



# 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 Duane Tillman  
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 26 - Thanksgiving  
Dec 1 - Council History Worksheet Due  
Dec 12 - 13 - State Officer's Meeting - Mitchell

## ***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](http://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 15th.

## ***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 Duane Tillman 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 is the only scheduled Degree for the balance of 2009 - Nov 8th—Aberdeen. 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](http://www.kofc.org)***

# COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY ANDERSEN

Brother Knights,

Our fraternal year is getting into high gear. Degree work has begun, and I have been fortunate enough to attend 2 events as to date. Our life blood is new members. It is vital that each council schedules a 1<sup>st</sup> at least once every quarter. Set these dates up at the beginning of your year and publish them so all members know when they are and can plan accordingly when recruiting new men. Remember, "We hold degrees for candidates; we do not hold candidates for degrees". Do not get a candidate signed up on a form 100 and then delay him until you have enough men to hold a 1<sup>st</sup> degree. He will be missing out the fraternal benefits he gets as a member and who knows, he just may be your future Grand Knight. We have had 3 second and third degrees so far and each one has had a 1<sup>st</sup> degree also, so bring your new candidates to the major degrees and he can do all 3 in one day.

Our football sweepstakes is about to begin and you should already have distributed you tickets and sent your money and ticket stubs into Duane Tillman, Council Director. It looks like the end of baseball and Nascar are going to be exciting and the football seasons are revving up locally and nationally. Money from the sweepstakes tickets goes to the councils and the state council and is used for many worthwhile causes. Good luck to everyone and watch for weekly results.

Soon, we should be sending out information about raising funds for a **3D Ultrasound machine** which would be placed in the Alpha Center. Supreme wants each state to have one of these machines and it is proven in a survey that about 90 % of women considering abortion, change their mind once they see a 3D picture of their fetus and have the baby instead of having an abortion. Supreme will cover 50 % of the cost of the machine if the state council can pay the other 50 %. The Alpha Center has been approved and now we need to come up with our share which looks to be in the range of \$16 to 17,000. Start thinking of ways to raise funds in your council to help out with this project.

Another urgent need addressed by Supreme is the typhoon that recently hit the Philippines. There are approximately 250,000 Knights in the Philippines and 126,000 live on the island of Luzon which was hit the hardest. Supreme has already made a \$50,000 contribution to the Catholic Bishops Conference in the Philippines and is asking state and local councils to make contributions. Funds can be sent to: **Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3320.** Here in South Dakota, the Knights form other states helped our citizens out during tornados like the one in Spencer, so we need to help out our brothers in the Philippines, now. Please

be generous when considering this act of charity, unity and fraternity toward our brothers in their time of need.

October is the time to hold Blitz's in our parishes. Plan to do something to recruit members, but if October is not a good time to hold your Blitz, do one when it fits your schedule. Be flexible and creative. Remember, the number one reason most men have not joined the Knights earlier is that "No one ever asked me before". Ask another man to join the Knights and do it soon.

Remember to wear something every day that says you are a "Knight of Columbus".

Fraternally Yours,

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