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Respect For Life October 2010 "The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure"

By: Father Richard Colletti, State Chaplain

Respect Life Sunday this year will be celebrated on October 3. The theme of this year's program is "The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure" to remind us that in caring for others, we must never withhold the compassionate care they deserve as our fellow human beings. As Knights and members of the Catholic Church, we proclaim that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Throughout this Respect Life month we can participate and promote many of the activities that are part of the US Bishops' Respect Life program which you can find on the USCCB WEB Site (www.usccb.org/prolife) and also on our own Knights of Columbus WEB Site. One annual Respect Life Sunday event in many of our communities is the Life Chain. The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witnessing against abortion and for greater respect for all human life. On Sunday afternoon from 2 pm to 3 pm we gather to peacefully pray and bear witness to our stand against abortion. More than 900 cities in the United States and Canada participate in the Life Chain. Official Life Chain posters are usually available on site. Check you parish bulletin or WEB Site for specific information in your community.

Once again this Respect Life month, we can reflect on the words of Pope John Paul II's landmark encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, No. 100: "In this great endeavor to create a new culture of life we are inspired and sustained by the confidence that comes from knowing that the Gospel of life, like the Kingdom of God itself, is growing and producing abundant fruit (cf. Mk 4:26-29). There is certainly an enormous disparity between the powerful resources available to the forces promoting the "culture of death" and the means at the disposal of those working for a "culture of life and love". But we know that we can rely on the help of God, for whom nothing is impossible (cf. Mt 19:26). As Catholics, Knights of Columbus have the responsibility to "embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and a privilege, but as an opportunity to participate in building the culture of life.

Knights Defend Pledge of Allegiance Once Again

(This article is from the www.kofc.org website please check for more information)

Sept 20, 2010

The Knights of Columbus continued its bi-coastal legal defense of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance during oral arguments before the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston on September 9. The Order also filed written arguments.

Brother Knight Kevin Hasson, President of The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm in Washington, D.C., once again represented the Order in oral arguments before an appellate court panel, as he had in San Francisco in November 2007 before a panel of the Ninth Circuit. The Knights of Columbus won the California case in March 2010.

In each case, the Knights of Columbus asked the court to become a "defendant intervener," allowing the Order to participate directly as a party to the case, rather than simply filing a "friend of the court" brief.

The East Coast lawsuit, *Freedom from Religion Foundation v. United States*, had been filed in federal district court in New Hampshire in 2007. The Knights of Columbus scored a victory when the New Hampshire district court ruled that the Pledge was constitutional in 2009, and the Freedom from Religion Foundation appealed the decision.

Atheist Michael Newdow, the attorney in both the California and New Hampshire cases, appealed the New Hampshire case and is asking the Ninth Circuit for a rehearing by the full appeals court.

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What is Your Vision?

By: Ricardo Acevedo, State Deputy

Brother Knights and Ladies; What an opportunity we have to be members of an order that is accomplishing extraordinary things as Knights of Columbus, of active service to Church, Family and Community. What an additional honor it is to be an officer or program director leading our councils during this year. I know your state officers and ladies consider this a singular honor and are committed to making this year a most successful one. For the men who are Knights of Columbus, we offer an opportunity for so deepening the practice of our faith, that charity becomes such a part of our nature that we may truly say, "I Am My Brother's Keeper."

As we work together this year, it is important to keep our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney in mind. When we have decisions to make perhaps asking the question "What Would Father McGivney Do?" will help us to remember the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism during our decision making process.

Yes, we have goals intended to make us strive to be all we can be. At this time in our history, we have a chance to be part of 128 years of that "Experience of a Life Time". Each of us is here for a reason and purpose. We are called to act on the great issues of our time. It is up to us to decide what legacy we will leave

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Future Meetings & Events

- October 9, 2010—State Soccer Challenge
- October 10, 2010—Suspension of Council for Nonpayment of Supreme Council Assessments
- October 11, 2010—Columbus Day
- October 23, 2010—4th Degree Exemplification @ Owatonna
- November 12-14, 2010—Special Olympics Fall Classic
- December 3-5, 2010—Midwinter Meeting @ Bloomington

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Supreme Knight's Top Ten

When the state deputies are in New Haven for their organizational meeting, I review with them my "10 Keys to Success." I believe that these keys are as important to grand knights and district deputies as they are to state deputies. I outline them here:

- Be Membership-Growth Oriented 365 Days a Year.** Every activity your council undertakes should be geared to membership growth.
- Establish Long-Term Goals for Growth.** "Long term" should be at least five years.
- Create Team-Oriented Council Officers.** Work as a team toward a common goal, whether it be a service project or a recruitment target.
- Maintain a Positive Attitude and Communicate It.** You must instill a positive attitude – "The best is yet to come" ... "This year can be better than last year, and next year will be even better than now."
- Focus on Youth and Youthful Leadership.** Conduct programs that attract younger men and their families, such as our free-throw program and soccer challenge.
- Take Advantage of Leadership Training Programs.** The Supreme Council and your state council want – need – you to succeed. Attend grand knight training seminars, state meeting and functions.
- Establish Accountability.** Be accountable to your fellow officers, your chaplain and to your members. Give them direction and let them know what you expect of them.
- Have and Communicate Clear Priorities.** Repeat them often at meetings, in newsletters, via e-mail or in other regular correspondence with your officers and members.
- Be Open to Change.** Constantly assess your performance and adjust your program to meet overall goals.
- Use Your District Deputy.** He is an invaluable resource to you and your fellow officers

Vivat Jesu!
Carl A Anderson

Grand Knight Seminars Being Planned

By: James Burkhart, State Membership Director

Hope everyone had a good Summer and fun at the State Fair.

The year has started with the RMC making arrangements for your Grand Knights seminar. So far it has been a very successful. I do encourage you to attend one of these because it will help you and your council.

