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## Lessons From Nature

One of the first "Seed Catalogs" I received in the mail many years ago had a section on nursery stock. I was more than a little surprised to read that I could purchase a fruit tree that bore three different kinds of apples. My curiosity forced me to ask questions and do some research. Thus, I found out about something called grafting. The main trunk and its branches would bear the same fruit as the parent root stock but any branches grafted to the trunk would bear the same fruit as its original parent root stock. The grafted branches had to be accomplished in a certain manner if they were to survive. The grafted branches had to be of a similar type of tree which simply means you can't graft a maple or oak branch onto the trunk of an apple tree.

Let us compare this grafting process to creating a strong council (trunk) that has already developed a (council) has to be healthy before the other small the original council. Each branch (parish) added characteristics. If a graft is to be successful, it predetermined manner.



The original or home KC council is the one that provides all the nourishment in the form of leadership. The parish round tables are like grafted branches. They take on the characteristics of their local parish but are dependent on the parent council for support and nourishment.

round table for a KC council. First you need a good good root system. In other words, the parent stock branches (parish round tables) can be grafted (added) to will be different and have its own unique must be performed and taken care of in a

provides all the nourishment in the form of leadership.

Round tables should never be dead branches that are not actively growing and producing. Round tables are meant to be small branches and not large like the parent council. Each parish round table is meant to bear fruit for the home council and the parish to which it is attached. Unlike a grafted branch, a parish round table can be severed from the home council and grow and bear fruit on its own.

## Knights of Columbus Family Week (August 9-17, 2008)

By: Craig Larson, State Treasurer

Knights of Columbus Family Week is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family through programs that support the Church and the parish, and unite Knights and Squires with their families and the community at large. These programs should be fun and enjoyable for all, but also meaningful in their message. Our celebration of the family shouldn't be a private matter. Open it to nonmembers, prospects, parishioners, friends, priests, religious and everyone else in your community. Advertise your events and show your community that families are the backbone of communities and our Order. What does your council plan to do?

## August GK Things To DO

- Schedule and hold a First Degree
- Attend your District Meeting with Officers and Chairman
- Send in Form 365 Program personnel (Due Aug 1)
- Send in Form 1295 Semi-annual audit (Due Aug 15)
- Send in Form 2629 Roundtable (Due Sept 1)
- Pay State per capita (Due on receipt)
- Plan to attend KC Day at the Dome Aug 17
- Ask members to join the Father McGivney Guild

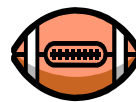
## Remember: KC Family Week

## FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- August 1, 2008—Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365) due to Supreme/State
- August 5-7, 2008—Supreme Convention, Quebec City
- August 9-17, 2008—Knights of Columbus Family Week
- August 15, 2008—Semi-annual Audit Report due (Form #1295)
- August 17, 2008—Twins Day at the Dome

## FOOTBALL FRENZY

By" Art Hendricks - Chairman



At the mid-summer meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> the State Council kicked off a new program. It is a fund raiser for the State Council and the local councils. It is: **FOOTBALL FRENZY!**

This how it works: Local councils for a donation of \$10.00 give the prospective player a ticket that has a coupon on one end of it. The middle part of the ticket has ten (10) dates with four (4) teams listed for each date. The other end of the ticket is the stub that needs to be filled out and returned with the donation. All stubs and donations plus any unsold tickets must be returned to Art Hendricks, State Football Frenzy Chairman, 3824 Lodestone Lane, Eagan MN 55122-1602, by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The first game is October 26<sup>th</sup> and the last game is December 28<sup>th</sup>. The same ticket is used for all ten weeks.

The winner is determined by the total score for the four teams. Highest total wins \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest wins \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> highest wins \$75, 4<sup>th</sup> highest wins \$50, 5<sup>th</sup> highest wins \$40, 6<sup>th</sup> highest wins \$30, 7<sup>th</sup> highest wins \$20, Lowest total wins \$75, and 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest wins \$10 for a total of \$750 each week.

Now the good part. Each council that turns in the stubs and money will receive 50 per cent of the profit for the tickets they used. The District Deputies that were at Midsummer took tickets for each of their councils. If your District Deputy was not at the mid-summer meeting and you want to get some tickets please call Art. If you want more tickets contact Art Hendricks (651) 452-6779 or awhendricks@hotmail.com with the subject line being **Football Frenzy**.

