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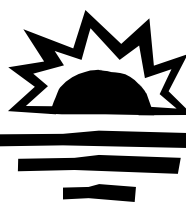
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## LESSONS FROM NATURE

Two of my favorite times of the day are sunrise and sunset. What a contrast! One provides countless opportunities for both life and growth and the other creates a peaceful and restful period of time. One gives us an opportunity to be fruitful and beneficial; the other ends either a productive or an unproductive day. Over a longer period of time, our lives are a lot like that also. We either have sunrise times in our lives or sunset times.

Sunrises are a time of freshness with renewed energy and thoughts. They are a time of creativity and productivity. They can be a time of excitement. Sunsets, on the other hand, can be deserving times of rest and relaxation or they can be times when we quietly fade into obscurity and no one notices we are no longer around.



Even though I enjoy a few extra "winks" in the morning, I guess I am a morning type of person because of all the exciting things that can be done. I agree that sunsets are more beautiful, but sunrises wake up the birds and the sunlight stimulates growth and production. Most of us are energized by growth and life. Check your pulse rate after you have been up for an hour in the morning and compare it with your pulse after you have been lying down for an hour. Being up, alert and active is more invigorating than resting.

**Is your council a sunrise or a sunset council?** What kind of legacy will the current officers and members leave for future members in the years to come? Will they look back to 2007-09 and say the council must have been asleep during those years, or will they say we really woke up during those years and must have been a very vibrant and active council! **How will your council be remembered?** The choice is yours.

## A Great Year

By: Father Joe Richards,  
State Chaplain

What a great year! This past year as your State Chaplain has been filled with so many blessings, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the State Officers, Support Staff, and most importantly all of you who are out in the fields working hard for the good of the Order. Having had the blessings to meet so many of you and serve you as Chaplain has been a great honor and I am so thankful.

At the time that I write this, I have not heard how we have done in the area of recruitment. I don't know if we reached our goal of 125%, but I know that we tried. Continue to promote the good of the Order, so that other men will be inclined to join us and enjoy the many gifts and benefits that come from bring a Knight.

I have received several requests for St. Michael medals over the past few months, and I have sent out 40 to 50 medals. I am very happy that the word has gotten out and that our brothers are asking for them to be sent. I hope that this practice continues in the future under the leadership of Father Ron Huberty.

I want to thank Bishop Balke for giving me the opportunity to serve the Knights of Columbus at the state level. I am very honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to work with such an incredible group of men, and I pray that the Knights of Columbus in the state of Minnesota continues to grow and flourish under its' great leadership.

**Always remember to keep the faith alive in your hearts and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that you do.**

## Did Your Council Recruit?

54 councils have not recruited a member since July 1. Several have not recruited in 2-3 years. Next month these councils will be listed in the large issue that goes to all members. **Don't let your legacy be "We never recruited one member while \_\_\_\_\_ was the GK (or Membership Director).** There is still time to recruit a member and bring them into the KC's. Call your DD or State Membership Director Ken Ford regarding the nearest First Degree Team that may be able to help. Supreme will send you one of those beautiful 1 3/4 inch bronze medallions with an image of the Pope on one side and the KC emblem on the other for recruiting or reactivation a

## FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**June 14, 2008—Flag Day**  
**June 15, 2008—Father's Day**  
**June 30, 2008—Columbian Award Application Due (Form SP-7) & RSVP Application Due (Form #2863)**  
**July 1, 2008—Form #185—Report of Officers Chosen due to Supreme Office & State Office**  
**July 11-13, 2008—Midsummer Meeting, Bloomington KC Hall**

## OFFICAL STATE PIN

Last year the "State Pin" carried the message "Stop Abortion". Every Council was to receive 6 pins from their DD, or if there was no DD they should have received a mailing. This year the pin will be similar in design but carry the message "Respect Life". There will be no date on the pin so it can be worn forever. **The anticipated cost is \$1 per pin if you want to order in lots of 50 for your council or others.** Send your requests to State Deputy Gene Hippe by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## State Deputy Message

By: Gene Hippe, State Deputy

Every council should consider giving its Grand Knight a gift of appreciation for his year of leadership. The ultimate gift is to help him achieve the **"Star Council Award"**. This award recognizes the efforts of the council and has the GK's name on it.