The New Council Chairman has been very busy as we have seen or are going to see seven parish priests in order to start new councils. We did have a very good recruiting drive the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of August at the Church of the Assumption. (Spanish Council) Several others are scheduled in the up-coming months.

I have not heard from any of the councils about any major degrees or 1st Degrees. Remember, your district should have a first degree every month. Remember your goals and make plans to achieve those goals. Please e-mail me at jfburkhart@comcast.net

St. Michael's Medal

Do you have a family member or friend serving in the military? Did you know that you can request a St. Michael Medal to be sent to them from our State Chaplain? There is no cost to you or the military service person. And the military person does not need to be a Knight of Columbus.

All you need to do is send the name of the person in the military, their rank, branch of service, and address to State Chaplain, Father Richard Colletti. He will send the medal directly to the serviceman/woman along with a Holy Card and the prayers of the Knights of Columbus in Minnesota.

Of course prayers from our Minnesota Knights' families are very important to our military men and women. Continue to pray for them and their safety.

Please send your request to: Father Richard Colletti, State Chaplain, 360 Main Street, Winona, MN 55987.

KC Facts and Figures

By: Craig Larson, State Secretary



We all know of the many wonderful projects that are conducted every week of every month right here in Minnesota. Whether it is raising money for a worthy cause or helping to make someone's life easier, countless people have benefitted over the years from the efforts of the dedicated Minnesota knights. Here are some things you may not know about your Knights of Columbus membership.

Did you know that in the fraternal year 2009/2010 KC organizations all around the globe donated over \$151 million dollars to charity, or that over the past decade we/you have donated \$1,367,764,509?

Did you know that in 2009 the Supreme Council donated \$6.7 million the Pope and the Vatican? Or that the KC's donated another \$12 million to other Church programs? How about the \$12.5 million donated to Community and youth programs? All totaled, the Supreme Council donated \$34,627,896, State and local councils, assemblies, auxiliaries and circles donated \$116,477,971 which set another record.

Did you know that this past fraternal year KC's order-wide volunteered 69,251,926 hours or that over the past decade 639,854,407 hours have been given to our churches, families, communities, youth and our brothers and sisters in need? It is estimated that the value of an hour of service is \$20.85. That means that last year we/you gave over \$1.4 billion of work and that over the past ten years those hours total over \$11.6 billion.

Did you know that you are now part of an organization with over 1.8 million members? Not too many years ago membership stood at 1.5 million. The Knights of Columbus is one of the few fraternal organizations that are growing in membership.

Did you know that you are a member of #929 of the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest corporations? In 2009 KC insurance grew by 13%, even as the industry as a whole was shrinking by 5%. As of Aug 1 over \$77 billion of insurance was in force which has nearly doubled in the past 10 years. KC insurance continues to receive the highest ratings from the industry's rating companies.

Did you know that the Supreme Council is paying for prosthetic limbs for every child in Haiti who suffered life-changing injuries in the devastating earthquakes? Or that countless wheelchairs have been given to needy people in many countries by the knights?

So, when someone asks "Why should I join the KC's?" the answer is "Why not?" It's great to be a Knight!

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especially in this the 128th year of the Order.

At the recent Supreme Convention in Washington D.C., there was good news. As of June 30th, the membership in Our Order reached 1,808,671. This represents a net gain of 23,278 over the past year. It is the 39th consecutive year in which our membership has grown. We added 286 new councils in the Order during the past fraternal year, and we now have 13,957 active councils around the world, 266 councils in Minnesota. The number of Round Tables has grown to 4,326, and both are all-time records. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said if we are to meet and exceed that potential, we must do everything in our power to bring every eligible Catholic man into our ranks. Membership growth is an absolute essential part of our mission. For 128 years, the Knights of Columbus has led by its example of charity in many areas. People witness our example every day as Knights who help their neighbors in thousands of communities around the world.

Here in Minnesota we have 44,094 members. Just think what we could do with 50,000 members. Over 25% of the population in Minnesota is Catholic and growing. Based on Diocese Directory info there are about 406,587 Catholic families in Minnesota. We must continue to grow with the Catholic Church. Our seven Bishops want us to grow. Each member and their spouse must continue to ask every Catholic male over the age of 18 to join us. We have about 90 parishes in Minnesota that do not have any connection with a KC council in Minnesota. We could have many more Knights of Columbus Councils in Minnesota. Do you know of a church that could use a new KC Council, Squire Circle, or Ladies Auxiliary? Help us start one NOW! The State Membership and Program Staff are here to help you just ask! Together we can make a difference in the World of Life!

Our work continues. Our mission continues. Father McGivney's vision continues. Vision; is not seeing things as they are, but as they will be.

Viva Our Lady of Guadalupe!



Odds & Ends

By: Joe Konrardy, State Treasurer



Recently, we received another \$150.00 donation to the Ultra sound Fund from one of our Councils. The Ultra-sound Fund is fast approaching \$10,000.00. We are working through the approval process for our first machine placement and the matching funds from Supreme. Once finalized, an update will be announced.

A quick reminder on checks sent to the State Council require that they be made payable only to the "Minnesota State Council". Recent banking rules require that checks be made payable to our only account. Anything else causes challenges and may need to be returned for correction. Checks for the Ultrasound Fund need to be made payable to Minnesota State Council. Same goes for per Capita, Christopher Fund as well as Jim Campbell Fund. The only exception is the Tootsie Roll Drive funds. Follow the instructions including the money order or cashier check process when handling those funds.