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## State Deputy Message

By: Gene Hippe, State Deputy

A very successful "Mid-summer" meeting was held July 11-13 for membership and program staff and new DD's. For the past two years these meetings have been held at the Bloomington/Marian KC Hall with room accommodations at the nearby Comfort Inn. The "Mid-winter" meeting will be held Dec. 5-7 at the same location.

Two new programs were formally begun at this meeting. Please carefully read the article about Football Frenzy. This is a fund raising opportunity for local councils and we need your involvement. It is a proven successful fund raising program in other states and we want it to be successful in Minnesota so we have additional funds to support the many worthwhile projects at both the local and state level. The other program will be field tested this year by a limited number of councils and is structured to raise funds for religious education in local parishes. Look for the article on this new program.

I am excited about all the positive things happening throughout the state as I begin my second term as State Deputy. I enjoy the many newsletters I receive and hope that more council's will put me on their mailing list. Articles about your projects and success stories help keep me "fired up" as your State Deputy. Last Fraternal year, the collective membership recruitment by local councils met the goal set for us by Supreme. **Thanks to all the councils and all the members who helped recruit 1385 new**

## Deaths & Suspensions

Soon we will have another new council in the Grey Eagle - Swanville area. By next June, I expect we will have 10 new councils plus increasing our membership with 1500 or more new members. This past year our numbers were decreased by 813 deaths and 471 suspensions and withdrawals. We also had a few more transfers to other states than transfers into our state. ***We can't do anything about the deaths except recruit replacements*** who, hopefully decrease the average age of our membership. However **we can hold down the number of members we lose to suspensions and withdrawals.** We need to help them maintain a positive attitude with our newsletters, activities, meetings, and friendship. Keep those members positive so you don't have to replace them!

There seems to be no benefit to having a member withdraw rather than being suspended. Once they are off the council's membership roster, they are usually gone for good. Let us all start the year on a positive note. **Meet your council goal before you start to suspend.** Don't start the paper work for a suspension until someone on the Retention Committee has talked to the individual in person. Have them sign a letter stipulating they know the benefits they are losing including the free accidental death policy and the daily mass for deceased members and wives.



Check out our web-site:

[www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org)

## Honor St. Paul

By: Father Ron Huberty  
State Chaplain

On the weekend of June 28/29

Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a special year honoring the life and ministry of St. Paul. We celebrate a man who went from persecuting Christians to being a faithful apostle of Jesus and helped countless other people to come to know Jesus in their lives.

St. Paul can be a special focus this year for us Knights. One way we can honor St. Paul is by taking time to read and pray with his written letters. We can pay special attention to the second reading at Mass on Sundays that often comes from one of St. Paul's letters.

One of my favorite lines from St. Paul comes from the second letter of Timothy 4:7. "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." This analogy by St. Paul is so fitting for us and our world as the Olympics are being held in China. The Olympic athletes have been committed in their sport in order to make an Olympic event. They are striving to be the best they can be. We can be inspired by their dedication and commitment.

This is a reminder that we are not striving for an Olympic medal but something of much greater value and that is the crown of eternal life that Jesus offers to us. We need that same dedication and commitment in living our faith in Christ. We can ask St. Paul to help us live our faith in the Catholic Church, our communities, and nation. We do not celebrate that St. Paul's life was perfect. In fact, he called himself the worst of sinners by his persecution of the Christians. But St. Paul is such an example of God's merciful love. We might fail over and over again, but God will always stand with us and work with us. This is such a great reminder in our service as Knights. When we might get discouraged in our efforts we can be filled with great joy and hope. Jesus is always there with us and is everything to us in our commitment as a member of the Knights of Columbus. St. Paul reminds us of this good news and may we in a special way honor his life this year.

## Ceremonial Degree Staff Meeting

By: David Whatmuff, Ceremonials Director

I am planning to hold the **annual meeting of second and third degree staff** at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Brooklyn Park (9100 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave N.) at **10 a.m. on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.**

This will give us the opportunity to introduce ourselves, and to discuss any concerns arising from recent changes to the ceremonials. Agenda items will include the importance of having trained alternates, and the possibility of forming an additional third-degree team.

Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, or subjects you wish to include in the agenda, please contact me (email preferred [KCDegreesMN@gmail.com](mailto:KCDegreesMN@gmail.com) or by telephone 763-420-4995)

I look forward to seeing you all there, and thank you in advance for your attendance.

## New State Staff Members

State Deputy Gene Hippe made the following new state staff appointments for 2008-09.

State Membership Director—Berry Hobbs

Rural New Council Development Director—Berry Hobbs

Metro New Council Development Director—Christopher Wrobel

Religious Ed Marathon—John Schlagel

Round Table Chairman—Charles Ernste

Retention Chairman—John Tanaka

Football Frenzy Chairman—Art Hendricks

Knights on Bikes Chairman—Robert Mathewson

Youth Activities Director—Alan Gregorson

State Freethrow Chairman—Pat Nelson

Squires Chairman—John Wilcox

Essay/Poster Contest—Joe Bertram

Ceremonials Director—David Whatmuff

## Our E-mail Sysytem

By: Joe Konrardy,  
State Warden

The State Council has set up an email address for every Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and District Deputy. As we start a new year, it is important to take advantage of the forwarding feature available to you with this email address and not miss valuable information.

Instructions for accessing, changing email passwords and entering your home email address for forwarding purposes are available in the Newsletters section of our state web site ([www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org)). It is not required to forward KC emails but it does make it more efficient. Once forwarding is set up, you will not need to check another place for email. Forwarding also allows those without internet access to have someone with internet access to receive the messages for them. Please obtain the old password from the last year's GK or DD and go into the system to change it to one you will remember. The default password is available through me at [stewarden@mnknights.org](mailto:stewarden@mnknights.org) or by calling 952.472.0596.

Reminder: your KC address is to be used for KC communications only. Any distribution outside your area of responsibility will need the State Deputy's approval. It may be used to send meeting notices to your fellow Brothers but can not be used to send notes across the state without the State Deputy's approval

## EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

	Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD	Phone#
Sunday	11/08/08	St. Peter's @ N. St. Paul	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	To Follow	Mike Schilling	651-738-3626
Saturday	11/22/08	St. Eliz. Ann Seton Sch. @ St. Clou	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	To Follow	Pat Imgrund	320-253-6092
Saturday	01/17/09	St. Vincent de Paul @Brooklyn. Park	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	To Follow	Jim Stalberger	763-424-8774
Sunday	03/01/09	Bloomington Marian KC Hall	9:15 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	To Follow	Orville Fillbrandt	952-887-1218
Saturday	03/07/09	St. Peter & Paul Church @ Gilman	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	To Follow	Robert Stay	320-387-2554
Saturday	03/28/09	St. Peter's @ N. St. Paul	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	To Follow	Mike Schilling	651-738-3626

**This is a preliminary schedule and may be subject to change.**

If you wish to host or have requested a major degree and do not see it here, please contact Dave Whatmuff, Director of Ceremonials (763) 420-4995, e-mail KCDegreesMN@gmail.com. If you plan to bring candidates to any exemplification, contact the host DD with the number of candidates via e-mail (DDxxMNKnights.org)



### Fourth Degree News

By: Tom Grinnell,  
District Master

Brother Knights, please accept my sincere congratulations for accepting the leadership of your assemblies and councils for this coming fraternal year. The assembly/council success depends upon your motivation and involvement within your assembly/council. Remember your role is leadership which includes delegating assembly/council assignments to your supporting officer corps and expecting from them a report on the activity delegated. I hope when making your assembly/council assignments you select a membership committee chairman that will solicit members for the Fourth Degree as well as the First Degree of the order. You will find membership retention enhanced if your Brother Knights are also Sir Knights.

Please also consider Council/Assembly liaison officers to report activities within the council and assembly. Brother Knights and Sir Knights call on these liaison officers at the business session of your meetings. Require a report on council/assembly activities. You may be surprised at the functions taking place within your jurisdiction. You may also receive some ideas to enhance your council/assembly.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Willmar Holiday Inn Convention Center. Registration forms can be obtained from your assembly Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller. They can also be found on the Minnesota Knights of Columbus web-site at [www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org). Click on the Fourth Degree emblem. Reservations can be made through your local assembly or by sending the form with the registration and meal costs directly to me at: P.O. Box 156, Loretto, MN 55357. It is my hope that all of the assemblies in the district will be represented with candidates at the fall exemplification.

