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LESSONS FROM NATURE

How many times have we looked at something and not seen it? In nature, some species survive because of a slow evolutionary process that allowed them to become camouflaged in certain environments. This is especially true for some insects and reptiles. Many toads, frogs and snakes have colors and patterns that closely resemble the rocks, soils and vegetation they inhabit. Some insects closely resemble the twigs, leaves and flowers they frequent. Nesting female birds and their eggs frequently blend almost perfectly with their surroundings. The light colored spots on a fawn deer help it blend with sunlight filtering thru the leaves of trees.

There are many members in our councils who are just as invisible to many of us as the things previously described – but they are not trying to be invisible. They are invisible because we don't visualize their potential.

Have you ever looked at a Catholic man in church and did not see a potential KC member? When is the last time you noticed a KC who gets to church early or stays after mass to pray but didn't see a future Church Activity Director? How often do we have coffee with an outgoing, confident brother KC but fail to see a potential Grand Knight or District Deputy.? When is the last time we attended a KC meeting or activity where there were a couple of newer members who sat quietly in the background and we didn't see someone who wanted to get acquainted and get involved? How many widows and widowers belong to our parish but we don't see an opportunity to help them with some simple chores or home maintenance?

It's easy to spot a loud Blue Jay, a soaring eagle or moving whitetail deer. It's not so easy to see some of nature's creatures that blend into their environment. It is time we start looking for the not so obvious leaders in our councils. They may end up being a future GK, DD or even a State Deputy.

State Deputy's Message

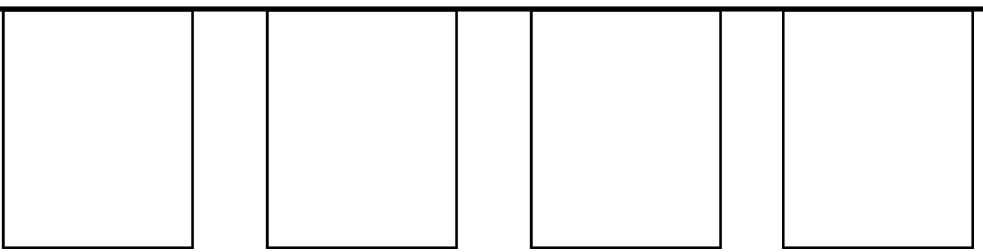
By: Gene Hippe,
State Deputy

Thanks to all the councils and their delegates for having confidence in me and electing me for another term. It was a great annual convention and I had many positive comments regarding the changed meeting format with the power point presentation and the training and breakout sessions Sat. afternoon.

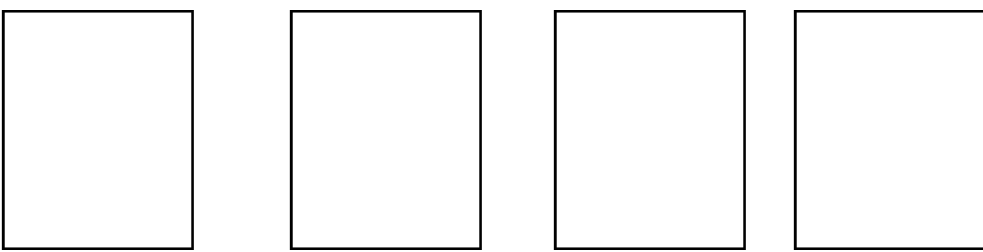
The enthusiasm and action by councils this year has placed Minnesota in a position where Supreme is looking at what is happening in our state. The number of councils qualifying for awards has increased and our membership is actually growing rather than decreasing. However, we must continue to bring in new members because we have a high membership age in this state. Each council should compute the average age of their membership. During the first half of June, 67 more of our members died. The total membership deaths this year will be over 800.

Credit for the positive attitudes and changes goes to our state program and membership directors and chairmen. They are all doing a fantastic job, just like you DD's and local councils. This coming year we will be pursuing several new program ideas. These are highlighted in other articles in this newspaper issue.

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State Officers Re-Elected for 2008-09 & New Associate State Chaplain Appointed

Delegates to the 2008-09 Minnesota KC Convention re-elected the State Officers for a second term. Installation of the officers will be held at the Midsummer Meeting in July at the Bloomington KC Hall.

Father Ron Huberty is now the KC State Chaplain from the New Ulm Diocese.

Bishop Kinney of the Diocese of St. Cloud appointed Rev. David Maciej as our new Knights of Columbus Associate State Chaplain. You can learn more about Father Maciej in his article on page 2.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- July 1, 2008—Form 185—Report of Officers due to Supreme & State Office
- July 4, 2008—Happy Independence Day
- July 10, 2008—Suspension of Council for Nonpayment of Catholic Advertising
- July 11 - 13, 2008—Midsummer Meeting @ Bloomington KC Hall
- August 1, 2008—Form 365—Service Program Personnel Report to Supreme & State Office
- August 5-7, 2008—Supreme Convention @ Quebec City

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God Is Our Strength

By: Father Ron Huberty, State Chaplain

“God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.” (NAB, Isaiah 12:2) I find great comfort and hope in this passage from the prophet Isaiah. I seek this reminder

that God is my strength and gives me courage as I begin my year as Minnesota State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. I know I can not do this on my own. I look to God to give me the strength, the wisdom, the gifts and the spiritual insight needed to do this ministry. I know I seek God’s help in all I strive to do as a priest in the Diocese of New Ulm and pray that God will help me do this ministry well.

I also know that I am grateful to those who have prepared me for this ministry. I want to thank Father Joe Richards, the past State Chaplain, for his guidance and support during my year as assistant chaplain. I am grateful for all past chaplains who have offered this ministry and I hope with God’s help I can continue this service with the same spirit and dedication with which others have served in this position.

I am grateful to the Board members who give such great service to the Knights of Columbus and who are helping me to fulfill my duties as a chaplain. I look forward to the ways we will serve together in this upcoming year.

I hold all you Knights in my prayers in a special way this year. I pray, as we strive to grow as a Catholic organization and continue the great ministry that is happening in Councils throughout the state, that we will always trust that God will give us all the strength and courage we need to fulfill our tasks.

