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### LESSONS FROM NATURE

Fishing is one of the most popular outdoors sports in the nation. Many KC's fish and many are very good at it. Some fishermen concentrate on bass, some on trout, musky or walleye and some on the little pan fish. **Membership recruitment can be a lot like fishing.** Some KC's are good at recruiting RCIA graduates and others have a way of being able to sign the recent high school graduate or their dad. Still others have a way of bringing former members back into the council. And then there are those who don't specialize and have the ability to "catch" members wherever they happen to be.

In order to catch fish, a fisherman must have knowledge and equipment. In order to sign a new member we must have knowledge about our council and also some knowledge about the State and Supreme Council. Our best piece of equipment is the Form 100. A Form 100 is like a fisherman's *without a rod and reel and you can't sign a* rod and reel. It is essential! ***You can't catch fish member without a Form 100. Carry it with you.***

Every fisherman knows that various types of fish prefer certain types of bait. You can't catch a pan fish on a sucker minnow and you won't catch a musky on a wax worm. A recent HS graduate will be interested in scholarships and student loans or in youth activities. A RCIA graduate will most likely be interested in church or community activities and a former member may want to know more about some of the social or fund raising activities of the council. Others may want to know what your council does to support vocations or oppose abortion. Be knowledgeable and as they say in trout fishing: "***match the hatch***".

Experts tell us that even on slow day's, 5-10% of a school of fish will bite on bait that has the proper presentation. Your fellow parishioners who are potential KC members are probably no different. But just as with fishing, you have to have the right presentation, the right equipment, the right bait and it has to be for the right fish. And **we are not talking about "catch and release"**. We want to take this catch home for our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

### KC Membership

By: Ken Ford, State Membership Director

This year has been one of the most exciting years for the Knights of Columbus, especially here in Minnesota. The work and planning for this year started last year in March when our State Deputy, Gene Hippe, put together his staff. He did this so that when July 1 came around, we could hit the ground running. That is what we have done. We have had some tremendous results with our program and membership staff working together. Ray and I have tried to emphasize the need for this unity. Programs drive membership and membership drives programs. They are really inseparable.

Our membership staff and degree teams have done some amazing work. We currently have 44,036 members (as of 4/12) which is 70.68% of our goal for the state. This is the first year in a very long time that we, as a state, have the opportunity of meeting our membership goal and obtaining the Circle of Honor. However, we need your help. We can't stop now. We need to get as many new members as we can into the First Degree by June 20. Please do not hold over any potential new members. If you have a signed Form 100, get them to a degree as soon as possible. If you don't have a degree team in your area, then please contact me, and I will help you with the degree.

This year at the State Convention we will conduct a First Degree. The schedule as of right now is to have the degree on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. We'll be using the new format and have baldrics. If you can bring any candidates, please contact me. If necessary, they can be read prior to the degree starting.

Please work on your suspensions. Do everything to keep from suspending anyone. We go to a lot of work to get new members; now let put that much effort into keeping them. Contact everyone in person and have them sign the form that they are aware of the benefits that they are losing if they leave the Order. It's very easy to day no over the phone. A personal visit is suppose to be made.

This is a great time to be a Knight of Columbus in Minnesota. We can be proud of our accomplishments, but we have more we can do.

If you need help, please call or e-mail me. I'll do everything possible to help

125%

Have you met our State Chaplain's challenge of 125% for membership?



Check out our web-site:

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### Invest In Our Seminarians

Our church needs priests and it all begins at home with family. But once a young man believes he is called to become a priest, he has a long and expensive journey ahead of him. His education cost will range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year. Ours six Minnesota Dioceses have **54 young men studying at the college level and 65 at the theology level.** At \$30,000 a year for each of them, the cost totals \$3,570,000. Our Pennies for Seminarians donations are only enough to cover the expenses for one of these students. **We need to increase our donations.**

### FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- May 16-18, 2008—State Convention, Willmar
- May 26, 2008—Memorial Day
- June 14, 2008—Flag Day
- June 15, 2008—Father's Day
- June 30, 2008—Columbian Award Application Due (Form SP-7) & RSVP Application Due (Form #2863)
- July 1, 2008—New Fraternal Year Begins

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### “Little Engine That Could”

By: Gene Hippe, State Deputy

Do you remember that childhood story about the little train engine with the heavy load that had to cross a steep mountain? The little train had the courage and determination to tell itself that it could accomplish the task in front of it. It kept saying over and over again, **I think I can, I think I can ..... and it did!**

A couple of times in the last 17 years our membership train almost got over that mountain but then we ran out of fuel and coasted further back. This time we need every council, every DD and every leader in each of our 257 councils to throw some fuel into that little engine. Every key leader should have recruited at least one or more members by now and be on the Supreme Very Important Proposer list which will soon be published again.