This year, many council's are on target to qualify for the Star Council Award. The requirements are to achieve the 1) Columbian Award, 2) Father McGivney Award and 3) Founders Award. The specific requirements can be found in the yellow pocket size Leader Guide Book each GK received last July or August. For more information, contact our State Program Director, Ray Wojtysiak at 763-566-5701.

Maybe this will be the first year your council has ever received the Star Council Award or maybe you receive it almost every year. Regardless, of how many awards your council has received, work together to have a strong finish for your council and for your Grand Knight. Give your GK a gift he will cherish for the rest of his life.

### Financial Secretary Responsibilities

An FS is appointed by the Supreme Knight for a 3 year term. He is responsible for sending out dues statements, keeping a current roster of paid members and recording when a member receives his 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. It is

very important to process the form 100's immediately when members receive their 1st Degree. Benefits such as the free accidental death benefit for members and wives aren't effective until the paper work is completed by sending in the forms to Supreme.

Many councils think the FS is responsible for suspending members who have not paid their dues. He is only responsible for processing the forms. The GK and the Retention Committee is responsible for personally contacting members and making a decision to suspend. Councils should never suspend a member who lives elsewhere if they can convince him to transfer to another council or personally write a letter requesting withdrawal. Transfers and withdrawals do not count against a council's annual quota.

### INSURANCE - LOCAL COUNCILS - MEMBERS

We often hear comments from local council's about the "push" for members and insurance. 125 years ago, Fr. McGivney formed a family, fraternal Ins. organization because his Irish families had no insurance coverage. The original concept was for 1,000 members to each give \$1 to the widow of a deceased brother Knight. What began small has grown into a membership of 1.7 million and one of the largest and highest rated fraternal insurance groups in America. The charity work of local councils gives the insurance a non-profit status with IRS.

Local councils keep the insurance program in a non-profit, tax exempt status by annually filing Fraternal Surveys. Membership growth keeps us healthy and the insurance gives us low cost protection with some of the profits used for:

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## I Was There! Did You Hear God Calling You?

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director

**WOW! Wasn't that a great convention?** The Back to the Fifties dance with Poodle Skirts, appearance of Elvis, (ask Greg V. about that) Classic Cars and Hot Rods, and what about those burgers? I even thought I heard some wild turkeys during the banquet!

My Brother Knights, I am so proud of what you have accomplished during this past year! The overwhelming increase in the quality of program entries, the increase of awards for non-competition compliance, the magnificent response to achieve our membership goal are all fruitful signs of the tremendous effort that many members in the state of Minnesota have made towards a commitment to be an active participant in this growth. Let's take the enthusiasm that was so evident at the convention and get a jump start on next year! Remember that new members brought into your council in June will not only help you to achieve Star Council this year, but will also help you qualify for State Membership Awards and help meet your membership requirements for competition and non-competition awards in the next Fraternal year. Does it get any better than that?

### FORM FILING INFO!!

I would remind you of the importance of completing and submitting your **form #185** (election of officers) as soon as you can after your elections. Your State Directory is compiled from the data received on this form. You may file this report online and use the State Deputy's email address — [statedeputy@mnknights.org](mailto:statedeputy@mnknights.org), or mail a copy to the administrative office listed on the front of this newsletter and send a copy to your DD. The original is sent to the Supreme Office in New Haven. **This form should be filed by July 1, 2008.** The next form to be filed is the **#365** (Appointment of Directors and Committee Chairmen). This form needs to be filed even if all of the positions are being filled with the same people as last year. Send this form to the same places as the **#185**. The due date for the **#365 is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.** You should also be planning for your **semi-annual Audit which is due by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.** You will have now completed all required forms until December 1, 2008, when the Mid Year Questionnaire will be due!

