes better if you start each day being thankful. You know you are blessed when you get up in the morning - not everyone gets to do that. In light of the recent happenings, one should be especially thankful for all of the blessing that we have.

RESPECT LIFE

There is much debate and political posturing being done at this time concerning the health care of children. We need to make sure our elected congressional delegation sees the importance of the health of the unborn as well. Please take the time to contact our congressional delegation and urge them to place equal importance on the well being of the unborn. We need to have a culture of life!

KC MAILING LISTS

This is a reminder to all. The Supreme Council has put forth a directive that it is not permissible to release a list of members without expressed, written consent of the Supreme Council. This would include membership data as well as mailing lists. Please take the necessary steps to make sure that that we stay within the guidelines set forth by Supreme.

FREE THROW T-SHIRTS

The order form for T-shirts is available at the state KC website: kofcsd.org. Please give this your immediate attention. Please read the order form carefully and take note of the information. Contact Doug Chilson at 352-3164 to get an order form if you don't have internet access. The order deadline is November 25th.

INSURANCE

The State Council would like to remind all local councils about the importance of having adequate insurance to cover potential liabilities that may occur as you host functions. Check with your priest if you hold your meetings on parish property. A local insurance agent would be able to advise you. General Agent Greg Beebe is also looking for more agents.

TOOTSIE-ROLL PROCEEDS

We are approaching the time of the year when most councils hold their

local tootsie roll drives. The State Council does its part by ordering the tootsie rolls far enough in advance to assure that the local councils have them when they need them. Now they have to be paid for—to the tune of several thousand dollars. Please forward the proceeds to the State Council as soon as you have completed your local drive.

SWEEPSTAKES

The sales of the NFL Football Sweepstakes tickets have been brisk. I want to remind you that Seb Axtman needs all tickets in his hands immediately if you want them to be included in the fun. He needs to record the results from each council and then forward the tickets to the company running the sweepstakes. The plans are to return the council's share of the proceeds as soon as possible, hopefully by the winter meeting.

CEREMONIALS

The following are the only scheduled Degrees for the balance of 2008 - Oct 12th at Huron, Oct 26th—Brookings, Nov 2nd—Gregory, Nov 9th—Brandon, and Nov 23rd—Gettysburg. All exemplifications begin at 1 PM. Please be willing to drive a few extra miles to get your candidates to these Degree sites. Membership is the lifeblood of our Order and we need to constantly strive to share our great organization with all eligible men. Membership is every member's responsibility!

SUPREME REPORT FORMS ARE NOW ON-LINE AT THE ORDER'S WEBSITE - www.kofc.org

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY KONECHNE

Brother Knights,

As we begin our 4th inning we should have set up or completed our October Blitz in our Parishes and Round Table Parishes. Hopefully we have signed up those new members and are in the process of making plans to get them to a major degree in your area. By completing the major degrees, these new members learn the true meaning of the Knights of Columbus.

A reminder to Grand Knights who will be hosting a major degree: remember, it is your responsibility to inform all the Councils within a 60 mile radius of the details so they can plan to bring candidates to your degree. Refer to pages 59-63 in the State Forms Book to assist you in spreading this information.

On November 4th our nation will go to the polls to select those who will represent us at the national, state, and local levels of government. There are also issues that could affect our lives for years to come. Supreme has asked that all councils organize an "Election Day Turnout" initiative, designed to ensure that your brother Knights, fellow parishioners and others in the

community are all able to get to the polls on November 4th. Many people, especially the elderly and the handicapped, are not able to drive themselves to the polls, and need our help in getting there. Maybe this could be a project to undertake.

After the Supreme Convention I stated that a resolution was passed supporting the "Culture of Life" issue. On that note it was discussed about how to fund this project. Another resolution was passed encouraging all Councils to submit to Supreme \$3 per member to be put into a fund to support or fight issues that are brought before the voters. So I am asking and encouraging all councils to please consider making this assessment of your members and submitting that amount to Supreme in their efforts to support the Culture of Life issues. On this note we have distributed 18,000 of the "Vote for Life" brochures.

The KC retreat is scheduled for Nov. 21-23 at Broom Tree. We have a cutoff of November 1st, if there are not enough registered, the retreat will be cancelled. So please register with Terry Andersen immediately.

Jim Burdick has put together a new ICON schedule for the upcoming year, to finish in Sept. 2009. Look at this and encourage participation in this family hour of prayer when it comes to your Councils and Round Tables Parishes.

The State Council is sponsoring a Christmas tree at the Capitol with the Fort Pierre Council accepting the challenge to decorate this tree for us. The Pierre Council will once again be setting up the Nativity scene in the Capitol at the same time. Thanks to both Councils!

Unity is praying for one another. Have our councils underestimated the power of prayer when confronting those who disrespect Life?

Thanks for all you do!

Fraternally Yours,

Maynard Konechne

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