



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.
March—Membership Blitz!
March 1—Crusader deadline.
March 7 - State Free Throw Contest at Oacoma.
March 8—Elite Council Application due
March 25—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 page 73 to make sure that information gets in.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention will be held at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center in Huron on April 23-25. 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 Schweitzer. 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? Funds for the 3-D Ultrasound should be forwarded to State Secretary Terry Schweitzer as soon as possible.

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 our futures and that of our great country.

WANTED

Items for the State Council silent auction at the State Convention. In the past proceeds have been split between the disaster relief fund and the KC Foundation. 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 21st ——— Faulkton
March 7th ——— SF Marquette
March 28th——— Mitchell
Lets get all new members to one of these scheduled degrees. There is a 1st Degree planned to be held during the State Convention also. This would be a special honor for a new member. There may be a 4th Degree Exemplification held in Huron during the state convention.*

MEALS & DELEGATES

The meal ticket form on page 43 in the state forms book 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 won the bid for the bowling tournament this year. The tournament will be held the last two weekends in March. Details can be found in the January Crusader and on the state web site.

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY ANDERSEN

Brother Knights,

Convention time is not too far away. Many reports are due now or past due. There are 3 very important reports that must be done as soon as possible. They are the semi-annual audit # 1295, annual survey of fraternal activity # 1728 and partnership profile report with Special Olympics # 4584. The last report is important to send in because the state council receives money back from Supreme based on the number and this is used for our donation to Special Olympics. The t-shirts we sponsor cost about \$6500 and the more form's # 4584 reported the more we get to make this donation. There are other reports just as important and please make an effort to sit down at one of your council meetings and get them done.

Hopefully everyone will be able to send 2 delegates to the convention in Huron. Look for a schedule on the website and also in the upcoming Crusader. Committee assignments will be listed in the

Crusader and committee meetings will be held on Friday afternoon of the convention. There will be some changes to the convention schedule and they should make it an enjoyable and educational time for all.

There are about 5 more major degrees scheduled and all councils should get their candidates to one of them. Do not hold your candidates until you get a degree in your town. Like I have stated before, "We hold degrees for candidates, we do not hold candidates for degrees". Every council should try to have one, two or three 1st degrees yet before the end of the year. South Dakota is lagging way behind in membership and with the suspensions, we are rapidly losing ground. We need about 50 new members just to get back to where we started the year. Let's work on getting the 18 to 30 year olds into our ranks. They will be the ones we need to keep our councils going. Don't let our councils die with the membership.

Be sure to get your delegate names sent in, your Right to Life forms, your

registration for the convention, your Bishops Burse donation and any other moneys needed before the convention. Every year we have councils show up that have not paid their per capita to Supreme or the State Council and the delegates cannot be seated for the convention if these are not paid ahead of time.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the convention and thanks to all of you who put your trust in all the state officers to lead the state council.

Fraternally yours,

Terry Andersen

The state free throw contest will be Sunday, March 7th at the community center in Oacoma. Registration starts at 12:30 CST and competition begins at 1 PM.