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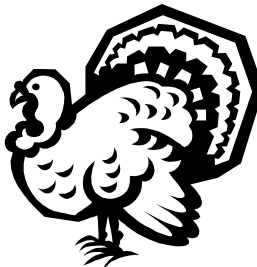
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Lessons From Nature By: Gene Hippe, State Deputy

Various species in the animal world have different ways of communicating with each other. For some it is visual and others it is auditory. A few communicate by smell or even by touch. That only leaves out our fifth sense which is taste and I suspect that when we see animals licking each other they are bonding and communicating through that sense. Many birds are both auditory and visual in their communications. Wolves, coyotes, and foxes communicate by sound, smell, and sight. All of this is necessary in order for them to bond and keep in touch with each other. Communication is very basic to survival.

The two forms of communication KC's use are visual and auditory. Birds are especially successful with this form of communication. They use it to form a basic family unit and to form a flock for both nesting and migration. Waterfowl could not survive successfully if they didn't communicate. Most songbirds also depend on these forms of communication. **The wild turkey has a wide array of sounds it uses to let others know where it we do any less?**



As KC leaders we can learn from animals. of their own species, surely we as humans beings. In other words we have a need to be and need each other. We form family units. with changing forms of communications. system that probably started with simple gestures and sounds and eventually included painting in caves, carvings on rocks and eventually a written form. Within the last 125 years communication techniques have exploded and now includes wire, wireless and satellite equipment.

If they have a need to communicate with others have a similar need. God created us as social with others of our own kind. We depend on We live in an ever increasing complex society We have evolved through a communication

Councils need to use every media possible to communicate not only with their own members, but also with the people in their parish and community. It is not enough to just keep the officers and a few others informed. All councils need to communicate monthly with the membership, whether by phone, e-mail, or the US Post Office. **As KC's we need to let everyone know who we are, what we stand for and what kind of things we do for our church, community, and for each other.** Most members want to know what the council has done and plans to do in the future. **Keep everyone informed!**



2009 Regional Free Throw Contests

Region 1
Chair: - None
Districts: 21, 22, 23, 24
Location: St. Catherine's School
203 E. Brown St.
Luverne, MN
Feb., 2009 TBD

Region 5
Chair - David Steen (218-784-3133)
Districts: 8, 9, 10, 11
Location: Ada Borup Jr/Sr high School
101 3rd Street W.
Ada, MN
Feb., 2009 Reg-1:30 p.m. Start 2 p.m.

Region 2
Chair - Bob Donovan (507-377-5098)
Districts: 25, 26, 33, 36
Location: Loyola High School
145 Good Counsel Drive
Mankato, MN
Feb, 2009-Reg. 12:30 p.m. Start 1 p.m.

Region 6
Chair - Dennis Boeckers (320-351-5068)
Districts 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Location: Sauk Centre High School
305 Hendryx Street
Sauk Centre, MN
Feb. 15-Reg. 12:30 p.m. Start 1 p.m.

Region 3
Chair - Jeff Bagniewski (507-289-3145)
Districts: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
Location: Lourdes High School
621 West Center St.
Rochester, MN
March 15-Reg. 12:30 p.m. Start 1 p.m.

Region 7
Chair - Steve Freese (218-534-3856)
Districts: 1. 2. 40. 41. 42
Location: Aitkin High School
19325 Lakewood Drive
Aitkin, MN
March 1 - Reg. 12:30 p.m. Start 1 pp.m.

Region 4
Chair - Joe Kriegl (320-894-4157)
District: 17, 18, 19, 20, 38
Location: Redwood Valley High School
222 Sunrise Blvd.
Redwood Falls, MN
Feb. 2009 Reg. 12 Noon Start 12:30 p.m.

Region 8
Co-Chair Mike Peplinski (218-728-5570)
Districts: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Location: St. James School
715 N. 57th Avenue
West Duluth, MN
Feb. 22 Reg. 12:30 p.m. Start 1 p.m.

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DEADLINE

Any council wishing to submit a resolution or suggested by-law change to the State Council must do so by **March 1, 2009** by sending them to :

James Terwedo,
State Advocate,
3700 West 220th Street
Jordan, MN 55352



Check out our web-site:

www.mnknights.org

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 14—Valentines Day
February 15—Semiannual Report Due to Supreme (Form #1295)
February 16—President's Day
February 25—Ash Wednesday

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State Deputy Message

By: Gene Hippe, State

Last May I wrote about “The Little Engine That Could”. Remember how the little train had the courage and determination to think it could make it to the top of the hill....and it did! Well, once again our membership recruitment has a hill to climb....and with your help and commitment, we can climb that hill.