Jesus has fulfilled this message of the prophet Isaiah and is our savior who showed us that He came not to be served but to serve. Jesus will help us in our service to our councils, our families, our parishes, our communities, our nation, our Catholic Church in the world. All good things are possible if we trust that God will lead us. May God bless all of you and I look forward to the many ways we will serve in the spirit of Christ this year.

Willing to Serve

By: Fr. David Maciej
Associate State Chaplain

Dear Members of The Knights of Columbus:

This is my first article to all of you as the new Associate State Chaplain for Minnesota’s Knights of Columbus. I’m honored to be asked to accept this position, and at the same time I feel the twinge of anxiety in trying to fulfill a role like this. I ask your prayers and patience as I do my best to be the Lord’s instrument in service of all of you and your families!

I’m a central Minnesota native, born on a farm near Bowlus, which is a little town about a dozen miles south of Little Falls. I grew up there, attending a country grade school, Upsala High, then St. Cloud State University (not a university at that time...I do have a few years behind me!). After college I enlisted in the Navy for four years, then entered St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul. I was ordained in 1980 and have served in various parishes in the St. Cloud Diocese since then.

I’m currently pastor of Christ the King in Browerville and St. Joseph’s in Clarissa. I’ve been involved with the Knights since my associate days at St. Ann’s Church in Wadena, and have always been inspired by their commitment to the Lord, the Church and all God’s people, especially those most in need.

I look forward to meeting many of you. May the Lord bless all of us as we continue to do his work and bring his people closer to Jesus and the salvation He has won for us!

Attention: State Staff & DD’s

Have you registered for the Midsummer Meeting? If not, it is time to do so now! See you there!

State Treasurer Message

By: Craig Larson, State Treasurer

As we are preparing for this issue of the Knightly News, I am in the midst of issuing the checks for the MR (Tootsie Roll) Drive. Working with State Secretary Ricardo and State Warden Joe makes it easier and the list of checks to write is getting shorter. Each figure is checked several times so hopefully we don’t have any mistakes. I have been thinking about the income and the donations while working on the 700-800 checks.

First, for each dollar we are able to distribute, I think about all the people who generously donate every year at church or the grocery store. I think about all the parents and grandparents who give kids a dollar or two to donate and the people who throw in their pocket change. One Tootsie Roll at a time, one quarter at a time, adds up to a great deal of money.

Then I think about the people who benefit from these funds. We don’t see the full extent of the benefits of these funds but for the past several years I have seen the smiling faces of the Special Olympic Fall Classic participants. The joy and excitement that is seen in the athletes is unbelievable. The Fall Classic receives only a portion of the funds. The rest is distributed all across the state. Every part of the state has groups and organizations who also receive funds. I would like to encourage everyone to go and see for yourself how our work helps out people in your part of Minnesota.

July Grand Knight’s Things to Do

Schedule First Degree
Set date for installation of officers
Submit Form 185
Submit Form 365
Prepare for Semi-Annual Audit
Prepare for IRS Report
Plan your council year

Fax the State Office

The fax machine is on a personal phone line, so you must call the KC State Council Office first **before sending the fax** to notify them of the fax being sent.

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Step 2—Dial 320-587-6251 to send fax.

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Don’t forget to visit our web-site at:

www.mnknights.org

A Lot of Information to Know/Learn

By: Joe Konrardy, State Warden

July is such a great month in the Order. We hold our Mid-Summer meetings and all District Deputies are provided valuable information that is to be communicated back to each Council. As a new Grand Knight, you won’t want to miss your District Meeting where 2 days worth of information will be shared with you. Give your DD a call to find out when he will hold his meeting.

July is also the time to make sure all of last year’s activities are wrapped up and that you have a great start to this year. Forms are due; many are available on line at www.kofc.org or even our own state kc web-site www.mnknights.org. By missing a deadline, your Council will miss vital information being sent from Supreme. If you are a person short for a position, you should still send it in (as GK, you can receive the info by the way) and then re-submit once you have any open positions filled by replacing or adding their name. It is really simple and it works!

Boy did I sign up for some mail when asked to receive all the MR Drive funds! Believe it or not, a few Councils have yet to send in their funds. If you are unaware if your Council has sent in their funds, check with your FS. If they have not been sent in yet, PLEASE get them to me within the next day or two. We’d like to get these funds into the hands of those who really could use them! Thanks. By the way, for taxation reasons, you will want to send the funds via a cashiers check or money order, never deposit into your Council’s funds.

Here’s my monthly plea to get everyone up and running on the statewide email system. The state officers have begun to use more and more all the time. It will save a ton of dollars and provide faster communications. So, if you have not done so yet, please go to our web site (www.mnknights.org) and under Newsletters you will find the instructions. Send a note to me if you do not remember the password that I told everyone about at the state convention. Those who have set it up, thank you. We’ll begin to use here and there, but it really becomes effective at about 50% of the Councils set up. Expect more info shortly.

Have a great summer. Don’t forget to plan your work and work your plan. Now’s the time to start your year off great and ask Catholic gentlemen to join us!

CONVENTION ATTENDEES

Why do some council’s attend the annual convention every year – and some seldom attend? This year 141 councils were represented out of 251 active councils. That is an attendance percentage of 56%. **NOT GOOD!** Thanks to all the councils that attended, but we would like to know why 44% of the councils chose to stay away. There must have been at least 1 or 2 KC’s in each council who didn’t have to work, attend a family function, travel out of state, go fishing, golfing... A lot of hard work goes into planning a convention and the business meetings, awards presentations, masses, etc... Your state officers and district deputies would like to hear from you and find out why you didn’t attend. Maybe some changes can be made that will encourage you to attend next year.

Student Loan Board Begins New Year

By: Jim Larson, Chairman

With the passing of the State Convention and the election of new officers in the councils, it is time for the council planning committees to set the course for the next council year. We at the Student Loan Fund, Inc. are in the same process. We have goals to set and officers to elect. Bob Lanoue is retiring after twelve years of giving of his time and talent. Brad Riebel from US Bank, our new board member, was elected by the membership at the Convention. We wish Bob Lanoue the best in the future, and we welcome Brad to the board. We will be electing a new chairman, 1st vice-chairman, and a secretary for this coming year. I will be retiring as chairman, but I will continue to serve the Student Loan Fund as a board member.