A few months back, I had requested help to move our state archives. Brother David Stanik came forward and offered to assist with a trailer to move all the items. PSD Phil Harter drove down to Mankato and helped supervise the removal of all items from the school classroom. He also helped with the unloading. A large group of brother knights from White Bear Lake council assisted with the unloading. The archives have now a new home in the McGivney Building in White Bear Lake. The next step will be to organize and sort before converting them to digital format. You will be kept posted on the progress. Thank you Dale Robinson Agency. Brother Dale owns the McGivney Building and has worked with the State Council for special arrangements to be the new archive site. Thank you to all who helped with this transfer of our fond memories!

How has your recruiting for new members going? I was copied on a note about a major degree up in the northern part of our state. White Bear Lake told me they had almost 10 new members already for this year. Plans are under way to hold a major degree at the Cathedral on October 2. Feels like growth everywhere in the Order. Hope you have already started as well!

All Saints and All Souls Days will be upon us very soon. An idea I have always had has been that every Council in the state holds a "Unity" Sunday. As many members and their families show up for Mass and sit together in "Unity" of the Order. A rosary is said prior to Mass for our beloved departed brothers. The 2nd Sunday of the month of November would be a good time to do such. It would be nice to start that tradition now, wouldn't it??

Honorary and Honorary Life Membership

By: Jim Kelly, State Retention Chairman

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you are entitled to a number of incentives to enliven your life with the knights. Besides an excellent insurance program and many other benefits of membership there is, in particular, the honorary and honorary life benefit.

Little may not be mentioned at council meetings about these benefits nor little ever said when you first joined the knights, but the Order does reward those who consistently paid their dues over the years in the Knights of Columbus.

After 25 years of continuous service, at the age of 65, a member merits the designation of honorary member and need only make a \$10 per year council dues payment.

After 25 years of continuous service, at the age of 70 (or 50 years of continuous membership), a member merits the distinction of honorary life membership and no longer needs to pay council dues.

To initiate your status as an honorary member you must fill out a Form 100 and submit it to your grand knight, who in turn, signs it and delivers it to the financial secretary to verify. He then signs it and sends it to supreme. When you reach age 70, you must again submit a Form 100 for honorary life membership. It is not automatic!

You shall receive an honorary or honorary life membership card through your council. However, this card is not honored at entrance to any council meetings or ceremonials. Your financial secretary must still continue to issue a regular membership card even though you may not be paying dues.

If you're not sure how many years of service you have with the Order check with your financial secretary.

Grand knights should not forget the honorary and honorary life ceremonial when issuing the members' card which can be found on page 55 of the Grand Knight's Handbook.



Don't forget to visit our web-site at:

www.mnknights.org

State Warden Tidbits

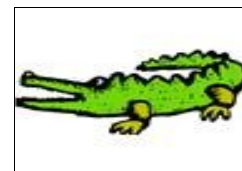
By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Warden



My Brother Knights, we have already reached the beginning of the second quarter of our fraternal year. I am sure that you have been busy with the normal everyday tasks that we all face in our family lives and you have tried to find time to do the required paperwork and planning for the success of your councils and districts. This can be a daunting task, and sometimes when we find ourselves up to our butts in alligators it is difficult to remember that our original objective was to drain the swamp. This is when it is even more important to have established our goals and focus on what is important in life. The Knights of Columbus is an important part of my life, and I have been blessed by the spiritual and motivational aspects of our great fraternal organization. I know that everyone of us will receive an abundant reward for all that is done for others. I encourage you to be willing to commit your time and talents when asked to participate on all levels of our great organization. There are so many opportunities in Pro-Life/Respect Life, Special Olympics, Marathon for Non-public Education, Vocations, Youth programs, Support of the Church and Clergy, Council Activities including Membership Recruitment, and of course Support of our Family activities and families. I could continue on and on with examples, but I need to remind a few of you about the Tootsie Roll program.

I still show that 4 councils owe monies for their undistributed Tootsie Rolls, and 3 councils have not sent in the 2010 Tootsie Roll report form with the funds collected. Please check with your program chairman to see that your council is not one of these. Would you also please check to make sure the funds have been distributed to the proper recipient? All recipient checks have been sent out as directed on the submitted forms.

I will now get back to fighting alligators and hope that I will eventually get the swamp drained



Minnesota Knights of Columbus 2011 State Free Throw Competition

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Regional Level—Regional Chairman
State Free Throw Competition Chairman—Pat Nelson

State Free Throw Contest

For boys & girls ages 10-14 years of age as of January 1, 2011

Date: **Saturday, March 26, 2011**

Sign in: 8:30 a.m. Start time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: John F. Kennedy Senior High School
Gymnasium A and B
9701 Nicollet Avenue S.
Bloomington, MN 55420

Any questions about the rules or competition

E-mail the State Free Throw Chairman Pat Nelson at:
StateFreeThrowChairman@mnknights.org

Free Throw Kits

It is not too early for local councils to be ordering their free throw competition kits from the Supreme Office. You may do this on-line or through the Report Forms Booklet. Instructions, forms, etc., are included in the kit. Order yours today!

Be sure to get your free throw site arranged for now and on the calendar. Get posters and advertisement out early. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 10-14 by January 1, 2011.





Knights Work Together

By:
Robert Mathewson, District Master

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Bob Mathewson and I have been appointed the new District Master for Minnesota. As one of my first duties, I would like to thank Sir Knight Tom Grinnell for the past four years of service as our District Master. I have enjoyed his leadership and his friendship. He was a leader & friend to not only to me, but to the Order.

Secondly, I am looking forward to working with you my Brother Sir Knights and I invite the rest of the Third Degree to join us as 4th Degree Knights. The 4th Degree is the Patriotic Arm of the Knights of Columbus. Our primary mission is to enhance, perpetuate and maintain the good name, the good works and the visibility of the Knights of Columbus. We need to expand our presence and increase our membership. I hope that as a current member of the Order, you would join us.

