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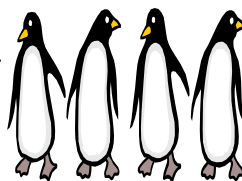
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LESSONS FROM NATURE UNITY

One of the founding principles of our order is **UNITY**. *Unity* has helped make the KC's a strong and effective organization during the past 125 years.

A colony of prairie dogs uses the unity of many alert eyes to protect the colony from hawks, eagles and coyotes by sounding a warning whistle. Schools of small fish use unity to diffuse the focus of an attacking predator by simultaneously scattering in many directions. A covey of quail will often escape a predator with no fatalities because of the confusion caused when many birds flush at the same time. Unity not only can cut down loses, it can nurture new life.

Penguins are an excellent example of nature of a single egg which rests on its feet during the together for warmth and the ones on the outside of This unity allows the eggs to stay warm enough to



working in unity. A male penguin is the incubator long incubation period. The penguins huddle the huddle are allowed to rotate toward the center. hatch and thus insure the survival of the flock.

Most things that happen in the animal world are apply some basic unity principles if our order is

instinctive. We, as a higher order of life, need to going to be strong and survive. We need to be

aware of the predators that are attacking our basic catholic beliefs. We need to guard against the predation of those who support abortion. To do this, our order has to grow and be strong. If we don't bring in new members and nurture them, our order will not be strong enough to survive the attacks of those with a different value system. Every life is precious, every catholic man we meet is worth asking to become a brother knight and every parish needs a KC presence. **We are a powerful force when we are large in number and unified.**

Awards Time

Don't wait until the last minute to write up your awards. You need time to gather all the facts and prepare an attractive well written application. Have several people review it before it is submitted. Remember, **you only get a chance to make a "first impression" one time.** Your council works hard and members are proud of what they do. Make them proud of you by submitting the best written and best looking application possible. Don't forget your Family of the Year and KC of the Year Applications.

VIP Very Important Proposer

The Supreme office keeps track of all members who recruit a new or reactivate a former member. They use your membership number which you write on the bottom of the form 100 along with your name. Only members who have recruited two or more members are included on their list. Each local council should order pins for members who reach the VIP level of 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75 and 100. One of our members, Dennis Holker, who is a member of Council 6825 in Monticello, recently joined 7 others in Minnesota who have signed 100 or more members. All local council officers and directors should set a goal of getting on the list as at least a level



Check out our web-site:

www.mnknights.org

State Convention Resolutions

Any council wishing to submit resolutions for consideration at the Minnesota KC State Convention to be held in Willmar in May must submit them no later than March 1, 2008 to:

Jim Terwedo, State Advocate
3700 West 220 Street
Jordan, MN 55352

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- March 1, 2008 - Resolutions Due
- March 23, 2008— Easter
- March 25, 2008 - KC Day of the Unborn
- March 29, 2008 - Founder's Day
- March 30, 2008 - State Free Throw Competition
- April 10, 2008—Suspension of Council for Nonpayment of Per Capita Tax

Former Member List

All Grand Knights have received a list of Former Members and Inactive Ins. Members. These are members who were suspended in previous years. Have some of your older members go over the list and strike out those who have died or joined another church. Do not eliminate names of former members who live in other cities or other states but do correct addresses if you can. We will create a new list using zip codes. The cost for a former member to reactivate is \$7.50 and **they count as a new member.** The inactive insurance members not only count as a new member, but they gain you an insurance member also. Go get them! The complete list contains over 8,800 names.

March Grand Knight Things To Do

- Schedule and hold a 1st Degree
- Prepare and send in year-end reports
- Elect Delegates to the State Convention
- Prepare for the election of officers
- Recruit members in to the 4th Degree
- Celebrate the Day of the Unborn-Mar 25
- Celebrate Founders Day-Mar 29

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My Report

By: Gene Hippe, State Deputy

Our state is on the move! Lots of good things are happening! Local, district and regional Free Throw contests are taking place or are scheduled and soon we will be holding the state competition at the Target Center on Sunday March 30th. State Free Throw Chairman, Terry Englund has done a super job coordinating with the Timberwolves so we can once again be at the Target Center. In order to continue to use the Target Center in the future, we need to demonstrate an interest in attending the game on the day of the Free Throw contest. Order your tickets now. Local Councils could show their appreciation to altar servers by taking them to the game on that day. There are others you could reward also. **How about your pastor or a nun?**

Our Supreme Regional Program Consultant, Grant Ertel, just completed 7 days of officer training in the state. Five, two hour sessions were held in the Twin Cities metro area and one each was held in Rochester, Mankato, Willmar and St. Cloud. Grand Knights and Financial Sec. in those areas were notified and encouraged to attend and bring other officers from their councils. At one of the meetings, 5 DD's and officers from 10 councils were in attendance. **In April, additional meeting will be scheduled for the NE, NW and SW parts of the state.**

Membership is on the increase. **Two recent exemplification's brought in 94 new members.** New council development is starting to look real good. One new council has been chartered, two more are close to being chartered and 12-15 more are possible by June 30th. We still have 119 councils that have not brought in one new member this year, but I expect that number to drop dramatically in the next month. In the April issue of the newspaper we will list the councils that have not recruited one new member as a reminder for all their members to help recruit. **Lots of councils seem on target for Star Council.** This should be the goal of every Grand Knight. Our State Staff will do everything possible to assist you but "the ball is in you court". You must meet your membership quota to qualify. **Keep up the great work!**

Degree Team Work

By: Ken Ford, State Membership Director

Congratulations to Berry Hobbs on being certified as the A.D.D. on his Third Degree team. He's been learning the role over the last several months and finally got to present the role. He did a fantastic job!

Berry his also the DGK on his First Degree team and Chancellor on a Second Degree Team. I am thankful to have Berry as part of the state membership team, as New Council Development Chairman.

We need more men to step forward and learn those various roles. We need more First Degree teams. If you are interested in joining or starting a team in your area, you can talk with your D.D., or you can talk with Jim Hurt, Ceremonials Director or give me a call. We need YOUR help to get candidates in the First Degree within 30 days of signing the Form 100.

Sacred Tridium

By: Fr. Joe Richards
State Chaplain

Holy Week is here and with it the celebration of the Sacred Tridium! This is the most sacred time of year for Christians. It is what brings meaning to everything else that we do throughout the year. Without it there would be no Christmas, no Easter, no Feast Days to celebrate. At the heart of Holy Week is the Sacred Tridium (Three Days). I strongly encourage you to participate in the liturgy of these three days. You will find it to be the most powerful of all liturgies – as it is said, the mother of all liturgies. Step forward and offer your services to your parish. On Holy Thursday we have the washing of the feet, on Good Friday veneration of the Cross and on Holy Saturday the blessing of the Easter fire, story of salvation history, blessing of the Easter water and celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. What better way is there to celebrate who we are as Knights than to enter fully into the

Donations

By: Ricardo Acevedo,
State Secretary

As you look at programs to make donations to, please consider an increase to the following programs.

Pennies For Seminarians: This provides annual funds to each Diocese to support the education of seminarians to the Priesthood. Last year we donated \$6000 to each of the six Dioceses in Minnesota,

Jim Campbell Fund: This provides funds to each Diocese to help pay for the continuing education to priests and religious. We donate an average of \$4000 to each of the six Diocese in Minnesota.

We'd like to donate more but we are limited by the amount of funds that we receive from each council and from individual donations. Each council received two envelopes for these two programs. Please donate to both.

If an individual wishes to donate to these, they can by mailing a check payable to the Minnesota State Council. Put Pennies or Jim Campbell in the memo area.

We need more funds for the Jim Campbell Fund at this time. Please help our Bishops and six Dioceses.

Mail checks to: Ricardo Acevedo, State Secretary, PO Box 2653, LaCrosse, WI 54602.

Passports Needed

You will need a passport if you plan to attend the Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Canada. It can take up to 5-6 months to get a passport. Passports are needed to get back into the United States. Delegates to the Supreme Convention will be elected at the State Convention in May.

Miscellaneous Thoughts

By: Joe Konrardy,
State Warden

For many of our Brothers Knights, it's a time to organize Fish Fry's, lead the Rosary in our Parishes, and attend the Stations of the Cross. I hope that you also have an opportunity, as a group of Catholic men, to spend time in adoration of our Lord and in peaceful prayer this Lenten season.

Speaking of the Rosary, our state's largest Council, #3827 Bloomington Marion, like so many of our Councils, start their meeting with a Rosary every month. Together, as a group of men, before each general meeting, begin that night with prayer. Wouldn't it be a very special showing of unity that all Council's in the state prayed the rosary before your March general membership meetings? I wonder how we could start a tradition of all Minnesota Councils pray the rosary before their march meeting as part of your Lenten tradition? What a powerful tradition that would be!

So how are you doing on you New Year's resolution? Remember mine? It was to pray for the Sainthood of Father McGivney. If you haven't started, why not join me tonight?

District Deputies and Grand Knights--Please plan on sending 2 Delegates to the state convention this year. Make those plans now. Check the Feb.2008 edition for details on how you will be assisting prior to and while you are at the convention. And don't forget to have all Traveling Cards/ membership Cards signed BEFORE you try to enter the proceedings.

Lastly, the State-wide E-mail System is up and operating. Go to our web-site: www.mnknights.org and click on newsletters. There you will find all the details on how to set up an e-mail address for each DD's, GK's, and FS's.

RSVP News

By: Craig Larson,
Statre Treasurer

This past year 49 Minnesota councils participated in the RSVP Program donating \$63,800 to the support of vocations. These councils received \$12,700 in rebates from the KC Supreme office.

Congratulations to: St Cloud 961 \$11,000, Princeton 8571 and Columbia Heights 4381 \$3,000, St Louis Park 3949, Albany 3628, and Osseo 9139 \$2,500, Grand Rapids 2840, Medford 4909, Buffalo 6608, and Winsted 8253, \$2000, Duluth 447, Cross Lake 9657, Coon Rapids 10138, and Rochester 13027, \$1500

Eleven councils each donated \$1000 and the remainder donated \$500. For more information about the RSVP program check your Surge with Service book or contact Church Program Director Jim Ackerman.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Saturday	03/01/08	Wadena	1636	Dist. 19	Korzendorfer	Robin Delage	320-732-4367
Sunday	03/02/08	Bloomington	3827	Dist. 4	So. Suburban	Mark Ruddy	763-744-6434
Sunday	03/09/08	Paynesville	3820	Dist. 19	Metro	LeRoy Schlangen	320-597-2080
Sunday	03/09/08	Sleepy Eye	3134	Dist. 37	Columbus	Myron Seidl	507-439-6312
Saturday	03/15/08	Dilworth	12581	Dist. 14	Korzendorfer	Rick Morgan	701-261-9969
Saturday	03/29/08	Brainerd	1491	Dist. 19	Korzendorfer	Mike Knakmuhs	218-829-9581
Saturday	04/05/08	No. St. Paul	4145	Dist. 4	Columbus	Mike Schilling	651-738-3626
Sunday	04/06/08	New Prague	2023	Dist. 32	Metro	Jim Mladek	507-364-5659
Sunday	04/06/08	Rochester	11460	Dist. 37	So. Suburban	Jeff Baniewski	507-289-3145
Saturday	04/12/08	E. Grand Forks	2573	Dist. 14	Korzendorfer	Ed Miller	218-861-6457
Saturday	04/12/08	Foley	3603	Dist. 19	Columbus	Robert Stay	320-387-2544
Sunday	04/13/08	Ivanhoe	4912	Dist. 19	So. Suburban	Marcellus Sik	507-694-1757
Saturday	05/03/08	Rosemount	5569	Dist. 32	Columbus	Peter Kay	651-423-5225
Sunday	06/01/08	St. Michael	11941	Dist. 19	Metro	Bryan Nichols	763-286-9068

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

Why Members Drop Out

By: Ken Ford, State Membership Director

Last month I addressed the issue of why members drop out of the Knights of Columbus. The top two reasons are (1) Lack of Communication and (2) No activities.

This month I would like to focus on the next four reasons:

(3) Poorly run ceremonials. They were not impressed with the first degree and never took the 2, 3, or 4th degrees. Each degree must have the highest standards set. Parts need to be memorized. There are way too many teams that have been practicing on a degree team and have failed to memorize the role. If you do not learn the role and speak from the heart and make that role become part of you, then you are doing yourself and your team a grave injustice.

(4) He felt not needed. The new member went to a few meetings but no one spoke to him. He felt like an outsider. He may have volunteered to help, but no one contacted him. He felt like the "good ol' boys" had their own agenda and clique.

(5) Not enough prayer. He would attend council meetings or events and they failed to pray. The council members were too interested in getting the bar open.

(6) The new member was never told anything else about the Knights of Columbus. No one told him when or where the council meetings were. He knew nothing about the Knights.

These six reasons or excuses are something that we can work on. We can and must address the communication within the council. If there is a new Grand Knight every year, then the outgoing GK needs to instruct him in a few areas. We do not have to reinvent the wheel every year or two if there is the proper communication. Communication with your parish priest and parish office is a must. Please let's work together. We are all striving for the same thing.

