Monthly Dedication

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory — celebrated on November 2nd. Let us pray that the Lord, our God, has compassion of those brothers and sisters who died and are on their journey to heaven:

O God, you generously pardon man’s sin and desire his salvation. In your kindness, grant that your servants who have departed from this life, may be admitted into the fellowship of everlasting happiness, through the intercession of the blessed Ever-Virgin Mary and all your saints, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

NOTE CHANGES

to the 2016-17
Columbian Award
Requirements that incorporate the Domestic Church Programs
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Special Olympics
Bowling State Competition
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Volunteer Today!!!!

Upcoming Events

National Novena
Sunday, October 30 - Monday, November 7
Prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States (page 8)

November
11-13 State Special Olympics Bowling
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December
2-4 Midyear Organizational Meeting
Run Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

January - February
State Deputy Forums
Ask you DD for more information
Run Substance Abuse Poster Contest
and Citizenship Essay Contest

May
19-21 State Convention
At the December Midyear Organizational Meeting, DD’s will receive packets to distribute to the councils

Congratulations to our 2016 International Free Throw Champions

Girls Age 10 ~ Ciara Fahey ~ Belle Plaine Council 1503
Boys Age 10 ~ Steven Odenthal ~ Montgomery Council 1573
Boys Age 11 ~ Peyton Coahran ~ Spicer Council 13529
Boys Age 13 ~ Zachary Jackson ~ Winsted Council 8253
We are off to a good start and right on track to reach our goals this year. Congratulations to those who qualified for the first quarter incentives. I hope the list will be much longer for the end of year qualifiers. Details of the ongoing State Incentives are next to this article. Details of ongoing Supreme Incentives are on page 6.

These Brother Knights each recruited 3 or more new members July - September 2016
Laverne Klecker of Council 945 - Owatonna
David Lax of Council 945 - Owatonna
FA Jason Evens of Council 1491 - Brainerd
Kenneth Paumen of Council 3613 - Maple Lake
Michael Abbott of Council 4184 - West St. Paul
Kevin Otto of Council 4653 - Delano
PSD Gene Hippe of Council 5344 - Cold Spring
FA Seth Myhre of Council 14420 - Minneota
FA Steven Mages of Council 16455 - Freeport

These Districts held 3 or more First Degrees July - September 2016
DD16 Dennis Boeckers
DD46 Fred Brown
DD50 Jeff Schmidt

These Councils reached at least 25% of their Net Membership Quota July - Sept. 2016
Council 397 - St. Paul
Council 1391 - Graceville
Council 1491 - Brainerd
Council 1551 - Montevideo
Council 1633 - Melrose
Council 1865 - Lake City
Council 4184 - West St. Paul
Council 4374 - St. Paul
Council 4653 - Delano
Council 5344 - Cold Spring
Council 5647 - Cottage Grove
Council 6374 - Burnsville
Council 10235 - Warroad
Council 12140 - Norwood Young America
Council 12293 - Long Lake
Council 12813 - Cambridge
Council 14250 - New Brighton
Council 14420 - Minneota
Council 15507 - Wabasso
Council 15761 - Duluth
Council 16455 - Freeport
Council 16456 - Rushford

Thank you to each and every one of you who has offered the gift of membership to another Catholic man. Remember to mentor these new members and encourage them to enter fully into Knighthood and take their 2nd Degree, their 3rd Degree, and even their 4th Degree. This will bring them to fuller understanding of who we are as Knights of Columbus. Accompany them on this journey. I attend degrees often and always come away with a new appreciation of the lessons taught. Keep them engaged in charitable projects and activities that interest and engage them. They probably did not join to attend meetings — they want to do good in their parish and community.

Supreme just put on an excellent Webinar titled “Effective Recruitment: For Recruiters - By Recruiters.” Past webinars can be viewed on Supreme’s website at:

As always, my fellow State Officers and I are here to help. You need only ask. Vivat Jesus!
Honor, Prayer, and Sacrifice
State Chaplain Fr. Raul  statechaplain@mnknight.org

We start the month of November with All Saints’ Day honoring all those who have preceded us in faith and have attained heaven. We follow with All Souls’ Day honoring those who are still in the process of reaching heaven. These two solemnities are part of our Catholic tradition. They are also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Churches and by a few other Christian denominations, especially those who believe that we, as the Church Militant here on earth, are able to work our way to heaven through our words and deeds.

In the Divine Economy, God created all and found it very good. There was no imperfection in what He created. We wrecked this harmony because of personal desire to know more than Him, represented in the Fall of Adam and Eve. However, being a loving Father, He prepared His people for the coming of His Only Son to the world through the words and deeds of worthy leaders and prophets, as well as personal experiences of dryness and richness in the journey of encountering Him.

The Church sees the importance of the living members of the Church honoring the Church Triumphant, those who have reached heaven, with our prayers. On the first day of November, All Saints’ Day, let us remember those people who have being instrumental in our lives, who taught us faith in our awesome God who is there for us and has called us from our mother’s womb to bring present His kingdom in our midst.

We are also encouraged to pray for the Church Penitent, those who are purging their sin and need our assistance. The practice of praying and offering sacrifices for the souls in purgatory is found in 2nd Maccabees12:42-46 which was written between the year 180 B.C. and 161 B.C. Judas Maccabees had the noble practice of asking his soldiers to give some money to send to the Jerusalem Temple for an expiatory sacrifice for those who died with sin. May we offer extra prayers and sacrifices for the souls of our faithful departed who are in need of our prayers, especially those souls who don’t have anyone to pray for them.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
*Mary the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*  Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

St. Michael Medals

Do you have a family member or friend serving in the military?

You can request a St. Michael Medal to be sent to them from our State Chaplain.

There is no cost to you or the military service person. The military person does not need to be a man, a Knight of Columbus, or a Catholic.

Send the name of the person in the military, their rank, branch of service, and address to State Chaplain Raul, and he will send the medal (and a prayer book if requested) directly to the serviceman/woman.

**Please email your requests to:** statechaplain@mnknight.org

Prayers from our Minnesota Knights’ families are very important to our military men and women. Continue to pray for them and their safety.

Dial a Knight Birthday Initiative

Each Knight Receives a Call on His Birthday from his Grand Knight to Check In & Wish Him Happy Birthday

**Why??????**

- Promotes Fraternity
- Keeps Council Records Up-to-date
- Lets Each Brother Know How Important He is to Your Council

Minnesota KC Student Loan Fund

Contact Brother Knight Mike Daly
952-873-2213
daly.daly@frontiernet.net
See page 22 for more details

Please email your council news to us at bobpenas@broadband-mn.com

We would love to share your council stories in the next Minnesota Knightly News!
Continue to mentor your newest members. Invite them to share their ideas. Hold programs that interest them and invite them to help out. Invite prospective members to help out on project, too. Let them see that we are the people they want to be with who are doing the projects they want to be part of.