I would be remiss if I did not mention the joy that brought tears to my eyes in seeing the number of members and families that made the commitment to stay and attend the Sunday Convention Mass! What better way is there to show our support of our clergy than to stay to attend their portion of the convention proceedings? Think about how our Chaplain and Associate Chaplain were around to participate in the rest of the convention and waited patiently for their time to come at the very end. I thank Fr. Joe, Fr. Ron and Fr. Bill for such a sensational ending to a very rewarding and exciting 107<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention. Let's take the energy from this convention and make 2009 be exceptionally fine.



Check out our web-site:

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

By: Joe Konrardy,  
State Warden

The State Convention was a success! Did you get out of it what you wanted? Many of the attendees shared stories and ideas from and with Councils from across the state. I can remember when I attended my first state convention and how much I learned. Seems like only yesterday. If your Council did not send a delegate, you missed the boat. I really mean it. YOU missed out on some great information that was delivered. You missed out on talking directly to the leadership of this state from other Councils, from other Districts and from the State Council. Most importantly, YOU missed out on the wonderful experience of praying together. Plan on attending next year and take advantage of this great event.

### Your E Mail System

As a reminder to all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, the State Council has invested in a state wide email system that we are being to use. MR Tootsie Roll Drive information was sent to each participating Council via this new system. We will soon send out Per Capita statements via this system. And there's more coming your way as we continue to look at ways to communicate better and reduce our mailing costs.

If you have yet to access your account, the instructions are on our web-site at [www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org). Click on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree logo to enter the site and you will find the instructions under the Newsletter section. Your User name is also your email address. As an example, the Grand Knight for Mound Council #6005 is [gk06005@mnknights.org](mailto:gk06005@mnknights.org). If you are the FS, then your User email starts with "fs" followed by the 5 digits of your Council (add a zero or 2 if necessary like the example shows) and add "@mnknights.org". Send a note to [webmaster@mnknights.org](mailto:webmaster@mnknights.org) if you are unaware of the password.

Knowing that some of our members do not have email, asking a fellow brother who has email to retrieve your messages and print them out for you is totally acceptable.

If this June is your last month in your term, please coordinate locally with your replacement to change the forwarding address in order that "the new guy" does not miss a beat or any of our messages.

### M.R. Tootsie Roll Drive

If you have yet to check your email box, all paperwork concerning your hard work is being sent back to you electronically via the email system. Go check it out!

I personally want to thank all who stood out in blowing snow to hand out candy and obtain donations in their community. Waking up to 3 inches is nothing compared to the guys who stood in 12 to even 18 inches of the white stuff. Your dedication matched Fr. McGivney's founding principal, that as Catholic gentlemen, we will do what ever we can to assist those less

## EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Sunday	06/01/08	St. Michael	11941	Dist. 19	Metro	Cory Summer (GK)	763-497-5399
Saturday	06/22/08	Hibbing	1640	Dist. 51	Korzendorfer	Kurt Schneider	218-749-4690

If you plan to attend any exemplification, it's your responsibility to contact the District Deputy for starting times and with the number of candidates. To schedule a third degree exemplification, call Jim Hurt—Director of Ceremonials—(651)777-5829 & send a copy of the degree form to the State Deputy. To view entire degree schedule, check out the web-site: [www.mnknights.org/schedules](http://www.mnknights.org/schedules)



### Fourth Degree News

By: Tom Grinnell,  
District Master

June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day. A day set aside to honor our country's flag. The banner that was carried through the Revolutionary War; the Civil War; two World Wars; the Vietnam War and is still carried today in the war in Iraq. But is it a flag of war; or does it represent freedom, liberty and peace? I believe it does represent the latter. Not only for the citizens within the United States but for peoples of the world. The media speaks daily about immigrants coming into our country. We don't hear of hundreds or thousands of people trying to leave our country. They want in! They are seeking what we enjoy; our freedom, liberty and the opportunities this country offers. The American freedoms are sometimes taken for granted and we forget that the liberties we enjoy have come with a price. A cost paid in blood with the lives lost and maimed in the aforementioned wars. Through their sacrifices we have the opportunity to see our banner presented, to sing the Star Spangled Banner or recite the Pledge to our Flag, to feel the pride swell up in our heart and the tear in our eyes as we reflect on our country and the blessings our Creator has bestowed upon it.

Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup>. Fly it and enjoy it! Father's Day is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Be happy and enjoy it with the family and .....

May God bless all of you in your efforts to build his kingdom and may He continue to bless America.

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- \*—\$1 million annually to the Pope for his discretionary projects.
- \*—Four years of college for children of members of the military killed in hostile action.
- \*—12 issues a year of the Columbia magazine.
- \*—Expenses for District Deputies & State Deputies
- \*—Free accidental death benefits for members.
- \*—Monetary assistance to victims of 911.
- \*—Assistance to parishes and Catholic Schools damaged by Katrina.
- \*—Competitive Scholarships
- \*—Gifts to the National Shrine and Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

The Supreme Council is made up of 72 State Councils and almost 14,500 local councils. *Together this is an awesome force for doing Christ's work.*

### Membership Highlights

By: Ken Ford, State Membership Director

This year was very exciting at the convention. We had a neck and neck race for the largest percentage membership gain in **councils over 300**. The winner at the photo finish was Council 2764, Willmar with 157.14%. Honorable mention at this great finish was Council 2018, Anoka with 152.38%. The difference came down to the recruiting that the Willmar council did last May and June. This is a good example for councils recruiting the last two months of the year.

In **councils under 300**, Council 14250, New Brighton was the winner with a 300% membership gain. Honorable mention went to Council 4842, Glencoe with 233.30%. The Glencoe council came up out of no where to take honorable mention. They did an excellent job in recruiting and getting new candidates to a degree.

The District Deputy with the largest percentage growth went to Marcellus Sik of Ivanhoe. He leads District 23 and it had a 176% growth. District Deputy #8, Lyle Johnson, in Duluth had a 145% growth. This is an example of an excellent job in leadership and helping their council's grow.

We currently have 33 councils that have already obtained their membership quota and some have the insurance quota already too. For those of you that have not yet made your quotas, it is not too late. Ask someone in your parish that you have never asked; then ask someone that you did. When they say yes, be sure and get them read and to a first degree by June 20. The form 100 needs to be in the mail by then in order to get processed and counted for this year. Remember that for every person that you get to a first degree from December 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 will get the special medallion honoring Pope Benedict XVI for his first visit to the United States.

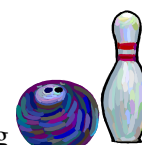
Would you like to be a part of history? Recruit a new member or reinstate a member. The Minnesota State Council has reached 90% of the goal. Perhaps by the time you are reading this, we could have already reached 100%. We need your help. Ask someone to join the Knights of Columbus. be a part of history when we, as a state, reach the Circle of Honor for the **VERY FIRST TIME**.

### Leadership Tips

If this is your last year as a GK, use the last 30 days to go out in style. If you will be the new GK, use June as an opportunity to get a head start on your Fraternal Year.

### 2008 Fall Classic

By: Robert Hazelton, Chairman



Our long winter has ended. and spring just doesn't want to start, but it's never too early to talk fall Classic. We are heading into our 16th year of exclusive sponsorship with Special Olympics Minnesota.

Growth over the years has been unbelievable! Remember, that in 1992 there were 385 athletes and coaches, with 225 volunteers. 2007 brought 2200 athletes and coaches with 600 volunteers.

Please mark your calendar for November 7-9, 2008, for this year's gathering. We will be at Southtown Bowl in Bloomington and Drkula's in Inver Grove heights again this year. We will also be returning to Thomas Jefferson High School in Bloomington for the social activities.

Many thanks go out to the DD's who have gotten behind us with support and manpower. They answered the call for "CHARITY".

However to keep this great event running, we need more of you to join us. A four hour volunteer shift will get you a T-shirt, lapel pin, lunch, and a feel-good spirit. This year we'll be needing 50 volunteers per shift at Drkula's and 65 volunteers per shift at Southtown. Please consider being one of those numbers.

To all Grand Knights and/or MR council chairman. Please increase your contribution to a minimum 15% donation to the State Council;s Fall Classic Fund from this year's drive. Like everything in life, this event is costly. Expenses in 1992 were \$18,000. 2007 cost us \$48,500. Our anticipated budget for this year is over \$58,000. Every contribution is deeply appreciated.