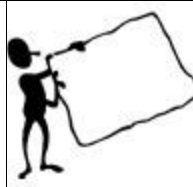
Come; join us at our annual 4th Degree Fall Exemplification. This year the Exemplification is in Owatonna, MN on Saturday October 23rd. You won't be disappointed and you will learn how the Knights of Columbus fit into history.

I have appointed two District Marshals to work me throughout my term of office. They are Marc Peters and Rick Hirschfeld. One of them will be travelling with me and assisting with the installation of officers, renewal of obligations, and will assist me at exemplifications. I thank them for taking on this responsibility.

As stated above, I look forward to working with all of you Sir Knights. May GOD continue to bless you and your families.

Poster Contest

By: Joe Bertram



Last Year's Substance Abuse Poster Contest was a huge success with lots of councils participating. We are blessed with an international winner from Minnesota!

Posters must reflect either the theme of Alcohol awareness and abuse or Drug awareness and abuse. Posters must be 11x17 inches in size. You can get a kit from the Supreme Council. In the kit there is a special form that needs to be submitted. Ages are 8-14 years of age by January 1st. There are four state winners. We'll get more information to each Grand Knight and the DD's in the near future. This is a great project for church youth groups and private or public school children in the above age group.

Contact your schools, religious education directors, etc. to let them know you will be hosting a contest so they can get the students and teachers planning right now,

If you need more information contact Joe L. Bertram, Sr. at 320-243-7558.



Chaplains in the Bulletin

Does your council have a bulletin? Do you give your Chaplain the opportunity to share a few thoughts for all the members? Maybe your Chaplain has too many irons in the fire to do a column, or maybe he just hasn't been asked. A Chaplain's insight is good for all of us. The following is from the Pierz Council's September *Knights Light* where Former State Chaplain Fr David Maciej is the council Chaplain and is good food for thought for all of us:

Each year, as September comes closer, we think; "back to school," for our kids and teachers. Parents too are affected by the many changes that come with a new school year.

Education for Catholics and all Christians also needs to be ongoing. To learn more about Christ and the Church hopefully is a priority for us, especially those of us in the Knights of Columbus family. We have a special responsibility to know our faith. Many people look to us as role models in parishes, and certainly a role model is someone who strives to know as much as they can in the work they do.

It all takes time. Setting aside one or more hours a week to read the Bible on some kind of teaching on the Church keeps one growing in faith and knowledge. There are many good publications available. I pray that every Knight makes this effort to grow and to help his family do the same.



Star Council Winners

By: Al Kempf, Awards Chairman

Winners of the Star Council awards have been announced by the Supreme Council office. These councils conducted four programs in each of the six categories of the Order's "Surge...with Service" program areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, and Pro-Life activities. They submitted the Columbian Award Application to report these activities. Star councils also achieved their membership quota and their quota for insurance members as set by the Supreme Council office. Congratulations to the Minnesota Star Councils for an outstanding year of Columbianism. The numbers are down this year probably because councils forgot about the addition of activities in the Pro-Life area. This is now the sixth program area required for awards achievements.

Last year 22 councils received this prestigious award. The 12 councils in Minnesota achieving this award for the 2009-2010 council year are:

945	Owatonna	12020	St. Bonifacius **
3949	<i>St. Louis Park</i>	13529	<i>Spicer **</i>
4374	<i>St. Paul East</i>	14145	<i>Rochester Pax Christi **</i>
4967	North St. Paul	14420	Minneota
9601	Loretto	14616	<i>Grey Eagle</i>
10031	Chanhassen	14752	St. Paul Cathedral **

Five of these councils, those in italics, are repeat winners from last year. Four of the above councils, identified with (**), earned the Double Star Council Award for meeting 100 percent of their insurance quota and 200 percent of their membership quota.

Five additional Councils received both the Fr. McGivney and Founders Award. If these councils would have submitted the Columbian Award application and met the requirements for that award they also would have achieved the Star Council status. These councils are:

2357	Pine City	5531	Lakefield
3613	Maple Lake	9905	Lino Lakes
4145	White Bear Lake		

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

Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund, Inc.

Requests Your Financial Support

By Brad Riebel, Board Chair

One of the many benefits of your KC membership is the opportunity to receive a KC student loan from the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund, Inc. to help pay for college. This Fall, the KC Student Loan Fund has already disbursed \$300,000 to 150 college students.

For many students, the possibility of attending college is dependent on the availability of affordable student loans like those offered by the Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund. Through the Student Loan Fund, \$2000 loans are offered at a low, fixed interest rate of 5.0% with no credit check. Loan repayment begins after the student graduates from college.

As the cost of college continues to increase, so does the demand for our loans. Our capital is replenished as loans are repaid but your contributions will continue to help us provide additional loans to Knights and their families.

The Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund, Inc. is a designated 501(c)3 Non-profit corporation so your personal contribution is tax deductible. Please give our contribution request your prayerful consideration and mail your donation to:

KC Student Loan Fund
P.O. Box 126
Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Questions can be answered by our program administrator, KC brother Mike Daly at 952-873-2213.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!



Happy Fall—Happy Harvest

The Knights throughout Minnesota are wishing our farmers a safe and plentiful harvest season. Thank you for the food put on our tables.



Why Christopher Columbus?

By: Al Kempf, Awards Chairman

Recently during an admissions committee interview I was asked by a potential member why Christopher Columbus was chosen to be our patron. After doing some research I came up with the following response. Once I had put it together I felt I should share this with brother knights as just an interesting bit of information.

The founder and first officers of the fledgling organization chose the name "Knights of Columbus" because they felt that, as a Catholic group, it should relate to Christopher Columbus, the Catholic discoverer of America. This would emphasize that it was Catholics who discovered, explored, and colonized the North American continent.

