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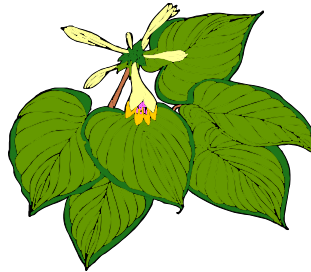
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Lessons From Nature

Numerous plants can be multiplied by dividing the parent root stock. The parent root stock can be divided equally or small portions of it can be used to start a new plant in a different location. A few perennial plants that can be divided are asparagus, rhubarb, irises, peonies, daylilies and hostas. With a limited amount of care and nurturing, any of these plants can grow to a size equal to the parent. Division can be stimulating to the parent plant because it creates a condition conducive to additional growth even though the initial size has been decreased.

Hostas are a favorite decorative plant of many people and there are a large variety of these wonderful plants, which come in many sizes and shapes. Once a hosta reaches a mature size, it continues to grow but at a slower rate. Once it reaches a mature size, it can be divided into 2-4 new plants by simply dividing the root with a sharp knife. Within 3-4 years, the new plant usually will be the same size as the original parent plant.



KC councils are a lot like hostas. Councils come in various size and no two are exactly the same. Many council's have fairly large parishes they consider as round tables. Like a hosta compared to a mature hosta. If the home parishes are viewed as a whole, they can be nurtured, the separated parts should soon become as large and viable as the original council. Some of the home councils membership will become part of the new council, just as some of the parent hosta root becomes part of a new plant.

Our founder, Father McGivney wanted a KC council in every parish. Any parish with 350-400 families or more can easily support the membership needed for a KC council. Parish councils focus on the needs of the parish and community where the members belong. Almost every yard or flower garden can use a few more hostas and many areas in Minnesota – especially the metro area – can use a few more councils.

Watch & Be Alert

By: Father Ron Huberty, State Chaplain

We have heard much about change in our country this year. There is a cry for something new. The good news in our Church's Liturgical year is that there is always a call for something new as we begin the season of Advent. We can get so caught up in the culture of our times and rush right to Christmas. In order to ensure that we keep Christ in Christmas we must first enter into the Advent Season. We hear from Mark's Gospel on the First Sunday of Advent. "Be watchful! Be alert!" May we watch with eyes of faith. We must give ourselves the gift of waiting and use our time well so that the good news of Christ will change our hearts. We will truly be ready to welcome Jesus into our lives, our homes, our parishes, our communities this Advent and Christmas.

We have a couple of special people who help us to ready our hearts for this holy season. First, John the Baptist is with us on this journey to help us change and be renewed in God's mercy and forgiveness. John is always calling us in Advent to changed and be renewed in our faith. Secondly, the Blessed Virgin Mary is with us to help us not be afraid for we too find favor with God. Mary will help us to say yes again to Christ this Advent. Like Mary, we too can give birth to the good news of Christ by how we pray and actively live our faith.

So may we watch and be alert for the ways we can respond in prayer and in service this holy season and truly bring about the change and renewal we need and our society so cries out for as we face the challenges before us. Only Jesus, the true light of the world, can give us the hope, peace and joy we so long for in our lives. May all of you have a truly blessed and holy Advent and Christmas

M-R Reminder

By: Marc Peters, M-R Chairman

Quick reminder to District Deputies: A letter was sent to all DD's about dropsites for your councils. You need to react and respond to it. Your district's tootsie roll packets will not be distributed at the mid-winter meeting or mailed out to your councils unless there is a dropsite determined. Every DD must respond to this request. **Deadline was December 1st.** If you didn't do it by then, don't wait till later. Get it done today!

If you didn't receive the letter/lost the letter, threw the letter away without responding, call Marc Peters at 651-482-8771 or marcshronpeters@usfamily.net.