I want to thank the dedicated committee members that work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event happen. Many of them have been helping since the beginning, and that experience and dedication is priceless. To be part of this group is truly a blessing.

On behalf of the entire Fall Class Committee, please accept our gratitude and appreciation for the support, time, and energy you've provided us over the past years. We hope to see you in November.

### Leadership Tips

GK's, select your key directors and chairs only after considerable thought. Your year will be judged based on the performance of your entire team. Appoint members who are willing to do the work required not just willing to have the title.

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### Don't Forget to Thank Your Chaplain

By: Craig Larson,  
State Treasurer

On June 30, we say goodbye to our State Chaplain, Fr. Joe Richards and Fr. Ron Huberty begins his year as State Chaplain. We will also be welcoming a priest of the St Cloud Diocese as our new Associate State Chaplain.

Every year we are blessed to have faithful and dedicated spiritual leaders. Thank you Fr. Joe and Fr. Ron, you have made the past year an enjoyable one for all of us.

July 1 also is the time when Parish Priests are reassigned to take over duties at a new parish. Please take time to thank your local council chaplain, (whether he is moving or not) for the prayers, efforts and support he has given to your council. Also, as KC members we should be among the first to welcome a new priest to our parish.

Thank you to all of our Chaplains. We are **IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS!**

## Church Activities

By: Jim Ackerman, Church Activities Director

It's already June, the State Convention is history, and we have about come to the end of another fraternal year. Several weeks ago I assembled a team of Grand Knights and PGK's to review and score the almost 40 Church Activities Reports submitted to the Program Director. Thanks for your help, guys!

Some of those reports were single pages. Many other reports were several pages deep and included pictures, newsletter articles, local area advertising, material lists, cost estimates, man hours expended, and other details of interest.

While scoring of the former went quickly, scoring of the later was a bit more involved. The information and detail they contained warranted additional points. And, of course, the number of points determines the winner!

It was a real pleasure to have the opportunity to judge all the Church Activity Reports this year. Thank you to all the GK's that took time to complete the entries. This showed me the great diversity of very impressive projects taking place around the state. To those GK's which have completed their term: **Well Done!** And to those continuing in that capacity, I encourage you to consider the above when completing your reports next year.

A thorough and well written report may very well get you that coveted

### June Grand Knights Things to Do

Schedule and hold a First Degree  
Conduct Election of Officers  
**SUBMIT FORM 185 BY JULY 1**  
Submit Roundtable Report  
Submit RSVP report  
Submit Columbian Award Application  
Request date for Installation of Officers with DD  
Work with new GK to have a smooth transition.  
Remember your Dad

## IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED



For these we pray:

Albany #3628  
Roman A. Meyer  
Hugo J. Kuhl  
Anoka #2018  
Gerald K. Skjolsvik  
Bird Island #2000  
Allan G. Handahl  
Chanhassen #10031  
Eugene D. Stibal  
Detroit Lakes #3166  
Bernard A. Mathaler  
Eveleth #2583  
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Foley #3603  
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Robert Japp  
St. Peter #1507  
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Phone: 507-357-6179

## M-R REPORT

By: Marc Peters, Chairman

What a great weekend in Willmar! We renewed old friendships, made a few new ones, and got business done. What else could we ask for?

As of May 15, 57% of the councils have turned in their reports and money to the state for processing. That's the good news. But this means 43% ignored the May 10 deadline. A few councils turned it in at the convention, and a few will be holding their drive within the next few weeks. **BUT** the rest need to get this wrapped up. Let's get it sent in so that your organizations can use the money that your council worked so hard for. The Grand Knights got the reporting packet in late march. Lost it? Check on the state web-site under reports & download what you need. I hope to report in the July paper our final figure. ii can do that if we all work together.

**Mark your calendar for the next M-R Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive)  
April 24-26, 2009**



**Mark Your Calendars for  
KC Day at the Dome  
Sunday, August 17, 2008**

**Look for registration blank in the July Knightly News.**