Student Loan Board to Hold Elections at Convention

By: Jim Larson, Chairman

With the annual convention quickly approaching, I want to remind all members that the Student Loan Board will be holding elections. Any member in good standing with the Knights of Columbus is eligible. The length of each term is three years, with the possibility of being re-elected if desired. There are four meetings per year: annual meeting at the State Convention, mid-summer meeting, mid-winter meeting, and one meeting in Belle Plaine, MN. The only requirement is the commitment of your time and talent. If you are interested in being considered as a member of the board, you may contact any board member or our administrator. All of these names, phone numbers, and email addresses are listed in the State Directory, which all Grand Knights should have. The Board will also take nominations from the floor. If you are interested, please ask a fellow KC member to nominate you and tell a little about your involvement with the Knights of Columbus. If you notify us in advance the election will run smoothly.

The end of the Council year is near, and I want to give you a brief update on the student loans. A full report will be given at the Annual Meeting. As of December 15, 2007 there have been 161 loans issued for a total of \$318,500.00, which is about the same as 2006 during the same period of time. Looking at the spring of 2008, there have been 91 applications that have been mailed out, which will amount to \$182,000.00 if all are returned and approved.

Our donation status as of December 15th is about \$4000.00 short of our ten-year average. There are thirty-six councils that have donated zero dollars for the years 2004 to 2006. I bring these items to your attention to remind everyone that we do need your support. Thank you to those who have supported the Student Loan Board in the past.

Marian Hour of Prayer

By: Jim Ackermann, Church Activities Director

I just want to take some space to remind DD's and GK's that they should be communicating with each other regarding the religious icon, "Our Lady of Charity". We have six framed pictures moving about the state. A schedule was mailed to all DD's concerning which DD's have the image for each month. If you have misplaced your copy, there is one posted on the State web-site. Just click on the Schedules button on the left of the screen and scroll to the bottom of the page to "Marian Hour of Prayer."

One of the purposes on scheduling out for the entire two years was to allow time for DD's and GK's to plan viewing and prayer or Rosary events with their churches and parish Priest. Please don't wait until you are in possession of the image to contact your Priest to arrange a service. For most of you, there is ample time to coordinate this with the Priest and your GK's. You may find that each GK wants to display the image in their church or have one or two combined services in the district.

In addition to scheduling rosary or prayer services, consider requesting of your Priest to allow a continuous display of the picture at one or several of the churches within the district during unscheduled times.

DD's receiving the image should be in communication with the DD currently holding the image. Together they will arrange the transfer at an appropriate place and time. In districts where there is no DD assigned, the Grand Knight's have the responsibility to obtain and move the framed image within the district.

Remember, it is essential to complete the log book which accompanies the image.

As always, if you have any questions about the Marian Hour of Prayer program, please feel free to contact me or Deacon Jim.

Time for Membership Blitz

By: Ken Ford, State Membership Director.

The spring membership blitz is just around the corner. When you do your membership drives or blitz, please contact your DD right now. The DD's need to report the information to the RGC's for their area. Then I will be able to get the information from them and send to Supreme. Please do your Blitz by April 6. The information we need is # of Form 100's signed, # of prospect cards give out, # of reinstates, and # of transfers. If you don't do an organized Blitz, you can still report your recruitment activities. We are striving to have 100% of the DD's report on their councils even if it's a zero. We still need the report. This will help future recruiting activities. If you need help in organizing your Blitz, please see your DD or call me. I'm willing to go anywhere in that state that needs help.



KC Auxiliary Update

By: Margaret Hendricks, Historian/Publicity

Thanks to Jan Hoelscher from St. Cloud who volunteered for the State Auxiliary Respect Life chair position.

Nominations are being sought for Vice-President & Treasurer for the coming year. Contact Jean Ackermann at 763-754-2265 or via e-mail at: jeanackermann@comcast.net.

State Auxiliary Convention is in Faribault on 4/25. "Jesus I Trust In You" is the theme.

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QUESTION: In 2003, I was approached by an agent with [name omitted] life insurance company who convinced me to cash in my 24 year old Knights of Columbus life insurance policy for a new Variable Universal Life policy. I am now being asked to pay higher premiums. Can you tell me why?

ANSWER: You may be able to pursue legal action against the company and agent who did this to you. You were apparently a victim of "churning." This is when you are convinced to cash in an existing permanent life policy and use the cash value to pay for a new policy. Unfortunately, your new policy under performed so the company could not follow through on its promises. I know of **NO** life insurance company that pays a higher dividend than the Knights of Columbus (over 8%). Contact your KC agent to determine if you are able to reinstate your KC policy.

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.



