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LESSONS FROM NATURE

Some of nature's most fragile gifts are snow flakes. Just like people, each is different from others. And just like people, snow flakes take different forms when gathered together. How many of us have taken a handful of snow flakes and formed a snow ball or from a small snow ball how many have rolled a bigger ball and created the body and head of a snow man. Once those large balls of snow were created and put in place, we needed to gather more hands full of snow and add to the balls to strengthen our creation. Then we added those small details that made our snow man different from others. No two snow men are ever alike. Each is different in its own small or large way.



How similar in many ways are snow flakes to KC members, local councils and the state council. Every member is a unique individual, different from every other member in the council. Every council has similarities with the other councils but yet it is different from the others. Each council is strengthened when new members are added. Our state is strengthened each time we add a new member or a new council and so is our Supreme Order. But all of this starts with one individual.

Fortunately we don't have council melt downs every year like snow men, but we could if we fail to stay healthy and don't constantly add new members. **A council that is aging and not adding new members every year is like a snowman in the spring. Eventually it will melt down and disappear.**

Lead By Example

The council year is now close to being one half over. Are we leading our councils and encouraging them to get new membership and be sure that they complete all three degrees. If we are not doing this how can we expect others to do it. We must lead by example. Our current State Deputy has recruited over eight new members this council year. He is truly leading by example. As the leaders of this organization we cannot expect others to do what we do not. WE MUST recruit. If we do not then the Knights of Columbus in Minnesota will not continue to grow and be the vital catholic men's group that it can be. We must also see that our candidates complete all three degrees and even lay foundation for the fourth degree. If we do not help our candidates complete all three degrees then we are doing them and the councils we serve a grave disservice.

State Convention Resolutions

Any council wishing to submit resolutions for consideration at the Minnesota KC State Convention to be held in Willmar in May must submit them no later than March 1, 2008 to:

Jim Terwedo, State Advocate
3700 West 220 Street
Jordan, MN 55352

Steps to Sending aFax to the KC State Office

1. Call 320-587-0747—When phone is answered, say "I am sending a fax to the KC state office" and wait for reply.
 2. Dial fax line #: 320-587-6251.
 3. Send the fax.
- These steps must be followed in order for proper receipt of fax at the KC office.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- January 1, 2008—Per Capita Tax Levy
- January 10, 2008—Suspension of Council for Nonpayment of Catholic Advertising Fund
- January 31, 2008—Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form #1728) due to the Supreme Office
- January 31, 2008—Partnership Profile with Special Olympics (Form #4584) due to Supreme Office

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Looking Ahead— The Next Church Season is Near

By: Father Joe Richards, State Chaplain

I pray that you had a blessed Advent and joy-filled Christmas.

Here we are, into a new year and knocking on the door of Lent - a season to reflect on our lives and what we need to do to live the Gospel life more faithfully. On Ash Wednesday we will be called to live a life of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we 'give things up' during Lent, we participate in fasting, but let's not end there. This Lent consider spending more time in prayer - praying through the Scriptures of Lent is a great way to nourish our souls in prayer, and let's make sure that we share the gifts that God has given us with those who are less fortunate, especially the homeless and hungry in our communities - in this way we share in almsgiving. When we do these three things together, we enter deeper and deeper into the Lenten mystery.

All of the Chaplains and Grand Knights received a letter from Bishop William, Lori, our Supreme Chaplain. In his letter he reminded us of, and enlisted our support for, his catechetical plan for all of our brother Knights which will come to us in the *Columbia* magazine beginning in this month's issue - January 2008 - and every month thereafter through 2011. I encourage you to make use of Bishop Lori's column at your meetings. Visit with your local Chaplain and see how this can best be done. As Bishop Lori mentions in his letter, possibly in the Chaplain's report. May our Order continue to grow and prosper spiritually through the work of Bishop Lori and all of those working for the good of the Order.

Finally - how are you doing on reaching the 125% challenge?

Vivat Jesus!

Happy New Year!
New Year's Resolution:
Reaching 125% of membership quota.
How close are you?

Are YOU Committed?