Our goal this year, as in the past and will be in the future, is to continue to serve the children of the members. We, as a corporation, have issued a total amount of \$6,894,994.34 through 2007. With your continued support we will strive to keep up with the demand in the future. One of our tools to obtain this goal is to place a donation envelope addressed to the Student Loan Fund in the hands of all KC members. We are asking that you consider a donation to the Student Loan Fund in the form of a check. Your council will receive credit toward any awards they are trying to achieve, and your canceled check will be your receipt for a tax deduction. The Student Loan Fund, Inc. has a 503C status, so all donations written to our corporation are tax deductible.

Finally, I wish to extend a thank you to all who have supported us in the past, and ask everyone to consider helping us in the future. It has been a great pleasure to serve the Minnesota Knights of Columbus the past eight years on the Board of Directors of the Student Loan Fund., Inc.

M-R Drive Update

By: Marc Peters, Director

Today I got an envelope from our state treasurer. Inside were many thank you notes: Woodlands in Long Lake and St. David's of Dilworth, & Rhine Lake Retreat. They told of their programs and how important this money is to their programs. When I attend meetings for ARC and Special Olympics, I hear in their voices the gratitude they have towards the Knights and this program. It makes standing in the cold weather in April certainly worth it.

To be frank, right about now I get a bit frustrated. The deadline date is past by a month yet we have over 10% of the council ignoring the deadline of getting their report and money in to the state for processing. This means phone calls and letters to the councils, more expense and time expended. I'm, for the most part, not a procrastinator; I like to get a project finished. But I can't do it unless everyone cooperates. So if you are a council that has received my call or letter, please respond by turning in your report. Then, in a month or so, I can get a thank you note from your charity thanking us.

St. Michael's Medal

Do you have a family member or friend serving in the military? Do you know that you can request a St Michael Medal for them from the State Chaplain? All you need to do is send the name, rank, branch of the service and address to State Chaplain Fr Ron Huberty and he will send them a St Michael Medal and holy card. The recipient doesn't need to be a Knight. Please send in the names of your military friends and relatives who would like to receive a medal.



Help Needed

By: Tom Grinnell
District Master

July 4th we commemorate and celebrate Independence Day. I believe on Independence Day we should get out a copy of the Declaration of Independence and spend a little time reflecting on it to try to realize what forced the colonists into making such a bold statement. The Declaration of Independence is the prelude to the Constitution which details the laws of the land. Our military pledge to defend the Constitution against foes foreign and domestic. They honored this pledge from 1776 to the present age. Defending our country has not been cheap. It has been costly. Our National Cemeteries attest to the cost. So does our Veterans Hospitals. The Veterans Administration has recently changed the eligibility for free VA care from two years to five years after release from active duty. This has and will affect the magnitude of those potentially eligible for care. Worthy Sir Knights, Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary members and Squires we have many Veterans in our VA Medical Centers in Minnesota. Volunteer opportunities include : Coordination of volunteer activities; Providing reception and information services; Providing transportation for veterans as necessary; Help to make patients comfortable; Providing "Pet Therapy"; Arts and crafts; Patient visiting; Offering holiday celebrations; Taking patients to ball games or performances; Hosting picnics, parties or recreational outings; Aiding and assisting priests in administering to Catholic Veterans.

If your assembly, council, auxiliary, or circle has an interest in serving the Veterans in the Medical Centers advise me accordingly and I will put you in touch with the Knights of Columbus representative for the respective medical center.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is October 25, 2008 at the Willmar Holiday Inn Convention Center. Enter the date on your calendar and plan to attend as a new candidate or a Sir Knight in support of the Degree. Exemplification material will be made available to assemblies in late July or early August.

God bless you in your efforts to build his kingdom and



New Auxiliary Officers Begin

By: Rochelle Ibarra, President

Congratulations to the newly elected Knights of Columbus Auxiliary officers throughout the State of Minnesota. Your time and perseverance are not unrecognized. It is with great pleasure to be elected as your new State Board President. I know what an honor it is to work with all of you ladies.

Here are the names of your State Board officers. We all look forward to meeting and working with your auxiliaries. Vice President, Idalorraine Wilson; Secretary, Lisa Heikkila; Treasurer Anita Doll; 1st Trustee, Ann Aeschliman; 2nd Trustee, Betsy Schroeder; 3rd Person on Audit, Ann Hartmann; Parliamentarian/By-Laws, Marilyn Jacobs; Historian/Publicity, Margaret Hendricks; Ways & Means, Nancy Unger; Respect Life, Jan Hoelscher; and Activities Liaison, Jean Burnett.

State Programs

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director

I am humbled as I am trying to find the words to thank you for the magnificent response that you have given to me during the past council year. I looked back at the article that I wrote a year ago challenging you to raise the bar and work to get your reports in as well as to expand your programs and increase membership. My Brother Knights, you responded in a most magnificent way, but, we have only touched the tip of the iceberg on what we can accomplish! The quality, as well as the quantity of programs has increased tremendously. I am proud of the number of councils that achieved the Award of Excellence at the State Convention. There were nearly twice as many as there were in 2007! Congratulations to all of you for your exceptional work. We will accomplish even more this next year!

Check your forms booklet or the Leaders Guidebook for the due dates of all the forms that are required to be filed. You can also check out my article from last month, or go to www.mnknights.org if you have already discarded the newsletter.

Let's take the time to look forward to this next year!

We have some exciting things that we will be presenting at the Mid-Summer meeting. There has been talk for a number of years on the State level about the need to realign the District numbering system. **THE TALK HAS ENDED, AND ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN!** Check out the article on this topic by our State Deputy. We are also planning to implement a State fund raiser in which your local Councils can participate in the revenue. The **FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES** will be introduced at the Mid-Summer meeting July 11-13 also. Check out State Deputy Hippe's article on this endeavor elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, we have been working on developing a program to parallel the Minnesota Marathon for Nonpublic Education through which parishes without schools will be able to partner with their local Knights of Columbus Council to raise funds for youth religious education. Look for more information in the **MARATHON FOR YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** article in this newsletter.