As of Jan. 10th, we had less than 44,000 members. We are down 135 from where we ended the year last June 30th. We are not recruiting as fast as members are dying or being suspended. We can’ do anything about the 850+ deaths every year, but the suspensions can be cut way down if councils do three things. **First** of all, have good programs and get everyone active. **Second**, call your members and make them feel welcome and part of your council. Invite them to attend a couple of meetings. Work on the councils communications. And **third**, don’t suspend anyone until the Retention Committee or the GK has personally talked to them. Every council should have a Retention Committee. It is a required appointment on Form 365. This should be a face to face contact and not over the phone or by letter or notice. Find out why they aren’t paying their dues. Be lenient and work with them to keep them as a member. This is not a “catch and release” program.

GK’s and DD’s just received a packet of information from me. Make sure your council reports are current. Use the pulpit and bulletin announcements as part of you parish membership drive. Remember to get permission from your pastor before you select a date for the drive. Don’t forget to set up a membership drive in some of the small area churches that should be part of your round table program. They have members that deserve an opportunity to become a KC.

KC Convention Top 10

By: Craig Larsen, State Treasurer

Is your council planning to send delegates to this year’s convention in St Cloud?

Top 10 reasons to attend:

10. St Cloud is near the geographic center of MN.
9. There is free parking at the convention.
8. The majority of Minnesotans live within 100 miles of St Cloud.
7. Your council will receive a check from the state council to help cover delegate’s expenses.
6. There are plenty of things for families to do.
5. Fraternity, fraternity, and fraternity.
4. Making some new friends and get new ideas.
3. Celebrating what we do as Knights.
2. Where else can you gather with so many nice people?
1. If you live in Warroad, you will only have to drive 299 miles.

It’s not too early to make plans. Let’s try to make this the best convention ever! All it takes is you!

Pray With The Gospel of Mark

By: Father Ron Hubery, State Chaplain



“Here begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mk. 1:1). This first verse in Mark’s gospel is probably the title of the entire gospel. This year in we will hear from Mark’s gospel on most of our Sunday Masses. The call by Pope Benedict XVI to evangelize begins with the gospels. “One of the great challenges facing the Church...is that of cultivating a Catholic identity which is based not so much on externals as on a way of thinking and acting grounded in the Gospel and enriched by the Church’s living tradition.” We act on this message of Pope Benedict by giving our self the time to pray with sacred scripture. This will ensure that we will come to know Jesus in a deeper way and help us to be faithful ministers of the good news of Christ. To help us better hear the words of Christ on Sunday we can take time to pray with the gospel readings each week. One of our New Years resolutions can be that we will read and pray over the entire gospel of Mark, so that the word of God will speak to us not only at the Mass but also in our every day lives. As members of the Knights of Columbus may we set the example of praying with the gospel of Mark this year and truly be a faithful witness for our families, parishes and society.

Please Join the Fight

A new, very serious threat to human life has arisen: **The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)**

The Catholic Bishops of the U.S. have unanimously called us to prayer and action to prevent the passage of the radical **FOCA** and to oppose other attempts to overturn existing pro-life laws and policies. If this extreme measure is enacted, widely supported and constitutionally sound abortion regulations will be knocked down nationwide.

Passage of **FOCA** would:
 Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe abortions.
 Force American taxpayers to fund abortion.
 Require all states to allow partial-birth and other late term abortions.
 Allow abortions to be conducted by non-physicians.
 Strip parents of their right to be involved in their minor daughters’ abortion decision.
 Force Catholic hospitals/physicians/nurses to perform abortions thereby forcing them to close their doors.

Call your legislators and tell them to oppose **FOCA!** Our voices and prayers are needed more than ever.

Please go to:
www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/abortion
 for more information.

State KC Softball Tournament

Mark Your Calendars!
 36th Annual K of C Softball Tournament
 August 29-30, 2009
 Jefferson Fields, St. Peter, MN

How Are You Doing

By: Joe Konrardy, State Warden

How are you doing as a Grand Knight? What an interesting question to be asking of yourself. But during this week that is exactly what you should be doing. We are half way through the fraternal year at this point. Plenty of time to left to add a program or two that might have been missed during your planning. Plenty of time remains to recruit a few more members. So, how are you doing toward those goals you set 6 months ago?

