



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. 350-6995

DATES TO REMEMBER

June - Hold local council elections
June 14 - Flag Day - Fly Old Glory!
June 18 - Father's Day
June 30 - Columbian Award Application due to Supreme
July 1 - Supreme form #185 due
July 4 - Independence Day
August 1 - Supreme form #365 due

SURGE WITH SERVICE

All Financial Secretaries of record should be on the lookout for the new "Surge With Service" program kits. Upon receipt of this kit, the FS must immediately deliver it to the GK for the upcoming year and he is to distribute the materials to fellow officers and key program directors. The kit contains a wide variety of information that is necessary to implement the new year's service program.

CEREMONIALS

Please work on membership the entire year. There are 29 councils that have not added a member during this fraternal year. Our Ceremonials Chairman Tim Salmen is working on putting together a Degree schedule for the upcoming year. Please contact him at 256-9636 if your council is interested in hosting a Degree. This schedule will need to be set up by June 23rd to get it into the forms book for the new fraternal year. Please give this your immediate attention.

ELECTIONS

June is the month that local council officers should be elected. All District Deputies have received a letter requesting their help in collecting this data. They will be contacting all councils in their respective districts and asking for

information on who will be the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary during the next fraternal year. Please have this information available for your DD when he contacts you. It is imperative to have this so that an accurate directory can be printed in time for the summer meeting. If your DD doesn't contact you, email your info direct to Doug Chilson at sdakotaknights@gmail.com

SUMMER MEETINGS

State Deputy Elect Pat Powers has just returned from the annual State Deputy's meeting in New Haven. He has brought back much information that will in turn be shared with South Dakota's state officers, program directors and district deputies. The summer meeting will be held in Flandreau on July 8th & 9th.

COUNCIL AWARDS

It is a good idea to take a look at the forms book as soon as it is available so you can familiarize yourself with what is necessary. Some awards require an application to be submitted, such as the Elite Council and the Outstanding Council Activity. Other reports, such as membership and insurance, are awarded by information generated by Supreme. The best thing is to watch the "Dates to Remember". These dates are published in the Forms Book, the Crusader, and in the Directions. Contact your District Deputy if you have any questions. Also look for deadlines for award applications for this year. It isn't too late to complete some of the requirements.

STUDENT LOAN

This is a good time for parents to start lining up funds for the fall term for college for their children or themselves. The Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund has adequate funds

available and is anxious to receive loan applications. Please refer to pages 25-28 in your state forms book for guidelines and an application. It is advisable to copy this application and retain one in your book..

FORMS BOOK

In an attempt to move forward into the digital world, there won't be a paper copy of the state forms book printed and distributed again this year. The new forms book will be emailed to all of the District Deputies in early July and they will forward it to the councils in their districts. This is another reason to make sure that each council has an email address on record with the State Council. The forms book will also continue to be available at the state web site. Hopefully this will allow us to keep information more current and it will save a considerable amount of time and money that was required to print a paper copy. A digital copy was sent to all of the state officers, program directors, and district deputies last year and it worked out well.

RENEWAL TIME

July 1st marks the start of a new fraternal year and as such it should be marked as a time of renewal. This date often times marks the date when new officers accept the challenge to lead the council forward hoping for a year that is successful. The two things that keep a council going is active members and a good job of new member recruitment. I don't know of any council that flourishes without involving many members so don't just rely on a few. We all are aware of the many reasons that we lose members so it is imperative to constantly recruit. Don't just hope it will happen, make it happen!

COMMENTS FROM STATE DEPUTY LIEBIG

Dear Brother Knight Leaders,

It is with great humility and joy that I am writing to you my last column in the Directions before the new term of your next State Deputy Pat Powers takes over the helm on July 1.

Together, we have taken great strides over the past two years working always towards the common goals of growth, protection, and charitable activities through a focus on earning Star Councils for each and every council in South Dakota. We have seen it done in small, medium, and large councils. No council is out of the running in achieving a Star Council. It is with strong, courageous, early, and often action that these goals are attained. As has been said to State Council personnel and in training's... "A plan without action is just a plan". Nothing happens with only a plan, even the best plans. It is the action part that makes everything work. But that action must be early and repeated often.

We have such a wonderful thing going in South Dakota. Although still with it's challenges...from getting younger men and families to want to join the Order, keeping members engaged in Fr. McGivney's mission of the Knights of Columbus, small councils with population decreases and

ever changing Church dynamics from mergers to closings always on our minds, and to those that are indifferent to what the Knights in South Dakota do, sometimes even our members can be or are indifferent to what we stand for and do.

But with these challenges come great opportunities to forge ahead and make head waves for education about the benefits (spiritually, financially, socially) of the Knights and our charitable activities. Of course most importantly, our actions as strong Catholic men in our parishes and communities provide the setting to continue to progress our efforts and meet these challenges.

I am so proud to have been able to serve you all as your State Deputy the past two years. I am so proud of all your efforts to enhance the greater Good of the Order, but most notably what makes for the Good of the Order is first demonstrating activities for the Good of your parishes, families, and communities....for that is what truly makes the Good of the Order. When we do those things...the Good of the Order with growth, protection, and of

course charitable activities; take care of itself.

As I leave the role of State Deputy, I humbly ask for your continued efforts to ensure the success of South Dakota during the leadership of State Deputy Elect Pat Powers and beyond so that our high efforts never end as those efforts are entrusted to different leaders in both your councils and our State Council. Let's all continue to work together at the highest level to ensure South Dakota's continued success.

Thank you so very much for your support of Tamara and me during this amazing journey. May God bless you all, your councils, your members and their families.

As always...in humble service

Vivat Jesus,

Thad Liebig

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