By: Gene Hippe, State Deputy

As we enter into the second half of the Fraternal Year, it is time to recommit to the vision of Fr. McGivney. **How would you respond to Fr. McGivney if he could ask you:** *“How is your council doing this year? What are you doing for your pastor, your church, youth and families? Have you asked 75% of the Catholic men in your parish to join your council and is your council growing?”*

As your State Deputy, these are the kinds of questions that are asked of me frequently by our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson through his staff. **It is embarrassing to have to admit that many of our councils don't seem to care very much about Fr. McGivney's vision.** It is embarrassing that councils don't care enough to fill out and send in some of the required basic forms such as the Fraternal Survey or submit applications for the Columbian Award. It is embarrassing that many council's don't send in form #365 which is a list of council directors and chairmen and it is further embarrassing that many councils leave positions blank on that form or put in names of people who don't take their position seriously. And it is really embarrassing that Minnesota has so much potential for membership growth but continues to be a state that consistently shows a loss of membership while our state Catholic population continues to grow and while our Supreme Order grows.

This “Leadership” issue of this newspaper goes to approximately 2,600 people. If each one of you signed at least one new member in the next 2-3 months, it would be a testimony to Fr. McGivney's vision and it would send a message to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and his staff that members of the Knights of Columbus in Minnesota really do care about our KC organization. **Will you join me? The numbers for each of your councils in 2-3 months will let me know who is committed to helping to carry out the vision of Fr. McGivney and which of you are a KC in name only.**

INCENTIVES FOR SIGNING MEMBERS

All members signed or reactivated between Dec. 1 and April 20 will have their name entered into a book which will be presented to his Holiness, **Pope Benedict XVI** by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. This book will most likely be blessed by the Pope and will end up in the archives of the Vatican. The sponsor of one of those members will receive a special medallion with the Popes image for each member signed. **Share this with others and make sure they tell their prospects about it.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS

For the next three months, please direct to SD Gene Hippe, all membership questions, comments and communications that normally would have gone to Ken Ford. Ken has been granted a 90 day sabbatical. Let us all work hard on membership in his absence in appreciation for the great job he has been doing

Please Help Welcome the Holy Father to the U.S.

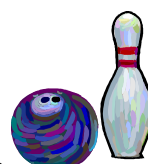
Help welcome Pope Benedict XVI to the United States this spring by participating in our Spiritual E-Bouquet. Join Knights and their families throughout the Order in praying for the success of the Holy Father's first pastoral trip to the United States.

You can participate in the Spiritual E-Bouquet by providing your name, e-mail address, and council number on the Supreme web-site: www.kofc.org.

As the visit approaches, we may use your e-mail address to update you regarding the Holy Father's trip.

Fall Classic 2007

By: Robert Hazelton,
Fall Classic Chairman



On behalf of the Fall Classic Committee I want to thank you, your families and friends for helping to make this year's Classic so successful. Your efforts for the 15th annual event supplied 650 volunteers, which enabled us to host 2000 athletes and coaches. We are successful because of YOU.

Special thanks to Duane Sanocki from Nazareth/Roseville Council and Bill Pollack from Howard Lake/Waverly Council. Duane's group has been with us every year since 1999. Bill started at the beginning in 1993. Their dedication to this event is truly inspiring.

Thank you also to the DD's who assisted in volunteer recruitment. They are DD #'s 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 19, 31, 32, 43, 47, 54, 55, and 57.

Through your efforts in our tootsie Roll Drive we were able to serve 5300 meals and paid for 3500 lines of bowling over 3 days and 2 sites. The cost this year was \$54,500.00. Fifteen years ago we had 385 athletes/coaches over 2 days at 1 site, which cost \$18,900.00. As you can see, we really need all the financial support you can give us. So again this year, we are asking that 10-15% of your tootsie Roll funds be dedicated to the Fall Classic. **YOUR support helps us succeed.** Again, thank you for your support.

If Lismore Can, Your Council Can!

