



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

August 1 - Form 365, Council report of Directors was due to Supreme.
August 15 - Semiannual Council Audit report was due to Supreme.
August 16-17—Bishop's Charity Golf
Sept 26-27 - Special Olympics Softball Tournament in Huron.
Sep 28-29 - Bishop's Charity Hunt
October - Respect life month
Oct 30-Nov 1—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 13	Custer
Sep 13	Flandreau
Oct 04	Pierre
Oct 11	Brookings
Nov 8	Aberdeen

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 26th & 27th 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 ANDERSEN

Brother Knights,

Having recently attended the Supreme Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, it was overwhelming to see so many Catholic men and their spouses come together in one place. The delegation from South Dakota contributed to a successful convention and I would like to thank those who step up to be delegates. While there, I attended a membership seminar on Monday morning where a panel of Knights shared with us what has worked for them to have success in getting men to join the Knights of Columbus. A couple of interesting points I heard, I would like to share with you. On the topic of holding degrees as often as possible, the statement was made, "We hold degrees for candidates, we do not hold candidates for degrees". In other words, when you get a candidate to sign a form #100, do not hold him until you get more candidates to have a larger group for a degree. Hold a first degree as soon as possible so you can show that candidate the he is important and you want him to benefit from being a Knight. Then once you hold the degree,

get the form #100 mailed into Supreme so he is eligible for the fraternal benefits immediately. Secondly, on the topic of fraternal benefits, a field agent shared this thought. Sometimes it is a turn off to a prospect to tell him a lot about the insurance side of the Knights. They get the idea that the Knights are just an insurance company looking to sell insurance. Instead we should start immediately to refer to our field agents as "fraternal benefits agents". Who better to sit down and explain to new members what benefits are available to them. Yes, Insurance is a benefit, but there are so many more and it is the agents job to know about them and they can do a better job explaining them then more Knights can when they ask and get a prospect to sign up. When it come to the part of the form #100 offering the annuity, stop there and let the fraternal benefits agent do that later. We were saddened while in Phoenix to hear about the passing of Carol Dorsey, Greg Beebe and Don Paradeis. They and their families were in our thoughts and prays each

day during the daily masses. We knew that those who were here in South Dakota would offer support and help as needed. Eternal rest grant onto them, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

Vivat Jesus,

Terry Andersen

**Hold fast time? Guard it,
watch over it, every hour,
every minute! Unregarded it
slips away like a lizard,
smooth, slippery, faithless.
Hold every moment sacred.
Give each clarity and meaning,
each the weight of thine
awareness, each its true and
due fulfillment.**

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME
