



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 21 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 22 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 22-23—Bishop's Charity Golf
Sept 25-26 - Special Olympics Softball Tournament in Huron.
Sep 27-28 - Bishop's Charity Hunt
October - Respect life month

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. There is much effort put forth in raising charitable funds, make sure the checks are delivered to support the many causes.

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 12	Aberdeen
Oct 10	Brookings
Nov 7	Mobridge
Dec 5	Rapid City 8025

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

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 25th & 26th and they always appreciate 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. 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

“I am my Brother’s Keeper”. That is the theme introduced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the recent convention held in Washington DC. It is also the theme all Knights should use for the rest of this fraternal year. Each council is asked to concentrate on how it can offer help to those in need during this time of financial stress and economic struggles. Shape your activities to provide help for the hungry, needy, homeless and the protection of human life from conception to natural death. One simple act of charity is to look at why we are losing so many new members. Perhaps there is a financial problem with just the basic act of paying dues. Create innovative ideas on how to help a struggling member with keeping his dues current. Supreme has introduced many programs in the last few years, such as, food for the hungry, coats for kids, wheelchairs for the needy and the ultrasound program. Look for creative ways to do something in your local community that will benefit one or all of these causes.

Another event that is coming up very quickly is that on September 8th at 8pm central time, all are asked to pray the rosary to benefit the anniversary of the Mexican Independence and to end the violence in that country. Go to the Supreme website at www.kofc.org for more information on this event. Share this information with your parish Priests and parish community so that

all of the nation will be saying this beautiful prayer at the same time.

October 15, 2010 is also a very important date. Many councils and other organizations are in danger of losing their non-profit charitable status on that date if they do not file a form 990 with the IRS. I strongly encourage everyone to look at the link:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,jd=225889,00.html> and see if your council is on this list. This is something that needs to be done every year to keep the council’s non-profit status and you cannot afford to lose it.

Looking at the Supreme website and the news from the Supreme convention, South Dakota made news as having one of the most sought after pins during the pin exchange. Our pin had a likeness of an embryo on it and everyone was seeking out our delegates so they could get one of our pins. South Dakota leads the way nationwide in pro life issues and we were proud to have this small symbol available to show our continued support of the unborn.

District deputies should have distributed the football sweeps tickets to each council and if you have not received them, contact your DD to get them as they need to be distributed soon. Each ticket earns your council \$3.00 and also \$3.00 for the state council to use for charitable

causes. Even if you conduct your own football fund raising event, you can participate in this one also and neither will interfere with the other.

One last item from the Supreme convention I would like to share. Delegates from each state are seated according to how the state does in its membership results for the year. At the recent convention the South Dakota delegation was seated in a balcony where we had to watch the program on TV screens and could not see any of the speakers live. It is heartbreaking for our delegates to come to this great convention and not have a good seat up near the front of the floor and always have to sit toward the back just because we do not put our full effort into meeting or exceeding our membership goals. This year I hope everyone will do drives to get “every Catholic man” to join the Knights of Columbus or at least to ask him to join. Just once it would be great to have seats at a table close to the front and to be able to see our Bishops in their seats of honor on the dais at the banquet. Every council has a membership goal. Don’t look at that number as your final target, but as a minimum goal and one that we can exceed to double in the next year. Together we can do a lot.

Vivat Jesus,

Terry Andersen

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