Renew Our Hope, Faith & Love

By: Father David Maciej, Associate State Chaplain

As we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may each of us continue to embrace every unborn child in our hearts. Our elections have left us with an even greater challenge in trying to protect these little ones. We ask God's guidance and strength as we remain faithful to Him, and we invoke Mary's intercession as well --she who embraced the Prince of Peace before and after his nativity. May this Advent and Christmas time renew our hope, faith and love as we serve our Lord and the Church that He has brought into being.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS
December 1, 2008—Midyear Reports Due to State Program Director
December 2, 2008—KC "Light Up For Christ" Night
December 5-7, 2008—Midwinter Meeting @ Bloomington KC Hall
December 25, 2008—Merry Christmas

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State Deputy Message

By: Gene Hippe, State Deputy

It is time! *The time is now!* Time is of the essence! **We are running out of time!**

I'm referring to the leadership of the local councils regarding membership recruitment. I recently sent a letter to all Grand Knights stating that I am embarrassed with Minnesota's lack of membership recruitment this year. The assets of our organization are our members. The leaders of each local council are responsible for those assets. Each council has a team of leaders with the GK being the leader of the team. Is your team going to help those assets grow or are you going to let them gradually disappear?

With your help, Minnesota can be a winning team in both program implementation and membership growth. Have an officers meeting and lay out a plan regarding how your council can become a Star Council this year. It starts with recruitment and retention, followed by implementing programs in the five activity areas and culminates with submitting the necessary paper work.

I have signed seven members so far this year. Last year I signed ten. **Will your council team join me in making us all proud of the Minnesota KC's?** Let your team legacy be that you left your council stronger and more active



Knights of Columbus 2009 State Free Throw Championship March 28, 2009

Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Council Committee

State Youth Director - Alan Gregerson
State Free Throw Chairman- Pat Nelson
Regional Free Throw Chairman - Mark Glatzel
District Chairman - District Deputies
Council Chairman - Appointed by Grand Knight

Basketball Free Throw Contest

Open to all boys and girls 10 -14 years of age

Free Throw Banquet - Friday, March 27, 2009

Bloomington Marian Knights of Columbus Hall
Grand Ballroom

1114 West American Boulevard

Bloomington, MN 55420

Phone: 952-888-1492

Contact Person: Pat Nelson (952-985-0574)



Free Throw Contest,

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Bloomington Jefferson HJhigh School

4001 West 102nd Street

Bloomington, MN 55437

Phone: 952-806-7600

Any questions or need more information?

Contact: Pat Nelson at 952-469-4713

Fourth Degree News

By: Tom Grinnell
District Master



The assemblies of the Minnesota District will have many requests for Honor Guards for the Christmas Liturgies. The assembly to which I belong has three requests for the Christmas Eve liturgy all of which are at the same time or overlap. I know this is not unusual throughout the district and it does put a pinch on personnel in trying to fulfill the honor guard requests. Some Sir Knights don't participate in Christmas liturgy honor guards because of family commitments. Christmas is a time for family but also a time to give honor and praise to Christ our King as a Sir Knight. If you have Fourth Degree regalia my I suggest you participate in an assembly honor guard at a church outside of your parish and then again within in your parish with your family. Two opportunities to participate in two Christmas liturgies, hear two Christmas homilies in two beautifully decorated churches. I suggest one a Christmas Eve service and the other on Christmas day.

At this writing the unemployment figure is at 6.5%. We are in a recession, and will continue to be in a recession going into 2009. Your local food shelf needs your support. Many councils and assemblies have holiday parties. This is a great tradition and time to celebrate with Brother Knights and ladies. This would also be a great time to collectively make a Christmas contribution to your local food shelf in the name of your assembly or council.

God bless you in your efforts to build his kingdom and may God continue to bless America. Jan and I extent our best wishes to



KC Auxiliary Update

By: Margaret Hendricks,
Historian/Publicity

Thank you to the Brooklyn Park Auxiliary for hosting the State Fall Bowling Tournament. A fun time was had by all. An Auxiliary is needed to host the 2009 Tournament. If interested, please contact State Auxiliary President, Rochelle Ibarra at rochelle.ibarra@gmail.com or 952-985-5132.

The Fall Workshop was hosted by the Farmington Auxiliary at St. Michael's Church. It was a beautiful day, especially having the Living Rosary outside. We made greeting cards to be given to the Vets at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis. The State Board presented a skit about Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Popular speaker Judy Janish, "Shirley from Dez Moines", presented a humorous talk on stress and the importance of laughter in our lives. Everyone received a door prize. Thanks to the Farmington ladies for a job well done. The 2009 Workshop will be hosted by the Albert Lea Auxiliary on October 10.

