



DIRECTIONS

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Send information that you want included in "Directions" to Doug Chilson, 1921 Iowa Ave SE, Huron, SD 57350.

STATE CONVENTION

The annual State Convention will be held April 21-23 at the Holiday Inn in downtown in Sioux Falls. Registration will start at 8:30 on Friday morning and continue throughout the day. The Opening Session begins at 2:45. The Clergy Mass will be held at 5:00 at the St. Joseph Cathedral Catholic Church followed by the social hour and Clergy Dinner. The Saturday Committee Meetings begin at 8:00 AM. You should check in at the State Secretary's room immediately upon arriving. Please go to the state KC web site for a complete schedule and other information.

CLERGY BANQUET

Your Priest and Deacons in your area have received an invitation from the State Council but an invitation from the local council would be nice also. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize them for all that they do within our parishes. The local council is responsible for the cost of the banquet ticket of their Priests and Deacons.

SILENT AUCTION And PENNIES

The Silent Auction did a major make over last year. Instead of the silent and live auction there will be prize packages and attendees will be able to buy tickets in various quantities to place in tickets baskets. Complete details will be available at the convention. Once again the proceeds will be going toward the disaster relief fund and the KC Foundation. There will also be a penny collection on Friday night again. The funds collected go to the Disaster Relief Fund and the KC Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP

Another membership blitz has come and gone. Hopefully your council had a successful drive and gained some new members. If you didn't, now may be a good time to figure out why not. Did your officers meet and compare the council roster to the church roster? If so, there were no doubt some names that stood out as potential members. The newest members of the church are certainly ones that you should consider. These men may be new members as a result of the RCIA program or they may have transferred from another parish or community. Your parish priest should always be consulted when you are looking for new members. He can be a good source of prospects.

CEREMONIALS

Now is the time to start thinking about next year's ceremonials. Requests for specific dates and places for Degree work to be held during the next fraternal year must be submitted to Tim Salmen before the convention. Please confirm ahead of time that your facilities will be available on the dates that you request. There is no possible way to promise that your requests will be obtainable but attempts will be made to accommodate everyone. The primary goal is to make sure that there is a major degree scheduled in enough cities so all councils can easily get their candidates into Knighthood. Call Tim Salmen at 480-2199 for details. Tim's address is 113 NE 3rd St, Madison, SD 57262.

ELECTIONS

All councils are reminded to hold their officer elections in June so that the Form #185 can be submitted by June 30th. This is necessary to update

Supreme's records and to get current data in the S.D. K of C Forms Book that is published in late June. This means that your nominating committee needs to start looking now for men to fill the offices. Everyone knows what needs to be done and it is just as easy to get it done on time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

DECEASED MEMBERS

If you haven't sent your list of members that passed away within the past year to Mike Jesse, please do so now. The Memorial Mass is an important part of the convention and it is important not to overlook any of the deceased members that we want to honor. It helps to have the names ahead of time. See page 65 in the state forms book.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

The state council is always looking for members that are interested in becoming more involved at various levels within the Knights of Columbus. This year is no different. There are a couple District Deputies that have fulfilled their terms and new ones will need to be found. A person can also seek one of the elected state offices. Every year the question "Are there any other nominations?" is asked. Other nominations are welcomed. Program directors are also an important part of the state council. Please consider taking your involvement to the next level. Contact State Deputy Thad Liebig or any other state officer if you would like to become more involved. You won't regret it. It really is the experience of a lifetime.

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY LIEBIG

Brother Knights,

Spring has sprung, Jesus is Risen!!!! Alleluia!, and State Convention time is here. Please pay particular attention to the items on the reverse side of this newsletter. Let's have each council represented in Sioux Falls on April 21-23rd. The Convention is an opportunity to share ideas, learn new/different strategies, reconnect with friends and acquaintances, as well as just be amongst your peers in a Catholic, fraternal environment. Please make every effort to be on time for the opening session at 2:45 pm on Friday, April 21st. We are always grateful to our

Bishops who will be in attendance for the Clergy Mass and Banquet Friday evening/night. We look forward to their words of wisdom and inspiration.

The Country Store will be ready to go Friday morning around 9:30 for those that are there early, the Kiosks and the Auction baskets will be on display by Friday at Noon. Registration with the host council and the State Secretary will begin Friday morning. For those attending the 4th Degree meeting/luncheon, it will begin 10:30 am Friday.

Also, in the Crusader I neglected to include the Eucharistic Miracles

Display/Family Hour of Prayer in the Ladies/Children's agenda but, as always, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this very important part of our Convention.

Again, I look forward to seeing your delegates at the 113th South Dakota Knights of Columbus State Convention in Sioux Falls at the Holiday Inn City Centre. God's blessings be upon you all.

In humble service,

Vivat Jesus,

Thad Liebig

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