



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

August 1 - Form 365, Council report of Directors was due to Supreme.
August 15 - Semiannual Council Audit report was due to Supreme.
August 28 —Bishop's Charity Golf
Sept 25 – 26 - 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.

CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE

The following schedule for the Major Degrees planned. Please make the effort to get your candidates to them.
Sep 10 Parkston

Sep 16 Piedmont
Sep 24 Waubay
Oct 7 Hot Springs
Oct 15 Hartford
Nov 4 Timber Lake
Nov 5 Ipswich

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 about it and expect them to go.

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.

KC WEB SITE

The South Dakota Knights of Columbus web site has a new look and has some features that you should look at. Enhancements include upcoming events, useful links, degree schedule, and more. The state forms book is available at the web site. Please list www.kofcsd.org in your newsletters so all KC's will be aware of it.
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MEMBERSHIP /STAR COUNCIL

Remember as Grand Knight, as stated in the Supreme 10 Keys to a Successful Grand Knight Flyer, #1 is Star Council. You should have your plan established on how you will get your council to the Star Council Award. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said many times recently " While we have other goals and activities that are necessary, no other task is sufficient to advance the Good of the Order if we do not advance membership growth. Everything we do depends on membership!" If you are a council that isn't interested in adding members or working towards Star Council-why not? We have a goal in South Dakota this year that EVERY council adds members. No Zeros for any councils and all councils will be Net-Positive in membership. Good luck and please start adding members as 2 months have already gone by. Questions, please contact Dan Dwire, State Membership Director.
sdkofcdd2@outlook.com

SPF RAFFLE

The State Council will be holding the SPF fund raiser. This is a great fund raiser for the local councils as well. Last year more than \$16,000 was returned to councils and assembles from the state. So the questions is, did your council or assembly get it's fair share. Every council has the opportunity!.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The most important new initiative in the Order! If you would like to have our Building the Domestic Church Director Jay Cudzillo visit your council to talk about or to have him visit with you about it please email him at jditka@sio.midco.net or call [605-360-2121](tel:605-360-2121). Information at www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY POWERS

Brother Knights:

Greetings to all of you. It has been a very busy 45 days since I became State Deputy. I would like to thank all of you for placing your confidence in me. I would be neglectful if I didn't thank our Immediate Past State Deputy Thad Liebig for all that he did in leading our state to two years of Circle of Honor and the Supreme Knights Pinnacle Award! Thad, on behalf of the over 8700 Brother Knights I would like to say thank you and congratulations. Believe me when I say that Thad will not be fading off into the sunset as we all plan on keeping him very busy.

It was a very rewarding trip to the Supreme Convention in St Louis. It is incredible to hear all the wonderful comments

about South Dakota and the success our state has had over the last years. You can all be very proud of what you all have accomplished in your councils. South Dakota is very honored to play a significant role in many future programs in the Order from membership recruiting and the importance of Star Council to the new Building the Domestic Church Initiative.

Sadly, there is no time to rest on our past successes. We must all renew our commitment to build on our past. As in the past, we will again continue to focus on building Star Councils. Star Council is the highest honor a council can earn for a reason: it is the blue print to a thriving council! If your council has not been a Star Council in the last 5

years, it is now time. Our new Membership Dr. Dan Dwire will be working very closely with councils to help get them to Star Council. The Building the Domestic Church Initiative (BtDC) is in good hands with Director Jay Cudzillo. Jay is very passionate, as we all are, about BtDC and your councils can look forward to his help and encouragement in implementing this program.

Again, thank you for your confidence and I look forward to working with so many of our terrific councils in South Dakota during the coming year.

Vivat Jesus,

Pat Powers

FROM WORDS TO ACTION
