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Participate in KC State Convention

By: Ricardo Acevedo,
State Deputy

I encourage all councils to have two delegates at the 2010 Minnesota State Convention. This is your convention. As shareholders and delegates for the Minnesota State Convention you have a vote.

This is a great opportunity to share ideas with other councils and Brother Knights from around the State of Minnesota. This convention will have a more family focus. The host council plans to have a Children's Pizza Party and day care for those with young family members so that Parents can attend the Ladies Luncheon and the State Banquet. Please show this on the registration so that the host council can plan. We will also have an Adoration Chapel.

We are looking at some other possibilities like face painting, and youth activities with the hotel.

If you have any other suggestions that can make this a more enjoyable event, please e-mail your suggestions to your elected State Officers. We are here to serve you our brother Knights and support you in your membership and program projects. You are not alone.

Remember to also think about who you wish to elect as your delegates to the Annual Supreme Convention August 3-5, 2010. This year the convention will be in Washington D.C. This year the Convention will be wishing well to the Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson as he observes his 10th Year as our Supreme Knight.

"Come to Your State Convention!" See you May 14 - 16, 2010!



Year of the Priest

During this year of the Priest, councils should be planning a special celebration of thanks for their Bishop and parish priest(s) and recognize them in some manner. What are your plans?



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - Hope For Our Times

This year in response to the Holy Fathers decree of it being the year of the Priest, many Parishes started initiatives for additional prayers, Novenas, and Holy Hours for our Priests. On Sunday, May 2nd the Knights of Columbus Family has been asked to participate in the 63rd Annual May Day Family Rosary Procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of St. Paul. We have partnered with the World Apostolate of Fatima to make this year's event special for our Priests.

In 1947, Monsignor Doherty, the Director of Catholic action initiated, a public demonstration of prayer at the St. Paul Cathedral in response to the rise of communism in Eastern Europe. The success of the prayer service launched the May Day Family Rosary Procession and it continues to this day. The procession began with a public demonstration of prayer to counteract the communist display of military power on the first day of May in Red Square in Moscow. Today we also use this powerful Marian prayer of the rosary to strengthen family life. That is the reason the first Sunday of May was selected for a counter display of spiritual might to offset worldly forces.

We, as the Knights of Columbus since we stand in solidarity with our priests, have been asked to line John Ireland Blvd, from the State Capitol to the Cathedral with our membership. All Knights of Columbus members as their families are invited. We need about 1500 members to line both sides of the street. In order to make this event possible, all Councils who will be lining the street are asked to register prior to the event. Please wear your 4th Degree Tuxedo, if you have one otherwise please wear a KC hat, KC jacket, KC shirt, etc.

The Fourth degree will help with organizing the membership the day of the event. All Fourth degree members are asked to participate in the procession. The Honor Guard will lead and the membership in tuxedo will follow directly behind the Statue of Our Lady.

The Columbian Squires Color Guard will carry the Papal and American Flag. The Auxiliary will initiate a rose sale in their Parishes to help in promotion of the Procession. The roses will be carried in procession and given as an offering for the protection of our families, religious and priests.

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Knights & The Twins

By: Jim Burkhart,

What an exciting year this promises to be for the Knights of Columbus day with the Twins. The date is August 22, 2010 with the Twins playing the LA Angels in the new Target Field. What a perfect way to get a look at the new stadium, and enjoy a day having fun with families of the Knights of Columbus.

This year we have invited Archbishop Nienstedt and the other bishops from the state to celebrate the Mass. Three have confirmed that they will be there. I would like to ask each council to invite their Chaplain to the game as they could con-celebrate Mass and all clergy in attendance will be going on to the field for the pre-game ceremonies. What a great youth or family project this event could be for your council. As in the past, the youth will be involved in the Mass and, of course there will be door prizes for the youth.

So start making plans to come to Target Field on August 22, it is not too early (especially for the chaplains). Look for ticket information coming soon.

God bless each and every family!

Resolutions

All proposed resolutions are due to the State Advocate, Jim Terwedo, no later than March 5, 2010.



