



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 Barry Eske
Oct - Pray the Rosary
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 24 - Thanksgiving
Dec 1 - Council History Worksheet Due
Dec 10 - 11 - 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. 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 Barry Eske 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 scheduled Degrees for the balance of 2011 - Nov 13th—SF Marquette, Nov 20th—Rapid City #8844, and Dec 3rd —Mobridge. 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 SCHWEITZER

Brother Knights,

We need to take a serious look at our membership recruitment numbers. South Dakota has a target of 300 member's total intake with a goal of 201 members after suspensions, deaths, and withdrawals. The weekly membership report I get from Supreme shows we are way down in our numbers. At this rate we will end up in the minus column for the year again. Supreme would like us to do the "Power of One", one new member per council per month. We know that is not happening in our State. I know that councils like to wait with their first degrees until they have a 2nd and 3rd lined up to do it all in one day. I like this system due to the fact that councils can get their candidates through every degree in one day , and maybe you have

someone who is energetic and would like to take a role in their local council, so now they are able to hold a seat with all 3 degrees being done. We need to hold 1st Degrees on a regular basis, if not every month then at least once a quarter. If your council does not have a 1st Degree Team, then start one or get the candidate to the next 1st Degree closest to you. As soon as you hold a 1st Degree, get the form 100 sent to Supreme immediately so the new Knight's are receiving their benefits. When you schedule a 1st Degree, I would like you to let our membership / ceremonials director, Tim Salmen and our administrative assistant, Doug Chilson know the dates so they can be sent out so other areas know that there might be a 1st Degree close to their

council. Each council needs to work on retention. I have received more suspensions in the mail. Each council has or should have a retention team, make sure they are doing their best to keep men in the Order. It takes more than 1 or 2 people to recruit a new member, it takes the whole council to help in this effort and together we can make a difference in families, parishes, and communities.

Fraternally Yours,

Terry Schweitzer

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