Remember, for each member signed or reinstated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, Supreme will send you one of those beautiful bronze medallions with the image of the Pope on one side and the KC emblem on the other. This is the only year they plan to distribute the medallions. As of the writing of this article, we are over 85% of the way to the top of the mountain to meet our state membership goal. If your council doesn't have a 1<sup>st</sup> degree team, ask a neighboring council to do a 1<sup>st</sup> degree for you. Be positive and join me in saying **I know we can, I know we can ..... and we will!**

### Respect Life

Usually people do not applaud during a homily but Gloria and I joined 57,100 others in applauding our Holy Father during his homily at Yankee Stadium. Why? He had just called for respect for *“the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother’s womb.”* Last year the design of the KC pin for the state had a rosary encircling the message STOP ABORTION. This year the pin will differ only slightly and will contain the message RESPECT LIFE. Over 1 million babies were aborted last year in the USA and almost 14,000 in Minnesota. We must support the Holy Father and the teaching of the church on this issue. Several councils have asked about ordering pins for their own councils. The cost will be under \$1 each if you order 50 or more. Contact me, your State Deputy, at [ghippe@charter.net](mailto:ghippe@charter.net) and place your order.

### Thank You

More council's are qualifying for awards this year than for many years and councils are actively recruiting new members. This is a testimony to our State Program Director, Ray Wojtysiak; State Membership Director, Ken Ford; and their State Staff and all the DD's and GK's who have been doing such an excellent job. As the year comes to an end, let's keep the momentum going and finish with many more councils qualifying for a Star Council Award. As your State Deputy, I thank you on behalf of the State Council.

### Pray For Vocations

By: Fr. Joe Richards  
State Chaplain

Spring is finally here - after a long winter. It was indeed a great winter for those who enjoy winter sports.

Our State Convention is here. This is a great time for us to gather as Brother Knights and celebrate our great Order. I hope and pray that you will be able to attend this wonderful event.

On Saturday, May 17, our Diocese will be ordaining six men as permanent deacons. These men, most of whom are Knights, have been preparing over the past five years through prayer and study to commit themselves to Christ and His church in this way. What a gift they will be to the Diocese of Crookston and the parishes in which they will serve. One of the men being ordained is a good friend of mine and will be assigned to one of my parishes. As a parish family we are very excited, and we celebrate and rejoice with him, his wife, and his daughters. As I reflect on his journey, it is once again a reminder to me of the importance of praying for vocations. We need priests - there is no doubt about it. We also need men to be permanent deacons to assist the priests at the altar as well as in the life of the parish. Please continue to pray for vocations.

How are you doing on your 125% goal for increased membership? I hope that you are all working hard to encourage men to join our ranks.

I pray that our Convention will be filled with God's grace and peace. I look forward to being with all of you this one last time (my term as State Chaplain ends June 30th).

### Financial Secretary Reminder

By: Craig Larson,  
State Treasurer

As we come to the end of the fraternal year we are trying to ensure that we make our quotas or get things in by the deadline.

One VERY IMPORTANT thing that needs to be done all year is to send in Form 100's immediately after a new member takes his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Remember, a new knight doesn't receive his fraternal benefits and your council doesn't add him to your roster until his form is processed at the Supreme office. Don't wait until you have a few more to send in, do it right away.

How would you feel if his benefits became needed and the form was in your briefcase?

### WANTED:

1<sup>st</sup> degree candidates for Friday, May 16 from 7:30-8:15 PM at the State Convention.

### KC Email System

By: Joe Konrardy,  
State Warden

Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies... Have you logged into your KC email system yet? If you have, thank you! If not, here are a few “tricks of the trade.”

