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## Knights Sponsored Year of Priest Pilgrimage to Rome

By: Father Richard Colletti, State Chaplain

Over a year ago, in calling for a special "Year for Priests" Pope Benedict talked about the constant struggle for moral perfection that dwells "in every truly priestly heart." In support of this tendency toward spiritual perfection, the Holy Father called a special 'Year for Priests' which also marked the "150th anniversary of the death of the saintly 'Cure of Ars', Jean Marie Vianney, a true example of a pastor at the service of Christ's flock.

I was privileged to be in Rome from June 6 to 13 for the closing ceremonies for the Year for Priests which took place at a "World Meeting of Priests" with Pope Benedict in St. Peter's Square. This was possible because all State Chaplains were invited to be guests of the Supreme Council, with our brother priest chaplains from Canada, Mexico, and Poland. I met a wonderful, inspiring group of priests on this awesome Pilgrimage. With our common bond of the priesthood and our brotherhood as Knights, we quickly formed new friendships which will certainly continue to grow as we gather at the annual Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C. this August.

Our time together was such a memorial and spiritual renewal for me and my priesthood. I was overwhelmed with the generosity and thoughtfulness of the Supreme officers and staff in providing such a generous, caring, and well planned Pilgrimage for us as we joined 15,000 priests from around the world for a retreat experience as we reflected on the gift of priesthood, celebrated the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and participated in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as part of each day's program that took place in St. Paul's Basilica and St. John Lateran Basilica. The Pilgrimage and convocation for the Year for Priests was the best way for me to experience the gift of priesthood and renew my love of the Priesthood, and grow in gratitude as the Year for Priests came to a conclusion. Everyday was filled with so many graces and blessings that I am sure will continue to produce much fruit in my life as a priest.

Our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop William Lori, was with us on pilgrimage and shared with us so many beautiful homilies in our Masses throughout the Pilgrimage. His homilies gave me so much food for thought on my four day retreat I attended at the Casa del Clero in Rome after the Pilgrimage ended as I took advantage of extending my pilgrimage to make my annual retreat.

There were so many moving experiences for me: from the opportunity to celebrate Mass and pray at the tomb of Venerable Pope John Paul II one of my heroes in life; to the Scavi excavations beneath St. Peter's; the morning international gatherings in prayer with my brother priests at St. Paul Outside-the-Walls Basilica; the 90th anniversary celebration of the Order's collaboration with the Eternal City at Rome's Capitoline Museum and reception that followed; the day we spent in Assisi; the beautiful Vigil and Adoration service on Thursday night and closing Mass with Pope Benedict. I have so many memories, so many gifts for which to give thanks.

I will never forget the mutual care and love from my brother priests and from the Supreme Officers and staff that I experienced throughout the Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage made me so proud to be a Knight of Columbus and very grateful to have the opportunity to be the State Chaplain for Minnesota.

## Developmental Disabilities Update

By: Marc Peters, Developmental Disabilities Fund Raiser Co-Chair

It's August! Do you know where your MR tootsie roll check is? Hopefully not at the bottom of the GK's bag or in a pile on the FS's desk. Take a quick moment to see where your checks are. Please get them in the hands of your chosen charity or organization. They can use the money. Did you collect money at a Wal-Mart? Did you know that they usually will match funds, up to \$500, if you just ask and fill in the paperwork? Sadly to say, only two councils have done this. Every GK got info in their tootsie roll packet in the March mailing.

Your DD will be handing you next year's poster for the drive at his upcoming district meeting. Flip it over and you will have all the deadline dates. Please get them on your council calendar.

## The Humble Victories of Pregnancy Resource Centers

By: Ricardo Acevedo, State Deputy



I was reading on the web from:

<http://www.headlinebistro.com/hb/en/columnists/desolenni/archive.html>

On this site is an article about Pa de Solenni. I then clicked on her website <http://piadesolenni.com/> and read the following:

The Humble Victories of Pregnancy Resource Centers by Dr. Pia de Solenni on May 20, 2010

I started this week with a trip to Orlando that I tried to cancel. I'm on the board of Heartbeat International, a phenomenal group that supports a network of pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) in the United States and around the world. Every year Heartbeat hosts a conference for the directors and staff of its affiliate centers. The board takes this opportunity to have one of its regular meetings. Busy with work, weighed down by my study of the sex abuse scandals in the Church, and wanting more time with my husband, the last thing I wanted to do was to take a trip regardless of the worthy cause.

