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Ultrasound Program Updates

By: Ricardo Acevedo, State Deputy

The initiative, sponsored by the Order, offers matching funds for the purchase of an ultrasound machine to be given to a pro-life clinic.

Actual stories in the Columbia and available on the web at www.kofc.org <<http://www.kofc.org>> prove that mother's who actually "see" their unborn child within the womb have changed their minds and kept their precious gift rather than have an abortion.

These machines come with a heavy cost, often \$25,000 - \$30,000 or more. Your donation of \$2.00 per year in the Pro-Life per Capita gives Supreme a fund in which we, as members, can share the cost of a machine.

During the State Deputy June meeting I learned that several of my peers have arranged to acquire machines at cost. By networking we can actually lower the cost of a machine to \$14,000. Now we are dealing with a realistic cost. If an organization or council can raise \$7500 then via the Supreme matching fund program we can purchase an ultrasound machine.

I'd like to see 5 machines placed in the state, wouldn't you? That would mean we, as a state wide group, need to raise \$37,500 (5x\$7500). If every Council would generate \$125-\$150 (times almost 300 Councils) that's all that it would take. What is a life worth, I'm sure you will agree with me that it's worth a lot more than \$150. It's time to put our efforts behind a worthy cause like this. If you wish to donate directly to a state wide fund for ultrasound machines, just send your \$150 (or more) to MN State Council.

I recently received a FAQ sheet, program guidelines and application form. You can find them at the below links:

Frequently Asked Questions
<<http://mnknights.org/2010/files/forms2010/ultrasoundfaqs.pdf>>

Program Guidelines
<<http://mnknights.org/2010/files/forms2010/ultrasoundguidelines%20.pdf>>

Application Form
<<http://mnknights.org/2010/files/forms2010/ultrasoundapplication%20.pdf>>

Supreme Convention

Again this year Minnesota will be well represented at the Supreme Convention. The 128th Supreme Convention will be held in Washington, D.C., home jurisdiction of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. It will be a celebration of the 10th anniversary of Carl Anderson's term as Supreme Knight.

The following will be in attendance August 3-5 in Washington, D.C.: State Chaplain, Fr. Richard Colletti, Immediate Past State Deputy Gene Hippe, State Deputy Ricardo Acevedo, State Secretary Craig Larson, State Treasurer Joe Konrardy, State Advocate Jim Terwedo, State Warden Ray Wojtysiak, State Administrative Assistant Greg van der Hagen, DD's Rick Morgan and Tim Rice, and Knight Michael Garry. There is a slate of alternate delegates in case someone can't attend.

The D.C. Convention Committee has scheduled many tours and events with all the historic places in the Washington, D.C. area.

Please ask any of the officers or delegates to give a report on the convention.

Next year, 2011, the Supreme Convention is scheduled to be in Denver, Colorado in August.



Summer is here!

Plan some fun summer events for your KC families!

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENT

- June 20, 2010—Father's Day
- June 30, 2010—Columbian Award Application due to Supreme (SP-7)
- June 30, 2010—RSVP Application due to Supreme (#2863)
- July 1, 2010—Report of Officers Chosen (Form 185) Due to State & Supreme Office
- July 4, 2010—Happy Independence Day
- July 9-11, 2010—Midsummer Meeting—Bloomington

Council Information Needed

All KC Councils in Minnesota should have held their election of officers by the time you receive this edition of the Knightly News. If not, do so now!

Form 185—Report of Officers Chosen should be sent to the Supreme Office and the Minnesota KC State Office by **July 1, 2010**. It is important for both to have this information so pertinent information may be sent to you to keep your council officers informed.

Form 365—Report of Service Program Personnel is another important form to send in to the Supreme Office and State Deputy by **August 1, 2010**. Program personnel will receive information regarding the many areas of service programs that are suggested for your use to provide to your parish and community by the Knights.

Get these forms and names in on time! Please meet or beat the deadlines!

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Convention Update

By: Craig Larson, State Secretary

It has been a busy month in my office/cave. The first two weeks of the month were busy preparing for the convention and now I am trying to wrap things up. I came home from St Cloud with much more "stuff" than when I left.