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.

I ask you to consider the lesson of Unity wherein alone we find ourselves restricted to what we can accomplish. It is in unity that we are nearly unlimited to what we can achieve. It is in unity with God and each other that I look forward to a year filled with a multitude of achievements and the opportunity to make a profound difference in our world. Go forth among the people and make a great difference!

VIP PINS

VIP stands for Very Important Proposer. On a quarterly basis, the Supreme office compiles for each state a list of members who have brought two or more members into the order during their life time. They track this information by the proposers membership number at the bottom of the Form 100. The following people were recognized during the State Convention Banquet for their recruitment achievements: Lonnie Spaeth, New Ulm - 168 members, Deacon Jim McLaughlin, Bloomington - 150, Dennis Holker, Monticello - 104, James Burkhart, Roseville - 70, Berry Hobbs, Rochester - 43, Jim Hurt, Maplewood - 39, Randy Lindstrom, Willmar - 39, Ken Ford, Minneapolis - 38, Charles Ernste, Faribault, - 37, Al Kempf, Ramsey - 35, Mike Peplinske, Duluth - 31, Craig Larson, Dilworth - 29, Gene Hippe, Willmar - 27, Tom Grinnell, Loretto -25.

Fall Classic Update

By: Bob Hazelton, Chairman

This year marks the 16th year of sponsorship for the Fall Classic. Dates this year are November 7-9 at Drkulas Lanes in Inver Grove Heights and Southtown Bowl in Bloomington. This also marks the Opener for Deer Hunting. We know that for some of you, deer hunting is a fall ritual, but we are hoping that you would give great thought to being with us instead. Start thinking about it now, or maybe family, friends and neighbors could be your substitute. The preliminary attendance count from SOMN is approximately 2500 athletes and coaches. We'll need everyone's help to do this in the style our guests have grown to know over the years.

Listed below are the tentative district assignments at both sites.

Friday, November 7 at Southtown	Districts 7 & 12
Saturday, November 8 at Drkulas (AM)	Districts 32 & 43
Saturday, November 8 at Drkulas (PM)	District 1 (Roseville Council)
Saturday, November 8 at Southtown (AM)	District 57 (Waverly)
Saturday, November 8 at Southtown (PM)	Districts 19, 34, 47, & 55
Sunday, November 9 at Drkulas (AM)	Districts 3, 4, & 54
Sunday, November 9 at Drkulas (PM)	District 37 & 54
Sunday, November 9 at Southtown (AM)	District 6
Sunday, November 9 at Southtown (PM)	Districts 5 & 31

Volunteers for AM shifts need to report at 7 .m. for coffee and rolls with their training. Bowling starts at 8 a.m. and ends between noon and one, followed by lunch. PM shifts are invited to lunch and training. Afternoon bowling start at 1 p.m. and ends by 6 p.m.

As you know, there are many opportunities to volunteer. We will need 50 per shift at Drkulas and 65 per shift at Southtown. We'll need lane monitors, awards presenters, awards runners, and troubleshooters, and we know there's something for you.

Your financial support over the past years has helped us grow and meet the demands of this popular event. We are grateful for that too.

In closing, please step up and say "Yes" when asked. Better yet, notify your District Deputy now and save him some time. Charity is what we are about—what better way to exemplify that principle. registration deadline is September 30, 2008. We hope you join us.

ROUND TABLES

A "Round Table" in KC terminology is usually a small parish affiliated with a KC council located in a larger parish. To be an official Round Table parish, each year the parent KC council must complete and submit a form to Supreme which names the parish and the person who is designated as the Round Table Coordinator. The coordinator represents the council and must meet with the local pastor to determine how the parent council can best serve the needs of the smaller parish. The coordinator is the liaison between the council and the parish pastor but is not necessarily the chairman of the activities that are held on behalf of the parish. It is expected that a membership drive will be conducted at each parish which is identified as a Round Table. Each year a Round Tabled Parish should show a growth in the number of persons who are KC's.

A parish with a Round Table designation last year is not a permanent designation. Each year the council needs to submit the proper form to Supreme in order to receive credit. Councils should identify smaller parishes without a KC council in their area and submit the necessary forms to designate them as a Round Table. Councils should work with their District Deputy to create new councils in any parish that has a family membership of 400 families or more. Some parishes with a young and growing family membership can sustain a new council with far fewer than 400 families.

PRO-LIFE CHALLENGE

Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson recently announced a new program to State Deputies attending a training meeting in New Haven. Supreme will share the cost with 8-10 states to purchase ultra sound machines to be used to show expectant mothers an image of their baby. Surveys have shown that women who are considering an abortion often change their mind after seeing a sonogram of their baby. The cost of a machine is \$25,000 – 35,000 plus there is the need to train several machine operators. Supreme suggests a partnership with a Crisis Pregnancy Center which would have to be certified as a licensed medical facility with a MD affiliated on its staff. Wouldn't it be great to have a machine set up close to a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic?

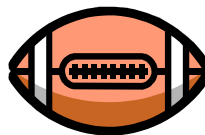
If you as an individual or council are interested in donating towards funding an ultrasound machine, contact State Deputy Gene Hippe. Donations can be tax exempt if they are made through the Minnesota Knights Foundation. If there seems to be enough fiscal support, your State Deputy will try to arrange for Minnesota to become one of the pilot states for cost sharing one of these machines. Supreme is expected to announce pilot states at the Supreme meeting the first week in August.

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 after the 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 program.



FOOTBALL FRENZY

This fall the State Council will partner with local councils for purposes of conducting a joint fund raiser. Cash prizes will be paid to winning ticket holders. This is a Sweepstakes, not a raffle which means donations are taken for the tickets rather than the tickets being sold. A \$10 donation is suggested and a coupon worth more than \$10 is included on the ticket. Tickets are valid for the last 10 weeks of the NFL season. Each ticket has 4 different NFL teams each week and teams change weekly. Prizes are paid for the highest and lowest 4 team total each week. Winning ticket holders do not have to claim their prize which will be paid automatically.