God bless you in your efforts to build his kingdom and may God continue to bless

### Needed: Fall Classic Volunteers

It will soon be time for the annual Special Olympics Fall Classic. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Mark your calendars for November 7-9, 2008.

There will be more athletes and coaches than in the past, which means many more hands will be needed.

Contact Robert Hazelton at 651-690-1938 or via e-mail: [lindabobstpaul@msn.com](mailto:lindabobstpaul@msn.com) to volunteer.

### State Program Updates

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director

I extend thanks and congratulations to all of you who helped State Deputy Gene Hippe attain the distinct honor of achieving the State's membership goal. This is a great achievement for the State of Minnesota to have accomplished and all of you are a part of it all! Thanks go to Ken Ford and his staff for making it happen!

I have been preparing for the midsummer meeting and I have noticed that we really need to step up the filing of the required forms 185 and 365. Let's get this year off to a good start and work to exceed the great accomplishments we made last year.

I mentioned last month the realignment of district numbers. Most all of us are going to have to get used to our new district number. It will be worth it when all is said and done.

The District Deputies will be bringing home a lot of information from the midsummer meeting. The **Football Frenzy Sweepstakes** will be an opportunity for councils to share the profits with the State and a way for the State to raise monies to help fund state programs. The **MN Knights of Columbus Marathon for Youth Religious Education** will be introduced as a pilot program in all 6 Diocese, and will be made available statewide as soon as all of the bugs are worked out. Ask your District Deputy for further information.

I again remind you, there have been a few minor changes in the Awards section of the Leaders Guidebook. We have cut back on some of the Sub-Category Awards by omitting over and under 300 awards. Feel free to call me if you have any questions. Your District Deputy will be presenting more information on these topics at his District meeting following the Mid-Summer meeting.



### Auxiliary News

By: Margaret Hendricks, Historian/Publicity

Per capita dues of \$3/member, as of May 1, are due September 1. Send the dues to Anita Doll, State Treasurer, 512 Lower Heritage Way, Farmington, MN 55024. Make checks payable to MN K of C Auxiliary. Put in memo dues and # of members.

The State Auxiliary Bowling Tournament hosted by Brooklyn Park Auxiliary is Saturday, September 20. Registration forms have been sent out and are due September 1. Come even if you are a non-bowler. It's a fun day for all.

Fall Workshop is October 11 at St. Michael's Church in Farmington and hosted by the Farmington Auxiliary. More details later.

### Membership Recruitment Incentives

By: Berry Hobbs, State Membership Director

**New Members** are the life blood of our Order. Fr. McGivney envisioned that every Catholic man having the opportunity to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. This year the following membership incentives are offered to achieve the vision of Fr. McGivney.

For every new or readmitted member recruited into the Order during the fraternal year, the recruiter will receive 500 Recruitment Rewards Points. For recruiting the most new members Orderwide between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the Order's top recruiter will earn a trip to the 127<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

The membership recruiter is also eligible for VIP Club Incentives. In order to qualify for these incentives, recruiter must clearly complete Section 6 of the Form #100 with their name and membership number. The VIP Categories are: Level 2-25, Level 50, 75, 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500. At each level, the recruiter will receive the appropriate VIP Pin and Certificate. At levels 50 through 500, a \$25 - \$250 gift cards to the Supreme Council Supply Dept are awarded to the recruiter.

For the Grand Knight, the following incentives are available: Fr. McGivney Award (achieving membership quota), Founder's Award (achieving insurance quota), Columbian Award (program achievement), and Star Council (fulfilling requirements for Fr. McGivney Award, Founder's Award, and Columbian Award. The Double Star Council is awarded the Star Council and also attains 200% of their net gain goal.

The District Deputy earns the Star District Award when 100% of his membership and insurance quotas are met. District Deputies that attain Star District status for the 2008-2009 fraternal year will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 3 trips for two to New Haven in October of 2009.

District Deputies that attain Star District and have all of their active councils attain Star Council will receive a fleeced-lined Knights of Columbus jacket with personalized embroidery on it.