Lismore is a small city in SW Minnesota with a population of 224. The council's only parish is St. Anthony which has 123 families although it does share another small parish with an adjacent council. The Lismore council recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and at the brunch held after mass the council signed 2 more members. This will put its membership at 98. It has a KC in more of its parish families than any other council in the state. Most council's are at 7-12% of the home parish families with a KC member. **Way to go GK**



3 Star Districts

At the mid-winter meeting, State Deputy Gene Hippe presented Supreme's **Star District Awards to DD's Dennis Snow, Robin Delage and Former DD Berry Hobbs.**

Will This New Year's Resolution "Hold" Until March?

By: Joe Konrardy, State Warden

That's right; we all have good intentions, especially at this time of the year. When I was Grand Knight, I committed to making our council meetings more fun. To help me keep that commitment, I shared my resolution with others. Of course they were happy. Meetings would last no more than 45 minutes (often shorter) and then the rest of the 2 hour time frame left to play cards, grab a bit to eat and socialize. That really was for the “Good of the Order!”

Have you thought of a New Year's resolution? How about prayer? It is much easier than losing weight! Oh, I think I hit a sore spot. I can't seem to lose weight but then I'm happy with myself just as I am. It's much easier for me to spend a few minutes here or there talking to God than losing weight. I also pray to God through helping others just like many of you do as well. So losing weight is out for my resolution. And I should be praying daily anyhow, so that's not the kind of resolution I want either.

I am going to share with you my New Year's resolution for 2008. It is to increase our state membership in the Fr. McGivney Guild. Why don't you join me and we can do this together! I wonder how many other organizations have such a great gift as the Father McGivney Guild; I'll bet there are none. It doesn't cost anything but the time to sign up. You have a chance to pray that another miracle will be associated with Fr. McGivney, which will allow him to take the next step toward sainthood. Quarterly you will receive a great (and short) update on the progress towards that goal. What a great reminder to also pray for our brothers who have gone before us and have already met God.

My resolution will also include Fr. McGivney in my daily prayers. I pray that more members will join the Guild and to ask for your help in getting more of your local council members to sign up for the Guild. Someone once said to me that a guild is for women. Sorry, but that's not true. It's an association of people with a common interest. Look it up in Webster's dictionary. That being the case, I am going to ask that each council strive to double their membership in the Fr. McGivney Guild by the end of March. Let's see just how serious we can get toward helping all of us keep this New Year's resolution. Let's continue to pray for his cause and for that next step so that some day we may claim a Saint as our founder. What a New Year's

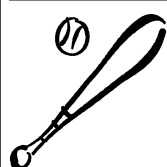
2010 STATE CONVENTION

At it's meeting on Dec. 14, the State Council awarded the **2010 State Convention bid to the Waite Park Council #12822.** The convention location will be the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. Ken Lommel is the current GK.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Saturday	01/19/08	Brooklyn Park	Dist. 12	Dist. 4	Columbus	Ken Ford	612-481-0428
Sunday	02/10/08	Faribault	889	Dist. 37	So. Suburban	Charles Ernste	507-332-2524
Sunday	02/17/08	Anoka	2012	Dist. 4	Metro	Bob Mathewson	763-754-2892
Sunday	03/02/08	Bloomington	3827	Dist. 4	So. Suburban	Mark Ruddy	763-744-6434
Sunday	03/09/08	Paynesville	3820	Dist. 19	Metro	LeRoy Schlangen	320-597-2080
Sunday	03/09/08	Sleepy Eye	3134	Dist. 37	Columbus	Myron Seidl	507-439-6312
Saturday	04/05/08	No. St. Paul	4145	Dist. 4	Columbus	Mike Schilling	651-738-3626
Sunday	04/06/08	New Prague	2023	Dist. 32	Metro	Jim Mladek	507-364-5659
Sunday	04/06/08	Rochester	11460	Dist. 37	So. Suburban	Jeff Baniewski	507-289-3145
Saturday	04/12/08	E. Grand Forks	2573	Dist. 14	Korzendorfer	Ed Miller	218-861-6457
Sunday	04/13/08	Ivanhoe	4912	Dist. 19	So. Suburban	Marcellus Sik	507-694-1757
Saturday	05/03/08	Rosemount	5569	Dist. 32	Columbus	Peter Kay	651-423-5225
Sunday	06/01/08	St. Michael	11941	Dist. 19	Metro	Bryan Nichols	763-286-9068

If you plan to attend any exemplification, it's your responsibility to contact the District Deputy for starting times and with the number of candidates. To schedule a third degree exemplification, call Jim Hurt—Director of Ceremonials—(651)777-5829 & send a copy of the degree form to the State Deputy. To view entire degree schedule, check out the web-site: www.mnknights.org/schedules



Are You Ready For Some Baseball?