Last year eleven State KC Councils ran this program and most of them averaged around \$100,000 in profits which they shared with participating councils. One state made \$250,000. This can be a great fund raiser for local councils. Information will be shared with interested councils over the next several months.

Family is Important

By: Ricardo Acevedo, State Secretary

I am looking forward to a great start in the new fraternal year and all the new opportunities that will be presented to us to do more for the parishes in the State of Minnesota via increases in local council programs, local membership, and more local councils where needed. Remember the Knights of Columbus is more than just for men. We have organizations for the ladies—the ladies auxiliary; for the young men ages 10-18—the Columbian Squires; and the young ladies—The Squirettes. So we in Minnesota have the organizations for the whole family. We are a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization. Key word is **FAMILY!** It was great to see families at the Minnesota State Convention. I remember when our kids were growing up that we did service projects at the council and at church together as a family. Our daughters today are grown up and remember working the fish fries with my wife and I and working at the free throw or Easter egg hunt, or the family Christmas party with us. We need to get back to this if you do not see it at your council events. It does not need to be just men working in the kitchen or out on the floor. It can be Spouse and Children.

As State Secretary, I will need your help when you send in a check to **me** and **not** SD H. Eugene Hippe. He will just send it to me anyway for Pennies, Jim Campbell, per capita, or anything—**PLEASE** put your council **NAME** and **NUMBER** on it. I want to be sure and credit the right council for it. Mail them to Ricardo Acevedo, P. O. Box 2653, LaCrosse, WI 54602. Thank you and have a great year!

Remember to cash the checks from the MN State convention and the M-R Program ASAP. Thank you!



**Knights of Columbus Day
at the Dome**

**Sunday, August 17, 2008 — 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota Twins vs. Seattle Mariners**

Knights, family, and friends are invited to attend the annual Knights of Columbus Day at the Dome on Sunday, August 17, 2008 for the 1:10 p.m. game of the Minnesota Twins vs. Seattle Mariners.

- * There will be a pre-game Mass in the Picnic Tent (located outside Gate D) at 10:00 a.m.
- * Lower Deck Reserved seats and Upper Deck General Admission seats are available at discounted prices.
- * Kids 14 and under have the opportunity to run the bases at the Metrodome following the game.

Fill out the order form below, along with payment and return by Monday, August 4, 2008 to: Jim Burkhart, Knights of Columbus Day Chairman, 1219 Oakcrest Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113. **Make checks payable to the Minnesota Twins.**

Call **651-675-8389** with any questions or to receive the registration blank in e-mail format.

DISTRICT REALIGNMENT

As the number of local KC councils has increased over the years, so has the number of districts. The ideal size of a district is five councils but that depends on the distance between councils. As the state grew and additional districts were needed, the new district number was added wherever needed but often was completely out of numerical sequence with the district numbers near it. Sometimes this created a small problem trying to locate a district without reviewing the entire state district system.

Recently the State Deputy asked a small group of KC's to look at renumbering the entire district system for the state. They looked at the existing number of councils within each district and also at the potential for new councils because a District Deputy should not be responsible for more than six councils. In one area they recommended two districts instead of the existing three. In several other cases they suggested an additional district because of the potential of new councils being formed in the foreseeable future. Their final recommendation made very few changes in the configuration of the councils within a district, but throughout the state the district numbers changed.

In general, the district numbers began with number one in the NE part of the state and increased numerically in a counter clockwise direction until reaching the Twin Cities Metro area. The metro area is the prime growth area for new council development with 90 parishes in the Archdiocese having 400 families or more but not having a "home based" KC council. If all of these parishes eventually have their own KC council, it will mean 15-18 new districts will have to be created. With the new plan being put in place, these 15-18 new districts will be added onto the existing numbers which now end with #59. Therefore, when someone refers to a district number over the number 45, they can expect to find the district in the metro area.

2007-08 State Convention Awards Winners

Congratulations to the following councils who won the top awards at the 2008 State Convention in Willmar. These award winners were sent on to the Supreme Office and entered into competition at the international level. They are:

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| Family of the Year
KimAnh & Tuan Huynh Family
Brooklyn Center Council #6772 | Knight of the Year
Larry Entinger
New Prague Council #2023 |
| Family Service Award
Stillwater Council #1632
GK - Larry Conroy
Project: Sunday Benefot Breakfasts | Council Service Award
St. Paul East Council #4374
GK - Gregory Menke
Project:: 50th Anniversary |
| Youth Service Award
Fairmont Council #1575
GK - Arven Hollan
Project: Memorial Basketball
Tournament | Church Service Award
Fairmont Council #1575
GK - Arven Holland
Project: Annual SJV School Raffle |
| Community Service Award
Hinckley Council #5101
GK - Wayne Cessna
Project: Ruby's Pantry Food Share Program | |



**Minnesota Knights of Columbus
14th Annual Family Camporee
August 22-24, 2008**

The 14th Annual Minnesota K of C Camporee, being hosted by the Shakopee and New Prague Auxiliaries will be held at the Cannon Falls Campground at Cannon Falls, MN. **Call 1-888-821-2267 to make reservations.**

Rate for 4 people for 2 days: \$70 (includes sewer, water, & electric or water & electric). \$100 for three days. Reservations should be made directly with the campground and mention the Knights of Columbus. If you have more than 4 people camping, there is a fee of \$2/day for anyone over the age of 2. **Reservations must be made ASAP at the campground and by July 25 for the meals.**

See the meal form below to make your food reservations.

If you are not campers and wish to visit, there is a visitor fee of \$2/day.

Fun activities are planned throughout the weekend. For additional information, contact: Jan Gerold, 1202 Second Avenue E., Shakopee, MN 55379 or call 952-445-1652 or via e-mail at: jangerold@hotmail.com.

NEW COUNCIL FORMED

By: Berry Hobbs, NCD

On May 21, 2008, District Deputy Rick Morgan and thirty-six members of the Order instituted a new council at St. Andrew the Apostle in Hawley, MN. The state officers and staff wish to extend to DD Rick Morgan, Father Joe Richards, and all of the members of Council 14543 congratulations and gratitude for all of the hard work given to the task of forming this new council.