Many are ahead of their Councils’ activity goals in the 5 categories of Church, Council, Family, Community and Youth. If you only have 2 completed and 1 more planned before the end of the fraternal year, I’d be thinking of a 4th to qualify for state awards. Some might say I don’t have time to plan at this stage. Guess what... you have help right there within your Council. He’s the Deputy Grand Knight. He’s right there waiting to support you just like the rest of the guys! That’s what Fraternalism is all about, right! Plus getting an award is a very positive feeling for your entire Council.

Maybe you are just too tired to do any more this year. I ask that you take a deep breath and resolve to prayer. Take a day or two and talk to God and ask Him for the strength, ideas, and the energy to get it all done. Trust in God that He will help you find a way through your DD, any of the State Officers or via the members of your Council. Then give it a try. I know you will do well these final months of this fraternal year.

Regional Free Throw cont. fr. page 1 Region 9

Chair - Mike Wocken (612-747-4463)

Districts 39, 43, 44, 45, 46

Location: Big Lake Middle School

601 Minnesota Avenue

Big Lake, MN

Feb. 21 — Reg. 12:15 p.m Start: 1 p.m.

Region 10

Chair - Robert Penas (320-327-2122)

Districts 35, 37, 47, 48, 49

Location: Holy Trinity High School

110 Winsted Avenue N.

Winsted, MN

March 1—Reg. 1:30 p.m Start: 2 p.m.

Region 11

Chair - Shawn euer (763-449-9938)

Districts: 51, 2, 53, 54, 58, 59

Location: Holy Name Church

Medina, MN

Feb. 21—Reg. 12 Noon Start: 12:30

p.m.

Region 12

Chair - James Chase (651-771-2064)

Districts: 34, 50, 55, 56, 57

Location: Holy Spirit School

515 South Albert

St. Paul, MN

Feb. 14—Reg. 12:30 p.m Start: 12:45

p.m.

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These assignments will check for current “traveling cards” at the doors. The District Deputies are registered to assist the warden in making sure all doors have a person checking cards during those times when the annual meeting is restricted to the membership.

SATURDAY AM		SATURDAY PM		SUNDAY AM	
Lee Auers	DD #01	Richard Morgan	DD #13	Leo (Mike) Kelly	DD #30
John Barry	DD #06	Robin Delage	DD #14	Jim Mladek	DD #35
Al Biscardi	DD #07	Dennis Boeckers	DD #16	Milan Weber	DD #36
Russell Warne	DD #08	James Frie	DD #28	David Trutwin	DD #40
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The annual meeting for the Minnesota State KC Council will be held May 15-17, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud.

Section 12 of the Charter Constitution Laws of the Order establish each State Council as being the GK and a PGK from each local council plus the elected state council officers. The delegates for each local council are to be its GK and a PGK. They are to each have a designated 3rd degree member as an alternate. There are no exceptions! Attendance is required!

The annual meeting for 2010 will be held at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud, also. The place and date for the 2011 annual meeting has not been decided. The State Council Officers are currently accepting proposals to host the 2011 annual meeting. Contact the State Administrative Assistant for the guidelines to host this event.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD	Phone #
02/08/09	St. Mary's School/Alexandria	10:30 a.m.—4718	12 Noon/Neal Wellick	Korzendorfer	Nathaniel Seabrook	320-554-7234
02/08/09	Faribault	10:00 a.m.—889	11:30 a.m. St. Ignatius	Columbus	Charles Ernste	507-332-2524
02/15/09	KC Hall/Anoka	10:30 a.m.—2018	12 Noon/Bob Nichols	Metro	Jim Schwalbe	763-757-3330
02/21/09	Hibbing	9:30 a.m.—1640	11:00/Neal Wellick	Korzendorfer	John Barry	218-229-2345
03/01/09	Bloomington Marian KC Hall	9:15 a.m.—3827	11:00 a.m./James Eck	So. Suburban	Orv. Fillbrandt	952-887-1218
03/07/09	Sts. Peter & Paul Church/Gilman	9:30 a.m.—9261	11:00 a.m./Mark Glatzel	Korzendorfer	Robert Stay	320-387-2554
03/15/09	St. Lous Church/Paynesville	10:30 a.m.—3820	12 Noon./Mark Glatzel	Columbus	LeRoy Schlangen	320-597-2080
03/15/09	KC Hall/New Prague	10:00 a.m.—2023	12 Noon/James Eck	So. Suburban	Jim Mladek	507-364-5659
03/22/09	Lourdes High School/Rochester	9:30a.m.—11460	11:00 a.m.—St. Ignatius	So. Suburban	Jeff Bagniewski	507-289-3145

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). To see a complete schedule of degrees, check the state web-site at www.mnknights.org.