As Father McGivney installed the officers of Council No. 1 he may have sensed in the spirit of the gathering that unique blend of loyalties so implicit in the foundation of the Knights of Columbus: loyalty to their church, to each other, and to America, mediated by the Columbian theme, pride in the Catholic heritage of America. Indeed, this first generation of the Order viewed the discovery of America as a Catholic event, just as Anglo-Saxon Protestants viewed the landing at Plymouth Rock as a Puritan event. The Knights of Columbus were implicitly celebrating the landing of the "Santa Maria", the Catholic counterpart to the Protestants' "Mayflower" and a ship which had arrived 128 years earlier.

An 1878 editorial in the "Connecticut Catholic" illustrated the devotion to Columbus among a portion of the American-Catholic community: "As American Catholics we do not know of anyone who more deserves our grateful remembrance than the great and noble man, the pious, zealous, faithful Catholic, the enterprising navigator, and the large hearted and generous sailor: Christopher Columbus."

By adopting Columbus as their patron, the small group of New Haven Irish-American Catholics displayed their pride in America's Catholic heritage. The name Columbus evoked the aura of Catholicity and affirmed the discovery of America as a Catholic event.

In this day and age when the media scrutinizes everything that has been written in our history books, especially those of religious beliefs, it might be a good question: "Why the Knights of COLUMBUS?" We must remember that in the 1882's there was no 20/20 or Night Line that raised doubts about our heroes. Heroes were passed on from generation to generation by word of mouth with no doubts about their authenticity. Columbus was an authentic hero in the time that the Knights of Columbus were born regardless of the bad press he has received in recent years.

References:: These Men Called Knights Version 6/98
 Faith and Fraternalism: The History of the Knights of Columbus
 1882-1982 By: Christopher Kauffman

The above article appeared in its entirety in the December, 1999, issue of the Shield. After hearing some comments about Christopher Columbus as the patron of the Knights recently I felt it was a good time to reprint the background of his selection as our namesake.

This article was again printed in the Shield in November, 2005. It appeared in the State Council's publication, The Knightly News, in December of 2005 after the State Public Relations Chairman saw it in a copy of Anoka's Shield.

Help Wanted

Brother Knights, we need your help. We have positions to fill in several areas of the state. There are several key areas that NEED to have a District Deputy (DD). The DD position is one of the best "jobs" in the Knights of Columbus. The DD serves as the Supreme Knight's and State Deputy's representative to the local councils. Each DD is responsible to help 3-5 councils in his district. It is a wonderful way to get to know brother knights in neighboring councils and to help his councils to be the best that they can be. This is a "no experience necessary" position. Training sessions are held twice a year where you will learn everything you need to know to succeed at your position. DD positions are open in the Bemidji/Walker, Marshall/Tracy, Pipestone/Slayton, Mankato/Janesville, Faribault/Lakeville, St. Peter/LeSueur, Minneapolis/Fridley, and Bloomington/Crystal areas.

If you have any questions or are interested in one of these rewarding positions, please contact State Secretary Craig Larson at: 218-287-3729 or statesecretary@mnknights.org



The Best of the Best

By: Bob Penas, State Program Director

We are now well into our fraternal year and I am sure all of you have held some great programs. Don't keep your great programs a secret, write up a Service Program Award Entry form. This form will be of great historical value for future projects and gives your Council a chance to win an award at the State Convention or maybe even a Supreme Award.

The State Council will be giving awards for the best programs in the following categories: Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-life, Youth, Health Services, Lecturer Program, Public Relations, Round Table, Squires Support, and Vocations.

Even though the reports are not due until April 10, 2011 don't wait until then to complete the form. Do it now while the program is still fresh in everyone's mind. Forms can be found on the Supreme website, Minnesota State Council's website, and in your Council Forms booklet.

Program entries will be judged for content and presentation based on the following criteria:

1. Nature of the Activity - Does it demonstrate the objective of the service program?
2. Participation of the Membership in the Project - How many members participated? What percentage of the entire membership participated?
3. Results - What benefits were derived from sponsorship of the project? Social or monetary? How did the results effect the specific category?
4. Program Originality - Was the program something new?
5. Committee Planning - How effectively was the program organized? What details were involved in staging the event?
6. Delegation of Responsibility - How many members served as workers? How many served as planners? What type of organization was established for the implementation of the project or event?
7. Publicity - How effectively was the program publicized throughout the area on radio, television, local and diocesan newspapers, council newsletters, posters, and signs?

If you have any questions or are in need of more information, please contact me at 320-327-2122 or email me at programdirector@mnknights.org.



Where Did It Go?

By: Marc Peters, Dev. Disabilities Fund Raiser Chairman



Where does the money go? I have been asked that numerous times concerning the money we collect from the tootsie roll drive for developmentally disabled persons.

All you need to do is to come down next month and watch the athletes bowl at the Special Olympic Bowling Tournament sponsored by us, the Knights of Columbus. Almost 2800 games will be bowled over the 3 day event. Almost 1000 volunteers will be out helping. The lanes must be paid for as well as the lunches for everyone involved. There are metal and ribbons to be awarded. 2-way radios and posters are needed. It would be great if this was all donated but it's not. There is a cost for putting on a competition like this. And that's where the money goes. We ask for 10-15% to help defray the cost.

Where does the other 80-90% go? Check with your council. It goes to organizations like ARC, DAC, Merrick, Friendship Village, and Courage Center. Some goes to the local school districts. Much of that stays in your community, helping your citizens.

I hope to see you next month at either Blaine, Brooklyn Park, or Lakeville Brunswick Lanes. Come on in and see your money at work. All of this because we passed out tootsie rolls and asked for a donation. Thank You on behalf of Special Olympics, the staff, the coaches, and the athletes.

Volunteerism & the Knights Go Hand in Hand



The Knights of Columbus have been described as the right arm of the church and as a Catholic family service organization. It was Father McGivney's dream to be of service to the widows and orphans. Since its' beginning the Knights have donated millions of dollars and millions of man hours to our neighbors in our communities, our church, and world-wide friends. This could not have been accomplished without YOU! The Knights and volunteerism really do go hand-in-hand! Thanks for reaching out to others! Thanks for being a KNIGHT!