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

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENT

March 5, 2010—Resolutions due to State Advocate for Convention

March 25, 2010—KC Day of the Unborn Child

March 27, 2010—State Free Throw Competition

March 29, 2010—Founder's Day

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Secretary's Notes

By: Craig Larson, State Secretary

Thank you to all the councils that have sent in their Pennies for Seminarians and Jim Campbell Fund donations. Through today's mail I have received \$4532 for Pennies and \$2770 for Jim Campbell so we are off to a great start. In the past years we have been able to present checks of \$6000 per diocese from Pennies for Seminarians and about \$4000 per diocese from the Jim Campbell Fund. This helps the "bottom line" for their budgets but we could do so much more. Please think about increasing your donations to these two funds.

Another thank you to the councils that have already sent in their delegate credentials for the State Convention in May. This is a very busy time of the year for the state officers preparing for the convention and spreading out the workload makes it much easier.

As you see elsewhere in this edition of the *Knightly News*; Please make all checks (per capita, Pennies for Seminarians, Jim Campbell Fund) payable to MN State Council or Minnesota Knights of Columbus. We do not have separate accounts for Pennies or Campbell Funds and this creates a hassle to deposit the checks. Just put "Pennies" or "Campbell" on the memo line and we will do our very best to ensure that your council gets proper credit for the donations. Please contact me if you have any questions.

It's not too early to make your plans and reservations for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in Duluth and the State Convention in St Cloud. I hope to see all of you at either or both of these fraternal events.



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

Foundation Update

The Minnesota Knights Foundation was organized to establish a corpus of funds whereby the interest from such investments could be used to fund important activities of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus. The first and foremost objective is to fund activities such as Seminarians, Pro-Life, and Catholic Education. The second objective is to establish a matching grant program to aid local council in their fundraising/charitable activities. This second objective like the first helps the Knights of Columbus at both the State and Local levels in promoting our organization in our communities.

Last year was the first time the Foundation sponsored a state wide raffle. \$125,000.00 was raised with over \$60,000 given back to the local councils in sales commissions making this the largest local council fundraising effort in KC history. \$20,000 in prizes was given out last year with \$40,000 invested into the Knights Foundation.

This year we are conducting the raffle again and hoping to raise even more funds. The drawing will be held during the State Convention banquet in St Cloud.

If you have any questions regarding the Foundation or the State Raffle please contact State Advocate Jim Terwedo at stateadvocate@mnknights.org or at 952-492-2200.

Lenten Journey

By: Father David Maciej,
State Chaplain



The Church enters the Season of Lent, leading up to Easter, the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Often this is called the most holy time of the Church Year, and with good reason. The overall life of Jesus and our lives as well, are centered on the mystery of his death and resurrection. Each year this "springtime retreat" of the Church comes to help us renew our lives, turn away from sin, and realize once again that life itself draws its deepest meaning from Christ himself, and from his victory over sin and death.

Words like these are wonderful to meditate on. But when it comes to the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we once again realize that Lent can be difficult. And as for sin in our lives--especially those habits that may never seem to go away--we begin to see that the dying to self that is needed for resurrection can be messy and painful. Somehow, in the mystery of who we are as human beings, there's no rising without dying. Yet, Jesus says to us: I have gone this road before you. And I will be with you as you walk your own particular journey to my Father's kingdom. May we put our trust in him, and rely on his strength to carry us through those times when our human endurance is not sufficient for the road that we travel.

Program Forms

By: Robert Mathewson, State Program Director

Can you believe that we are already looking at the end of our fraternal year? Where has the time gone? How are you coming on meeting your goals for membership? Have you been working on the principles of our order, charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism? Have you and your council been striving in work hard and have fun? I certainly hope so. I would hate to think that we would let our brothers and sisters in Christ and Father McGivney down. It is a big job that we have under taken.. I thank you for doing so. It is hard to do good work, but it is rewarding.

Help the State and Supreme Council recognize all the hard work you have done. Please fill out all year-end forms and return them to me before the deadline of April 10th. We would like to give your council all the recognition it deserves; please help us do so.

Gear Up For Tootsie Roll Drive

By: Marc Peters, Dev. Disabilities Chairman

It's hard to believe that 30 years ago we did our first fund raiser drive for Developmental Disabilities. Many things have changed; it used to be called mental retardation back then. Just a few councils participated with the money going to just a few organizations. 30 years have passed. We have over 230 councils participating and the money is distributed to 150 different organizations plus many Special Olympics chapters, as well as the bowling tournament. But the basic concept is the same; pass out candy and ask for a donation.