Knights of Columbus Day at the Metrodome

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, August 17, 2008

Minnesota Twins vs. Seattle Mariners

1:10 p.m.

The Minnesota Twins, in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, would like to invite you and your family, your church, co-workers, and friends to Knights of Columbus Day 2008! Please put this special day on your calendar. Spread the word. More details to follow in the next large edition of the *Knightly News*.



State Directory Updates

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Willow River, MN 55795
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MID-WINTER MEETING THANKS

Thanks to DD # 1, **James Chase** for arranging for the picture of Our Lady of Charity to be at the meeting so we could join together for a Marian Hour of Prayer.

Thanks to DD # 7, **Bob Mathewson and his wife Nancy** for sharing their talent as Mr. & Mrs. Clause at the "Yankee Gift Swap" Sat. evening and thanks to all of those who made presentations at the meetings and workshops.

The weekend was spiritual, informative and fun.

DD's SINCE JULY 1ST

DD # 12 **Jim Stahlberger**, DD # 16 **Nathaniel Seabrook**, DD# 17 **Rick Morgan**, DD # 22 **Rob Stay**, DD # 30 **Jack Rupert**, DD # 32 **John Van Diver**, DD #38 **Jim Frie**.

Nathaniel Seabrook also serves as GK for Glenwood,
Rob Stay also serves as GK for Gillman.

Dist. 38 is divided to include only LaCrescent, Caledonia and Fillmore County. A new district has been created for the other three councils formerly in this district.

Minnesota's Newest KC Council

By: Berry Hobbs, New Council Development Director

St. Edward Council 14420 located in Minneota is now the newest council in MN. We want to express our deepest appreciation to DD Marcellus Sik, the officers, and the members of the St. Edward Council for their prayers, hard work, and commitment to our Order. **Charter Grand Knight is Bruce Bot.** Congratulations gentlemen!

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of the District Deputies who journeyed to Bloomington for the mid-winter meeting. I did enjoy visiting with old friends and making many new ones. Personally, I am honored to serve as a member of the State Membership Staff, to help with training, and to assist with the development of a new council or two.

I encourage all District Deputies to seek out new opportunities for our Order to grow. When a new council is formed, many new members will join our ranks, and the Order's benefit programs are made available to one and all. Please remember that when you do New Council Development work, you will have the complete support of the State Officers and the Membership and Program staff. If I can ever be of assistance to you, send me an email or give me a call.



Free Throw Competitions

Councils are encouraged to advertise their local free throw competition so all youth have a chance to move on to the District, Regional, and State competition. Contact your local schools, put up flyers, visit your local rec center to put up posters, etc. Get out the word!

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Happy New Year

By, Tom Grinnell, District Master

Gazing out the window upon the gifts January in Minnesota brings us is a good time to reflect on the past year, and the goals and accomplishments we hope to achieve in 2008. I hope as leaders of your respective councils and assemblies this includes an active part in membership recruitment. When was the last time you as a State Officer, Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller sponsored a new member? Some councils and assemblies have not brought a new member into the ranks of the council/assembly for several years. The assets of your council/assembly is your membership. Membership is not the sole responsibility of the membership chairman or the Faithful Admiral. It is the responsibility of all of us. Please make this a part of your New Years Resolution.

April 19th the Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald Assembly will host the 72nd Spring Exemplification at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester. The Rochester exemplification team continues to work to make this a very special event for all attending. Included is a Friday night social/dinner with entertainment, a Saturday morning buffet breakfast, a ladies luncheon with entertainment and special guests. The exemplification concludes with the Saturday night "welcome and hall of fame" banquet. The banquet is followed with hospitality sponsored by many of the assemblies within the Minnesota District. This is time to renew old friendships and establish new relationships, many that will last a lifetime.