Your user name in the MN KC Email system is always your full KC email address. If you are a Financial Secretary, your email address will start with “fs” followed by 5 digits which equal your Council number. An example for Council 123 would be “fs00123” by adding 0s in front of your 3 or 4 digit Council number. All Email addresses end with “@mnknights.org”. For a Grand Knight, your Email address and User Name is “gk00123@mnknights.org” just like your E,ail address.

District Deputy Email addresses and User names are the same except the District number is always 2 digits. For District #2, for example, the User Names and Email address are dd102@mnknights.org.

The initial password can not be visible here so you will need to send me a note via email in order to obtain. We just can't have it published here or even on the web-site. I'm rather quick in responding, so it won't take too long to get it. Or you can call me at 952-472-0596 and I'll tell you over the phone.

For those who do not have email at home, please find an alternate who is willing to receive your email and provide a printed copy or call you to tell you about what is in the email. Our system was established to support this method of communications. It's very important that you identify this person and get them set up to be your “messenger” and assist in our communications. I would suggest that you pick another member from your Council.

Feel free to contact me with any questions at [statewarden@mnknights.org](mailto:statewarden@mnknights.org).

See you at our State Convention!



Spring has sprung!  
Time to plant the seeds!  
New Life has begun!  
Give thanks to God indeed!

### May Grand Knights Things to Do

- Schedule and hold a First Degree
- Send Delegates/Attend State Convention
- Prepare Slate/Elect Council Officers
- Send in Form 185 right after Election
- Send Cashier's Check for Tootsie Roll Funds ASAP
- Distribute MR Checks to recipients immediately
- Recruit High School Graduates
- Remember your Mom
- Observe Memorial Day

## EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Saturday	05/03/08	Rosemount	5569	Dist. 32	Columbus	Peter Kay	651-423-5225
Sunday	06/01/08	St. Michael	11941	Dist. 19	Metro	Cory Summer (GK)	763-497-5399
Saturday	06/22/08	Hibbing	1640	Dist. 51	Korzendorfer	Kurt Schneider	218-749-4690

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](http://www.mnknights.org/schedules)



### Fourth Degree News

By: Tom Grinnell,  
District Master

May is a busy month for councils and assemblies with their nominations and elections. It is the start of the transition and passing the gavel from the old administration to the new. It should be an exciting time for newly elected Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators as they reflect on their goals and incorporate their new ideas into a plan for a successful year. There can be and should be a lot of preparation before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

This past month I was notified by the Supreme Office of the new Knights of Columbus Council #14460 started in Kasson, MN. I was directed to assign this council to an assembly. Yes, each council is assigned to an assembly for the benefit of both. May I suggest when you consider your committee chairman appointments you include a council or assembly liaison that will attend both the council and assembly meetings to report the activities. Grand Knights should consider receiving a report from their assembly representative at every meeting and likewise Faithful Navigators should request a report on activities from each council representative within their assembly. Interaction is informative, creates interest, and promotes membership.

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. Many assemblies will be asked to participate in memorial services and ceremonies at churches and cemeteries. Please make every effort to honor these requests to pay tribute to the men and women that have afforded this great country with its liberty.

May God bless all of you in your efforts to build his kingdom and may He continue to bless America.



### Auxiliary News

By: Margaret Hendricks,  
Historian/Publicity

Happy Mother's Day to all Mother's and mother's-to-be. Thank you for choosing life.

Have you thought about being on the Auxiliary Board? We are always looking for energetic ladies to assume leadership positions with the State Auxiliary. Think about joining the Board. Remember, if you have any questions, contact any Board member. All Board members are listed in your convention book.

Details of the State Convention next time.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!!

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director

Thanks to the Regional Geographical Coordinators, District Deputies, and Grand Knights who have worked so diligently to make this year a huge success for our programs. I am proud to report the number of councils that submitted their End of Year report and thus completed the requirements for non-competition awards increased by approximately 20% over last year, and the number of councils achieving the STATE OFFICERS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE nearly doubled. I look forward to greeting all of you at the convention!

However, there is room for improvement. A sizeable number of councils missed qualifying for the non-competition awards simply because the required forms were not filed and/or they did not recruit any new members. These are things that we can be in control of. I am looking forward to helping present some training for Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries at the convention. We are hoping this will be helpful to many of you.