Let Your Actions Evangelize as you invite someone to join our Brotherhood today!

How Will We Replace Them?
State Secretary Marc Peters
statesecretary@mnknights.org  (651) 482-8771

Most councils and assemblies have a memorial mass to remember those who have gone before us, hopefully to the Fr. McGivney Council in the sky. We should remember what they have done for the Order and for their council in building it up, but we must also face facts. What are we doing to replace them?

As of October 1st, 256 Brother Knights have gone. That’s almost 3 per day. Looking at the rosters of many councils, almost 40% are honorary life members, which means they are 70 years plus. Unless we, as local councils and a state council, do something to replace these members, our legacy will quickly disappear.

Remember I said that 256 members have died in the first three months of this fraternal year? As of October 1st, 203 councils have not recruited a single member during these three months. We would have just about covered our losses if every council would have recruited just one new member. Every day your council grows a day older and your members grow a day older. What are you doing as a member and as a council to grow and sustain your council and the Order?

It all starts with recruiting just one new member. Vivat Jesus!

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Minnesota Knights of Columbus
On the memo line, please list what the check is for. Thank you!

Congratulations to these Star Councils!!

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Star Council 1544 of Bemidji
Star Council 1573 of Montgomery
Star Council 3329 of Barnesville
Star Council 3613 of Maple Lake
Star Council 5141 of Blaine
Star Council 5541 of Morgan
Star Council 5647 of Cottage Grove
Star Council 5926 of Clara City
Star Council 6374 of Burnsville/Eagan
Star Council 9585 of Cedar
Double Star Council 9905 of Lino Lakes
Star Council 11941 of Rogers
Star Council 11949 of St. Thomas University
Star Council 12581 of Frazee
Star Council 13001 of Brooklyn Park
Star Council 13096 of Medina
Double Star Council 13359 of Maple Grove
Star Council 14013 of Clearwater
Star Council 14420 of Minneota
Star Council 14616 of Grey Eagle/Swanville
Star Council 14832 of St. Anthony
Triple Star Council 16225 of Lonsdale
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My 2 Cents
State Treasurer Dave Whatmuff
statet@mnknights.org  (763) 772-2997

If you are one of those who gets an early notice of the availability of the Knightly News online … you may be reading this as you are thinking about carving your pumpkin for Halloween, or helping your kids or grandkids prepare their costumes … or if that night is already passed, coming down off a “sugar high” from all the candy your kids collected, or was left over in your “cauldron.”

I’m sure that you all know Halloween is a compression of the phrase “All Hallows’ Eve,” meaning the night before All Saints’ Day, but did you know that, like many holidays, it was originally a pagan festival? The Celtic festival of Samhain marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of dark winter nights, and people would light bonfires and wear scary costumes to ward off “evil spirits.” The souls of the dead were thought to revisit their homes seeking hospitality, and people would leave food on the their doorsteps, or go from house to house in costume reciting verses in exchange for food (sound familiar?).

I grew up in England, where All Saints’ Day and Halloween were both known and celebrated, but when I was a child, Halloween was not quite such a big deal for kids. Instead, at this time of year, kids would be preparing for Guy Fawkes Night on November 5th. This commemorates an attempt by a group of English Catholics (yes there were still some despite Henry VIII) to blow up the Houses of Parliament in the year 1605. Guy (or Guido) Fawkes was discovered sitting on one of several barrels of gunpowder in the basement of the House of Lords, with a match in his hand (some say). He was arrested and sentenced to be “hung, drawn, and quartered,” but fortunately for him he fell off the scaffold and broke his neck, thus avoiding this barbarous and excruciating form of execution. The failure of this “Gunpowder Plot” is celebrated traditionally by burning an effigy (called a “Guy”) on a bonfire and setting off fireworks. In my youth, children would make a masked Guy out of old clothes stuffed with newspaper or straw, and go from house to house with the Guy in a wheelbarrow asking for contributions to buy fireworks … “Penny for the Guy” was the expression of the day.

November is one of my favorite months, because it contains the Fall Classic. We are a key sponsor in providing this State Bowling Tournament each year by providing volunteers and funds to help support over 5,000 Special Olympics athletes. If you have been a volunteer at this event before, you already know how wonderful it is. If you have not volunteered at one of these events, let me urge you to be part of it … once you have, you’ll look forward to it every year! Vivat Jesus!

Brother Knights representing the State Council at the Abria 2016 Celebration Banquet

$243,000 was raised ($143,00 from the audience) to help promote the Culture of Life and provide prolife choices for pregnant women.

Please continue to support all our Minnesota Prolife Organizations

Put up Prolife Across America billboards in your area

Work with the Ultrasound Initiative

Place a Respect Life Monument in your area
Brother Knights, November is the month to remember Brother Knights who have gone to their eternal reward. This past month, I had two incidents that made me stop and think about our Brother Knights from the past. The first one was when I went with the work crew to Fort St. Charles where our main goal was to tear down the chapel. Most of the work crew was able to make it there by Sunday evening for the last mass at the chapel. As Father Fred Fink was saying the mass, I found myself thinking of all the people who had come and had mass there and all those who came to see the fort and stopped just to see the chapel and the altar that the 4th Degree Knights placed there in 1951. It left me with an awesome feeling of gratitude to the Knights who started the project with all their planning and hard work 67 years ago. Monday morning, we started dismantling the chapel. I found myself in a sorrowful mood knowing that we needed to do this because the weather had deteriorated the concrete to the point that it was becoming unsafe. The reason I felt sorrowful was that my Brother Knights had built this chapel many years ago, and it was hard to tear down something that the Knights had built.

The second incident was a more enjoyable one. I had the opportunity to attend Blue Earth Council’s 100th Anniversary. As I was sitting at the banquet, listening to the stories of the council, I found myself thinking of the Charter Members who started their council back in 1916, the challenges they had, the activities they did, and the changes they made to bring their council to where it is now. Where would this council be now if not for the many of Knights who are now in heaven?

Sometimes, as a Knight or as a council, we need to change to improve ourselves and our council. Always remember the Knights who have gone before us. If it were not for them, where would we be now?

Each council/assembly should be having a memorial mass said in November to remember our Brother Knights who have gone before us. Vivat Jesus!
On Par for Star

Do you have a First Degree scheduled for each month, so when you have a prospective member, you can tell him when the degree will be held? He shouldn’t have to wait long -- we want him to feel welcome and wanted.

Need help with recruitment? Contact your District Deputy or State Membership Director Conrad Meier. They will see you get the assistance you request.

Want new program ideas? Contact your District Deputy or State Program Director Bou Gazley. They will be glad to assist you. Your success is their first priority.

Don’t be afraid to reach for the stars! You may be amazed by what you and your council can accomplish as you strive to do God’s work here on earth! Vivat Jesus!

Team Up for Membership
State Membership Director Conrad Meier
membershipdirector@mnknights.org or cmeier2@chartermi.net
(320) 260-6945 or (320) 259-5169

Every day we are being challenged on our Christian faith and values, and it is the Knights of Columbus, our Brother Knights, along with our Catholic Church, our priests and parishioners, who are charged with holding the line to protect life in all stages with strong families and marriages. If we are to hold that line, we need more members for our councils and more members for our parishes to keep us strong and growing.

That is what makes our Building the Domestic Church Program so important. We need the people in our parishes to live out their faith by attending mass and working to gain a deeper love and understanding of God. We need to team up with our priests and clergy to have strong faith-based programs in our parishes and communities. If we do this, we will keep our church strong and, in the process, add new members to both our churches and our councils.

This is why we need to be meeting with our priests to understand where they need our help and then work to develop strong programs and activities for both the parish and our council. If your council is serving more than one parish and/or more than one priest, the Round Table Program can be a great tool to make this work successful. The council will appoint one council member to be the Round Table Coordinator in the parish where he is a parishioner. The Coordinator will meet and work with the priest and parish staff as needed and then work with the council officers to find the resources for the projects and programs. Form 2629 should be filled out every year with your Round Table Coordinator assignments and Form 2630 is due on June 30th to report on the progress from the past year.

The following is a bit of housekeeping. In the past few months I have been copied on Form 100 applications for new members that had missing information and needed to be returned to the councils. Before you send in your Form 100 please check for:

- Complete legible name and address of the new member
- Complete birthdate – month, day, and year
- Check off the Practical or Practicing Catholic box – should be “YES”
- Initiation Dates: Fill in the date the member completed the FIRST degree. New members must have completed the First Degree
- New member signature
- Date of application
- Financial Secretary signature
- Grand Knight signature

Finally, if your council is struggling to find new members, we have many resources available and people ready to help including your District Deputy, Regional Consultant, and State Officers. Give us a call. We want all our councils to add new members this year. As always, contact me if you have a question or need support. Vivat Jesus!

Attendees at the October 19th joint Winona Council 639 and Serra Club Clergy Appreciation Dinner
When did you last attend a Degree?

We encourage you to attend a Degree sometime soon!

Support your Brothers at the Degree, and be reminded of the lessons you learned!!!

The latest schedule information is available at mnnknights.org

I look forward to the year ahead and pray, as you do,

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State Ceremonials
Director Brad Jacobs
kcdegreesmn@gmail.com
(763) 477-4410

Congratulations to the new Sir Knights who were exemplified in Detroit Lakes. We also took in a number of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree members on Friday night prior to the Exemplification. Thank you to the degree teams and the members of the Povish Assembly for their hard work and dedication to make a successful weekend.

As you read this, the campaign season is coming to an end. Soon we will be free of all the political advertising, and we’ll know who our new leaders will be. We need to make sure that everyone casts an educated vote. Please don’t believe everything you hear and see from our candidates for public office. Do your homework and make sure that your candidate supports what is important to you and your values in our local, state, and federal elections. Please pray for our cities, counties, states, and our federal government. It all starts with us!

We recently had our annual meeting of the Marquette Province. Mary Jo and I had the honor of hosting our Vice Supreme Master and the District Masters of Wisconsin and Illinois. As of July 1, there were 353,334 members of the 4th Degree, which is 18.4% of our total Knights of Columbus membership. The vast majority of 4th degree members are over 65 years old. It’s encouraging to see younger members join the 4th Degree. Here in Minnesota, about 10% of our members are 4th Degree Sir Knights. Wouldn’t it be great if 25% of our membership were 4th degree members? Just think of the statement that 10,000 Sir Knights in Minnesota and 500,000 members around the world could make. Please consider joining the 4th Degree and help to show that we are proud, patriotic Catholics.

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Degree Schedule

Knighthood degree immediately follows Formation degree - Contact Host DD for confirmation of time/location

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<td>Randy Balausky</td>
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National Novena Sunday, October 30 - Monday, November 7

Prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority. Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land & for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need. Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you & honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

How many membership drives or events does your council plan to hold this year? While that may seem like an odd question coming from the Program Director, it is a very valid question. I would contend that every event your council holds is a membership event. It does not matter if it is only Brother Knights in attendance or if it is members of your parish or even community. Who wants to join an organization that only has meetings and no programs of value? Who wants to retain their membership in an organization that does not have quality programs? Programming is both vital in gaining new members and retaining those members who we already have.

As you will see as a common statement during my term as Program Director, and possibly beyond, is “Strong Membership through Strong Programming.” Isn’t that the goal of each of our councils? Strong membership is needed to carry out the programming that we do, but without the strong programs, our membership will fade away and not stay active. My goal for each of you is to build up our programming so that the men of our parishes want to join in the works that we are doing and their wives and children will ask why their husbands/fathers are not involved in those great works. As we continue into fall, our programming is now in full force. Our goal is to not just have programs, but quality programs that call us closer together as a parish family and ultimately closer to God!

Remember, “Strong Membership through Strong Programming!” That is our goal! Vivat Jesus!

COLUMBIAN AWARD CHANGES FOR THE 2016-2017 FRATERNAL YEAR

Knights of Columbus councils have always responded to the most urgent needs of the Church, particularly through charitable and social outreach. In order to support the evangelization of family life today, each council must be even more fully integrated with our Catholic parishes. As the world’s largest Catholic fraternal and family organization, we have a responsibility to dedicate our time, talent and resources to ensuring that our parishes are beacons of the new evangelization and that our families are supported and strengthened by our activities.

In order to highlight the importance of this new initiative and its impact on our mission, the Supreme Council is announcing changes to the Columbian Award effective immediately. In order to earn the Columbian Award, councils need to meet the following qualifications:

⇒ Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (#365)
⇒ Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)
⇒ Annually conduct and report at least 4 programs in each of the six categories of the Surge with Service Program

**AND at least 4 of those programs need to be designated as “Domestic Church” programs.**

Please visit kofc.org/domesticchurch to review the most up-to-date list of programs and activities.

The following programs currently carry the Domestic Church designation:

- Journey to the Inn
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Holy Family Celebrations (Diocesan-wide)
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- 5th Sunday Rosary Program
- Father’s Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows
- Family Fully Alive Devotional Program
- Food for Families
- Spiritual Formation Groups (Into the Breach)
- Family Week Celebrations

Additional Domestic Church activities will be released throughout the fraternal year. For information and resources pertaining to the Building the Domestic Church initiative, councils should visit kofc.org/DomesticChurch

The Columbian Award Application is currently being revised to reflect these changes and should be available shortly. Councils are advised to discard any paper copies of the Columbian Award Application that they may currently have on hand. Any questions regarding the change with the Columbian Award application should be directed to Robert Ennis at robert.ennis@kofc.org.

Questions regarding the Building the Domestic Church initiative should be directed to Thomas Perretta at thomas.perretta@kofc.org
Let Your Actions Evangelize through the Good You Do as a Knights of Columbus

Volunteer at the Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament

Nov 11-13, 2016
Contact Brother Knight Dan Irvin
612-618-4698
danirvin13@yahoo.com

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Develop Culture of Life in Your Council
Culture of Life Activities Director – John Bowlin

Here are some ideas to develop a strong vibrant Culture of Life in our fraternal families, our councils. Here are some easy to implement steps on developing a visible and active Culture of Life foundation in your council. Do you have a prolife chairperson for your council? Do you have prolife listed on your meeting agenda? It should be listed under Standing Committees along with Membership and Programs. Whether it is called Pro-life, Respect for Life, or Culture of Life is up to each council, but as the most basic truth of our faith, that God is the source of all life, it calls us to make it a permanent agenda item. Are we honoring God’s Will when doing this? Absolutely, God is Pro-Life. As a prolife fraternal organization, we all pledge a commitment to defend life at all stages, from conception to natural death. Having a prolife agenda item offers a great opportunity each month to discuss prolife topics introduced by your council members at monthly meetings. Maybe a council member sees something about prolife in Columbia magazine or heard a prolife discussion on Relevant-Catholic radio 1330AM and wants to share it with brother knights. Maybe a council member saw the recent insert in a special charity mailing from Supreme that announced the following: “Our Ultrasound Initiative has now donated more than 640 ultrasound machines (valued at more than $33 million) to pregnancy resource centers in all 50 states, Canada, Jamaica, Guatemala, and Peru.” This was in small print, and I wonder how many knights missed reading this and have no idea how effective our Ultrasound Initiative is in saving unborn lives, lives that are a gift from God. Share this at your meeting this month and see how many members saw this important announcement about our Ultrasound Initiative. By encouraging sharing from members about prolife topics each month, you may develop a leader who wants to represent your council as its Prolife Chair.

We still need mountains of prayers for spreading the Culture of Life in our communities and nation. Many councils say the rosary before meetings; we definitely need more rosaries. Lastly, create a short prolife prayer that your council can pray each month when the Prolife agenda is introduced. This is a great way for all council members to embrace your council’s Culture of Life. Pray and then share. Let your actions evangelize.

Thanksgiving and Our Response to God’s Gifts
Associate Chaplain Fr. Jeff Horejsi

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Usually all our garden and field harvests are safely stored by this time. We naturally turn to God with gratitude for the abundance of food that will get us through the long winter and more. As Catholics, we give God thanks for all of God’s gifts to us each week as we gather to celebrate the Sunday liturgy. Eucharist means the “giving thanks and praise” that we do in the Mass, especially in the Eucharistic prayer.

In addition to giving God thanks, it is only right that we seek to share God’s gifts with others. In a Dear Abby column published the day before Thanksgiving Day, she shared a prayer and a challenge. The table prayer for Thanksgiving Day is:

Oh Heavenly Father, we thank thee for food, and remember the hungry.
We thank thee for health, and remember the sick.
We thank thee for freedom, and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Then she shared her challenge to invite a friend who lives alone to share a Thanksgiving meal — or, better yet, call and say, “I’m coming to get you, and I’ll see that you get home.” Perhaps it doesn’t work to invite your friend on the holiday. Consider another day before or after Thanksgiving. Nor does the person you invite have to be a friend. It could be a neighbor, an acquaintance, or someone that really could use a good meal and company.

As Knights, we often give of ourselves for the benefit of others. Thanksgiving time might provide special opportunities to share generously what God has entrusted to us. In addition to helping others, our sharing with others is always a blessing for us, too. Happy Thanksgiving! Vivat Jesus!
Fort St Charles Fall 2016 Update  
Submitted by Fort St. Charles Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Andrie

I want to start out by thanking the Fourth Degree Assemblies and Third Degree Councils for their financial support. Also thank you to all the individuals who have financially supported the Logs of Legacy Project.

On our arrival this fall, we celebrated mass with Father Fred Fink. It was a moment to stop and remember those, past and present, who have had the opportunity to celebrate mass at this location. It is an honor to celebrate on the site that had its first mass in the 1730's and since 1949, when our Brother Knights took on rebuilding this site. It is a special place to those of us that have been on the board and actively improving this for future generations.

As hard as it was to take down the chapel, the deterioration of the cement logs was what we expected. 70% of the roof panels broke in to small pieces quite easily. Of the wall logs, 60% would break by dropping them or hitting them with a sledge hammer. For the safety of visitors, it was time to take it down. We were blessed with perfect weather even though it rained back home. When removing the altar foundation, we found a time capsule left by our Brother Knights on June 2, 1951 (see document below). It was one of many blessings in a very busy week.

Our plan for next spring is to replace the foundation with one slab to set the altar and future chapel on. This will be allowed to cure over summer. In the fall of 2017, we will put the altar back together on the new foundation.

We are ahead of budget due to the volunteers who have helped to get us to this point, and we will pour the foundation ourselves to ensure we stay under budget. The rest is up to you.

Our vision is to build a small, functional chapel that is a place where visiting priests who want to celebrate mass, can do so free of bugs and mice. At this time, we are well on the way but have not met the budget to complete the entire project.

The biggest blessing that we had for the week was the Brother Knights who were a part of the work crew. The hard work and sacrifices they made humble me. We had 15 members on the work crew with six being retired. The other nine took vacation time to do this work. A thank you to Ron Beckerleg who was generous enough to bring a Bobcat to the site and donate the use of his equipment and labor. Also a thank you to Dennis Fehn from Albertville for his generosity picking up the cost of an additional rental Bobcat for the week. Many others also brought their personal tools for this project.

In all, we were at the site for 6 days and spent full days working on the chapel and various other projects — other than Friday afternoon when a few of the guys got to go fishing for a couple of hours. If you know anyone on the board, thank them for all they do.

Next spring we are looking for a cement finisher to help with the foundation slab. We are also looking for a granite expert to work with us to put the altar back in its place. We will be going the week of May 28th. We would love to utilize your talents and have your help!
Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids is a great program in the Youth category and it can be a featured program if you qualify! Brothers, this program is easy to achieve, and not out of reach for even small councils! NOW is the time to plan your event! This program can help your council brand and attract parish support and new Knights when you promote it! When you take on this program, know that **it is the kind of work many guys were thinking of when they joined the Knights to do charitable work** — Helping Kids! Let everyone know what you are doing, how desperate the need is, and how much you need their help.

You can give new coats or gently used coats. Supreme makes it easy and cost effective to buy coats through them at $220 for a case of 12 ($18 per coat). This year, **adult sizes** are available upon request at a cost of $262.80 ($21.90 per coat). Councils may also order smaller sizes as needed by noting this on the order form. Cases of 12 mixed sizes can be ordered directly on the **Knight's gear website** or you can use the form on the KofC.org website — fill it out and email it to fraternal services at fraternalservices@kofc.org. Delivery takes about 3 weeks, possibly more if you wait for colder weather, so order soon!

**New distribution ideas**

Knights in several cities of our great State have partnered with police in their city. We are hoping many of you will try it this year! Partner with the police or fire department and give them brand new winter coats that they can keep in their vehicles and give to kids they encounter who don’t have coats. Contact your local police or fire chief for their agreement and set up a press conference at which you can make the donation publicly and the agency can publicize this new outreach they are doing. It can become a win–win for both of us. In the absence of Press, take your own pictures when you give them the coats, and promote the story!

We have enjoyed success partnering with school district homeless liaisons and school counselors to find kids who need coats. They are great contacts in helping keep kids warm this winter.

Some K of C districts are pooling their resources to organize coat distributions in their communities! **Black Friday** coat distributions make a counter cultural statement and could attract some media coverage if publicized well.

**Promote:** We are encouraging all councils to participate in some way this year!! Look for new ways to meet the need in our communities, and get some publicity for what we are doing. When you run this program, please promote — invite the press to your distribution, perhaps, or certainly send stories and impactful pictures to your local news outlets. Use your church bulletins to ask for donations, perhaps, but always let the parish know what you are planning to do, are doing, or have done on their behalf. That parish bulletin is a critical, easy, but often overlooked recruiting tool!

**Featured Program Requirement:** Collect or purchase and distribute at least 96 Coats to needy youth, and this program fulfills all 4 Youth requirements on your SP-7 Columbian Award Application. If you do not fulfill the featured program requirements, it still counts as one youth (or community) program.

Please contact Patrick Farrelly, Coats for Kids chairman, at pfmaplegrove@aol.com or 763-218-3816 for information, fundraising and distribution ideas, ideas or any questions you have.

Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive

For ideas on how to grow your faith as a family, family volunteering and project ideas, and ideas that your council can use to promote fraternity amongst its members and possibly attract new families to the Knights of Columbus, we encourage you to go on the Supreme website at [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/) to find links to more information and a pdf copy of the program booklet.

Knights of Columbus
State Bowling Tournament

We are looking for a council to host the 2017 State Tournament. Tournament to be held late March or early April. If your council is interested, please contact Chuck Loso at

Cell: 320-220-2690 or  Home: 320-235-2366
Coats for Kids

Pictured here are the Executive Vice President of the Sportsman's Guide, Police Chiefs from West St. Paul, South St. Paul, and Cottage Grove, and some District 57 Knights.

The Knights District 57 (Council 3659 - South St. Paul, Council 4184 - West St. Paul, and Council 5647 - St. Paul Park) did a districtwide Coats for Kids purchase. Each council purchased 100 coats. The coats were given to the police chiefs in the four cities for distribution. Value of the Under Armour, Columbia, and Sierra coats was $18,000.00!!!

For more information, contact George Sonnen (651) 247-4780 info@historybound.com

Knights of Columbus
State Soccer Challenge

Held on Saturday, October 1, 2016
St. Thomas Academy
949 Mendota Heights Road
Mendota Heights MN
State Soccer Chairman
Rodney Tholen
Tholen07@gmail.com
(507) 530-7901

Why Soccer?
Soccer is growing in popularity
The program involves static shooting at an empty soccer goal, like the free throw contest
This program is easy to set up, staff, and run
Fun with a purpose!

Congratulations to our Minnesota Winners!
Age 9 Boys - John Polson of Bloomington
Age 10 Boys - John Njeru of Rochester
Age 11 Boys - Shaamy Sedouki or Rosemount
Age 12 Boys - Kazmer Beaudry of Saint Michael
Age 10 Girls - Madison Swartout of Bloomington
Age 11 Girls - Hannah Kvant of Saint Michael
Age 12 Girls - Casey Fredrickson of Otsego
Age 13 Girls - Lauren Miller of Brooklyn Park
Age 14 Girls - Autumn Hofmann of Brooklyn Park

State Youth Activities
Director Patrick Farrelly
pfmaplegrove@aol.com
(763) 218-3816

Let’s face it, brothers. There is not a Knight of Columbus alive who joined the Order so he could come to a meeting every month and discuss the size of the sausages to serve at the next pancake breakfast. They join to help needy kids, help paint the rectory, collect and deliver food for the hungry, encourage young people to live their faith, and to grow in their own faith. They join to put Catholic social teaching into practice with other men like them. They join to DO stuff!

Let your programs,
your activities
– your ACTIONS –
evangelize!
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Does your parish have any teenagers attending Mass? Growing through Confirmation Preparation?

Would you like to engage them in a way that gets them thinking about their faith and what it means in an election year? What a great way to have a positive influence on young people and give families a reason to discuss what their Catholic values mean in daily life!! Run the Catholic Citizenship essay contest in your council and your parish!

If you have teenagers or have kids who once were teenagers preparing for college, you know college entrance is very competitive. Winning an essay contest like this one is a great addition to any applicant's credentials, so be sure to point that out when you promote the program!

Our Order encourages all councils and assemblies to sponsor the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest at schools in their communities and with all young people in their parish to reach all the kids. The essay contest is a creative way to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith. This year, we in Minnesota have set a goal of increasing council participation in this program. It's an election year and a great time for the program.