Fr. Joe Richards along with the District Deputy are committed to new council development, and they realize and understand Fr. McGivney's vision of having a council in all parishes with appropriate membership to support it. They support Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's notion that an invitation must be extended to every Catholic gentlemen to become a member of the Order, and to facilitate this opportunity, having a council in every parish is a must.

As the St. Andrew Council 14543 begins its work of serving the Mystical Body of Christ, we wish them well.

Exemplification Schedule

Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD
Saturday 11/22/08	St. Eliz. Ann Seton Sch. 1615 11th Ave. S. St. Cloud	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	To Follow	Pat Imgrund 320-253-6092

If you plan to attend any exemplification, it is your responsibility to contact the host District Deputy with number of candidates you intend to bring to the exemplification.

COUNCILS NOT RECRUITING

The average age of the members in the following councils has increased by one year since July 1, 2007 because they did not recruit one new member. This information is from Supreme records as of June 16, 2008. Some of these councils have not recruited for two or more years. This information is being shared for the benefit of all the members in these councils and it is hoped they realize that without recruitment, their council will eventually become inactive and/or non-existent. Thirty seven of the 51 councils listed decreased in total membership during the past five years. *The health of a council is the responsibility of every member – not just the Grand Knight.*

Council.....	Members
#639 Winona	446
#901 Mankato	197
#1503 Belle Plaine	184
#1540 International Falls	172
#1608 Windom	62
#1640 Virginia	183
#1836 Blue Earth	115
#2757 Worthington	191
#3238 Ely	109
#3539 Chisholm	159
#4284 Brewster	36
#4340 Waterville	122
#4469 Silver Bay	82
#5101 Hinckley	60
#5318 Duluth-St. Michael	110
#5761 Coleraine	48
#5926 Clara City	66
#6503 Madison	56
#6731 Granite Falls	54
#7187 Ortonville	65
#8289 Sherburn	51
#9552 Warren	106
#9831 St. Agnes	33
#11856 Foreston/Milaca	177
#13144 Walker/Hackensack	43
#13324 Bagley/Fosston	133

Council.....	Members
#881 Wabasha	56
#1391 Graceville	172
#1527 Morris	251
#1601 Adrian	149
#1625 Fairfax	128
#1649 Hibbing	240
#1865 Lake City	118
#3176 Osakis	157
#3385 Argyle	225
#3659 So. St. Paul	221
#4323 Blooming Prairie	126
#4451 No. Minneapolis	134
#4564 Wilmont	47
#5268 Excelsior	171
#5612 Buhl	42
#5795 Jasper	28
#6443 Two Inlets	68
#6582 Baudette	59
#6773 Longville/Remer	56
#8184 Janesville	101
#9307 Holdingford	131
#9657 Cross Lake	55
#10052 Braham	59
#12029 St. Bonifacius	37
#13284 Belgrade	50

Some of the councils on the preceding list may have had members who received their 1st Degree but the paper work was not submitted to Supreme. Others may have sent the Form 100's to Supreme after June 16th.



The Squires Program Needs You

In our country Brother Barnabas McDonald founder of the Columbian Squires started the Catholic Boy Scout movement. The Knights of Columbus Councils on a daily base give aid and direction to many youth groups and programs. Various Popes have commended our organization for our work with youth and families.

The Columbian Squires in the founder's eyes was to be the shining example that would round out his work in youth welfare. He strongly felt as do I the necessity to develop leadership for the program from men who are Knights strong in faith willing to work with boys.

If you are already involved in youth work as a Parish youth group, Boy Scouts, Blue Knights, Catechism teacher, leader or volunteer consider rounding out the vision of Brother Barnabas and get involved in the Squires program.

OLD vs NEW

The Grand Knight for each council needs to appoint both a Membership Chairman and a Retention Chairman. Select these two chairmen carefully because they can be the key to whether or not your council receives certain awards. Too many councils work hard to bring new members in the "front door" only to let them leave thru the "back door".

Ideally the membership chairman should have experience in recruiting new members or reactivating former members. A person with a sales or business background may find it easy to talk to others about the KC's and who we are and what we do. The retention chair needs a committee if it is a big council. He and the committee members need to talk personally to members who have not paid their dues. He needs to find out why the member is not paying and what changes, if any, the delinquent member would like to suggest be considered by the council.

2009 STATE CONVENTION

St. Cloud will be the location for the 2009 State KC Convention next May. The Holiday Inn located at the junction of Highways 23 and 15 will be the convention hotel where the business meeting and banquet will be held. The Minnesota State KC Ladies Auxiliary is currently exploring plans to hold its annual convention in St. Cloud on the same weekend. Their business meeting and luncheon is being planned to be held at a separate, but close, location

Councils should start to plan at the beginning of the year to attend the annual state convention. Funds should be set aside or perhaps a special fund raising breakfast or two or a supper or some other fund raiser should be planned so next May each council will have the funds to send one or two delegates to the convention. If the GK can't attend, make sure his alternate can.

Conventions are a time when councils are recognized and rewarded for doing a good job. It is a time for meeting leaders from other councils and sharing projects and experiences. Also, it is a time to rejoice, celebrated and have fun. Many of our 258 councils have not been to a state convention in the past 5-10 years. Set a goal of having your council in attendance in 2009 and then attend!

DD's WELL REPRESENTED

Thanks to all the District Deputies in attendance at the State Convention in Willmar. This year the attendance was up from the past few years. This is a hard working group of men who lead by example.

Church Activities—By: Jim Ackermann, Church Activities Director

I would like to send my greetings to the new and returning Grand Knights and District Deputies. Briefly, I would like to tell you about Church Activities. I am one of five activity directors accountable to the Program Director, Ray Wojtysiak. We are appointed annually by the State Deputy, and he has set as our goal “to assure timely dispersal of project information including timetables for implementation and reporting...for competitive and non-competitive awards.”

The programs I am responsible for are: **Pennies for Seminarians** and **Jim Campbell Fund** (Chairman, Bob Penas), **Vocations** and **Marian Hour of Prayer** (Chairman, Deacon Jim McLaughlin), **Keep Christ in Christmas** (Chairman, Don Kinker).

Throughout the next year, look for informative articles written by myself or the chairmen listed above. We will attempt to provide statistical information for the DD’s, and project ideas and reporting information for the GK’s.