The State Board wishes everyone a Blessed and Safe Christmas. Remember to "Keep Christ in



Check out our web-site:

www.mnknights.org

Lots Coming Up

By: Joe Konrardy, State Warden

It's hard to believe that we have half of the fraternal year past us. The Mid-Winter meeting is about to take place for the District Deputies of the state. I personally encourage all District Deputies to attend this critical meeting December 5-7 to obtain valuable information about the Order. It is also a great time to see old friends and as well as create wonderful new friendships. District Deputies, please bring your spouse as well. There is a great program being prepared for the wives during our meetings and it is time to spend together with the evening program on Saturday as well. I will be looking for volunteers for Mass on Sunday morning so please look for the sign-up sheet to assist.

The new state directory for 2008-2009 fraternal year is showing all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries with their assigned email boxes. These email boxes have been set up for all state officers and a numbers of other state program leaders. Our email system was set up to work even if you do not wish to forward to your home email address. You can follow the instruction on the state web site (<http://www.mnknights.org/newsletter/newsindex.html>). At present I am looking for a Webmaster. Any volunteers?

Looking at the Leaders Guide Book (red cover this year) tells me that we have a number of activities coming up. I know that Advent, Christmas and New Year's brings us to church and together as a congregation more than any other time other than Lent and Easter. Spending more time together as a family for evening meals, around your Advent wreath and praying the rosary together are important traditions to begin and continue. May the season bless you as you take time to remember the Lord each and everyday.

Better News & Good News

By: Craig Larson, State Treasurer

For the past couple of months I have asked everyone to look for un-cashed checks. It seems to be paying off. As of the Nov 1 statement there are only 20 un-cashed MR checks amounting to \$11,300. About \$1500.00 of these were recently issued so things are looking up. I have been busy trying to contact the correct folks to get these checks cashed and the money into the hands of the proper organizations.

There are still eight checks from the State Convention last May that have not been cashed. Councils 397, 2764, 4021, 5548, 5296, 8253, 10161, and 13027 have a check lying around somewhere. Please check your briefcases and desk drawers to locate these checks.

The Good News is: We get to celebrate, Advent, the Immaculate Conception of Mary and Jesus birth this month.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD	Phone#
12/13/08	Queen Of Peace @ Cloquet	10:00 a.m.—8337	11:30—Dist. 4	Korzendorfer	Mike Peplinski	218-728-5570
01/24/09	St. Vin. DePaul/Brooklyn Park	9:30 a.m.—9139	11:00 —Bob Nichols	Columbus	Jim Stalberger	763-424-8774
02/08/09	St. Mary's School/Alexandria	10:30 a.m.—4718	12 Noon/Neal Wellick	Korzendorfer	Nathaniel Seabrook	320-554-7234
02/15/09	KC Hall/Anoka	10:30 a.m.—2018	12 Noon/Bob Nichols	Metro	Jim Schwalbe	763-757-3330
02/21/09	Aurora	Tentative			John Barry	218-229-3345

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. If you plan to bring candidates to any exemplification, contact the host DD with the number of candidates via e-mail (DDxxMKNights.org). To see a complete schedule of degrees, check the state web-site at www.mnknights.org.

Minnesota "300" Councils

By: Al Kempf, Awards & Reports Chairman

At this time of year I normally publish the list of councils in the state which are considered to have 300 or more members. Some awards are categorized based on this membership number. To eliminate any confusion as to which category your council will be in I have listed below the councils with 300 members or more as of July 1, 2008. These are the numbers which will be used for the 2009 convention awards. This year the list hasn't changed from the one used for the 2008 convention.

Council #	Name	Council #	Name
397	St. Paul	3603	Foley
435	Minneapolis	3656	Crystal
639	Winona	3820	Paynesville
889	Faribault	3827	Bloomington
945	Owatonna	3982	Pierz
961	St. Cloud	4021	St. Paul Nazareth
1076	New Ulm	4174	St. Michael
1600	Hastings	4381	Fridley/Col. Heights.
1621	Marshall	4463	Moorhead
1632	Stillwater	4718	Alexandria
1685	Shakopee	4797	Hutchinson
1804	Little Falls	4863	Sauk Centre
2018	Anoka	4914	Prior Lake/Savage
2023	New Prague	5344	Cold Spring
2506	Waconia	5551	North Mankato
2764	Willmar	5569	Rosemount
2768	Waseca	6772	Brooklyn Center
3134	Sleepy Eye	9139	Osseo
3166	Detroit Lakes		

Seize The Moment

By: Berry Hobbs, State Membership Director

Opportunity and timing are everything. I read once that during a pancake breakfast the Grand Knight of a council should be the one representing his council and visiting with folks. He should have on his person or somewhere nearby a Form 100. For example, I received a call from our State Deputy, and he stated that he visited a council function and signed up three new members. First, he seized the moment, and next, he is leading by example.