The councils should be gearing up for this program. Candy orders were due in march 1. Now is the time to be finalizing plans for the sites. And you should be starting to put the call out for volunteers. Packets with report forms and the approved recipient list will be mailed out to the GK's of record in late March. Candy will be sent to the drop sites the first full week of April. Please follow the instructions in the packet and your council will have a successful event.

Food For Families

By: Joe Konrardy, State Treasurer



In November of 2009, the Order announced \$1Million in funds to support a new program called "Food for Families". With so many people unemployed or under employed of late, our nation's food banks are being pushed and pulled like never before. The Order announced a wonderful program where local volunteerism and food collections for local Food Banks are working together. Each State Council will be able to focus a portion of the \$1Million based on how each local Council performs.

In Minnesota, the State Council encourages each Council to hold a food drive between now and May 1. Your food drive can be held in conjunction with local businesses or other service groups. The issue is generating food and donations however you can to help those in need. Work with a high school or grade school class. Work with matching funds with a local business. Get creative and assertive in putting together a week long, a weekend or even just an after Mass event. I could see the scouts, both boys and girls, being brought into a Squire sponsored food drive. Or, the local grocery store, downtown association or some other business help create the push.

As an incentive for your work, there are 2 outcomes; 1) the Councils who participate and hold a food drive will earn all 4 of the "community" programs required for the Columbian Award with this one event. Documentation will be required which includes how many members, when, where, what and the number of families you helped. (Your local food shelf personal will assist with this if you ask). For more details, contact your District Deputy or visit www.kofc.org.

The 2nd outcome is where the State Council can participate based on all 260+ Councils. By your participation and reporting, we will receive a percentage of the \$1Million to carry on the food drive through donations back into food banks across the state.

Bottom line, no matter how small or large your drive is, just about everyone can donate a can of soup. By organizing your efforts, you get to achieve all of the requirements of the Community section towards the Columbian Award. And your state could help even further by you reporting your food drive. How much better can it get? I can't think a better way to honor our founder, Fr. McGivney, by helping those in need.

Auxiliary Notes

By: Margaret Hendricks,
Historian/Publicity

State Auxiliary Convention is on April 24, hosted by Minneapolis #435 at the Church of the Holy Name in Minneapolis. The theme is "Mary, Mother of God, Light of the Family." Remember to get your forms in by their deadlines.

State Board is need of a Secretary & 2nd Person on Audit. Pray about this. Contact Ann Aeschli-man at 6112-724-7016 if interested,

Volunte3e3r hour tally sheets are due.

Pray to end abortion this Lent with 40 Days for Life. Find out more at: www.40daysforlife.com.



EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD	Phone #
03/07/10	Bloomington Marian KC Hall	9:15 a.m./3827	11:00 a.m./Fr. John Deere	So. Suburban	Orville Fillbrandt	952-887-1218
03/07/10	Sts. Peter & Paul/Gilman	9:30 a.m./9261	11:00 a.m./Bishop Speltz	Metro	Robert Stay	320-387-2544
03/13/10	St. Mary's School/Sleepy Eye	9:30 a.m./1076	11:00 a.m./Bob Nichols	Columbus	Myron Seidl	507-439-6312
03/14/10	New Prague	10:00 a.m./2023	12 Noon/St. Ignatius	So. Suburban	Jim Mladek	507-364-5659
03/20/10	St. Peter's/N. St. Paul	8:30 .m./4145	10:30 a.m./Fr. John Deere	Metro	Mike Schilling	651-738-3626
03/21/10	Paynesville	10:00 a.m./3820	12 Noon/Bishop Speltz	Korzendorfer	LeRoy Schlangen	320-597-2080
03/21/10	Lourdes High Sch./Rochester	9:30 a.m./11460	11:00 a.m./St. Ignatius	So. Suburban	Jeff Bagniewski	507-884-1521
04/17/10	FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION — Duluth					
04/24/10	Cathedral School/Crookston	9:30 a.m./4619	11:30 a.m./Lourdes	Korzendorfer	Wayne Weber	218-281-6679

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 kcdegreesmn@embarqspace.com.



Fourth Degree Update

By: Tom Grinnell, District Master

My Brother Knights, the Fourth Degree Exemplification is approaching rapidly and your plans for attendance should be in place. However, if you are still on the edge let me encourage you to make the trip to Duluth; either as a candidate or as a Sir Knight to support the new inductees.

