



# 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. 352-3164

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

June - Hold local council elections  
June 14 - Flag Day - Fly Old Glory!  
June 20 - Father's Day  
June 30 - Columbian Award Application due to Supreme  
July 1 - Supreme form #185 due  
July 4 - Independence Day  
August 1 - Supreme form #365 due

## ***SURGE WITH SERVICE***

All Financial Secretaries of record should be on the lookout for the new "Surge With Service" program kits. Upon receipt of this kit, the FS must immediately deliver it to the GK for the upcoming year and he is to distribute the materials to fellow officers and key program directors. The kit contains a wide variety of information that is necessary to implement the new year's service program.

## ***CEREMONIALS***

Please work on membership the entire year. There are 43 councils that have not added a member during this fraternal year. Our Ceremonials Chairman Tim Salmen is working on putting together a Degree schedule for the upcoming year. Please contact him at 256-9636 if your council is interested in hosting a Degree. This schedule will need to be set up by June 23rd to get it into the forms book for the new fraternal year. Please give this your immediate attention.

## ***ELECTIONS***

June is the month that local council officers should be elected. All District Deputies have received a letter requesting their help in collecting this data. They will be contacting all councils in their respective districts and asking for

information on who will be the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary during the next fraternal year. Please have this information available for your DD when he contacts you. It is imperative to have this so that an accurate directory can be printed in time for the summer meeting. If your DD doesn't contact you, email your info direct to Doug Chilson at [sdkofc@hur.midco.net](mailto:sdkofc@hur.midco.net)

## ***SUMMER MEETINGS***

State Deputy Elect Terry Andersen has just returned from the annual State Deputy's meeting in New Haven. He has brought back much information that will in turn be shared with South Dakota's state officers, program directors and district deputies. The summer meeting will be held in Ft. Pierre on July 10th & 11th. The District Deputies will receive two of the new year's State Council Forms Book as well as other materials for each council. The DD's will get these books to the local councils as soon as possible. The Saturday afternoon session starting at 12:30 is open to any council member. This will fulfill one of the requirements for the Elite Council Award.

## ***COUNCIL AWARDS***

It is a good idea to take a look at the forms book as soon as you get it so you can familiarize yourself with what is necessary. Some awards require an application to be submitted, such as the Elite Council and the Outstanding Council Activity. Other reports, such as membership and insurance, are awarded by information generated by Supreme. The best thing is to watch the "Dates to Remember". These dates are published in the Forms Book, the Crusader, and in the Directions. Contact your District Deputy if you have any questions.

## ***STUDENT LOAN***

This is a good time for parents to start lining up funds for the fall term for college for their children or themselves. The Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund has adequate funds available and is anxious to receive loan applications. Please refer to pages 36-39 in your state forms book for guidelines and an application. It is advisable to copy this application and retain one in your book..

## ***SILENT AUCTION***

Jim Baloun reports that a very successful silent auction was held at the State Convention. Just under \$4500 net proceeds were raised for the disaster relief fund and the KC Foundation. This could not be possible without the many donations of councils, assemblies and individuals. Thanks to all! The penny donation raised \$1448 for the KC Foundation. Another great job!

## ***GOLF TOURNAMENT***

The state golf tournament is scheduled for July 31st at Northern Links Golf Course near Renner. A complete listing of information is available in the May Crusader. Please support this activity.

## ***RENEWAL TIME***

July 1st marks the start of a new fraternal year and as such it should be marked as a time of renewal. This date often times marks the date when new officers accept the challenge to lead the council forward hoping for a year that is successful. The two things that keep a council going is active members and a good job of new member recruitment. I don't know of any council that flourishes without involving many members so don't just rely on a few. We all are aware of the many reasons that we lose members to it is imperative to constantly recruit. Don't just hope it will happen, make it happen!

## ***COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY ANDERSEN***

Brother Knights,

Having just returned from New Haven and the summer organizational meeting of the State Deputies, I have some information to share that will be part of South Dakota's state council objectives for the coming year. First of all, I want to thank all the Knights for letting me be able to attend the meeting as your State Deputy. It is a busy weekend and a lot of information is presented in a short time.

Order wide, about 27,000 deaths of KC members is recorded so far this year which will end June 30<sup>th</sup>. Of those about 8000 are insurance members. So if we remember why Fr. McGivney founded the organization to help the widow and children of the members, about 19,000 families are no better off now then they were 129 years ago. They need to rely on others to help with fundraisers and donation to meet their needs if the husband did not have insurance. We need to get the message out that you have to make sure your family is taken care of once you die. This starts when you fill out the Form 100 by collecting 2 checks from the candidate, one for joining and one for the \$100 annuity. Then once a new Knight has an annuity, he will later

make sure he has his family taken care of.

Secondly, so far this year order wide we will bring in about 90,000 new members. Of those 90,000 we will net about 23,000. There are about 27,000 deaths so that leaves about 40,000 members we lose for various reasons. We need to work very hard on member retention and not be so fast to suspend members for a reason that may be avoided if we only talk to them. The most important position of every council should be the retention chairman. If your council does not have one, we need to make it vital this year to appoint one or more to be on your retention committee. Why go through all the work of getting a new member and then abandoning him and losing him a year later.

Finally, we still are observing the Year of the Volunteer and we have been asked to do one charitable activity per month for the next year. For example, each dollar earned will buy 2 meals for a soup kitchen. Each dollar earned could provide a coat for a needy child. When planning your calendar for this coming year, schedule in a new

activity for charity. More information will be shared at the summer meeting in Ft. Pierre so look to your District Deputy for this. Let's work for morn members until the end of June and remember the incentives we have to give out now.

Vivat Jesus,

*Terry Andersen*

Some people think that the summer is a time to take a break from everything. It is important to continue the good works of the Order all year long. Please keep your council active and be sure to include new members in functions. Summer is also a good time to have a picnic for members and prospective members. Every council needs new members to survive.

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# **THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME**

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