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### FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENT

- August 1, 2010—Form #365—Service Program Personnel Report due to Supreme & State Deputy
- August 3-5, 2010—Supreme Convention—Washington D.C.
- August 7-15, 2010—Knights of Columbus Family Week
- August 15, 2010—Seminaannual Audit Report due to Supreme & State Deputy
- August 22, 2010—KC Day with the Twins
- August 27-29, 2010—Minnesota KC Camporee @ Ortonville
- October 9, 2010—State Soccer Challenge
- October 23, 2010—4th Degree Exemplification @ Owatonna

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## Be A Part Of The Team

By: Craig Larson, State Secretary

Where does the summer go? It is already August. I hope that everyone has had some time to get relaxed and refreshed. Before long the kids will be back in school and we'll be supporting and cheering for the Twins, Vikings and our favorite local teams.

We also need to support and cheer for our local Knights of Columbus. We are still early in our fraternal season and we need to get off to a good start. If your council has sent in their paperwork, you are off to a good start. If your council has sent in the paperwork and conducted an activity or two, you are off to a better start. If you have done the paperwork and activities and recruited a new member or two, you are off to a great start. We all know that the team that scores first has the advantage so why not start out your council year with a lead-off homer or scoring on the opening kickoff.

Most of you will have attended your district meeting or have one coming up soon. Your DD has lots of information to share with you from the Mid-Summer meeting. It can only help your council if you attend the meeting. Who knows, you may find out about something that will help to rejuvenate your council. Finding out what works for your neighboring councils may just work for you.

By now your FS will have received the State Per-Capita assessment. Please send in your payment ASAP.

Plans are underway for some GK/FS/Officer training sessions. You will all be advised of where and when as the schedule is confirmed. Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions. They will be in numerous places throughout the state. Several teams of "trainers" will give up their time to assist you. These sessions can only help you if you attend.

Enjoy what's left of the summer!

## Behold, how good it is for brothers to dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

By: Father Ryan Moravitz,  
Associate State Chaplain



Psalm 133:1 is the motto at IHM seminary in Winona, MN. I spent three great years of seminary formation there learning and experiencing the greatness of this scripture passage. The strength, goodness, and courage that come from being united as men of God is a grace that is essential in the life of any Christian man. And so, as Knights of Columbus we continue to be united in the Lord as a fraternity of Catholic men who strive for unity in charity.

I had the privilege to attend my first State Council meeting in July. It was a great weekend of fraternity and family. The witness and support of all involved filled me with energy, excitement, and strengthened faith. The importance and necessity of being united as men of faith, men of God, and men of the Church was again brought to the top of my list in prayer. The fraternity witnessed there was one of courage, joy, faith, and integrity. I found myself saying at the end of the weekend, "Behold, how good it is for brothers to dwell in unity!"

As local councils we must continue to strive all the more to unite ourselves together in prayer, looking to Christ as our example and model of brotherhood. One of the primary acts throughout Jesus' ministry was to unite the apostles together, in that unity He knew they would be strong and face all the challenges of the Gospel together. So, we as Knights must continually look to the Lord to bond us together as his disciples!!

Fr. Colletti is a prime example of a man who leads us in this way now. He is a man who continually strives to do God's will and follow the Lord while united with his brother priests and Knights. How good it is!!! I wish to thank Fr. Colletti and all the men and their families who offered such a tremendous witness to me. May we together continue to dwell in unity and seek always the will of our Heavenly Father. May God bless you and may Jesus Christ be praised!!!

## Planning is Key

By: Joe Konrardy, State Treasurer



I recall the summer that I was a new Grand Knight and how much there was to learn, even with several years of "training" while holding several Council offices. A fellow member volunteered his boat for our first summer officers meeting. I had a calendar, a roster and a cooler with me that night as we left the dock. Great guys coming together to share their time and chair a number of Council activities. Looking back, I had a plan and I shared them that night. But it was the team that really had a plan and off we went together and reached Star Council as a group. As we start this fraternal year, I know there is a repeat performance out there in every Council across the Order.

A quick update on our DD Tootsie Roll Drive is in order. You'll recall it was late in last April some 230+ Councils participated this year. Last month, more than 480 checks were sent out. All Councils received letters that summarized which recipients received what. This is the single largest fund raiser we do here in the state. Approx. \$400,000.00 is raised and distributed to those in need. "Thank You" for your participation. I also want to share with you a telephone call I had with Gus, the knight who started the Tootsie Roll program some 28 years ago. He shared with me that 2 years ago, the Indiana group generated over \$2,000,000 in funds; a slight increase from their \$115,000 in 1989. Now that might seem not a fair comparison to our state's program. But that's not the comparison I'd like to make here. I'd like to compare how they do it. They go to Norte Dame Football games and hand out Tootsie Rolls. Does anyone go to a U of M or Vikings game? They work with the disability groups to have the actual recipients help with handing out candy. We could do these things. We could work on doubling our collection, can't we? I would like to challenge us all to think of ways to increase local Council goals to a 25% increase this coming year over last year's collections. Yea, it will take some planning and now's the time to begin that planning.