Promote the Fourth Degree

By: Tom Grinnell, District Master

Brother Knights and Knights of Columbus Council leaders, if you have not completed your Form 4 application for membership into the Fourth Degree of the Order the time is getting short for the April 19th exemplification in Rochester, MN. You know the familiar excuse for not joining – "I was never asked to join." Please consider this a personal invitation from the District Master to join the 2008 spring class in Rochester April 19th. Sir Knights help me with this. Attend your council meetings with Form 4's and help your brother knights complete the application. Brother Knights this is not a continuation of the Third Degree. Every degree of the order is very unique in the lessons they exemplify. The Fourth Degree exemplifies the love of country and church. It is the Patriotic Degree of the order. The Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald Assembly of Rochester has planned a beautiful weekend for all candidates their wives, Sir Knights and ladies.

It all starts Friday evening with a mixer/dinner and entertainment by the Rochester Radio Theatre Guild. A time to enjoy radio as it was in the 1930's and 40's complete with sound effects and costumes of the period. At the Saturday luncheon the ladies will be entertained by the Rochester Area Girls Choir. The Exemplification Mass will be at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. The liturgy will be beautiful and one you will not soon forget. The exemplification formal welcome banquet will honor SK Ambrose Xavier King, a Fourth Degree Hall of Fame member. Hospitality rooms will be open following the banquet to renew acquaintances and make new friends. All events except the Mass will be held at The Kahler Grand Hotel. St. John's is two blocks from the hotel.

May you and your loved ones have a very happy St. Patrick's Day, may God bless you in your efforts to build His kingdom through the Knights of Columbus and may He continue to bless America. See you in Rochester April 19th.

Future Fourth Degree Exemplification Dates

April 19, 2008—Rochester, MN October 25, 2008—Willmar, MN

IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED



For these we pray:

Anoka #2018
Kenneth L. Hostetler
Big Lake #9140
James Stewart
Valentine Loegering
Bloomington #3827
David F. Fisher
George J. Gozola
Bruce M. McCrady
Charles S. Moates
Earl J. Leverty
Chisholm #3539
Gerald Nevanen
Joseph Varda
Cold Spring #5344
Michael G. Christen
Cross Lake #9657
Charles Tessman
Wayne A. Steward
Crystal #3656
"Rev." John B. Smith
Delano #4653
"Rev." Mr. Loren Yaeger
Detroit Lakes #3166
Virgil J. Schiffler
Faribault #889
Charles H. Plaisance
Foley #3603
Norman J. Lease
Hibbing #1649
Armando J. Porfiri
John J. Matonich
Hinckley #5101
Joseph A. Kub
Hopkins #2232
Raymond W. Lubbers
Ivanhoe #4912
Frank Zaida
Kimball #11345
Jerome F. Imholte
Lake Benton/Tyler #7879
Melvin Dubbeldee

Lakeville #8367
Patrick J. Donnelly
Litchfield #2029
Gerald E. Carter
Longville/Remer #6773
Patrick W. Butler
Montgomery #1573
Leonard A. Hruby
Mora #5078
James J. Carlin
Nashwauk #5283
Louis D. Legueri
New Market #12520
Richard J. Wagner
Owatonna #945
Ed Belina
Red Wing #1223
Virgil J. Sahli
C. W. "Dick" Murphy
Thomas McNary
Rosemount #5569
Robert E. Wolf
Harold S. Boquist
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St. Joseph #7057
Arthur J. Reber
St. Mathias #11679
Peter Altoff
Winsted #8253
Bernard F. Lachermeier
George C. Knott
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FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:
Please submit names of deceased members to:
Bill Hoffman, Fraternalism Chair
100 North Cordova Avenue
LeCenter, MN 56057
Phone: 507-357-6179

State Programs

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director

Grand Knights, You should've received the **End-of-Year** report packet from the State Office. Please read the cover letter and complete the entry forms for the various programs for which you wish to submit an entry. The **minimum** requirement to be completed in this packet to be eligible for non-competitive awards is completion and filing of the **End-of-Year Questionnaire**. These must be postmarked by **April 10, 2008**. Competitive award entries will be judged for overall programs and sent to the various judging committees by the week of April 13. These will be judged and returned to me by April 30. Any entries received after the deadline will not be entered into any judging. **District Deputies and Grand Knights**—please check the listing in the February **Knightly News** to determine which judging team you're assigned to and plan to be in contact with the designated Team Leader to do judging between April 18 and April 28.

Have you selected your delegates and sent in your registration for the State Convention? It'd be great to see at least 1 delegate seated at the convention for every council. It's your privilege and responsibility to represent your council. It will be time well spent.

If your council selecting candidates for your new slate of officers and directors? Remember to keep rebuilding your foundation by selecting strong directors who will be willing to become future Council Officers.

I wish you a **Blessed Easter Season** and look forward to seeing you at the convention