Assembly Faithful Navigators and Comptrollers have received exemplification packets which include an itinerary, menus, costs and registration forms. Registration forms can also be found on the Minnesota State Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree website: www.mnknights.org and can be down loaded and forwarded to the District Master as per the instructions on the form. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Lady Jan and I extend to you, your families, your councils and assemblies our best wishes for a Very Happy New Year. God bless you all in your efforts to build His kingdom and may God continue to bless America!

**Have you signed up a new knight? Sir Knight?
Please do!**



KC Auxiliary Update

By: Margaret Hendricks, Historian/Publicity

Happy New Year! May this year bring new auxiliaries and more members into our organization.

The State Board is in need of a Respect Life Chairperson. If interested, contact State President Ann Aeschliman, aeschlim@iargs.net or at 612-724-7016.

Auxiliary Presidents, remembers to turn in your volunteer hour tally sheet for 2007 to State President, Ann, as soon as possible. Any questions, you may contact her at the above e-mail address or phone number.

Mark Your Calendars!
April 18-20, 2008
Spring 4th Degree Exemplification
Rochester, MN — Kahler Hotel
Saturday Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church
Hosted by: Bishop Fitzgerald Assembly

IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED



For these we pray:

Alexandria #4718
 Charles Krump
 Leo Doebber
 Frank Gadon
 Bird Island #2000
 Thomas W. Kuemper
 Leo O. Furr
 Blaine/Coon Rapids #5141
 Elroy Driers
 Blue Earth #1836
 Duane Morphy
 Cloquet #5132
 Merle Singer
 Edward Kolodge
 Cold Spring #5344
 Carl A. Mueller
 Crystal #3656
 Raymond P. Stegora
 Jeffrey Wolnik
 Detroit Lakes #3166
 Leory V. Bergen
 Wesley H. Schlauderaff
 Faribault #3603
 Alphonse B. Lewandowski
 Fillmore County #6896
 Robert F. Schwinefus
 Foley #3603
 Norbert Lewandowski
 Gilman #9261
 Emil Moulzolf
 Hopkins #2232
 Melvin Werness
 John F. Dolan
 International Falls #1540
 James J. Turry
 Jordan #3759
 Raymond J. Kreuser
 Thomas F. Unger
 Lake Benton/Tyler #7879
 Robert Derynck
 Litchfield #2029
 Leo J. Plut
 Little Falls #1804
 Xavier G. Hortsch
 Gary D. Patnaude
 Lloyd Tidd
 Longville/Remer #6773
 John M. Humphreys
 Medford #4909
 James C. Fehrman
 North St. Paul #4967

John J. Rowan
 Ortonville #7187
 Charles L. Jones
 Owatonna #945
 Evan Rysavy
 Moorhead #4463
 Joseph J. Cummings
 Sartell #5276
 Martin Fruth
 Silver Lake #1841
 Linus Eiden
 South St. Paul #3659
 John L. Seivert
 Vincent J. McAndrews
 St. Cloud #961
 Ervin A. Blattner
 St. Paul #397
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 John McKenny
 Virginia #1640
 Raymond E. Fraboni
 Clarence A. Graham, Jr.
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 Waconia #2506
 Kenneth K. Klaers
 Sylvester M. Wagener
 Bernard W. Laumann
 Roman Meyer

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 Please submit names of deceased members to:
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 100 North Cordova Avenue
 LeCenter, MN 56057
 Phone: 507-357-6179

January Grand Knight Things To Do

Schedule and hold a First Degree
 Attend District Meeting
 Schedule and conduct Free Throw Contest
 Submit Free Throw Report before Jan 31
 Submit form 1728 (Fraternal Activity Report) **BEFORE** Jan 31
 Prepare Tootsie Roll Order
 Prepare for Poster contest in February
 Hold Pro-Life Lecture Program
 March for Life Jan 22
 It's not too early to order your Tootsie Rolls

Looking Ahead
Fourth Degree Fall Exemplification
October 25, 2008
Willmar, MN — Holiday Inn
Hosted by: Msgr. Anatole Oster Assembly