



# 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.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Now - Send in Tootsie Roll Fund Drive report and funds collected.
- Now - Make convention plans.
- Jan 31 - Fraternal Survey was due.
- Feb 15 - Essay contest entries due.
- Feb 15 - Semiannual audits due.
- Feb 1 - State Per Capita & Ceremonials Assessment were due to State Secretary.
- Feb 15—Knight of the Year and Family of the Year applications due.
- Feb 28—Outstanding Activity Applications due.
- March 1—Crusader deadline.
- March 5 - State Free Throw Contest at Chamberlain.
- March 8—Elite Council Application due
- March 25—KC Day of the Unborn.
- March 29 - Founder's Day.

## **DEADLINES**

This is the time of the year when there are many deadlines that are rapidly approaching with some past due already. These deadlines are set for a reason and should be taken seriously. Many things need to be compiled and verified at this time of the year and it is important to have all of the information needed. I would like to especially remind you of the per capita tax and ceremonial assessment. Your council will not be seated at the convention if these are not paid. Please send the extra copy of the billing with your check. Please review your forms book for forms and due dates. Pay special attention to page 58 to make sure that information gets in.

## **STATE CONVENTION**

The State Convention will be held at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls on April 21-23. Please refer to the March

issue of the Crusader when you get it and the state web site for complete convention details.

## **FUNDS**

Another item that should be handled as soon as possible is to forward any funds due or any donations to the State Council. Student Loan donations should be sent to Doug Chilson. All other moneys, including Tootsie Roll, should be sent to State Secretary Pat Powers. The State Council would also appreciate the Bishop's Burse and Pro-Life contributions as soon as possible. Both Bishops have put out a plea for additional funds for the seminarian fund in each diocese. The costs of educating and training toward priesthood has risen a great deal over the years and more help is needed. Please consider donating \$2 per member toward the Bishop's Burse fund. Is there anything more important to put our money toward?

## **PRO-LIFE**

January 22nd marked the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade court decision that legalized abortion. The National Vietnam Memorial in Washington stretches 492 feet and lists the names of 58,022 known Americans killed in that war. If such a wall listed the names of the children killed by abortion since 1973, the wall would be about 60 miles long. The casualties of all wars involving the U.S. put together are fewer than the casualties from abortion in a single year. Be sure that you talk to your local legislators about voting Pro-Life and thank them when they do! There is no issue that holds more importance to our futures and that of our great country.

## **WANTED**

Two of the many causes that we are trying to raise funds for are the Disaster Relief Fund and the KC Foundation. Those that have attended any of the recent state conventions recall the vast amount of change that has been collected to help these causes. Please consider having a fund raiser to help out or at least set out some collections containers for people to drop their change into. It is amazing how much 20 pounds of change adds up to! *Also wanted are men wanting to become involved at the state level as a DD, Director, or officer.*

## **CEREMONIALS**

- March 5th \_\_\_\_\_ Humboldt
  - March 26th \_\_\_\_\_ Mitchell
  - April 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Spearfish
  - April 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Watertown
  - April 30th \_\_\_\_\_ SF Holy Spirit
- Lets get all new members to one of these scheduled degrees. There may be a 4th Degree Exemption held during the state convention.*

## **MEALS & DELEGATES**

The meal ticket form on page 37 in the state forms book doubles as the delegate designation form. Meal tickets ordered and paid for before April 1st qualify for the early bird pricing. All ticket orders must be received by April 15th.

## **BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Centerville won the bid for the bowling tournament this year. The tournament will be held March 4-5 and March 11-12 at Mushy's Bowling Alley. Call Mushy's at 563-2695 to line up times. Or you can call Tyler at 214-1562.

**COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY THAD LIEBIG**

Brother Knights,  
 South Dakota is.....  
 a Star Council Culture....  
 Leading to a....  
 Circle of Honor Culture....  
 (4-Peat within our Grasp)  
 How, you may ask???  
 by focusing on Admission (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 Degrees....  
Smaller in size (avg is 2.6)....  
Regularly scheduled.... (**each  
 month!**)  
 and Recruiting to those  
 Degrees....  
 Needing 65 more Admission  
 Degrees....  
 In order to Reach our Goals....  
 as a COH/Pinnacle  
 jurisdiction....  
 AND, just as important....  
 by Retaining our current

members....  
 through our Charitable  
 program, Parish focus,  
 and our Ceremonials...  
 as men that attain Full  
 Knighthood in our Order  
 understand, through the lessons  
 learned in our exemplifications,  
 the truest value of  
 membership....remaining  
 members for Life!  
 AND again, Most  
 Importantly.....  
 by Recognizing and  
 Encouraging the activities  
 members and potential  
 members already do!!!  
 DO WHAT YOU DO, JUST  
 PLEASE DO IT AS A  
 KNIGHT.....  
 (Great for potential members  
 already involved in everything  
 and/or have a young family)....  
 Gentlemen, as the entrusted  
 leaders of our councils, we have  
 a Responsibility and a Duty to  
 make sure the Knights of  
 Columbus in South Dakota

focuses on Growth, Protection,  
 and our Charitable Activities in  
 the present AND for future  
 generations of Knights in  
 South Dakota.

We must always work  
 to.....LEAVE IT BETTER THAN  
 WE FOUND IT!!

I wish each and every council  
 nothing but the best the rest of  
 this Fraternal Year!!!!

God Bless you, your families,  
 and your councils!!!

Vivat Jesus!!!

As always...in humble  
 service,

*Thad Liebig*

**The state free throw contest is  
 scheduled for March 5th at the  
 Chamberlain Community Center  
 located on Main Street in  
 Chamberlain. Shooting will  
 start at 1:00 pm.**