While you are completing your calendar, don't forget to add a new fund raiser for the Ultrasound Fund. By pooling our funds, we can get to our goal of 5 units this year. Your contribution of \$150 - \$2000 will help towards that goal. And if your Council wishes to handle funding a ultrasound machine by, it's only about \$7000. Plus we have a donor who will fund \$1000 for each of the first 5 machines. Let's not waste this opportunity.

## New Records for the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus announced that it set new all-time records for charitable donations and volunteer service hours in 2009.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson released the results of the Catholic fraternal organization's annual survey.

The results of the Knights' annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending December 31, 2009, indicate that total charitable contributions reached \$151,105,867 – exceeding the previous year's total by more than \$1 million.

The figure includes \$34,627,530 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$116,477,971 in contributions from the organization's state and local affiliates.

The survey also indicated that the quantity of volunteer service hours to charitable causes by Knights grew to 69,251,926 – an increase of 468,291 hours compared to the 2008 total. There were more than 413,000 Knights of Columbus blood donations during the year and, among the most common service programs, Habitat for Humanity received 227,900 K of C volunteer hours.

Here in Minnesota, councils, circles, assemblies and auxiliaries donated over \$1.4 million dollars to charitable causes and donated over 1,067,000 hours of service. They also made over 134,000 visits to sick and bereaved KC families.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.367 billion to charity, and provided nearly 640 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

## Keep in Touch

By: Jim Kelly, State Retention Chairman

Is your council having trouble getting members to attend meetings? Are members not paying dues right away? These are signs that your members may be ready to forsake the Knights of Columbus.

Your council newsletter and email are fine communications but they lack the personal touch. There are two things we should be doing to restore and maintain interest in our membership. One is a timely phone call to invite him to the next meeting, and two, a handshake whenever you see him in town or at church. Remind him of the next membership meeting and don't forget to ask him if he can be there. Let him know he is important to your council.

Set up a telephone pyramid calling system with your council officers. Keeping in touch will mean so much more to you and make him feel better about the Knights of Columbus.

## EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD	Phone #
09/11/10	Sacred Heart/Baudette	10 a.m./Lourdes	12 Noon/Lourdes	Korzendorfer	Joe Kuznia	218-386-2111
10/02/10	Cathedral/St. Paul	No First Degree	2:00 p.m./Bob Nichols	Columbus		
10/09/10	KC Hall/Hastings	9:00 a.m./1600	10:30 a.m./Fr. John Deere	So. Suburban	Milbert Meier	952-270-1389
10/23/10	<b>Fourth Degree Exemplification at Owatonna</b>					
10/30/10	St. Peter's/North St. Paul	9:00 a.m./4145	10:30 a.m./Fr. John Deere	Metro	Mike Schilling	651-738-3626

If you wish to host or have requested a major degree and do not see it here, please contact Dave Whatmuff, Director of Ceremonials (763) 420-4995, e-mail [KCDegreesMN@gmail.com](mailto:KCDegreesMN@gmail.com). If you plan to bring candidates to any exemplification, contact the host DD with the number of candidates via e-mail ([DDxxMNKnights.org](mailto:DDxxMNKnights.org)). To see a complete schedule of degrees, check the ceremonials web-site at [kcddegreesmn@embarqspace.com](http://kcddegreesmn@embarqspace.com).

### A People of Life and For Life

By: Pat & Deb Larson, ProLife Chaircouple

As of July 1 the State Council's Ultrasound Fund had a balance of \$1,725, which is up from \$1,420 on June 1. We are heading in the right direction and as we get more districts aware and on board with the program we will hit our goal of \$37,500 this year. \$1,725 represents about \$6.16 per council in the state. I'm looking forward to seeing that get to \$125 - \$150 per council. The really neat thing about the statewide program is if we all only hit the minimums it still leaves money in the State Council's Pro-Life fund to support local initiatives. Councils can still support the local Crisis Centers, Birthright Offices, and Pro-Life across America, Meals for the Homeless, and the very many local Pro-Life activities. As we reviewed the over 50 Pro-Life Activities submitted this year for the State Program Award it was very evident that the councils took a lot of pride of ownership in providing support for Pro-Life activities in their own communities. Keep working, we will get there

#### National Prayer For Life Campaign

Prayer cards for this campaign can be obtained by councils using a Requisition Form #1, item #9856. They are available in packets of 100 at a cost of \$3/packet to offset standard shipping and handling. Also available, at no cost for reasonable quantities, are Prayer for Life, 4665-06, in Spanish, 4665S-07, Pray the Rosary to End Abortion 2072 1/09. You may want to check with your pastor as far as leaving them in a special place in the church to use for meditation, possibly in the Adoration Chapel or at the entrance table into the church.