District Deputies who report at least three First Degree exemplification's between July 1 and September 30, 2008 will be entered into a drawing for one of 25 \$50 Visa Gift Cards. First Degrees must be reported to the Supreme Council office by Sept. 15 on the Degree Exemplification Report form (#450) in order to

**Form 365  
Service Program Personnel Report Form  
Due—August 1, 2008  
Send it in NOW!**

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## MARATHON FOR YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It was nearly a year ago when DD Jim Kelly was asked by State Deputy Hippe if he would form a committee to develop a new program. This program would facilitate the many parishes in the state without a school affiliation, to partner with a local Knights of Columbus council to raise funds for their youth religious education programs. This committee has worked diligently to develop a flexible program which parallels the very successful MARATHON FOR NONPUBLIC EDUCATION program. Many hours of discussion and devoted work has blossomed into a piece of work that is ready to be introduced to at least a pilot group of councils who are willing to work with their parish youth leaders to implement this program.

It is expected that each local council will cover the modest entry fee (about \$20.00) and will complete and send in all of the paperwork required in order to facilitate tracking the success of this new program. This requires completing the entry/registration form, and the after event report form. It is expected that the Knights will assist the parish personnel in all ways necessary to successfully facilitate the event chosen for the fundraiser. This program is flexible enough to allow most any type of activity in which participants are able to obtain pledges for whatever they are to accomplish.

The committee was composed of 8 members of the Knights of Columbus, 1 Parish Youth Minister, and 1 Parish Priest. Committee member John Schlagel, has accepted the invitation to become the first Chairman for this State program. John is from Cambridge Council #12813. Thank you for your commitment John. I would like to thank Gayne Maloney for the expertise he brought to the committee. Thanks to Jim Kelly and all of the other members for their dedication to this project. It is because of the dedication of the entire committee that the kit for this program has been developed and will produce a very successful



### Minnesota Squires

By: John Wilcox, Squires Chairman

State Deputy Gene Hippe asked me to be the new Squires Chairman for the new state council year. My name is John Wilcox. I hope I can step in and take over for what our past Chairman John has done. Thanks, John, for you have laid down a foundation that we will build up from.

A little bio about me. I am a past Grand Knight from Fridley Council #4381. I am a current member of Blaine/Coon Rapids Council #5141. Our family is active at St. Timothy's in Blaine. My wonderful family consists of Melissa, my wife, and our children, Alison age six and Austin age four.

The Squires, to me, are the building block of our Order, and we should have those blocks to help shape the foundation of the Knights of Columbus. We have to have the State Squires program shape our State Council. Many people have said that, "kids now days are too busy." With with a young family myself this statement is true, but we must make the Squires a program that families want to be busy in.

I have one goal and that is to get everyone excited about the Squires. DD's: It would strengthen your councils. Grand Knights: Squires members will work with your council and when the time comes be excited to become a Knight. The path to becoming a Knight should pass through the Squires.

Contact me and we can build a Squires Circle at your council and add to your foundation.. Contact me at: [jmwilcox@usfamily.net](mailto:jmwilcox@usfamily.net).

## IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED



For these we pray:

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 100 North Cordova Avenue  
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## Church Activities

By: Jim Ackermann, Church Activities Director

The District Deputies are not just envoys of the Supreme Knight. They are also integral to communicating messages and practices to the councils and Grand Knights. The GK's rely heavily on the insight and training the DD's can bring to them. Your knowledge and experience can be a guiding hand to a new GK. Each district/council, must initiate, promote, and sponsor programs which reflect the ideals of our Catholic faith, and be living examples to our Catholic brothers.

So, where does **Church Activities** fit into all of this? These are programs designed to foster support for the Catholic religion, enhance and promote spiritual growth within your Church community, and create fellowship and unity among parish members.

Encourage the GK's and the councils' Church Activities Director to develop ideas for new programs. Invite new members to participate in activities and always involve family members. Strive for active participation from all in the planning stages. If the membership doesn't have a sense of ownership, they will not stay involved in any council.

## Happy to be of Service

Our Minnesota Fourth Degree Master, Tom Grinnell, was contacted by the Minnesota Twins organization with a request to supply an honor guard to present the colors at some "extra" Minnesota Twins games. Yes, that means more than KC Day at the Dome. He said, "Yes." This provided a great opportunity to not only showcase the Fourth Degree Knights, but the Knights of Columbus as a whole. Our Minnesota Sir Knights are providing an honor guard for **10 games** this season. Thank you District Master Tom and Sir Knights for