Speaking of membership, there still is time to bring in new members to help meet the requirements for STAR COUNCIL, and the best part of it all is that you will have a jump start for non-competition awards for next year. How much better can it get.

The State Camporee Committee is looking for a council to host the 2009 Camporee. Check with Dan and Jan Gerold @ 952-445-1652 for further details if you feel your council would be interested in bringing the Camporee to your area. They will be at the State Convention.

Remember to file the form SP-7, Columbian Award by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008. The form you filled out for overall programs is similar, but is not the same. This form should be sent to Supreme and a copy to the State Deputy. Which reminds me to apologize for the date mistakes on the End of Year Questionnaire. I am sorry my proofreader (me) didn't catch the typed dates for the 185 and 365, which should have been 2007. Thanks for understanding this is a monumental task for a Pollock.

Remember to keep in mind that God Loves You, and also, impatience is only a scratch away from anger. THINK ABOUT IT!!

## M-R Drive

By: Marc Peters

Once again the councils have come through. You have passed out candy and collected the donations. The aprons and buckets have been put away for another year. BUT before we pat each other on the back, let's complete the job!

As you read this, the money should be counted, sent to the bank, and a money order drawn on the full amount. The report should be made out following the instructions and be ready to send, if not sent already. The **deadline** date is **May 10, 2008**. Deadline means the last day it can be sent in. There is absolutely no reason this cannot be accomplished. The tootsie roll company wants their money and the organizations want their donations. The money you collected doesn't belong to the council; let's get it to where it belongs. Last year it took until October to get the reports that were due in May. As Grand Knight, YOU are responsible for your council. As District Deputy, YOU are responsible for your council's.

Working together we can get this done in a very timely fashion. Then we can say "good job" and pat ourselves on the back, because it will be well deserved.

## State Free Throw Winners

By: Terry England, State Free Throw Director

### Girls

Age 10	Noelle Longworthy	Pine Island
Age 11	Elizabeth Their	Adrian
Age 12	Shelby Stewart	Rochester
Age 13	Jessica Bush	Sleepy Eye
Age 14	Andria Schlangen	Belgrade



### Boys

Age 10	Will Curoe	Eagan
Age 11	Marcus Hahn	Hutchinson
Age 12	Jake Scott	Little Falls
Age 13	Michael Forster	Fairmont
Age 14	Ted Mohr	New Ulm

## Papal Medallion

Supreme wants to send you a free 1 3/4 inch bronze medallion with the Popes image on one side and the KC emblem on the other. This offer is good thru June 30<sup>th</sup>. To qualify, sign a new member or reactivate a former member and have your FS send Supreme a signed form 100 with your name and membership number.

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## RELEVANT RADIO AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A Partnership for Growth

On March 1, 2008, the agents of the Twin Cities Metro Robinson Agency of the Knights of Columbus Insurance entered into an advertising agreement with Relevant Radio, an all-Catholic programming AM radio station that broadcasts over the Twin Cities and beyond. The aim of this partnership is to increase visibility of the good works of Knights of Columbus wherever the Relevant Radio's signal can be heard.

The genesis of our advertising campaign on Relevant Radio was the result of many hours of brainstorming in the Robinson Agency on how best to make the works of the Knights of Columbus more visible. Knowing that we are in a period of stagnation in overall membership growth, we felt a need to help our fraternal brothers in their recruiting activities. What better way to help "get the word out" than to advertise in a popular Catholic forum the value of belonging to the Order? After much negotiation, we unanimously agreed as an agency to enter into a year long commitment with Catholic Relevant Radio.

Our first goal, we decided, is to focus on membership growth. So far over 200 thirty second professionally created advertisements have been aired promoting the KC's as a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization committed to church and community. Many members have already acknowledged hearing our ads on the radio and are excited that we are helping them promote membership. In addition, we have negotiated for a monthly 30 minute interview program in which we will showcase the charitable activities of individual councils. On top of that, we will be co-hosting four Lifestyle Expos this year. These Expos will give us additional exposure as a vibrant Catholic organization. The first of these is April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Mall of America in Bloomington.