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn, 200 West First Street, Duluth. Rooms may be reserved by calling 218-722-1202. The drive in entry to the hotel takes you to the front door of the lobby and the spacious parking ramp. The hotel has had a face-lift making the rooms and suites very attractive. The Knights of Columbus have a **discounted room rate of \$100.91 including tax through March 26th**.

The Degree of Patriotism will be exemplified at noon in the Horizon Room of the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, (DECC) located at 350 Harbor Drive, three blocks from the host hotel. There is a skyway connecting the hotel to the DECC. The DECC has also constructed a parking ramp across the street from the main entrance. The cost of parking is \$4 for an all day pass, which entitles you to come and go as many times as desired for no additional cost.

The Exemplification Mass will be at 4:00 pm in the Lake Superior Ballroom of the DECC and the Welcome Banquet at 7:00 p.m. in the Harbor Side Ballroom on the third level of the DECC. The Harbor Side Ballroom is in a beautiful setting in the day as well as the evening overlooking the harbor and the famous draw bridge.

I hope you will join Bishop Sirba, members of the clergy, your State Officers, the Fourth Degree Team, Brother Sir Knights, candidates and their spouses in Duluth April 17th. Registration forms may be obtained on the website www.mnknights.org/4thdegree/Forms.htm

Lady Jan and I extend our best wishes to your and your families for a Happy St. Patrick's Day. May God bless you and may He continue to Bless America.

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Assembly time is at 1:30 pm at the State Capitol. Arrive a little earlier for better parking. The procession begins at 2 pm followed by a Holy Hour inside the Cathedral.

This event always occurs on the first Sunday in May. This year it is May 2nd.



State Warden Tidbits

By: Ray Wojtysiak

Have you checked your glass lately? I mean really checked it out. Is it half full, or half empty? Life is filled with many situations, obstacles and opportunities. It is up to us as to how we approach each of the opportunities that God has and will place before us each day. We will have a much more rewarding life if we approach life with a positive attitude, an 'I can', or 'we can' attitude. We will encounter people along our journey who will place obstacles in our paths. My mother told me many years ago that it is up to each of us as to whether we allow these obstacles to be stumbling blocks or whether we choose to use them as 'stepping stones'. I have found that using them as stepping stones has a much more positive effect on my life. How will you choose to use them?

How often have you heard of a new young recruit try to start a new program in his council only to be put down by one or more of the 'old guys'? Weren't all of our programs a new idea by someone at some point? Maybe the program sounds a lot like one we tried many years ago that didn't work, but maybe it wasn't the right time, or the right author. This may be the right time!

Is your council maturing? (the positive way of saying getting old) The spring membership blitz is coming up very fast. Now is the time to bring new men, young men and new ideas into our councils. We as Knights of Columbus have so much to offer our fellow Catholics. Let's give them the same opportunities that we have.

Have you checked your glass lately? Are you a stumbling block or a stepping stone?

KC form #1874 Prayer to Know My Vocation
Lord Jesus, up until now You have been quietly preparing me to be Your disciple. Now the time of preparation is ending. I seem to hear You say to me as You said once to Peter: "Will you also go away?" Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

I stand with Peter. Through prayer and counsel, show me, Lord, where it is in Your vineyard that You want me to serve. Then give me strength to be faithful.

Mary, Mother and Model, help me to respond in generous love to the call of your divine son. Amen

What do you plan to do in your discipleship?

**Have you recruited a Knight?
Why wait? Do so today!**

Minnesota K of C State Free Throw Competition



State Free Throw Competition

Saturday, March 27, 2010

8:30 a.m.—Registration

9:00 a.m.—Competition begins

John F. Kennedy Senior High School

Gymnasium A, B, & C

9701 Nicollet Avenue South

Bloomington, MN 55420

A free throw pizza party will be held after the competition, about noon. Prepaid registration for the pizza party is a must. This will be held in the John F. Kennedy Senior High School Lunchroom.

If you have any questions about the rules, competition, or pizza party, contact the State Free Throw Chairman Pat Nelson at: statefreethrowchairman@mnknights.org

Ceremonials Update

By: Dave Whatmuff, Ceremonials Chairman

Plans are under way for a First Degree Team competition ... regional this year, and we hope to have a State Finals next year. If you have a first degree team I encourage you to participate, and if you think your team is not quite ready for competition, come and observe! This also applies to any members who are interested in joining a team. Our hope is that this competition will result in an improvement in the general standard of first degrees ... we can all benefit from watching and competing against other teams.