There are many avenues a church activity can take. And scoring well enough to win a competitive award may distill down to your record keeping and ability to write a good report. Show some ingenuity in activity ideas. New ideas go further (read more points) than repeating old and well used activities. Get “wordy” when making notes to be used for completing the year’s end report. It’s difficult to sell the concept of your activity in three to five short sentences. Next spring when it’s time to fill in the reports, remember that it doesn’t have to fit nicely into the half page area. It’s OK to use additional paper!

Keep copious notes: include preliminary planning notes, bills of materials, Chairman’s name and list committee members. Keep copies of any advertising for your activity; either from council newsletter, church bulletin, or any other source. Take lots of pictures; use them in your report to help tell your story.

Keep all of this in a file folder where it can be readily obtained for year end reports. If this is done throughout the year, you will be well prepared when the reports are due, and less inclined toward frustration and feeling rushed.

MEMORIAM

Please pray for our recently deceased members:

- Albert Lea #1590
- John L. Duenes
- Bird Island #2000
- Robert Westby
- Bloomington #3827
- Joseph F. Moriarity
- Philip W. Briant
- Leonard V. Gustner
- Raymond E. O’Shaughnessy
- Edwin W. moore
- Rodger L. Carrieeere Sr.
- Clara City #5926
- John C. Speiser
- Grand Rapids #2840
- George Tarbuck Sr.
- Little Falls #3863
- George G. Wost
- Monticello #6825
- Ben Warzecha
- Howard Gillan
- Moorhead #4463
- Phil Huck
- Mora #5078
- Robert J. Lavinger
- Morgan #5541
- Robert Rose
- North St. Paul #4967
- Bill Sandberg

- Owatonna #945
- Larry Sedivy
- Redwood Falls #3863
- James A. Rejsck
- Rosemount #5569
- Patrick J. O’Donnell
- Sauk Centre #4863
- Henry L. Banal
- Slayton #2587
- Leander F. Pick
- St. Cloud #5548
- Richard Large
- Waconia #2506
- Roman Meyers
- Sylvester M/ Wagener
- Kenneth J. Klaers
- Raymond L. Steinhagen
- George J. Mader
- Warren F. Wolf

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Please submit names of dedceased members to:
 Bill Hoffman,
 Fraternalism Chair
 100 North Cordova Avenue
 LeCenter, MN 56057
 Phone: 507-357-6179

Now We Begin

By: Berry Hobbs, State Membership Director

Why did you join the Knights of Columbus? Were you inspired by the members of a council working at some project or activity in service to others? Did a 4th Degree honor guard motivate you to join the Order? After seeing others who serve veterans at local VA hospitals or patients at a local hospice, were you inspired to join the Knights of Columbus? Was the cause for life and the work to destroy the culture of death an inspiration for you to walk in lockstep with the Order? Was the spirit of fraternalism among brother knights the cause of your membership in the Knights of Columbus?

Whatever the reason for you becoming a knight, you are among those who are doing good things for the Order and giving service to the Mystical Body of Christ. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson stated, **“We have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and privilege of membership in our Order.”** Let us begin the journey of preparing ourselves to meet this commission.

As State Membership Director, it will be my goal to do those things that promote the task laid before us by our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. It is my hope to be proactive in this process, to assist where needed, and to be as visible as possible across the state.

Together, we can make membership development happen, and when we do this, good program development will follow. Membership development and good council programs go hand in hand. When a council is alive with service programs, others will notice them and be inspired by the work of our Order. Hence, many will be motivated to become a knight and begin service to others. **Membership development drives good programs; good programs drive membership development.**

In accepting the position of State Membership Director, I intend to do my very best to serve all council members, each council leadership team, and all of the District Deputies. Together, we can do those things that will motivate others to join with us and become a member of the Knights of Columbus.

I follow former State Membership Director Ken Ford. Ken will soon be leaving Minnesota for Arizona to enjoy his family, the warm desert sun, and the local cuisine. His devotion to the Knights of Columbus, his dedication to his work, and his leadership skills made him an exceptional council leader, District Deputy, State Membership Director, and friend to one and all. He will be missed, and we pray that he continues to be embraced by the love and blessings of our dear Mother and Her Son.

OUTDATED PROGRAMS

Is your council having problems attracting new and younger members? Do only a few members attend the monthly business meeting? When is the last time your council took a good look at its programs? Does your council meet in the church basement or do they meet in the back room of a restaurant and have a meal with the monthly meeting.

Perhaps your council needs to create a new program to help the church or do something for KC families or youth in your parish. Are you involved with the fall soccer program or in 24 hour adoration? Do you recognize your altar servers by taking them some place special or holding a party for them? Have you sat down with your pastor and ask him how your council can help him? Pope Benedict XVI has said **“Come Follow Me, Help Build Up the Church”**. *There are many ways we can help him.*

Happy Anniversary

Two KC councils recently celebrated a majoy anniversary. Bellechester #2751 was chartered June 20, 1933 and clebrated 75 years. Thief River Falls was chartered June 8, 1958 and celebrated 50 years.

The following councils will soon celebrate a significant charter anniversary:

100 Years	#1391—Graceville	April 25, 1909
75 Years	#2757—Worthington	December 9, 1934
50 Years	#4653—Delano	December 7, 1958
50 Years	#4718—Alexandria	January 11, 1959
50 Years	#4797—Hutchinson	June 14, 1959
50 Years	#4798—Willow River	May 10, '959
50 Years	#4892—Glencoe	September 13, 1959
50 Years	#4863—Sauk Centre	December 6, 1959
25 Years	#8571—Princeton	February 12, 1984

What a great opportunity to earn the Star Council Award during an anniversary year!

Psssst, Hey You!

I am your brother-in-law, nephew, grandson, co-worker, neighbor, friend, golf buddy or fishing partner. I’ll bet you didn’t know that I am waiting for you to ask me to join the Knights of Columbus. Maybe you don’t quite know how. I don’t care how you do it, but please ask me. I would really like to be a part of your organization.

Just Checking

Has your council filed the Form # 185—Report of Officers? It was due July 1, 2008.