Exemplification Schedule

Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD
Saturday 10/02/10	Cathedral of St. Paul	No First Degree	2:00 p.m./B. Nichols	Columbus	
Saturday 10/09/10	KC Hall/Hastings	9:00 a.m./1600	10:30 a.m./Fr. John Deere	So. Suburban	Milbert Meier 952-270-1389
Saturday 10/23/10	FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION				
Saturday 10/30/10	St. Peter's/N. St. Paul	9:00 a.m./4145	10:30 a.m./B. Nichols	Metro	Mike Schilling 651-738-3626
Saturday 11/20/10	St Francis DeSales/Moorhead	9:30 a.m./12581	11:00 a.m./Lourdes	Korzendorfer	Rick Morgan 701-261-9969
Saturday 11/20/10	KC Hall/Owatonna	10:00a.m./11460	12 noon/St. Ignatius	So. Suburban	Joe Elbert 507-279-4015
Sunday 11/21/10	St. Mary's Cath./St. Cloud	9:30 a.m./12822	11:00 a.m./Bish. Speltz	Columbus	Charles McCarthy 320-253-2086

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 at KCDegreesMN@gmail.com. If you plan to bring candidates to any exemplification, contact the host DD with the number of candidates via e-mail (DDxx@mnknights.org).

Ceremonials Update

By: Dave Whatmuff, State Ceremonials Chairman

Requests are "trickling in" for Major Degrees for the 2010/2011 fraternal year ... if you are planning to hold a Major Degree at your location, please get your request in early, to avoid disappointment!

It often happens that certain months are more popular than others ... March always seems to be the big one ... last year we had 7 degrees in March and the previous year we had 8! Since we only have 4 third-degree teams and 4 CO's, this results in staff having to work twice or even three times in one month! I'd really like to avoid that this year and limit each month to a maximum of 5 degrees.

There are also certain weekends which are not available for degrees, and I have indicated these on the schedule installed on the website. These include the obvious holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter ... but there are others reserved for the Special Olympics, MR Fundraiser (Tootsie-Roll), State meetings, and Fourth Degree exemplification. Please check these dates before sending in your request.

Please also use the official degree request form, to ensure that we get all the required information. There is one available to download on the Exemplifications website.

Finally, my personal thanks to all those who host exemplifications, and work so hard to make them successful ... and to the dedicated individuals who are the members of degree teams!

Minnesota Squires

By: John Magnoski State Squires Chairman



Squire Circle #1480 receiving its Charter

On March 27th, 1962 the St. Thomas Aquinas Circle of Crystal Minnesota received its Official Charter from the Knights of Columbus. Since 1925 this scene has played out 62 times within our jurisdiction and 62 times all Circles in our jurisdiction have faded from existence. I'm happy to report that Council #3656 of Crystal Minnesota has a group of dedicated Knights who are now in the process of reactivating the Circle. With some 25 boys waiting to become Squires they have had their first fund raiser in advance of their Squire Investiture which they will have by mid October.

Currently there are 12 other Councils that have requested information on starting Squire Circles two of whom are reactivations. This is a promising beginning for this fiscal year. Last year out of desperation I offered a personnel challenge to all Councils, stating that I would donate \$100.00 to any Circle that started prior to the end of the last fiscal year. My track record for getting Circles started has been dismal, I figured I wouldn't be reaching into my pocket for any cash, happily I was wrong.

Since I am normally cash poor I have a different sort of challenge I'd like to propose if ten Councils step forward and start or reactivate Circles by the end of April, which is officially Squires month, I will shave my chin of its beard. I have had a beard since 1972.

For more information on the Squires I can be contacted at squireschairman@mnknights.org or by phone at 952-223-4934.

As always Esto Dignus/Be Worthy

It's Time to Celebrate

This fraternal year there are several councils celebrating significant anniversaries.

100 years

- 1503 Belle Plaine
- 1509 St Peter
- 1516 Northfield
- 1527 Morris
- 1540 International Falls
- 1544 Bemidji
- 1551 Montevideo
- 1556 Waverly
- 1573 Montgomery
- 1575 Fairmont

75 years

- 2764 Willmar

50 years

- 5031 Gilbert
- 5078 Mora
- 5085 LeCenter
- 5101 Hinckley
- 5102 Greenbush
- 5115 LaCrescent
- 5132 Cloquet
- 5136 St John's University
- 5141 Blaine/Coon Rapids
- 5142 Duluth West

Congratulations on your many years of fraternal service and activity!

October Grand Knight Things To Do

1. Schedule a First Degree
2. Order Council Free Throw Kit (Order due by November 1)
3. Encourage volunteerism for Fall Classic (November 12-13, 2010)
4. Catholic Advertising fund levied
5. Suspension of Councils for non-payment of per capita tax.
6. Tootsie Roll Order Form sent to Grand Knight
7. Prepare agenda for meeting

A New Brother Knight?

Have **YOU** or **YOUR** council recruited a new brother Knight? If not, why? If yes, thank you! The time is **ALWAYS** right to recruit brother Knights. We need **YOU and YOUR** help to make **YOUR** council, the state family, and Order grow. Every council a star council is the goal! Get started re-
! Your efforts do not go unnoticed





State Auxiliary News

By: Muriel Donnelly, Historian/Publicity Chairperson

On March 21, 1970, The Minnesota Knights of Columbus granted to the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Councils authorization to form Auxiliaries and charter for the **Minnesota State Knights Of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.**

The basic principles set forth are:

-to unite all units of the KC Ladies' organization within the state and give them official stature.

