



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 24-26 at the Sioux Falls Holiday Inn City Centre. 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 St. Joseph's Cathedral 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,

As we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord, we must continue to encourage our members to contact our Representative and Senators in Washington, DC to express our concerns on the FOCA issue. We must contact them to encourage them NOT to support FOCA, should it be introduced in their respective legislative houses in Washington, D. C. We must stress the dangers this would have on our country's unborn. We need to **STAND UP AND BE HEARD** and let them know what we believe. Please contact your Representatives and Senators by phone, letters, and email, encouraging them to NOT support FOCA.

As you have probably heard, there is another huge controversy on the horizon brewing at the University of Notre Dame. This is an excerpt from statements made from Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who is Bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. Bishop D'Arcy will not attend the commencement ceremony due to the fact that U. S. President Barack Obama is speaking and receiving an honorary degree. Concerning President Barack Obama speaking at Notre Dame graduation, and then receiving an honorary law degree, Bishop D'Arcy states: "My decision is **not an attack on anyone**, but is in defense of the truth about human life. Remember the statement of the US Catholic Bishops in 2004: 'The Catholic community and

Catholic Institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors, or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.' Indeed, the measure of any Catholic Institution is not only what it stands for, but also what it will not stand for. Indeed, as a Catholic University, Notre Dame must ask itself, if by this decision, it has chosen prestige over truth."

We must contact the University of Notre Dame, encouraging them to overturn their decision to have Barack Obama speak and receive an honorary degree. Contact them by phone, letters, or e-mail to encourage them to overturn their decision at Notre Dame. If all 1.75 million members did this, something might change, which is what Barack Obama ran his campaign on. Change: If we truly want change, we must let our voices be heard, and we need to be heard **LOUD AND CLEAR**. Don't assume that somebody else will do it. That is exactly the kind of thinking that brought us the results of Roe v Wade.

As we begin our 10th inning, we should be into the game, signing those contracts that were made during your March Blitz. We must sign those prospects to a long-term contract with our local councils to be a part of our **TEAM**. We must encourage them to become active and involved in their local council, parish, and community and to live out the principles of our order. Remember to

get those form 100's into Supreme immediately after their first degree so their fraternal benefits go into effect immediately.

We hope to see all Councils represented at our 105th annual convention in Sioux Falls on April 24-26. There will be some great sessions there for you to gather information from to take home to your fellow members at home that couldn't attend. Hope to see all of you at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls! Again, thank you for all you for do!

Vivat Jesus,

Maynard Konechne

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