



# DIRECTIONS

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Send information that you want included in "Directions" to Doug Chilson, 1921 Iowa Ave SE, Huron, SD 57350.

## **STATE CONVENTION**

The annual State Convention will be held April 25-27 at the Watertown Event Center. Registration will start at 8:30 on Friday morning and continue throughout the day. The Family Hour of Prayer begins at 1:00 followed by the opening ceremonies and open session. The Clergy Mass will be held at 5:30 at the Immaculate Conception Church followed by the social hour and Clergy Dinner. The Saturday session begins at 9:00 AM sharp. You should check in at the State Secretary's room immediately upon arriving. Please go to the state KC web site for a complete schedule and other information.

## **CLERGY BANQUET**

If you have a Deacon in your area, it is suggested that you invite him as your guest to attend the Clergy Banquet. Your Priest has already received an invitation from the State Council but an invitation from the local council would be nice also. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize them for all that they do within our parishes. The local council is responsible for the cost of the banquet ticket of their Priests and Deacons.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

Once again there will be a silent auction at the State Convention with the proceeds going toward disaster relief fund and the new KC Foundation. All individuals and councils are encouraged to bring one or more items for this great cause. The items accepted are not restricted to religious items.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Another membership blitz has come and gone. Hopefully your council had a successful drive and gained some new members. If you didn't, now may be a good time to figure out why not. Did your officers meet and compare the council roster to the church roster? If so, there were no doubt some names that stood out as potential members. The newest members of the church are certainly ones that you should consider. These men may be new members as a result of the RICA program or they may have transferred from another parish or community. Your parish priest should always be consulted when you are looking for new members. He can be a good source of prospects.

## **CEREMONIALS**

Now is the time to start thinking about next year's ceremonials. Requests for specific dates and places for Degree work to be held during the next fraternal year must be submitted to Tim Salmen before the convention. Please confirm ahead of time that your facilities will be available on the dates that you request. There is no possible way to promise that your requests will be obtainable but attempts will be made to accommodate everyone. The primary goal is to make sure that there is a major degree scheduled in enough cities so all councils can easily get their candidates into Knighthood. Call Tim Salmen at 256-9636 for details. Tim's address is 113 NE 3rd St, Madison, SD 57262.

## **ELECTIONS**

All councils are reminded to hold their officer elections in June so that the Form #185 can be submitted by June 30th. This is necessary to update

Supreme's records and to get current data in the S.D. K of C Forms Book that is published in late June. This means that your nominating committee needs to start looking now for men to fill the offices. Everyone knows what needs to be done and it is just as easy to get it done on time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

## **DECEASED MEMBERS**

If you haven't sent your list of members that passed away within the past year to John Mahoney, please do so now. The Memorial Mass on Saturday is an important part of the convention and it is important not to overlook any of the deceased members that we want to honor. It helps to have the names ahead of time. See page 73 in the state forms book.

## **LOOKING FOR MORE?**

The state council is always looking for members that are interested in becoming more involved at various levels within the Knights of Columbus. This year is no different. There are several District Deputies that have fulfilled their terms and new ones will need to be found. A person can also seek one of the elected state offices. Every year the question "Are there any other nominations?" is asked. Other nominations are welcomed. Program directors are also an important part of the state council. Please consider taking your involvement to the next level. Contact State Deputy Maynard Konechne or any other state officer if you would like to become more involved. You won't regret it. It really is the experience of a lifetime.

## ***COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY KONECHNE***

Brother Knights,

When you receive this, our 104th Annual Convention, held in Watertown April 25-27, will be right around the corner. I hope to see a lot of you there, representing your local Councils. There are some new and interesting topics to be discussed, so make sure every Council will be present to gather this information and bring it back to your membership in your local Councils.

Also, by the time you receive this, we will have around 75 days left in the fiscal year to reach the goals we set at the summer meeting last July. Those were two very easy goals, we thought at that time. I feel they are still achievable, but we have to move quickly to attain them. These two goals are as follows: 1: Have all 74 Councils membership active by adding at least one new member to their membership roles. 2: Reach our membership goal set by Supreme at 185 members, and accept Supreme's challenge of

125% over our goal. This would mean our membership number would be 235 members added during this fiscal year. Let's see why we thought these were achievable goals..... If each of our 74 Councils added 3 new members, our total would be 222-that is just 13 short of the 125% challenge. Every Council should be able to find three men in their respective Parishes that would benefit from joining the Knights of Columbus. So, let's all put a final push on, hold that first degree, and then get the Form 100 into Supreme so that the new member's fraternal benefits begin immediately.

One of the problems we've had this year is a huge amount of suspensions. If this becomes a problem, these Councils need to ask why? Address the problem and try and solve the reason these members are not paying their dues. With a local retention committee, they hopefully should be able to solve the problem before it snowballs.

When everything seems to go wrong, just PUSH! When the job gets you down, just PUSH! P.U.S.H.- Pray Until Something Happens. Maybe by using the PUSH method, we can grow our membership before the end of the fiscal year.

We want everyone to be aware of a push out there to pray one million rosaries on May 3rd for the unborn babies. They want individuals to register online at: [www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org](http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org). Let's all come together and become a part of this goal to pray for the unborn. We will discuss this more at the Convention.

Vivat Jesus,

*Maynard Konechne*

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