The Advent and the Christmas season are upon us. Many events will be scheduled, and these moments are excellent opportunities to discuss with others the benefits of being a member of our honored Order.

Please schedule first degrees. Have one scheduled serves as a motivation to recruit and bring new members into the Order. Should no recruits be available, do the degree and let it serve as a practice for the degree team.

Continue to seek out those prospects, and do not give up on them. Remind your prospect of the benefits of being a member of the Order, especially having a mass said each and everyday for the deceased members Knights of Columbus. By encouraging them on an ongoing basis, they may become inspired and motivated by your persistence and join. Let nobody ever say to us, "No one asked me to join."

Merry Christmas, and enjoy your kids. Let the love of the season embrace all of you and serve to motivate you to share the fraternal love of our Order with every Catholic gentleman who is not a member of the Knights of

December Grand Knight Things to Do

Schedule and Hold 1st Degree
Send out member's Fraternal Survey request
Set the date for the Council Free Throw Contest (January)
Order Tootsie Rolls
Submit Mid-Year Report
Conduct a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Project
Remember to "Light up for Christ"



May the quiet
peace of Christmas
fill your hearts & homes!

Merry Christmas
from the
State Officers & Staff
& State Office.

Leadership Tips

Newsletter Editors: Reprint relevant information received from Supreme and State. Members who are not officers do not receive the same information as you.

Council Officers: Three times a year the large issue of the state newspaper is mailed to all members. Nine times a year it is mailed to only the council officers and DD's.

GK: Keep track of your recruitment and suspension numbers and encourage your local officers to help your council obtain Star Council.

GK: Encourage new members to purchase the annuity as listed on the new form 100. This qualifies them as an insurance member.

GK: Plan now to attend the State Convention in St. Cloud May 15-17. According to Supreme Charter Constitution Laws, Sec. 12 (a), the delegates are to be the GK and a PGK. Any 3rd Degree member can be an alternate.

GK: All councils are to have a Retention Committee. The FS is not the committee. A committee is more than one person.

FS: In the event a member desires to take a withdrawal, send a copy of the letter to the State Deputy.

FS: The \$3 special assessment from Supreme does not include an assessment for Honorary Life, Disabled or Inactive Ins. members.

Membership Directors: Blitzes and Church Drives can be held any month if you organize them.

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State Programs

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director

I hope that during the Thanksgiving holiday you took the time to give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us. We are living in a time that has been financially and emotionally challenging to many of us. We need now more than ever before to unite as a fraternal organization to support our brothers, our church and our country. I believe we will be facing many challenges in the next few years. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has challenged us to embrace and support the Supreme program 'Culture of Life' not only by funding it, but by living it. And if we truly hope for a **Culture of Life** and a Civilization of Love, then we must first think, and then act, in new ways. Carl Anderson made a very profound statement when he wrote, "As Catholics our responsibility is to restore justice to unborn children and to build the Culture of Life. In that effort we cannot criticize public officials who refuse to vote pro-life if we fail to do so ourselves."

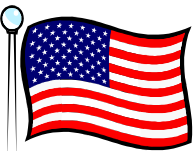
THINK ABOUT IT!

We have just finished the **Special Olympics Fall Classic Bowling** weekend. What a marvelous response we have witnessed from the volunteers for the event. Thank You to all of the District Deputies who provided ample volunteers on a weekend when so many of us go deer hunting. There were many volunteers who had the opportunity to experience this event for the first time. For most, it will not be their last. I extend a special thank you to Bob and Nancy Mathewson for stepping in at the last minute to chair the distribution of the meals at Drkulas bowling lanes. They, along with the other volunteers did a fantastic job! I would be remiss not to extend a big thank you to the leaders, membership and staff at **Bloomington Marian Council** for the fantastic job they did to provide lane volunteers as well as volunteers to make and serve the meals at the KC Hall for everyone at South Town Bowl. **Thank You** again to all of you who played a part in the success of this event!