Fourth Degree Update

By: Tom Grinnell, District Master

Sir Knights, assemblies and I assume councils should elect their officers at the first meeting in May of each year to take office at the first meeting in July. The election process consists of a nomination committee which considers future leadership members. The committee after due consideration which could include an interview process presents their recommendations to the membership at the April meeting. The report of the nominating committee containing the officer candidates is usually included in the monthly newsletter. The nominating committee can be appointed by the Faithful Navigator/Grand Knight and Trustees or may be nominated and voted on by the membership. Officer nominations can also be made from the floor when nominations are requested by the FN/GK. The saying goes "are there any other nominations?" To assure good leadership in your organization the process should start no later than February. Many assemblies/councils only have to choose one or two prospective officers as those in place "move through the chairs". The nominating committee should take the time to review the roster and consider the talents of the membership. Try to involve a cross section of ages and talents. Good luck on your leadership selection process.

God bless you in your efforts to build His kingdom and may God continue to bless America. Lady Jan and I extend our best wishes to all of you and your families for a Very Happy St. Valentine's day.



KC Auxiliary Information

By: Margaret Hendricks, Historian/Publicity

Reminder: Volunteer hours are due to State President, Rochelle Ibarra as soon as possible.

The KC Auxiliary Convention will be in conjunction with the Men's Convention on Saturday, May 16, in St. Cloud. A great time is being planned. The State Auxiliary will have a hospitality room Saturday evening after the banquet. This year's theme is "Discover a New World." Entertainment after the luncheon will be provided by an a'ccapela group, the "Half Steps." Should you choose to stay longer, the wonderful movie "Bella" will be shown.

The Auxiliary logo may be used in obituaries from the Mpls. Star Tribune & Pioneer Press.



State Directory Updates

Please make the following corrections to your State Directory.

Financial Secretary, Robert H. Pahl
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Financial Secretary, Rev. Walter B. Kieffer, OSB
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St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

Financial Secretary, Jason F. Richter
Council 5202, St. Mary's Winona
164 Main Street
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State Softball Chairman
Ray Danzel
2491 S. Coon Creek Drive NW
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KC State Bowling Tournament

The 71st annual Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Bowling Association Tournament will be held April 18-19, 25-26, and May 2-3, 2009, in Monticello, MN.

It is a Moral Support Sanctioned tournament for singles, doubles, and team bowling. Sign up and join the fun. We need you! **Please spread the word to your councils.**

Contact Pete Harris at 763-295-3507 or 763-295-3390 or e-mail him at: pete@rivercityextreme.com.



Brother Knights:
Remember to thank your Valentine for her support of your KC work.

Full Court Press

By: Berry Hobbs, State Membership Director

The District Deputy mid-winter meeting is behind us. District meetings have been conducted, and all council leadership teams have been encouraged to press on with membership development.

Yes, we have had the making of a winter that has been challenging. After living here in Minnesota for ten years and blowing several feet of snow, I've learned that Minnesotans are folks who brace themselves for challenges and conduct themselves in a very determined manner. All of us would be well served by applying these characteristics to the work of finding new members. We Minnesotans must never give up seeking out new members, we must apply the full court press to this effort, and with time we will begin to enjoy and realize the fruits of our work.

Please schedule first degrees. Having a first degree will serve to motivate your membership to recruit and seek out new members. If no members are recruited, use the degree for a degree team rehearsal.

The leadership teams of those councils hosting a major degree should give serious consideration to marketing the degree. The host council and host district deputy would be well served to develop a marketing strategy that reaches out to all councils near and far. Develop appropriate publicity to advise others of **who, what, when, where, and what time.** Contact the administrative assistant for mailing labels, and your mailings should be sent to both the council Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary.

Service programs are very important to our Order, and they are the vehicle by which service is rendered to all members of the Mystical Body of Christ. It seems to me that at such events, there will be those present who are not members of our Order. These events clearly present us with the opportunity to serve and to sign up a new member. Always consider attending these events with a Form 100 in your hip pocket.

KC Wake Service



Several years ago a Knights of Columbus wake service was written by one of our State Chaplains. It has since been reviewed and updated by another State Chaplain. This is a beautiful service and councils should talk to their chaplain or priest about using it for wake services in your area. Councils may request a reasonable amount of copies from the State Office for use at no charge. Should a large number be requested, there would be a charge.