Has your council filed Form #365—Report of Service ProgramPersonnel? This is due August 1, 2008.

Insurance Corner



If you have any questions or concerns regarding Knights of Columbus insurance, please contact our general agents:

Central & Northern MN Dave Neeser General Agent 2 Second Ave. S, Suite 145 #112 Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 PH: 320-252-7173	Metro Area Dale Robinson General Agent 3881 Highland Ave. White Bear Lake, MN 55110 PH: 651-757-4400	Southern MN Aaron J. Jelinek General Agent 1700 N. Broadway Rochester, MN 55906 PH: 507-281-2970
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401(k) to IRA ROLLOVER

QUESTION: I recently left my job and I am not sure whether I should keep my 401k with my company or do a "rollover" to an IRA. Do the Knights of Columbus offer IRA's? Any advice would be helpful.

ANSWER: There are a couple of questions that must be answered before you make a decision. What amount of fees will be assessed to your 401k account if you leave it with your employer? Often, these fees are paid by your employer while you are employed. Upon leaving your employ, you may have to pay these fees yourself from your 401k funds. Some plans have very substantial fees.

Another issue is the stability of your company's 401k plan and the options you have for investing the money. The typical 401k has an average of seven funds to choose from. Some are more limited with much of your 401k money tied up in your company's stock. What happens if the company stock goes into decline?

Yes, the Knights of Columbus do offer IRA's. We offer a very competitive interest rate and guarantee that your funds will never lose money. Our IRA's also offer a minimum interest rate guarantee that you can never fall below, so you will always earn interest in a KC IRA, regardless of market performance.

While our IRA program is a popular choice for many people, please do your research. Many questions should be answered before you invest anywhere, including when you will need the money and your personal risk tolerance. Your KC agent can help you with professional advice.

We are currently seeking motivated and enthusiastic people to join our professional field force of Knights of Columbus agents. Call or email us if you, or somebody you know, may be interested.

Send your questions to kcquestions@catholic.org or call us at 651-757-4400. If you would prefer a personal reply, please be sure to provide your contact information.

Congratulations to Our Top Insurance Field Agents for 2007-08

Top Insurance Agent in the State
Steve Winkels - Aaron Jelinek Agency

Top Recruiters in Each Agency
Loren Skluzacek - Dave neeser Agency
Steve Winkels - Aaron Jelinek Agency
Don Kramer - Dale Robinson Agency

Thank You Fall Classic Volunteers

Fifteen years ago the KC's entered into a partnership with Minnesota Special Olympics. For all of those 15 years, Bob Hazelton from St. Paul has been the chairman of a bowling event known as the "Fall Classic". During the first year, 384 athletes and coaches were present. Last year the event had grown to over 1700 athletes plus coaches. "Hats off" and a big thank you to Bob Hazelton, his committee and about 500 volunteers who show up to help at the two bowling locations during the three day event. The volunteers help with the bowlers, lunches, dinners and entertainment and all the other details which make this such a successful event. It is estimated that the cash and donated time and services by the KC's for the Fall Classic have a value of over \$100,000.

Minnesota's Top 10

1. If you haven't asked someone to join the KC's, just **ASK HIM!**
2. If you haven't met with your Pastor/Chaplain, just **CALL HIM!**
3. If your council hasn't sent in its' Form 185, just **SEND IT IN!**
4. If your council hasn't sent in its' Round Table Report, just **SEND IT IN.!**
5. If your council hasn't send in its' Form SP-7 Columbian Award, just **SEND IT IN!**
6. If your DD hasn't scheduled your Installation of Officers, just **CALL HIM!**
7. If you haven't made plans for KC Day at the Dome August 17, just **DO IT!**
8. If you haven't prepared for the new IRS Report, just **LOOK INTO IT!**
9. If you have a check from the Minnesota Knights of Columbus, just **CASH IT!**
10. If you haven't been asked to help with a council activity, just **SHOW UP!**

If every council and every member will try some of these, we will have an outstanding year.



KC Auxiliary

By: Anne Aeschlimann, First Trustee

**Due to space limitations, this was not able to be published in the June *Knightly News*

What a wonderful journey I have been on the past two years. Thank you to the Knights and all of you ladies for your support and friendship. I want to especially thank my State Board for being there in front of me as my guiding light and being there behind me to give me that gentle push to keep us moving forward and for all your hard work at my side.

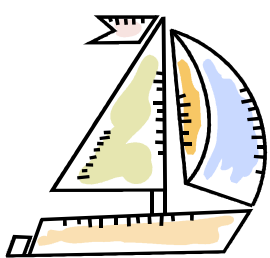
Thank you to the ladies that heard God's call to fill the positions on the State Board: Rochelle Ibarra, Lakeville #8367, President; IdaLorraine Wilson, Minneapolis #435, Vice-President; Anita Doll, Lakeville #8367, Treasurer; and Ann Hartman, New Prague #2023, 3rd Person on Audit. As 1st Trustee, I will be here to help you in any way I can. Keep them in your prayers for a successful, fulfilling journey. God bless you for all you have done and for your continued support of the MN K of C Auxiliary State Board.

Knights on Bikes

I would like to tell you a little about a new State Council authorized program call Knights on Bikes. We are all Knights of Columbus members of any council that promotes spiritual and cultural needs of the Knights of Columbus and strive to encourage faith, friendship and service. Our objective is serving the community's through charitable works and leadership while enjoying friendships with our brothers in faith as motorcycle riders. We are a family oriented organization. If you would like to join in this fun group or just need more information right now, please call me Bob Mathewson D.D.(State Coordinator) at 763-754-2892 or Terry Englund (Chapter President) at 763-315-0980.

" In God We Trust And Ride"

Pictured at left is Father Mark Underdahl giving a blessing to the "Knights on Bikes" riders. Pictured are PSD Don & Betty Valiant and DD Robert Mathewson, who are part of the



Enjoy the breezes of summer and all of your council and family activities! It's a great time to ask a family member, neighbor or friend to join the Knights of Columbus in a relaxed atmosphere. Remember to carry a Form 100 with you! Sign-up a new member today! It's a breeze! Just ask!

Pictured at right are Knights on Bikes members departing for a ride through a Fourth Degree Honor