-to assist the Knights of Columbus council in their Spiritual, Charitable, Educational, Philanthropic and Social activities

-to bring into closer relations all KC Auxiliaries in order to join in common projects to unify their work, thus increasing their efficiency and service by giving them united strength

Currently, there are 31 local Auxiliaries. The State Board helps form new auxiliaries when requested to do so by a local Knights Council.. We are honored to be of assistance and await your call.

We started the 2010-2011 work-year with our first meeting on Aug. 14, 2010, at the home of our new President, Idalorraine Wilderson (#435). We were pleased to have Worthy Deputy Ricardo Acevedo and Lady Catherine join us for the entire meeting and we thank them for their support and guidance, as we establish several new initiatives.

New members to the State Board include two past SB Presidents; Jean Ackermann (#5141) and Betty Valiant (#1685). We welcome their wisdom and sense of history. Additionally, we welcome the fresh ideas of our new members, including: Mary Czech (#2400), Theresa Mikelson (#8367), Nancy Grech (13001), and Muriel Donnelly (#435). We thank our returning Board members: Lisa Heikkila (#2400), Ann Hartman(#2023), Rochelle Ibarra (#8367), Marilyn Jacobs (#4381), and Nancy Unger (#2023).

Retired board members, who will be recognized at our Annual State Board Workshop, in New Prague, on Saturday October 9, 2010, are: Ann Aeschliman (#435), Jean Burnett (#5548), Anita Doll (#8367), Margaret Hendricks (#7604) Jan Hoelscher (#5548), and Betsy Schroeder (#1590).

Mary, Our Blessed Mother, is the patroness of our AUXILIARY. Recently, at our State Convention in Minneapolis, we honored : Mary, Light of the Family.

On September 8, we joined, across all local auxiliaries, with the Knights of Columbus, **WORLDWIDE**, in saying the Guadalupan Rosary, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. WHAT a MIGHTY BLESSING ! Thanks to all KNIGHTS.

Secretary Notes

Here we are with the first quarter of our fraternal year gone. How is your council doing on its goals? Have you recruited a new member? Have you tried any new projects? Do you have lots of things on your schedule? Good luck with your upcoming projects.

Per capita continues to come in. As of today there are still 55 councils that need to send in their per capita payments. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important detail.

As you may read elsewhere in this issue, we have begun the process of placing an Ultrasound machine in the Archdiocese of St Paul/Minneapolis. There are some requirements that need to be met and hopefully before Christmas the machine will be saving lives right here in Minnesota.

This past weekend I attended a major degree. It was nice to see the new brother knights, but equally as nice to see the many brother knights who came to observe. It was also nice to see several fathers who watched their sons become knights. Are your sons KC members? If not, why not?

I look forward to seeing many of you in Owatonna at the 4th Degree Exemplification and at the Fall Classic next month.

Please contact any of the state officers if you have any questions. We work for you!

Please say a prayer for all who are fighting cancer.

Ultrasound Tidbits

Congratulations to District Deputy #7 Nestor Johnson and the Councils in his district. All councils in the district have donated to the Minnesota KC Ultrasound Fund. Several other councils are working toward funding Ultrasound Machines in their local areas. No matter how you do it, the Ultrasound Program will save lives!

Please take a few minutes and watch the "Knights for Life" video on the Supreme website: www.kofc.org

MEMORIAM

Please pray for our recently deceased members:

Albert Lea #1590
Joseph F. Roche
Anoka #2018
Marle A. Mevissen
Gilbert A. Dullinger
Blue Earth #1836
Robert Breiter
Duluth #8337
Maurice H. Gearns
Fairmnobnt #1575
John E. Szuberski
Faribault #889
Donald Aberle
Grand Rapids #2840
John "Jack" Pearce
LeSueur #2895
Raymond Foley
Norbert Osborne
Longville/Remer #6773
Robert A. Blais
Medford #4909
Nicholas C. Stadler
Morris #1527
John E. Busch
Melvin Wohlers

New Prague #2023
Alvin Svoboda
North Branch #10016
Dan Chippendale
Pierz #3982
Ronald F. Popp
Bennett P. Jorgensen
Prior Lake #4914
Rev. Melvin J. Blais
Rice #9138
Conrad Brenny, Jr.
Wayne Schlangen
West St. Paul #4184
Joseph F. Conley, Jr.
Willmar #2764
Walter Weitzel

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Please submit names of deceased members to:

Rick Hirschfelt
Fraternalism Chair
6367 Marx Avenue NE
Otsego, MN 55301
Phone: 763-248-0516



Knights of Columbus Day With the Twins

What a evening it was with the Minnesota Twins; that they won added to the joy and excitement!!

The final tally for members of the Knights of Columbus Family and Friends was 1015. I apologize to those who could not join us; I am told that we will receive more tickets next year. Get your order in as soon as you can- I know of a group that has already told me that they are tripling their order for next year. Our State Chaplin threw out the first pitch, and threw a perfect strike. (After it bounced) For me this was a wonderful experience to see everyone.

Thirteen Years ago, our then State Deputy Matt Brletich asked me to revive the Knights of Columbus Nuns Day with the Minnesota Twins. That first year we started off with an evening game with 30 Knights of Columbus and Nun's in attendance. This year we had an evening game as well. In past years we have held Mass before each game. We have had some great choirs, and they have done an outstanding job with the National Anthem. This was my last year as Chairman of the Knights of Columbus Day with the Twins. It was fitting that we did not have a Mass, and that the game was switched to an evening game. I am leaving with a 10 wins - 3 loss mark I feel very lucky that I have been in this position for so long. I am moving on as the State Membership Director, and I pass the reigns over to Steve Miske who has worked with me over the past 4 years. I do thank him for all of his hard work.

I could not have done this if it were not for my wife who has had to put up with a lot over the last 13 years.