The convention was a wonderful experience. It was so nice to see brother knights and families from all across the state. The meetings were well attended and the convention banquet and closing Mass both had spectacular crowds.

There were a total of 174 councils represented by 293 delegates. Nearly all of the District Deputies and several Past State Deputies were in attendance. We were also visited by Former State Chaplain Fr. Greg Mastey. Our Supreme guest was Supreme Director Robert Cayea of Ontario who spoke at the banquet and during the business meeting.

Many councils brought their Pennies for Seminarians and Jim Campbell Fund donations to the convention. Pennies added \$10,679.80 for a total of \$32473.51 donated so far this year. The Campbell Fund added \$5,422.00 for a total of \$19199.75 for the year. The Ultrasound Fund, one of our newest projects, received \$875.00 which brings its total to \$1420.00.

The Minnesota Knights Foundation Raffle concluded at the banquet which was an entertaining display of fraternity. We also bid farewell to State Chaplain Fr David Maciej. This past year, as every year, we have been blessed by a wonderful State Chaplain. We look forward to our year with incoming State Chaplain Fr. Colletti and the new Associate State Chaplain, who will be coming from the Duluth Diocese.

It's not too early to make plans for the 2011 Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Convention. It will be in St Cloud but hosted by the Sauk Rapids Council. Please mark your calendars for May 20-22, 2011.

Please contact me or any of the state officers with any questions or concerns.



KC Day at Target Field With the Minnesota Twins

August 22, 2010
Twins vs. Angels

All KC families are invited to join together at Target Field to cheer on the Minnesota Twins as they play the Angels.

A pre-game Mass will be held in the Epic Building at 10 a.m. Three Bishops are expected to celebrate Mass and enjoy the game with us.

Seating is at the Home Run Porch and cost \$18/person. There are no refunds or exchanges. Checks should be made payable to the Minnesota Twins. Registration/order forms can be gotten by contacting Jim Burkhart at 651-675-8389. **Ticket orders must be received by July 26, 2010.**

The Knights have 1000 tickets—so they will go on a first-come/first-serve basis.

Order your tickets today! See you at the game!

Gives Thanks

By: Father David Maciej,
State Chaplain



I remember Fr. Ron Huberty, Past State Chaplain, telling me about how fast his 2 years with the State Knights went. It seems like just a few months ago that I started writing these articles, and now I'm at the last one. It is hard to believe how quickly the time has gone (says something about getting older, doesn't it?!). A very, very special thank you from myself to all the State officers, as well as Greg and Linda van der Hagen, for all that you do! Serving with Gene Hippe and Ricardo Acevedo at the helm has made it all that more special. We are truly blessed with the great leader-servants that have graced us these past years! Plus, I know the Chaplain position will be in wonderful hands with Fr. Rick Colletti. Thanks, Fr. Rick, for your dedication!

Our deepest gratitude always goes to Our Lord Jesus who sustains the Knights and their families, and all people, with his love, strength and forgiveness. If I had to try and summarize my last message to all of you, I think it would be this: remember what Jesus said to his disciples the night of his Last Supper (Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter). He enjoined them to "love each other as I have loved you." And the love he gave was that of laying down his life that we might live. May we be willing to lay down our lives for each other, and for all, that every person may come to know Christ and give their lives into his hands. In that way, may they truly come to have that gift of God's life which nothing else can match or give!

Tootsie Roll Check-Up

By: Marc Peters, Dev. Disabilities Fund Raiser Chairman

June is usually a month that the councils wind down. Just a few activities going on and for some, a change in leadership. Whatever the case for your council, please check on the following:

1. Have you sent your report and money in to the state? It was due May 10th
2. Once you get the checks back, distribute them immediately
3. Write thank you notes to the sites that you used on the drive
4. Put any left over product in a cool dry space; write 2010 on the outside.
5. Make any notes for next year's drive
6. Get next year's dates on the calendar: April 29, 30, & May 1, 2011

It was nice to visit with many of you during the convention. I appreciate all the work everyone did, especially in moving candy around in such short notice.



