



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 23-25 at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center in Huron. Registration will start at 8:30 on Friday morning and continue throughout the day. Meetings and training begins at 1:00. The Clergy Mass will be held at 5:00 at Holy Trinity Church followed by the social hour and Clergy Dinner. The Saturday session begins at 9:00 AM sharp with the Family Hour of Prayer. 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

Watertown—April 11th

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 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 ANDERSEN

Brother Knights,

As we prepare for the convention, please remember a few items that need to be attended to so the annual meeting can be a success. Last year we started the penny/change event where each council can bring up and dump their collection of pennies and/or change into a wheelbarrow. We raised just short of \$800 last year and hopefully we can set a new record this year. Money from this event goes to the Foundation and will help it grow each year.

Other worthy donations that can be made are the Bishop's Burse and Right to Life/Pro Life donations. The Bishop's burse money is given equally to each Bishop and they can use it for the Vocation program in each of our two diocese. Pro Life donations can be made to either the state council or your local Right to Life group. Either way, please fill out the form and send it in so a compilation of the amounts donated can be made. The state council distributes the money sent in to the

RTL group in South Dakota. A grand knight and financial secretary seminar is planned for Friday afternoon at the convention center in Huron. Demonstrations of the online reports, duties and answering of questions and concerns will be covered. Tentative time of this seminar is 2pm to 4pm. Please send your GK and FS to this meeting if at all possible.

As we near the end of the fraternal year, we need to look at what our membership goals are and where we are standing. State wide, we are down and every effort needs to be taken to reach our goals. We need to schedule first degrees monthly if possible but if not that at least one more before June 30 in each council. If you do not have a certified degree team in your council, contact Tim Salmen or one of the state officers to get help putting on a ceremony. We need to look at the younger men in each parish and recruit them to be Knights. By the year 2020, this is the group that will be running most

everything in the country and we should be inviting them to also help with all the events and offices in our councils. Many councils are fading away with the aging members and we have to get younger men to keep these councils going. Do not be negative about the status of your council. Project hope and you will be able to keep things going.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Huron and may we all have safe travels and a good time at the 106th State Convention.

Vivat Jesus,

Terry Andersen

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