My personal thanks to all those who work on exemplifications ... the teams and the host councils who work so hard to put on the major degrees and the council-level first degrees. These dedicated individuals provide an essential role in our order, without which the Knights of Columbus would cease to exist. They deserve the respect and gratitude of all brother Knights in the State of Minnesota!

Councils Take Note!

As your council prepares to donate to the Pennies for Seminarians and the Jim Campbell Fund please remember to make the check payable to **MN State Council**. Checks should NOT be payable to the separate funds. As has been stated before, please put "Pennies" or "Campbell Fund" on the memo line and we will make sure your council receives credit for the contribution. Lastly, please DO NOT make any check payable to an officer. (State Deputy/Secretary/Treasurer) Thank you for making it easier for everyone, including the folks at the bank!

Year of the Priest Prayer Service to be held at University of St. Thomas on March 8 at 5 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel celebrated by Bishop Lee Piche at 5:30 p.m. All brother Knights are welcome. This is sponsored by the University of St. Thomas Council. For more information, contact GK Paul Shovelain at: PJShovelain@stthomas.edu or at 763-245-2185. There will be an honor guard also.

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Leland King
Crystal #3656
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John J. Hanley
Epiphany #10138
Duane Jones
Faribault #889
George Voracek
Forest Lake #3657
John Waldoch
Grey Eagle/Swanville #14646
Harry H. Piekarski
International Falls #1540
Gerald Imhof
Ivanhoe #2912
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Janesville #8184
Fr. Sylvester Brown
Lake City #1865
Ervin Wiebusch
Miles Moyer
Jerry Roper
Millerville #1995
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Fund Raising for Youth Religious Education Really Works!

By John Schlagel, Chairman

Last year Immaculate Conception parish of Columbia Heights, MN did a Religious Education fundraiser using the Knights of Columbus new "pledge" program for the first time. They named it *The Bible Bowl* where participants had to answer questions about the Bible.

Participants solicited pledges for the Faith Formation program. Donors made pledges for every correct answer. Prizes were given for the most pledges, etc. Your council could use this format or choose another activity to help your church or community.

The Columbia Heights group set a goal of \$12,000 and they were able to raise nearly \$2500.00 in their first attempt. Though they didn't reach their goal, it was a great start and everyone had fun learning more about the Bible. They are making plans for a bigger and better program next year.

Grand Knights, the program really works, and it begins with you taking the first step!

To order your kit, contact me at 763-689-6301 or by e-mail at john@schlagel.org.



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Membership Notes

By: John Tanaka, State Membership Director

Why Did I Join The Knights of Columbus?

For the sense of community it brings. It's the belonging to a group of men with the same sense of caring for each other. We may have differences but we care about our Faith, our Families, our Community, the Church and Its rules of life. The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, and public works.

Why are we so concerned about membership growth?

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council in 1882 to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. We need to continue to add new members to remain a community of men dedicated to our Knights values. As members are lost it erodes our community and if our community erodes we lose interest in maintaining our values.

How do we maintain and build our membership?

We recruit new members. It seems simple, yet each year we struggle to find new members, to retain the members we have and to reactivate those we have lost because they have lost interest in our values. The very best way to recruit a new member, to keep members or bring lost members back, is to personally invite him to join the Knights. It is simple yet complex. What if I ask and he says NO WAY. Do I feel rejected, laughed at, or made to feel we don't stand up for a really good set of values? Jesus experienced rejection. He gave his life for us. Did he feel rejection? You bet.

Take Action Today.

Invited someone to be a member of this fantastic organization? Is there anything better available today? Does Facebook, Twitter, Blogs or other forms of fraternal clubs fulfill our need to belong? Superficially maybe! Its hard work being a Knight, our standards are high. That's what makes us so great. Don't let little things get in your way, invite your sons, son-in-laws, brothers, brother-in-laws, other family members, friends, bowling partners, hockey buddies, bosses, and best friends to join the Knights. **It feels really good when they say yes.**

Check this Out

Many of our past newsletters are available on our website: <http://www.mnknights.org>.
See below website for past issues of the Minnesota State Council Newsletters:
http://mnknights.org/2010/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=55

Also be sure and visit the Supreme website: <http://kofc.org/eb/en//index.html>