Thank You Everyone

By: Rochelle Ibarra,
Auxiliary President 2009-2010

Thank you to all the ladies throughout the state of Minnesota for your prayers, friendship and support the past two years. Welcome to all new members, especially the newest Auxiliaries St Paul Cathedral #14752 and Father Francis J. Fee, Lindstrom #7750. Thank you to Minneapolis for hosting a wonderful 2010 Convention! My congratulations goes out to this years Auxilian of the Year, Beth Williams from Bloomington Marian #3827. Please remember to make your installation requests known to our new President Idalorraine Wilderson, Minneapolis #435. Peace to all of you for your good works!

More Funds Coming For Ultrasound Machine

By: Joe Konrardy, State Treasurer



A few months ago, Supreme announced an Ultrasound program were Supreme will match Council's fund raising to purchase an ultrasound machine for local prolife clinics. Several State Deputies across the country have arranged discounts for these machines, saving thousands on the purchase price. The matching funds (50%) take a \$14,000 discounted machine down to only a \$7000 fund raiser. Well, I am pleased to not only tell you that funds have started to arrive at the State Council, but an anonymous donor has committed to covering \$1000 per machine for the first 5 ultrasounds that the state raises money for. We are so blessed in this state to have such great Catholics. It is proven that mothers-to-be who are thinking of an abortion and who actually see their child in the womb via these ultrasound machines change their mind and keep their child through full term. Saving a life is all that we ask, right? So if the KC Ultrasound Initiative that our Order is supporting, through your Per Capita contribution, doesn't get your Council on the band wagon, you as an individual can send in your donation. All checks should be made payable to the MN KC State Council with the remarks/subject line on the check noted "Ultrasound Initiative."

It is appreciated that so many councils have sent in their Jim Campbell Scholarship and Pennies for Seminarians funds. As we reminded everyone at the beginning of the year and at various District Deputy meetings, funds for these and any other program must have checks payable to MN KC State Council and not the separate fund. New banking rules have forced me to hand endorse each check over to the only account that we have, MN KC State Council. The new banking rules do not allow me to deposit without making that change. So I smile as hand endorse over 500 checks this year but ask that you help me and make the checks payable to MN KC State Council. For the specific fund you wish to contribute to, please make a note in the remarks area of the check. And if you wish to split a contribution, noting it on the check will allow me to take a single check versus writing several to the MN KC State Council. So you see, there is a benefit to reading these articles.

I am writing this article prior to the State Convention in St. Cloud. There are a number of folks that it takes to put together 3 days of activities. This organization is incredible and without great people like you, we wouldn't be able to put such an event together. I hope you met at least one new fellow brother knight and that you commit to stay in touch with him over the coming months. There are so many wonderful ideas out there, so many ways to work and pray together, so many ways to benefit from membership (tons of insurance products is just one) and help complete the work of our Founder.

A Word of Gratitude



As the Year of the Priest comes to a close, we offer our sincere thanks to our Bishops, State Chaplains, Council Chaplains, and all Priests for your years of service to your Diocese, parish, community, and Knights of Columbus Councils. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for us.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Date Location 1st Degree 2nd Degree 3rd Degree Host DD Phone #

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 (DDxxMNKnights.org). To see a complete schedule of degrees, check the ceremonials web-site at kcddegreesmn@embarqspace.com.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who made the State Convention a success. Thank you to the host council, the State Staff, all members of the State Family that hosted hospitality rooms. Thanks too to the KC General Agents and the hotel staff. And a big thank you to all the councils that came and took part in your convention. Please let us know what to improve on for you next year.

Let's remember all of our fathers on June 20th, Father's Day. In the Year for Priests let's also remember the Fathers in our Parishes; Pray for them and say "Thank you Father" for being our Father. A special prayer for Father Colletti, our State Associate Chaplain as he travels to Rome on June 6th with our Supreme Officers and other State Chaplains from all over the Knights of Columbus Order, one from each jurisdiction for the closing of the Year for Priests in Rome.

Please welcome Fr. Thomas Foster as the Father Prior for the Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Squires Circle.

Fr. Tom has been the Father Prior for Circle #1 in Duluth since it came back on line several years ago. Fr. Tom was appointed to this position by former Bishop Roger Schwietz who is now Archbishop of the Diocese of Anchorage. It was at the Bishop's request that the Squires were restarted in the Duluth Diocese.