Check out our web-site:  
[www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org)



### State Warden Tidbits

By: Ray Wojtysiak

You have filed your form 185 (council officers) and 365 (council directors), and have held your council semi-annual audit. Right? Now let's get started recruiting new members and we are on our way to becoming a Star Council. Your District Deputy will once again be reminding you of the 'Power of Ten' program. This is a simple program designed to recruit new members as well as build fraternity and unity within your council. It's simplicity is what makes it work. However, it will not work without some effort from all of us. Please check it out and make a commitment to give it an honest try. I look forward to the success of the Membership and Program Staff that has been assembled this year. They need the help of all of us in order to see their efforts bear fruit. Are you willing to make that commitment?

There are still 11 Councils that have not turned in monies collected from the distribution of Tootsie Rolls. These councils ordered 68 cases of candy to be distributed during the State Program in April. Please check with your Tootsie Roll chairman to see what has happened to the funds and the report. I would also remind everyone to make sure the checks that you requested to be sent to you are distributed to the proper recipient. I'm sure they will put it to better use rather than it sitting in a desk or briefcase.

Thank you to all of you who have conscientiously and devotedly made sure that all of the required work has been completed in a timely fashion. We do appreciate your dedication and commitment to the Knights of Columbus.



### Fall Exemplification October 23

By: Tom Grinnell, District Master

The Minnesota District of the Fourth Degree will hold its last exemplification of the year on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Owatonna. The exemplification will commence at 12 noon and conclude by 2:30 pm. Candidate registration is from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The tentative agenda for the weekend is a Friday night mixer-social-dinner at the Owatonna KC Hall, followed by socializing at the Holiday Inn. The exemplification is at noon on Saturday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by the 4:00 pm Exemplification Mass at St. Joseph Church Owatonna, and the 7:00 pm Welcome Banquet at the Holiday Inn.

The Most Rev. John M. Quinn, Bishop of Winona, will be a member of the exemplification class, the celebrant at the Mass and the guest speaker at the welcome banquet.

Registration and meal reservations can be made through your local assembly or directly through your District Master. Information and forms can be downloaded from the Minnesota State Council web site [www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org)

Please recruit a candidate and join us October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Owatonna.

Lady Jan and I extend our best wishes to you. May God bless you and may He continue to Bless America.

### Membership Update

By: Jim Burkhart, State Membership Director

Without programs there will be no new members, without new members there will be no programs. The new fiscal year has started. Hope everyone's summer is going well.

The Districts Deputies had a great mid - summer meeting, and learned about the power of 10. I will be asking them, along with the Regional Membership Chairmen to help teach the Auxiliaries and Councils this powerful way to recruit new members.

In the near future we will be holding Grand Knights Seminars in your area. This seminar is very valuable to your council so I encourage you to attend this event.

For those of you planning on attending the State Fair, please take a form 100 along. You never know who you may meet.

You and your Family have a great Labor day.

### Knights of Columbus Family Week

August 7-15, 2010

Today, as at our founding, the family stands at the core of the Knights of Columbus' beliefs and ideals as a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization. The Knights of Columbus has always strongly supported the family at the local, state and international levels in many ways, especially through our award-winning insurance program.

Throughout the year, councils should work to strengthen families by encouraging wholesome home life. Urge families to make time to enjoy each other's company, talk and be active together. Encourage members and their families to choose the Holy Family as their model of interdependence, sharing and respect for each other.

Knights of Columbus Family Week is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family through programs that support the Church and the parish, and unite Knights and Squires with their families and the community at large. These programs should be fun and enjoyable for all, but also meaningful in their message. Our celebration of the family shouldn't be a private matter. Open it to nonmembers, prospects, parishioners, friends, priests, religious and everyone else in your community. Advertise your events and show your community that families are the backbone of communities and our Order.

**Have you recruited a new Knight of Columbus? Do it today! We need your help! We need him!**

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## Get Off to a Quick Start

By: Bob Penas, State Program Director

With the busy first month of the fraternal year drawing to a close, it is time to take a deep breath and review your responsibilities. "Did I miss or forget anything?" Were the Report of Officers Chosen for Term (Form 185) and the Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) sent into Supreme? If not, do so even if all your positions are not filled. Does your council select a Knight of the Month and Family of the Month? If not, consider doing so. It is a nice gesture to recognize these knights and families that make a difference. Also, make sure you fill out the Family of the Month (Form 1993A) each month and send it to Supreme so they have a chance to win a beautiful Holy Family statue.