None of this comes cheap. The agents of the Robinson Agency are mutually funding this endeavor with no outside financial assistance. It is our love for the Order, and our desire to help our councils cultivate new members while retaining existing members, that is our driving force. The next time you are in the car, tune to Relevant Radio at 1330 on the AM dial, and encourage your fellow Catholics to do the same. Additionally, council officers and members should take this opportunity to capitalize on this radio advertising campaign by asking more families to join the Order. Perhaps that prospective member or his wife heard about the Knights of Columbus on Relevant Radio and have a new and fresh perspective of us. Perhaps that family is ready to join!

For more information about our partnership with Relevant Radio, contact Dale Robinson, General Agent, at 651-757-4400 or email him at [dale.robinson@knightsofcolumbuslife.com](mailto:dale.robinson@knightsofcolumbuslife.com)

### Is Average Ok?

There are 72 KC jurisdictions in the Supreme organization. Every year each is given a membership growth goal. So far this year, there are 36 that have a higher rate of growth and 35 that are growing slower than Minnesota. Supreme anticipates that 1/2 of the states will meet their membership quota. If each council will add 1-2 more members, we can reach 100% of goal. Mexico Central is at 193.3 %, New Mexico is 162.5%, Georgia is 130.7% and So. Carolina is 120.2%. Let's join them and be above average.

## IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED



For these we pray:

Albany #3628  
 Hugo J. Kuhl  
 Blaine/Coon Rapids #5141  
 Milton J. Rheault  
 "Rev." John E. Mitchell  
 Bloomington #3827  
 Anthony E. Breczinski  
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 Alden E. Schlagel  
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 Gilbert S. Sandin  
 Blue Earth #1836  
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 Cold Spring #5344  
 Clifford B. Schlangen  
 Mathias R. Koltjes  
 Crystal #3656  
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 Donald L. Moss  
 Walter L. Tiffin  
 Detroit Lakes #3166  
 Jules M. Jennen, Jr.  
 Duluth #6783  
 Clemence Pasek  
 Eagan #7604  
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 Farmington #2400  
 Robert C. Speight  
 Hopkins #2232  
 Raymond W. Lubbers  
 Jordan #3759  
 Roman R. Radermacher  
 Long Lake #12293  
 Victor N. Stein  
 Raymond E. Weir  
 Howard Stark  
 Madison #6503

Alfred L. Kallhoff  
 Mora #5078  
 James R. Dwyer  
 Osseo/Maple Grove #9139  
 Harold M. Homan  
 Pierz #3923  
 Jerome J. Stangl  
 Gary C. Anderson  
 Plainview #1781  
 Deane C. Hassig  
 Rosemount #5569  
 Harry B. Karnick  
 Sauk Centre #4863  
 Alfred Enneking  
 Slayton #2587  
 John M. Maciolek  
 Sleep Eye #3134  
 Herbert F. Fischer  
 St. Cloud #961  
 Albert C. Brixius  
 Virginia #1640  
 Edward G. Poupard  
 Anteo J. Bocchi  
 Waverly #1556  
 William D. Zaske  
 West St. Paul #4184  
 Stanley Franson

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

### Keep Those Checks Coming

By: Ricardo Acevedo, State Treasurer

It is that time of year again, Our Annual State Convention. I am looking forward to seeing all the council delegates at this years Convention in Willmar. Each year we print out checks for the Councils and then we have to void out so many because no one from your council attended the State Convention. I hope you have someone from your council coming. **THIS IS YOUR CONVENTION!!!** – Come and enjoy it.

It is so great to see the checks for the Pennies for Seminarians and Jim Campbell Religious Scholarship Fund coming in. If you did not write a check for both programs please do so ASAP. Both funds are very important. I have seen the Jim Campbell Fund used by Diocese to fund very important continuing education for Clergy and also use the fund to help persons in the Deaconate Programs. All six Dioceses are very thankful for the Pennies for Seminarian checks that we present to them each year as a result of your great generosity. We have been so far able to present a check for \$6000 to each of our six Dioceses each year. We wish we could present more. It all depends on your contributions. We also have been able to present each of the six Dioceses with a check for \$4000 each year. We could present more if you increase your council contributions. Total from both programs The Knights of Columbus in the State of Minnesota contribute \$60,000 each year. See how the pennies add up.

Thank you all for your continued support for these two very important programs.



### Future 4th Degree Exemplifications

October 25, 2008—Willmar, MN  
 April 18, 2009—Brooklyn Park