



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.

STUDENT LOAN

The Knights of Columbus Student Loan fund is in excellent condition at this time and there are funds available for new loans. If you know of someone that is eligible, let them know about this excellent program. The details are on page 36 in your state forms book. Talk this up, announce it at your meeting, put it in your council newsletter. I simply ask that the local councils are careful when completing page 37 for the applicant. We want loans, but we also want them to be good loans. Note that in good standings means that they are current with their dues payments.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 15 - First Quarter reports are due.
August 1 - Form 365, Council report of Directors was due to Supreme.
August 15 - Semiannual Council Audit report was due to Supreme.
August 17-18—Bishop's Charity Golf
Sept 27-28 - Special Olympics Softball Tournament in Huron.
Sep 29-30 - Bishop's Charity Hunt
Sept 30 - Second Quarter reports due.
October - Respect life month
Nov 14-16—Silent Retreat - Broom Tree

CASH CHECKS NOW

July 1st marked the start of another fraternal year. It is very important to have anyone with a check written on a State Council account to cash it as soon as possible. Every year there seems to be a problem getting all of the Tootsie Roll checks cashed in a timely manner. Be sure to deliver the checks immediately and instruct the recipients to deposit them quickly.

2ND & 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE

The following schedule for the 2nd & 3rd Degrees planned. Please make the effort to get your candidates to them.

Sep 21	Spearfish
Sept 28	Brookings
Oct 12	Huron
Nov 2	Gregory
Nov 9	Brandon

The Degree team drives many miles so the locals should be able to drive a few miles to insure that the Degrees are as impressive as possible. Remember that recruitment is every member's duty. Plan on taking your 1st Degree members and new members to these major degrees. If you just tell them about it and expect them to go by themselves, the odds are they won't go.

UPDATES

My intent is that all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries receive a copy of Directions. If you no longer hold that position please forward this newsletter to the new one and notify me at the address above of the changes.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVES

I have recently received the billing invoices for all of the tootsie rolls that have been delivered throughout the state. It is a very big expense for the State Council to pay for the tootsie rolls up front and then wait for councils to remit the proceeds from their drives. Please send your money in as soon as you can.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOFTBALL

Huron is hosting this event again on Sept 27th & 28th and always appreciates any assistance that they can get from others around the state. Manpower is always welcome as well as monetary assistance. Come once and we guarantee that you will come back for a truly rewarding experience.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

For every 1st Degree a Grand Knight holds in his council, his name will be entered into a random drawing. There will be prizes that make it worth your effort.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The election process allows each of us to voice our opinions on various issues. The Knights of Columbus holds the sanctity of life and other family value issues as core values. Please pay attention to how candidates feel about such things as abortion and same sex marriage. A strong vote in favor of life and family value issues does not go unnoticed.

KC WEB SITE

The South Dakota Knights of Columbus web site has a new look and has some features that you should look at. Enhancements include upcoming events, useful links, degree schedule, and more. Much of the state forms book is available at the web site. Please list www.kofcsd.org in your newsletters so all KC's will be aware of it.

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY KONECHNE

Brother Knights,

Patti and I have just returned from Quebec. WOW what an "Experience of a Lifetime." The sights and sounds of the city are indescribable along with the opportunity to be a part of this 126th Supreme Convention. With all the Hierarchy, our State Chaplain, and the Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Board of Directors. There were two general messages that were presented at the Masses and Carl's report. We are asked to pray the prayer for Father McGivney to continue the advancement of the canonization of our founder, the venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney at each meeting. Also the "Culture of Life" issues were discussed at great lengths and a motion was passed to encourage these issues.

By now everyone should have submitted the #185 (Officers List), #365 (Report of Directors), completed their semi-annual audit, and if you have a round table the form #2630 should be submitted to complete last year and #2629 should be filled and submitted for this year. These two forms must be

filled out each year.

A couple of corrections that need to be made are is the Special Olympic Softball Tournament will be held on Sept 27-28 in Huron. The wrong dates were printed in the Crusader. Also in my article in the Crusader it was listed as Terry Andersen as the commissioner it should be Terry Schweitzer. Sorry for any inconvenience these two changes have caused anyone.

As we begin our year we have already lost 11 members off our membership roles. As I stated very clear to the District Deputies when your Council wants to suspend a member I need a legible copy of the #1845 along with a copy of what that member told you when you contacted him why he did not want to remain a Knight. If I do not have both these items Supreme will be told to hold the member on the roster until I have received these two items. Why would I need the members comment these can be used to further our commitment to our membership by

looking at what is causing these members to want to leave our Order.

As we begin the 2nd inning lets continue to set up those first degrees as we continue to fulfill Father McGivney's goal of offering every eligible Catholic man the opportunity of as lifetime to join the Knight of Columbus. The Good Guys have had two first degrees scheduled and I believe the Winners have one scheduled. So Grand Knights lets get our membership geared up by making great pitches to those prospective members and let's have a great year by increasing our membership and making every Council active.

Vivat Jesus,

Maynard Konechne

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