It is time to start thinking about the Soccer Challenge. If you do not already have a kit, you can order it from Supreme by filling our form SC-KIT. If you are concerned about having enough participants, talk to your District Deputy about organizing a district-wide Soccer Challenge instead. The State Soccer Competition will be held on October 9, 2010.

Have you talked to your area non-public school about the Marathon for Non-Public Education? October 2, 2010 has been designated as Marathon Day. But feel free to conduct it when it fits in your non-public school's schedule.

With school starting soon, it is also time to start thinking about conducting the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster and Essay Contest. Work with your local schools and youth groups. For more information you can order a Substance Abuse Awareness Kit from Supreme (Form SA-KIT).

All of the forms that I mentioned in this article can be found and submitted online. You can find them at <http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/officers/forms/council.html>



Enjoy the final days of summer!

Get in shape for the Marathon for Nonpublic Education on October 2

## August Grand Knight Things to Do

Schedule a first degree.  
Attend District meeting with officers & council chairmen.  
Form 365—Program Service Personnel—due to Supreme Office.  
Form 1295—Semi-Annual Audit—Due August 15.  
Form 2629—Round Table—if applicable—Due September 1.  
Be sure to keep Supreme accounts current (Failure to do so could result in loss of benefits to members and suspension of council.)  
Prepare an agenda for the meeting.

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After a weather delay, I arrived Monday night for the tail end of the dinner welcoming the international attendees. Right away I had the same realization that I have when I attend most pro-life events: we may be a home-spun group, but there are a lot of good things happening. People don't get involved in the pro-life movement because they have specific abilities and training. They get involved because they want to change lives, allow people to be born, and they'll learn whatever they have to in order to get closer to this goal.

To me this indicates a certain humility, a willingness to be used for a greater purpose, even when one doesn't understand how it will all happen. One pastor told the story of how he started his first PRC. In order to pay the \$6/hour salary of the woman working in the center, he got a painting job that paid \$15/hour. It may not have been much and it certainly made him wonder about the point of his education, but it served a purpose.

If you've spent any time involved with pro-life activities, you know that these stories abound. But they point to a drive and a zeal that isn't stifled simply because people don't readily know how they're going to accomplish what they're going to accomplish.

These initiatives span everything from legislative projects to activism to education to pregnancy resource centers. But I believe that the frontline of the abortion debate is the woman or girl faced with a crisis pregnancy who thinks that abortion is the only choice she has. That's one of the reasons I am honored to serve on the board of Heartbeat and inspired by the people who carry out the day-to-day work in centers across the nation and in other parts of the world. They make the impossible possible. The centers don't simply counsel against abortion. A client encounters people who are ready to help her with all of her needs: physical, emotional, spiritual, material, etc.

Centers help women get medical care, they help them get work and find places to live, they teach them how to parent or help them to make an adoption plan, they help the fathers of the unborn babies get jobs so that they can be more actively involved in the life of the mother and their child together. It's no Cinderella story. It's real life. But if it weren't for these centers, abortion would seem like the only answer to the challenge of a crisis pregnancy. If it weren't for the people who serve in these centers, abortion would seem necessary. And when the bad news in the world seems overwhelming, it's encouraging to know that there are victories in the timeless battle between good and

Maybe the lesson in all this is that the work allows us to be part of something bigger than ourselves. In the end, it's not our work. There's a story about St. Camillus, a 16th and 17th century priest who was praying before a crucifix as he was in the process of starting a religious order dedicated to hospital care. As the story goes, he was overwhelmed by how he would be able to accomplish his work, and he poured all this out in his prayer. Christ's body on the crucifix reached down and patted his shoulder saying, "Don't worry. It's not your work. It's my work,

I was going to write about something else this month but because of a person who wrote a check for the ultrasound program here in Minnesota, I changed my mind and wanted to share this article. We can make a difference in a life. The power of one is very much alive here in Minnesota. One person can make a difference. We have a lot of one's here in Minnesota that are working for Pro-life. Collect all those ones and it adds up. Checks are coming in. We will make a difference in Minnesota!

## Ultrasound Update

As we are preparing the final touches of the Knightly News we have just received a sizeable donation from a Brother Knight. We are now close to \$10,000 in the Ultrasound Fund and have started the ball rolling to get a machine somewhere in the Archdiocese. Look for more information as the process develops.