The Order has expanded the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest to all Catholic students — in public, private, or parochial schools in grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 during the current school year.

The theme of the essay contest is “The Importance of Religious Freedom.” The contest opens the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful, and introspective in their work.

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Council winners will go on to State competition. State winners in each grade will go on to compete with other International winners. Supreme’s first place winners will receive a check for $300, and two runners-up for each grade level will receive $100.

GUIDELINES

 Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length.

 The student’s name should appear only on the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay.

 All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

 Every single parish includes families with school aged children. Run this contest to encourage our families to talk about the true meaning of Christmas!! This is a program that will build the domestic church and strengthen our parishes. It is easy to run, fun to judge, and even more fun to recognize the winners.

Entries in the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest must include a slogan reflecting the topic and an original visual image. Entrants compete in one of three age groups — ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10, and 11 through 14.

Councils should order the program kit (#CPC-Kit) NOW by calling 203-752-4016 or visiting kofc.org/forms. Promote the contest and set an entry deadline of December 19 or so. Council judging should be completed early enough in January to allow time for district judging, if it is needed.

Send winning entries to State KCIC Chairman Jeff Bagnewski
3335 Marion Road SE ~ Rochester, MN 55904 by February 1, 2017

Entry Rules:

- Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan, and visual images).
- Poster must be 11x17 inches in size.
- If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic
- Each poster must be submitted with the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Entry form make sure your council number is included. The name and age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.
- All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.
- Posters will not be returned.

JUDGING

- Judging teams should be composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Council Chaplain, pastor, etc.
- A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners.
  * Slogan-30 points: How clearly is the theme presented?
  * Visuals-30 points: How well do the visuals convey the message?
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Order your kit from Supreme, and decide what prizes your council will offer. Set your November deadline for entries and then contact local high schools and make plans to create excitement about the program in your parish. Promote the contest in emailed newsletters, parish bulletins, and through your parish faith formation program. Put up posters and make announcements at Mass. Mention the contest when you speak before the parish when you hold your church membership drive! Secure your judges and prepare them for the task ahead of them. Regarding winners, make a big deal out of their accomplishments! Present their award publicly – at Mass, perhaps, or a meeting – with your pastor. Take pictures and promote the winners in the local papers, the bulletin, and of course, your council newsletter. District judging should be completed so all winning essays and forms are submitted to State Essay Contest Chairman Mark Ritter by the end of February for State judging, so the winners of State judging are delivered to Supreme in time for International judging.
Celebrate God’s Mercy with Love and Action!

What a beautiful autumn workshop theme to a faith-filled day, hosted by the Prior Lake/Savage #4914 Auxiliary this past weekend. The workshop was superb! Thank you for EVERYTHING, including the homemade breads and David Fong’s buffet lunch. Our guest speaker Joseph Vaughn from CAP (Community Action Partnership) explained his passion, inspired us, and provided examples of how our auxiliaries can continue to share our many talents by serving in our communities. The key is to pray, start small, and to set and preserve goals.

After participating in a beautiful Living Rosary in their chapel, we spent time with many friends in fellowship while assembling Birthday Bags for children under 10 years of age that will be distributed by CAP.

Thanks to Respect Life Chair Lynn for her handout and her words of wisdom. We enjoyed a time of reflection, sharing our personal spiritual and corporal works of mercy and what we have done in this year of Mercy to build the Kingdom of God.

We learned about “The Sandwich Man” and his mission to feed the hungry.

Those of you that were not in attendance, we missed your presence. Be sure to look for your MN K of C State Auxiliary Timeline 2016-2017. You are encouraged to bring this to each meeting to share with all members.

Check the auxiliary out on Facebook MN Knights State Auxiliary, or on the web www.mnknights.org, scroll down and click on the MINNESOTA K of C Auxiliary. To receive emails sign up for Constant Contact via email, simply email ‘I want to receive’ and email to mnkcauxnews@gmail.com

If your auxiliary has information, news, events to share, (example how you can grow, or retain members, craft sale, etc.) please submit to our President Nancy Mathewson, her email address is mathewson.nancy@gmail.com

“Let us be renewed by God’s Mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.” Pope Francis March 2013

Help Save Lives
Raise funds for an ultrasound machine!

Aren’t planning to place a machine in your immediate area, but want to help with the Ultrasound Initiative in Minnesota? Many councils have made contributions to the MN State Council Fund. This fund provides councils who are getting close to their fundraising goal with up to $2500 per machine. Make checks payable to Minnesota Knights of Columbus with the memo line denoting MN Ultrasound Initiative.

Have extra funds from your Ultrasound Initiative Project? Donate them to the fund to help place additional machines.

Remember to be a source of continued support to your life care centers.

Council Things To Do List

- Hold your Soccer Challenge
- Fill in SP-7 as you hold each program this year
  ** Make Certain to Include Domestic Church Programs (see page 6)
- Schedule your group to help with Special Olympics Bowling events (see page 9)
- Schedule 1st Degree
- Schedule 2nd & 3rd Degree with your District Deputy
- Select your council’s Knight of the Month
- Select your council’s Family of the Month (submit form 1993A)
- Submit Monthly Report to your District Deputy

Build a Strong Council Record: Your Programs, Successes, and Failures

Report: Your Council Forms

Review: Your Council Progress

Past Training Slides Available on State Website

On the right side of the home page at mnknights.org, click on LOGIN

Type in one of these three user names: user1 user2 user3

(only 1 person can be logged in with a user name at a time; that’s why we have 3 choices)

Type in the password: kofcmn, click on Leadership Presentations, and choose the files you wish to view or print

Use KC Napkins at Council Events

Cases of 5400 napkins $125 and Packages of 600 for $15 (plus shipping)

Contact Brother Knight Ken Schoenfelder
320-485-4448 or email schoenfelderkk@tds.net
St. John the Baptist parish in Savage has a new respect life monument in the front yard. The old one was removed years ago in a building update. The new prolife boulder sign was installed on the corner of Lynn Avenue and 126th Street. The St. John's Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus were very instrumental in helping accomplish this project. Deputy Grand Knight Jim Spieker and his wife Lynn who are both very active with the respect life ministry in the parish were part of the driving force in working to bring this project to fruition. There will be a blessing ceremony on October 30th with a 4th degree honor guard present.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for good men to work full time as field agents in various areas throughout Minnesota. Our Mission is to serve our Brother Knights and their families and continue the legacy of Father McGivney. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about working with the Knights of Columbus and see if there is an opening in your area, give your General Agent a call.

