



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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Now - Council History Worksheet due.
- Now - Send in Tootsie Roll Fund Drive report and funds collected.
- December 25—Christmas
- December 31 - Third Quarter Reports due.
- January - Hold Local Free-throw Contest.
- January - Elect Delegates to the State Convention.
- January 1 - Deadline for Crusader.
- January 31 - Bids for 2013 Convention due.
- January 31 - Fraternal Surveys due.
- January 31 - Resolutions due.
- February - District Free-throw Contest.
- March 2—State Free-throw-Chamberlain

DEADLINES

As you can see there are many deadlines coming up. It is already getting to be the time of the year when we need to start thinking about getting ready for the convention. There is a reason for all of these deadlines and your cooperation is needed and appreciated. Take a look at pages 20 & 21 for important dates to remember. This would be a good time to look in the forms book and review what is needed to fulfill the requirements of the Elite Council Award. This award is the one that every council should strive to earn since there is no one to compete with for it and it gives you a good nucleus of activities. Details about forms are available on the state web site.

PER CAPITA BILLING

The financial secretaries have recently received this years billing for the state per capita and ceremonials. It is important to know that these assessments are based on Supreme's numbers and are not to be changed to reflect what you

think is accurate. If you think that your numbers are inaccurate, take the proper steps with Supreme to get your numbers corrected. I would encourage each council to go through your roster and get it current but it is imperative to take the proper steps. You should also strive to add a new member for each one that you take off your roster. Contact your District Deputy or State Membership Director Arnie Lusch with membership questions. **Please note that these funds are mailed to State Secretary Terry Andersen as noted on the billing notice.**

WINTER MEETING

The State Council held its winter meeting on December 8th & 9th at Broom Tree. Covered in the meetings were the importance of membership as well as many other State programs. While it was stressed that the first three months of the year historically are the most productive for holding membership drives, we need to actively seek new members all year long. We need to hold more 1st Degrees and get new members initiated as soon as possible and then follow through and get them to the 2nd & 3rd Degrees. Work with your local KC Insurance agent and get him involved. They are a great help and they look forward to helping you. Contact your parish priest now to make sure that you can do something special to develop interest in the Knights of Columbus. Encourage all officers to make a special attempt to recruit a new member. The officers are the leaders and should set an example. Another area of the Degree work that needs improvement is the number of spectators. The more spectators there are, the more meaningful the Degree!

Ceremonials 2nd & 3rd Degrees

- Jan 6 ——— Vermillion
- Jan 13 ——— Aberdeen
- Jan 27 ——— Phillip

- Jan 27 ——— Tyndall
- Feb 10 ——— Platte
- Feb 24 ——— Belle Fourche
- Mar 2 ——— Sioux Falls #815 KC Hall
- Mar 30 ——— Mitchell

Football Sweepstakes

The football sweepstakes raffle was conducted again this year with somewhat more tickets sold than last year. The football raffle proceeds for each council that participated have been distributed to the District Deputies at the winter meeting. Thanks to all who participated! A full report will be provided at the State Convention.

DELEGATES

Convention time is near. There is still plenty of time for your council to prepare for this expense. If you need to, plan a fund raiser to help cover the expense of your delegates. Please plan on attending the convention, you won't regret it. Please note that the procedure for delegates reporting was changed. The new process will be printed in the January Crusader so be sure to look for it.

Broom Tree Dedication Prayer

Father we ask you to bless the KC Village, those who will use it, and those who provided for and built it.

Grant that all who come here know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of His friendship, and grow in His love. When they return to their homes may they be more firmly united to one another and give greater witness to their faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Paul J Swain 12/08/07

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY KONECHNE

Brother Knights,

As we approach the birth of our Lord we need to Keep Christ in Christmas. Patti and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We pray that you and your families travel safely over the Christmas season.

Any council wishing to bid for the 2013 State Convention needs to submit a bid form back to me by January 31st to be considered. As of yet I haven't received any.

Also, remember January 31st is the deadline for all Councils to submit their annual fraternal survey to Supreme. Let's have a 100% compliance with this important information that is very significant to both the S.D. Knights and Supreme. Supreme needs this information for their IRS data. S.D. needs this information to better inform the public of what our true charities are. Last year we had 59 councils report that we had 168,000 volunteer man-hours on projects in S.D. Let's imagine what this would be if we had 100% compliance.

We had three regional workshops held in Sioux Falls, Mitchell, and Aberdeen. The turnout was good with 44 members in attendance from 23 councils. We plan to hold more of them in other areas of the state in the near future.

What an awesome dedication ceremony and acknowledgment of the Knights by Bishop Swain at Broom Tree for their fruits of labor involved in building the 10 cabins. The challenge of building the cabins was asked of us by Bishop Carlson, and the challenge of building them was accepted by the State Officers at that time. This will be a lasting legacy of the Knights of Columbus for the families and youth that will use this facility for many years to come.

We need to remember that one of our goals is to have every Council active in membership recruitment. Membership is a year round process which keeps your Council vibrant with new blood and ideas. Start working with your Parish Priest on the upcoming Blitz to be held in March. Remember to include your round table Parishes in the Blitz. The significance of the March date is the birth of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Our year is almost half over and we should be on the 50 yard line but we have had some major setbacks. We need to gather the correct information to put the right play into place so we can begin a positive offense into moving toward our goal of 185 new members and 213 to meet Supreme's challenge of 125% over our goal. So plan now to host a first degree and take those candidates to a major degree that is held

near you. The degree schedule is listed on the front side of this publication.

Remember the services you perform are not only supplying the needs of God's people but they are also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

Local councils have been urged to obtain liability insurance for many years. Supreme tried to come up with a policy to insure all councils but that didn't work out very well. I have recently received information about a company that insures local councils. You can reach this company at www.rcknox.com if you are interested. All councils need to look seriously at obtaining their own liability insurance. Parish Priests have encouraged us due to the pressure they are getting from their insurance carriers. The State Council is not endorsing this company, we are simply passing on their name.

The State Officers and their families would like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Maynard Konechne

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