I have been receiving the completed Mid Year Questionnaire and remind those of you who have not yet sent it of the December 1st due date. I am looking forward to distributing favorable reports to all of the District Deputies at the Midwinter meeting.

How are you doing with the Free Throw competition and Poster/Essay contest planning? Please keep in mind the Fraternal Survey is due January 31st! Now would also be a good time to start preparing for your Year End reports rather than wait until March or April. How are your membership drives going? Let's make sure that we extend an invitation to all eligible Catholic men to join our great organization!

Remember, You are a Temple of God! Have you invited GOD into your temple?



Prayer For our Nation

By: Thomas Jefferson

Almighty God, You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED



For these we pray:

Albany #3628
Arthur H. Doll
Anoka #2018
Richard nathe
Donald E. Hostetler
Harold B. White
Arlington #10172
Wayne M. Kramer, F.D.D.
Bird Island #2000
Marvin Johnson
Blooming Prairie #4323
James Trotman
Bloomington #3827
Herbert J. Lahr
William J. Tegeder
William A. Meyers
Richard M. DeSantis
David K. Hawkins
Donald L. Trebil
James L. Davenport
Blue Earth #1836
Edward G. Pfaffinger
Cold Spring #5344
Larry "P." Minnerath
Crystal #3656
Robert G. Morrissette
Jerome F. Miner
Duluth St. Lawrence #6783
Arthur Vieira
Elk River #5296
Leo A. Gmach
Faribault #889
Everett Ostermann
Elmer Radke
Foley #3603

Basil J. Watercott
Foreston/Milaca #11856
Harvey Burland
James Nickolas
Grand Rapids #2840
Greg N. Winkler
Hinckley #5101
John R. (Bob) Sullivan
Janesville #8184
Fred Arnoldt
LeSueur #2895
Roman Stumpf
Little Falls #1804
Sylvester Oldakowski
Alphonse R. Tillman
Prior Lake #4914
LeRoy F. Mutziger
Slayton #2587
Wayne J. Petola
James R. Christensen
St. Cloud #5548
John A. Woods "Deacon"
Stillwater #1632
Thomas J. Rohlik
West. St. Paul #4184
Leon C. Carr

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:
Please submit names of dedceased members to:
Bill Hoffman, Fraternalism Chair
100 North Cordova Avenue
LeCenter, MN 56057
Phone: 507-357-6179



Minnesota Star Councils 2007-08

By: Al Kempf, Awards Chairman

Winners of the Star Council awards have been announced by the Supreme Council Office. these councils conducted four programs in each of the five categories of the Order's "Surge...with Service" program areas of church, community, council, family and youth. They submitted the Columbian Award Application to report these activities. Star councils also achieved their membership quota and their quota for insurance members as set by the Supreme Council. Congratulations to the Minnesota star councils for an outstanding year in Columbianism.

Last year 14 councils received this prestigious award. The 19 councils in Minnesota achieving this award for 2007-08 are:

1076 New Ulm	2018 Anoka	2357 Pine City
2764 <i>Willmar</i>	3657 Forest Lake	3949 <i>St. Louis Park</i>
4145 White Bear Lake	4374 St. Paul East	4477 Aurora-Biwabik
5075 Mora	5541 Morgan	6374 Burnzville-Eagan
9905 Lino Lakes	12519 <i>Duelm</i>	12604 Bowlus
12822 <i>Waite Park</i>	13001 Brooklyn Park	13359 <i>Maple Grove</i>
14145 Rochester Pax Christi		

Five of these councils, those in italics, are repeat winners from last year. Three of the above councils, concil 4374-St. Paul East, 4477-Aurora-Biwabik, and Council 14145-Rochester Pax Christi, earned the Double Star Council Awards for meeting 100% of their insurance quota and 200% of their memebrship quota.

Hopefully we can add more councils to Star Council status next year. Now is the time to check for requirments necessary to achieve that recognition. Definitely do not forget to file the Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7) next June.