



DIRECTIONS

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The information contained in this publication has many items that are of great importance to the success of each council during the coming fraternal year. Please read this and pass it on to other officers, directors and members in your council so that they may also be informed about upcoming matters. Send information to Doug Chilson, 1921 Iowa Ave SE, Huron, SD 57350.

STUDENT LOANS

The Knights of Columbus Student Loan fund is in excellent condition at this time and there are funds available for new loans of \$1500 each. If you know of someone that is eligible, let them know about this excellent program. The details are on page 26 in your state forms book. Talk this up, announce it at your meeting, put it in your council newsletter. I simply ask that the local councils are careful when completing page 27 for the applicant. We want loans, but we also want them to be good loans. Note that in good standings means that they are current with their dues payments.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOW-PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

August 1 - Form 365, Council report of Directors was due to Supreme.

August 15 - Semiannual Council Audit report due to Supreme.

August 29—Bishop's Charity Golf

Sept 26 – 27 - Bishop's Charity Hunt

October - Respect life month

CASH CHECKS NOW

July 1st marked the start of another fraternal year. It is very important to have anyone with a check written on a State Council account to cash it as soon as possible. Every year there seems to be a problem getting all of the Tootsie Roll checks cashed in a timely manner. Be sure to deliver the checks immediately and instruct the recipients to deposit them quickly. There is much effort put forth in raising charitable funds, make sure the checks are delivered to support the many causes.

2ND & 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE

The following schedule for the 2nd & 3rd Degrees planned. Please make the effort to get your candidates to them.

Oct 2	Aberdeen
Oct 23	Sioux Falls
Oct 30	Rapid City
Nov 7	Pierre
Nov 13	Armour

The Degree team drives many miles so the locals should be able to drive a few miles to insure that the Degrees are as impressive as possible. Remember that recruitment is every member's duty. Plan on taking your 1st Degree members and new members to these major degrees. Don't just tell them.

UPDATES

My intent is that all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries receive a copy of Directions. If you no longer hold that position please forward this newsletter to the new one and notify me at the address above of the changes.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVES

I have recently received the billing invoices for all of the tootsie rolls that have been delivered throughout the state. It is a very big expense for the State Council to pay for the tootsie rolls up front and then wait for councils to remit the proceeds from their drives. Please send your money in as soon as you can after your drive. Remember that you are to send 100% of your drive proceeds to the State Council.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

The current Division Membership Incentives for South Dakota run from July 1-Dec 1. If a council in Division III, recruits 9 new (or former) members; Division II recruits 6 new (or former) members; and Division I recruits 3 new or former members, the GK of those councils will receive 3 nice Knight Gear t-shirts to divvy out amongst his membership team. The council has to be NET Positive on Dec 1st in order for these incentives to be in effect

SPF TICKETS

The State Council will not be holding the NFL Sweepstakes program this year. Instead, you will be receiving SPF Tickets in the not too distant future. Many councils worked this program very well and received some large checks for their share..

PAT POWERS

NEW STATE SECRETARY

Pat Powers, Flandreau 5029 and current State Membership Director has accepted appointment from the State Officers as the next State Secretary for South

Dakota. Past State Secretary Dwight Gutzmer submitted his resignation on July 6th due to his wife Julie's metastatic stage 4 breast cancer that spread to her

brain at the end of June. After successful surgery to remove a tumor, followed by Gamma knife radiation, Julie is fighting to regain her ability to read and thus will affect Dwight's and Julie's business as she was responsible for their bookkeeping, ordering, etc.

This will place a huge strain on Dwight and he felt he needed to be focused only on his family and business. Please read the September issue of the Crusader for

Dwight's resignation letter and the process the State Council needed to go through to fill the position.

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY LIEBIG

Brother Knights:

Worthy Brother Knights, I have just returned from the Supreme Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. I was honored to accept, on South Dakota's behalf, the Circle of Honor/Pinnacle Award as the highest honor a jurisdiction can achieve; recognizing membership growth, star council achievement, new council growth, along with roundtables and reactivations/mergers. This honor is indeed all of South Dakota's. We have so much to be proud of. As part of that honor, I was able to speak briefly with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and I told him that South Dakota will continue to do our part to grow the Order one member at a time. He personally thanked South Dakota for our efforts and offers his most sincere encouragement to continue the work we have started.

We have begun slowly in 2016-2017 and we have our work cut out for us, but I am confident with the team of grand knights, membership directors, retention chairmen, district deputies, state directors, state officers,

and insurance agents, along with strong support from the Supreme Council, we will no doubt finish on June 30, 2017 with another well earned COH/Pinnacle Award for South Dakota. Let's go for it and earn our 4th COH in a row. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is counting on South Dakota. We will not let him down. We have several thousand potential men in South Dakota that can join our Order in the greatest organization in the world. Let's make sure we ask every eligible Catholic man (as well as former/inactive insurance members) to join in order to offer his family and him the opportunity for protection, spiritual enhancement, and service to mankind to make that man a better Catholic, better husband, and a better father.

This ties in terrifically with the K of C's initiative Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parishes. We must continue to focus on the parish and engage the entire parish under the wishes of the Pastor so we are not competing or duplicating other parish activities. Back to the basics of being

the true Strong Right Arm of the Church by helping ease our Pastor's load so he can focus more on the Sacramental aspects of getting his parishioners to Heaven.

I thank you all so much for your support and your efforts to build the greatest Catholic lay organization in the world. I am honored and humbled to serve you all as your State Deputy. I am so proud to be a Knight in South Dakota. May God Bless you and your families and may God Bless the Knights of Columbus.

As always...in humble service,

Vivat Jesus,

Thad Liebig

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