



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 - Send in Tootsie Roll Fund Drive report and funds collected.
Now - Make convention plans.
Jan 31 - Fraternal Survey was due.
Feb 15 - Essay contest entries due.
Feb 15 - Semiannual audits due.
Feb 15 - State Per Capita & Ceremonials Assessment is due to State Secretary.
Feb 15 - JFK Knight of the Year and Family of the Year applications due.
Feb 28 - Elite Council Application due.
March—Membership Blitz!
March 4 - State Free Throw Contest
March 1 - Crusader deadline.
March 26—KC Day of the Unborn.
March 29 - Founder's Day.

DEADLINES

This is the time of the year when there are many deadlines that are rapidly approaching with some past due already. These deadlines are set for a reason and should be taken seriously. Many things need to be compiled and verified at this time of the year and it is important to have all of the information needed. I would like to especially remind you of the per capita tax and ceremonial assessment. Your council will not be seated at the convention if these are not paid. Please send the extra copy of the billing with your check. Please review your forms book for forms and due dates. Pay special attention to pages 71 & 71A to make sure that information gets in.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention will be held at the Watertown Event Site on April 25-27. Please refer to the January issue of the Crusader and the state web site for complete convention details.

FUNDS

Another item that should be handled as soon as possible is to forward any funds due or any donations to the State Council. Student Loan donations should be sent to Doug Chilson. All other moneys, including Tootsie Roll, should be sent to State Secretary Terry Andersen. The State Council would also appreciate the Bishop's Burse and Pro-Life contributions as soon as possible. Both Bishops have put out a plea for additional funds for the seminarian fund in each diocese. The costs of educating and training toward priesthood has risen a great deal over the years and more help is needed. Please consider donating \$2 per member toward the Bishop's Burse fund. Is there anything more important to put our money toward?

PRO-LIFE

January 22nd marked the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade court decision that legalized abortion. The National Vietnam Memorial in Washington stretches 492 feet and lists the names of 58,022 known Americans killed in that war. If such a wall listed the names of the children killed by abortion since 1973, the wall would be about 60 miles long. The casualties of all wars involving the U.S. put together are fewer than the casualties from abortion in a single year. Be sure that you talk to your local legislators about voting Pro-Life and thank them when they do! There is no issue that holds more importance to the our futures and that of our great country.

WANTED

Items for the State Council silent

auction at the State Convention. In the past all proceeds have gone into a disaster relief fund. The State Council has set up a foundation so some of the auction funds will be used for seed money. We really need participation this year. Please urge all members and councils to donate something for this worthy cause. *Also wanted are men wanting to become involved at the state level as a DD, Director, or officer.*

CEREMONIALS

*February 10th — Platte
February 24th — Sturgis
March 2th — Sioux Falls 815
March 30th — Mitchell
Lets get all new members to one of these scheduled degrees. There is a 1st Degree planned to held during the State Convention also. This would be a special honor for a new member.*

MEALS & DELEGATES

The meal ticket form in the January Crusader doubles as the delegate designation form. Meal tickets ordered and paid for before April 1st qualify for the early bird pricing. All ticket orders must be received by April 15th.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Redfield is hosting the bowling tournament on March 8-9 and March 14-16 at Starters Lanes in Redfield. The fees are as follows:

Bowling	8.00
Prize Fund	6.00
Expenses	5.00
Total per event	\$19.00

Go to kofcsd.org for more info. Call the lanes at 472-1928 to reserve a shift.

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY KONECHNE

Brother Knights,

It took Jesus 40 days and nights to cross the desert and his crucifixion for our sins and his resurrection on Easter day. He accomplished great things in those 40 days.

Perhaps we should remember we are in the Knights of Columbus together and together we can make this journey. Together we rise and fall. We remember who our God is and we remember that in his victory, no defeat can defeat us. This reminds us of the upcoming Blitz we 40 days to get this implemented in our Parishes and have a successful membership campaign.

All councils need to be working on setting up the Blitz in March. You should have contacted your parish Priest to set a weekend to accomplish this Blitz in honor of our Founder Michael J.

McGivney. Remember, one of our goals is to have every council active in membership recruitment. Remember, also, all you need to do is ASK. I recently had an individual from a small community make this statement, "I have lived in this town for 17 years, but I have only been a Knight of Columbus member for two years, because no one had ever asked me to join."

All councils should have, or should be planning, on electing your delegates to represent your Council at the State KC Convention, April 25-27 at the Watertown Event Site.

Regional Program Director Rod Hofschulte held four more Regional in Workshops in: Yankton, Winner, Rapid City, and Mobridge. The turnout was fair with 28 members present from 11 Councils.

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together. This reminds us of the power of unity that we have as leaders of the Knights of Columbus. We can achieve our membership goal as we have before, if we band together, and canvas our fellow parishioners to find new members.

Fraternally yours,

Maynard Konechne

The state free throw contest will be Sunday, March 2nd at St.

Joe's Indian School in Chamberlain. Registration starts at 12:30 CST and competition begins at 1 PM.