SP-7 — Don’t Wait
Fill it in as you go!!!!!!!

Councils must conduct and report at least four major programs (or one featured program) in each of the Service Program Categories — Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth. This year, you can fulfill this goal in 3 different ways:
1. Hold 4 programs in each of the 6 categories (24 programs)
2. Hold 6 Featured Programs (1 per category)
3. 4 programs reported in some categories and Featured Programs for others

Remember, these are all great programs, and if your council is unable to fulfill ALL the requirements it will not count as a Featured Program, but it will still count as one of the 4 programs you need for that category.

If you are using a Featured Program to count as completing 4 programs, be sure to label it as a Featured Program on Form SP-7, and attach all accompanying paperwork.

Remember to include at least 4 Domestic Church programs (see below for more details), and label them as such.
New Community Activities Program

Collect Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

- Collect tabs throughout the year
- Bring them to the 2017 State Convention
- Council with highest weight per member wins
- Winning Council announced at the 2017 State Convention Banquet
- Winner may display the traveling trophy until the 2018 State Convention
- Benefit Minnesota Ronald McDonald Houses
- Help families who need these services in Minnesota

Currently there are five Ronald McDonald Houses in Minnesota — one located in Rochester at the Mayo Clinic and the other four in the Twin Cities. These houses provide a comfortable and caring home-away-from-home that keeps families together and reduces stress during a child’s serious illness. This includes providing home-cooked dinners every night, family-friendly activities, private rooms, accredited K-12 schooling, and much more.

Collecting pop tabs is a simple and easy program for your council to participate in. Bring the tabs you have collected to the 2017 State Convention to be weighed. The council with the highest weight per member will be classified as the winner (number of council members based on July 1, 2016 membership). At the 2017 State Convention Banquet, the winning council will receive a traveling trophy to display until the 2018 State Convention.

This program has been very successful in Indiana (where 2016-17 Community Activities Director Chris Wrobel first learned about it). At their 2015 State Convention, they surpassed 1 million tabs collected, generating over $400,000 dollars for Ronald McDonald house in Indianapolis. Because of the generosity of the Knights, the Ronald McDonald house was able to buy another building to service additional families. Their council participation level was 65%. This is an easy program for a worthwhile cause.

Ideas that various councils have used to collect tabs:

1) Collect Aluminum Cans
   - Remove tabs before recycling cans
   - Save tabs for convention weigh-in
   - Use the money from recycled cans to fund other council charitable activities

2) Competitions in Area Schools
   - Start at the beginning of the school year
   - Each grade level collects tabs year round
   - Weigh tabs once a month
   - Post class standings on a master chart
   - The class with the highest total per student at the end of the year wins a pizza lunch provided by the council

3) Local Bars and Restaurants
   - Ask them to save tabs
   - List collection locations in the council newsletter so members can patronize these businesses (win–win situation)
   - The establishment which collects the most tabs is given a free ad in the council newsletter for a year and a sign to display stating they helped sick children’s families at the Ronald McDonald house

Supreme Hotline for FS Help

Membership Records has a team of 8 in a call center dedicated exclusively to helping Financial Secretaries.

They can help an FS with any questions regarding Member Management or Member Billing

Hotline Number
203-800-4955
Email: ExpertFS @KofC.org
MN Councils Share Your Local Newsworthy Events

The Supreme Council is always looking for news from local councils. After all, local councils provide much of the good work of the Order. Supreme provides a fill in the blank form at: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/knightsinaction/kia_news.html

Also send your pictures and articles to bobpenas@broadband-mn.com

We’d like to include news from your council in the Knightly News.

Send us your articles and pictures, so your council can be featured, and you can inspire others with your projects and activities.

Submit articles to your local paper. It is often said that, “The Knights of Columbus is one of the best kept secrets out there.” If men don’t know the good that we do, why would they want to join and support us? We don’t need to brag, but we need to keep the community informed through articles in our local papers and church bulletins and by being visible as a positive presence in our communities as Knights of Columbus.

Remember to File your Council Paperwork!

Form 185 and Form 365 and your other council reports and forms help the State and Supreme Councils send information to council leadership, monitor the health of your council, keep up-to-date with what is happening in your council, see where we need to improve, offer assistance, or make changes, and much more. We are here to help your council succeed and continue to grow and improve as you serve our communities.

Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program
For questions or concerns or to receive a handbook containing Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program policies and procedures, please submit your request to Quianna Richardson at 203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org

Knight of the Month
Choose a Knight of the Month each and every month!

Honor Your Council’s Brother Knights and show them their dedication and the example they set is greatly appreciated!

Choose a Knight of the Year from these gentlemen, and fill out the Knight of the Year form in March to submit to State Program Director Bou Gazley with your other program year-end reports.

Use these as Council Programs on Form SP-7.

One of the Easiest Programs your council can run
Family of the Month Program
Form 1993A on Supreme’s website at kofc.org
Complete it online or mail it in
~ Supreme draws 100 Winners each month ~

Honor Your Council’s Families and show them their dedication and the example they set is greatly appreciated.

Choose a Family of the Year from your Families of the Month! Use this as a Council or Family Program on Form SP-7.
Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need to pay for final expenses, cover debt, or leave a legacy.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you’ve put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me — and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn’t help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you’re 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. We look forward to discussing coverage with you.

Vivat Jesus!
Give your agent a call today.

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Fill the Need!!!
Community Activities Director Joe George
ejoe.george.9905@gmail.com
(651) 253-3112

$150 doesn’t just buy someone in need a wheelchair; it gives them HOPE and FREEDOM. According to the statistics from the American Wheelchair Mission, each chair that’s donated affects at least 10 people. If you’ve not had a chance to watch one of the videos from the AWM, go to their website and check them out. Not only does it give them Hope and Freedom, but it gives them JOY like I have never seen before. I heard an acronym for JOY that I just love — J=Jesus O=Others Y=Yourself. Isn’t that how we are called to live? If everyone followed this simple rule, this world would be a better place.

I encourage all councils to consider having a Wheelchair Sunday at your parish. It really is easy. Chris Lewis and his team will come to your parish and speak at all masses. They take care of everything. If you would like details on how to get started, please contact me.

Can you think of someone right here in Minnesota who could use a wheelchair? Maybe the chairs at the local nursing home need to be replaced. Or maybe you know someone who can’t leave their house because they have an injury or an illness. No matter what the situation is, we can help. Right here in Minnesota, we still have 28 wheelchairs available in two sizes: 14” and 18”. Please call me with questions on how to order or where to pick them up in Nevis or Lino Lakes.