Have a great year, and thank you for all of your support

Family of the Month

Do you want an easy Family Project for your council? Why not participate in the Family of the Month Program?

All you need to do is to submit the name of a brother knight along with a paragraph stating why he and his family are deserving of the Family of the Month nomination. Supreme takes all the nominees for the month and draws out 100 names. Each family whose name is chosen receives a Holy Family Statue from the Supreme Knight. Nearly every month there is a winner from Minnesota. What could be easier?



Insurance Corner



If you have any questions or concerns regarding Knights of Columbus insurance, please contact our general agents:

E. Central & NE

Jim Szczech, General Agent
2 Second Ave. S, Suite 145
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
PH: 320-252-7173

Metro Area

Dale Robinson, General Agent
3881 Highland Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
PH: 651-757-4400

W. Central & NW

Leroy Mathern, General Agent
1903 Aga Drive, Suite 550
Alexandria, MN 56308
PH: 320-763-8228

Southern

Aaron Jelinek, General Agent
PO Box 1018
Prior Lake, MN 55379
PH: 952-513-8784

Retirement Income You Can't Outlive

By: Aaron Jelinek, General Agent

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While this is certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive sound to you?

This sounds pretty good to most members and this can be true if you open a Knights of Columbus annuity, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a knight, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and you will have peace of mind.

Don't forget contributing money to an annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return as well. Our annuities offer a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal backed by the strength and financial stability of the Knights of Columbus. You may use a Knights of Columbus annuity as a tax qualified plan such as a Roth IRA, TSA or a SEP, as well and you may also rollover your pension or 401K plan when reaching a certain age and/or at retirement.

Your assigned Field Agent would be happy to meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you consider options while proceeding toward or already in retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity. Contact your assigned field agent today or your respective General Agent's office. If you are not able to locate your agent, go to www.kofc.org and use "Find An Agent" locator by entering your council number or zip code.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

A full time Field Agent career opportunity with the Knights of Columbus is available in various areas within the State of Minnesota. An ongoing education and training program is provided along with a complete benefits package. If you or someone you know desires a career that makes a difference in the lives of others served within a faith based environment, please contact your respective General Agent noted above. For more information on this exciting career opportunity you may also go to www.kofc.org This opportunity is available to current members or those eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Brother Andre' Canonization

On Oct 17, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Brother Andre' of Montreal. He will be the first Canadian-born man raised to the dignity of the altar and thus his canonization will be a special cause for joy among the Knights in Canada. But the importance of Brother Andre's canonization extends to Knights Order-wide, for indeed saints are named for the benefit of the universal Church, to give each of us role models in the faith no matter where we live. For the Knights of Columbus Brother Andre' is a particularly apt model of charity and generous service to the sick and the needy.

A Novena to Brother Andre' will be conducted starting on Saturday Oct 9 and concluding on Sunday Oct, 17, the day of his canonization. More information is available in the September issue of Columbia magazine and at www.kofc.org/brotherandre

There will also be an order-wide membership campaign to honor this new saint.



Father McGivney Guild

What would the world be like without Fr McGivney? Who would carry the banners of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism? We are very fortunate to be benefiting from Fr McGivney's vision. We should all feel honored to belong to an organization that will one day be able to say that it was started by a Saint.

There are less than 3,000 members of the Fr McGivney Guild in Minnesota, which is less than 5% of our state's membership. That number is surprisingly low since membership is FREE to anyone who sends in an application. Guild members don't have to be Knights of Columbus members, anyone can join. There is an application blank in each issue of the *Columbia* and they are also available to your council, just ask. You can join the guild and find more information at: www.fathermcgivney.org or you can access it from the Knights of Columbus website: www.kofc.org

Please encourage your council members and everyone else to join the thousands of guild members praying for the Canonization of Fr McGivney. An increase in prayers would have to be good for the process.

Here is the prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

My Brother's Keeper—By Craig Larson, State Secretary/Editor

Every once in a while something comes up that nobody can prepare for. You can't see it coming. You just have to be prepared to "Be my Brother's Keeper."

Most of us have experienced the unexpected death of someone in our family or someone close to us. There are sudden illnesses, accidents, fires, floods, and storms that affect the whole communities or areas. Everywhere you look, bad things happen.

How many councils jumped in to do something good to help after 9/11? How many hurried up and did something good for the victims of Hurricane Katrina or the Haiti earthquake? How many councils have raised funds for a local family or helped to make their life easier?

Everywhere you look there are opportunities to do something good. Maybe it's as simple as visiting at the nursing home, giving someone a ride to church or paying for the person behind you at the drive-up window. Or it could be raising thousands of dollars, repairing someone's house or rebuilding a church.

Working with Charity, Unity and Fraternity we have the ability to do great things as Knights. My proudest moments of being a Knight have been when I have been, "My Brother's Keeper." That is what true knighthood is all about.

The Knights are a Family Affair

(from the Supreme Web-site)

Knight. Grandpa was a member. My son is joining the council. For many people the Knights of Columbus is a family affair. All throughout the Order there are numerous families members of whose multiple generations have become Knights. When you're looking for new members, what better place is there to start than with your own family?

From a former supreme officer whose son is a member; to past state deputies who have recruited their sons and grandsons; to councils with multiple families with fathers, sons, grandsons, brothers, nephews, cousins and uncles as members, the Knights of Columbus is a family affair.

Minnesota certainly must have some families that can claim this. Who are you? Where are you? Who in Minnesota has the most family members in the Order? We'd like to share your story. Please send a photo along with information, including names and relationship to each other, to the Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Office at 820m Second Avenue SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350, so we can share your family's story in the Knights. Look for a story in a future edition.

Program Suggestion

Does your council need a program that would be informative to all members? Invite your insurance Field Agent or General Agent to discuss the latest in KC insurance benefits. Why not invite the spouses to attend too?