Copies of the wake service was given to your District Deputy at the Midwinter Meeting to share with you. Ask him for a copy if you did not receive it.

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IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED



For these we pray:

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:

Please submit names of deceased members to:

Bill Hoffman, Fraternalism Chair
100 North Cordova Avenue
LeCenter, MN 56057
Phone: 507-357-6179



Knights of Columbus 2009 State Free Throw Championship



Free Throw Banquet - Friday, March 27, 2009

Bloomington Marian Knights of Columbus Hall
1114 West American Boulevard
Bloomington, MN 55420
Phone: 952-888-1492



Free Throw Contest, Saturday, March 28, 2009

Registration: 8:00 a.m. — Start Time: 9:00 a.m.
Bloomington Jefferson High School
4001 West 102nd Street
Bloomington, MN 55437

Any questions or need more information?

Contact: Pat Nelson at 952-985-0574

State Program Information

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director

I had a great time at the mid winter meeting. Membership and forms seemed to be the main topics. Speaking of forms, there are still more than **79 councils** that have not been recorded at Supreme as having sent in their **form 365 (directors and committee chairs)**. This alone eliminates nearly 1/3 of our councils from achieving the **Star Council Award**. Are you one of them? However, on the positive side, we have only 22 active councils that have not filed their **form 185. Congratulations and Thank You!!**

Have you filed the **form 1728** fraternal activity report? **It was due 1/31/09!!** This is the report that determines whether or not we can maintain non-profit status. Did you realize that your Financial Secretary and Treasurer do not have their bonding in effect if the **semi-annual audits (forms 1295)** are not filed? This form is due February 15, 2009!! Approximately 1/4 of the councils in the state of Minnesota did not have their bonding in effect during July to December. This is just a little troublesome. **Are you one of these councils?**

My Brother Knights, there is still time to send in these reports. Please get your council officers into the habit of using the little pink **Leaders Guide Book** to track all of these due dates.

You will be receiving the **YEAR-END REPORTS** packet in the mail during the next month. It will contain a **questionnaire** to be completed and filed by **April 10, 2009. This is an absolute deadline!!** Filing this form is a requirement to be eligible for **State non-competitive Awards**. You will also find a **form** for your service program entries. This may be copied for entries in each of the 5 major categories, and may also be found in the Supreme forms booklet. It is also available online from Supreme and State.

How are you doing with your programs? How about membership?? Is retention working for you? It is very difficult to fill a bucket with a hole in it. A smart man will fix the leaks first! You can do this with exciting programs, and interesting and short meetings. Keep the members that you have active and interested, then recruit new members with new ideas and enthusiasm. Free Throw contests, Poster and Essay contests, Tootsie Roll fund raiser for People with Developmental Disabilities, Family of the Month entries to Supreme, man, I could go on forever, but you know the routine. **Let's GIT R DONE!**

It sounds to me like the State convention is getting close. Have you started to make your convention plans?

Ahh, the Knights of Columbus, I love it. See you at the Convention!!

Leadership Tips

GK's: Contact your membership chairman and set up a date for a membership drive at your parish. Look at the material you just received from the State Deputy. Meet your membership goal!

GK's: Make sure all your reports have been sent to Supreme. You just received lists from the State Deputy. Get your council off his list (s).

GK's: All councils need to fill out the Fraternal Survey and send it to Supreme and the SD. You will be contacted soon if your form isn't sent to both places.

DD's: Your semi-annual report on council status was due Dec. 31. It is essential you fill out this report and send it to Supreme and the State Deputy. As of Jan. 10th the SD has only received 5 reports. Get off his calling list.

FS's: Look on pages D7 & D8 in your Handbook for information on suspensions. Especially look at the section on "Failure to Remain a Practical Catholic. It states that this transaction is not counted against the Supreme Council Award quotas. Examples are members who officially leave the faith and join another church or marry after a divorce without an annulment on the previous marriage.

FS and GK: Go over your membership roster and count the number of members who had a birthday prior to Feb. 1, 1939. Then divide that number by the number of members in your council. That is the percentage of members in your council over age 70. Any percentage over 30 is a "red flag" telling you your council needs more new members.

FS & GK: Divide your membership number by the number of families in your parish(s). Anything less than 25% means you have lots of opportunity to recruit. 26% -50% means your council is doing a good job and anything over 50% puts you on the "great" list.

Membership Director: Set up a church drive or blitz now! That's part of your job. Do it!