Thank you to Bishop Paul Sirba, Bishop of Duluth for lending Fr. Foster to the Squires.

Lets finish the fraternal year with a positive number again as we have the past years. Continue with 1st Degrees throughout the month of June. And please remember to mail the form 100s in ASAP.

Let Finish the Fraternal Year STRONG!!!

Thank you – Ricardo Acevedo, MN State Deputy



State Warden Tidbits

By: Ray Wojtysiak

I am at my computer up to my eyeballs in preparation for the State Convention and realized that I had a report due for the State newsletter. It certainly doesn't feel like it has been a year since I was elected to this office. My but does time fly when you are having a good time.

Tootsie Roll funds are coming in at about the same pace as last year, (this is good) so I am hoping that everyone has their reports along with the donations sent in to me by the time you read this article. If they are not, please jump on that task right away. Please make a note in your Council's report that the 3 part form **should** be sent in rather than copies. It adds a lot of extra work if plain copies are sent in. **Thanks!!** I would also suggest that more of you consider allocating a larger portion of the proceeds to the State Fall Bowling event. This event is growing and without additional funds we will not be able to continue to support that event to the extent that we are now. You are doing a great job of supporting the participants on a local level, but many of them really enjoy and look forward to the Fall Bowling event.

I hope your elections and installations of officers are proceeding on track. Keep in mind that it is essential to fill all of your Director positions as this is where your new officers should be being groomed. Just a reminder to be sure to send in the report on Officer and Program Personnel as required.

I anticipate that we had a fantastic time at the 2010 State Convention. A special thank you is in order to all who put great effort into making it an enjoyable time.

Time To Set New Goals

By: Robert Mathewson, State Program Director

I want to thank everyone that came to the MN State Convention. We celebrated a good year but most of all we kicked off the beginning of a greater new year. Let's take what we learned this year and build on it. A lot of expectations are placed on us and when you try, you can accomplish anything. Set your goals, both long term and short term goals. Make goals that require a challenge but that are achievable. Caring, working hard, and having Fun while working is a great start. Remember that as Knights, we do not take the summer off. Like all good people we keep working for our councils and churches, our families and the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. Work and celebrate together.



Check out our web-site:
www.mnknights.org



38th Annual K of C Over 30 Softball Tournament

All KC softball players over age 30 are encouraged to form a team and enter the Annual Over 30 Softball Tournament.

August 28-29, 2010
Sand Creek Park—Coon Rapids, MN
Host: Anoka Council #2018

Entry Fee: \$150.00 due by August 7, 2010.

Eligible players must be active KC members with membership cards to present at site or *each team may have up to **four pending** KC members and present completed **FORM 100** signed by their Council Financial Secretary. (Age requirements still apply.)

All roster players must be 30 years of age or older by 12-21-10—a total of 3 players per team may be 27 or older as of 12-31-10. Team roster must be submitted at site. All players must check in with photo ID, KC Card/Form 100.

There is a guarantee of **5** games per team.

A spaghetti dinner and social hour on Saturday will be held at the Anoka KC Hall after the games.

Mass will be said on Sunday at the fields.

If you have any questions, or want a registration form for a team, please contact Ray Danzl at 763-691-9632 or via e-mail at: mnksoftball@gmail.com.

KC Napkins Now Available

When your council puts on a spaghetti dinner or a pancake breakfast, what kind of napkins do you use? Are they from the local bank or insurance company? Why not advertise one of the greatest benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus, KC Insurance.

Knights of Columbus napkins are available in cases of 5400 napkins for \$125.00 plus shipping. Councils are encouraged to order for themselves or several councils could split a case. They also come in packages of 600 napkins for \$15.00 each, plus shipping. Delivery can be arranged in the metro area.

KC napkins are available for purchase by contacting Brother Knight Ken Schoenfelder at 320-485-4448 or schoenfelderkk@tds.net



Happy Father's Day

A BIG thank you to our KC Dads for your time and commitment to your KC Council, parish, and community. Enjoy your day!