Please call me if you have any questions on how to order or where to pick them up. The wheelchair order form can be found on page 23 or on the mnknights.org website under forms. This form can be used for the Colombia wheelchairs and the Minnesota wheelchairs. Thanks you for all you do for the Knights.
Military Chaplain Scholarship Program

We, as knights, proudly proclaim our dedicated stand in solidarity with our priests and our support of their unselfish service to the men and women in our Armed Forces.

Through your generosity to the Knights of Columbus Military Chaplains Scholarship Program, we will continue to help provide our military servicemen and women and their families with dedicated and devoted priests who will follow in the tradition of their predecessors, giving all for the spiritual welfare of their comrades in arms.

Thank you for all your sacrifice and generosity!

Please makes donation checks payable to:

Knights of Columbus Charities
Include on Memo line, Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund
Mail to:
Donald Hall, VSM
Attn: MCSF
301 Garden Drive
Wintersville OH 43953-4113

HOLY FAMILY ICON

“The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family,” observed St. John Paul II, whom Pope Francis called “the Pope of the Family.” Recognizing the vital role of families in the world, the Knights of Columbus has dedicated its 17th Order-wide prayer program to the Holy Family, to strengthen Catholic families and their prayer lives.

Minnesota Knights of Columbus have 5 Holy Family Icons to cover all districts in the state by June 2017. The supporting materials from Supreme include the Holy Family Icon, one briefcase with English prayer books and English prayer cards, a second briefcase with Spanish prayer books and Spanish prayer cards, as well as logbook for recording each presentation. Participants are to keep the prayer cards, but the prayer books are to stay with the materials. Remember to record the attendance in the logbook and transfer everything to the next district/council on a timely basis. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping each of the Holy Family Icons on schedule so all councils/parishes/districts are able to participate. Please monitor the inventory in the two briefcases to ensure an adequate supply is available for your district and subsequent districts.

The schedule of the 5 Holy Family Icons is included for your reference.

This is the link to the Holy Family Icon Prayer Book on the Supreme Web Site: http://kofc.org/un/en/service/church/marian/support_materials.html

2016-17 District Schedule

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For questions, comments, need for additional supplies, and periodic reporting of progress, please contact Minnesota Knights of Columbus Marian Hour of Prayer Chairman Orville Fillbrandt at 952-887-1218, 612-751-2943, or Orville@Fillbrandt.com

Why Should You Continue On?

One of the most important reasons that a member should take his 2nd and 3rd degrees is related to getting to know and understand who we are as Knights of Columbus. As members know, our principles are CHARITY, UNITY and FRATERNITY. A member cannot gain the knowledge or appreciate the true understanding of all of our principles – especially UNITY and FRATERNITY - without being exposed to or listening to the lessons of the 2nd and 3rd.

The best way to gain that knowledge is by taking the 2nd and 3rd degrees.

Our Ceremonials are steeped with tradition. More importantly, the lessons of the degrees also tell the story of the Knights of Columbus, the challenges we have faced, and the obstacles we have overcome. By completing the 2nd and 3rd Degrees, a member will learn much more about himself and, more importantly, the member will come to the realization that there are many who believe as we do and who share our values. In taking these degrees willingly, our members will grow stronger in faith, and members will obtain a greater respect for our priests, gain a better understanding of our Catholic Faith, and will be drawn closer to their families.

Once a member has completed the 3rd degree, he will realize it is okay to openly practice our faith and it is okay to openly show love for his family and fellow man. Once a member becomes a 2nd and 3rd Degree Brother Knight, he will discover there is much we can accomplish together, and with God’s help there is no obstacle to difficult to overcome.

I encourage each and every brother knight to enter fully into the Knighthood and become a full member of the Order by receiving all 3 degrees and strongly encourage them to consider taking the 4th degree as well. The candidate’s proposer should accompany them on this journey, as well. I attend degrees often and always come away with a new appreciation of the lessons taught. As always, my fellow State Officers and I are here to help. You need only ask. Vivat Jesus!
When ordering wheelchairs or turning in funds to buy wheelchairs, please use the form below. It can also be found on the State Website at mnknightsofcolumbus.org

Minnesota Knights of Columbus
Global Wheelchair Mission Form

Council Number ___________ Location (City) ______________________________________________

☐ Church Drive
Date of your council’s Wheelchair Church Drive: ________________________________
The total dollar amount of donations received during this Wheelchair Church Drive: $_________
How many new members were inspired to join your council as a result of the presentation? _________

☐ Other Fundraising Activities for the Global Wheelchair Mission
Briefly describe any other activities your council did to raise funds for the Global Wheelchair Mission (e.g.: Pancake Breakfast, Car Wash, Dinner/Dance, etc.) Use back if needed:
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
Total dollar amount raised during other fundraising activities: $_____________________
Total number of man-hours donated to raise funds for this wheelchair order: ________________
How many new members were inspired to join your council as a result of these activities? _________

Wheelchair Order
Total dollar amount of donations for this order: $_____________________
Number of wheelchair(s) ordered for distribution in Minnesota @ $150.00 each: _______________

   Size and number of chairs requested by council: _____ 14 inch   _____ 18 inch

COUNCIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP THE CHAIRS THEY ORDER.

Make checks payable to Minnesota Knights of Columbus with Global Wheelchair Mission on the memo line.
For tax purposes, private donations or gambling funds may make checks payable to Minnesota Knights Foundation.

Date: ___________________________ Grand Knight: _____________________________________________
Phone #: _________________________ Email: ________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________________
City:_________________________________________ State & Zip:_________________________________

Send the completed form and check to the Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Secretary. See the State Newsletter or visit www.mnknightsofcolumbus.org for his address. You will be notified of date and location for wheelchair pickup.
SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM

The Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund, Inc. is a designated 501(C)3 Nonprofit Corporation and your personal donation is tax deductible.

Eligibility of Applicants
- KC Members
- Wives
- Children
- Immediate family members of a deceased Knight if the Knight was in good standing at the time of death

Terms
- 3.5% Fixed Interest Rate
- Interest accrues at the time the loan is disbursed
- No payments are required until after graduation
- No credit checks

Loan Amounts

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KC Student Loan Board
- Rick Morgan
  701-261-9969
- Ken Mueller
  507-285-9205
- Daniel Gawarecki
  612-424-8899
- Mark Glatzel
  320-363-4165
- Patrick Conn
  763-286-7409
- Robert Seigel
  518-790-5399

Seminarians & Religious Vocations
All seminarians and religious vocations may borrow money to complete their vocational studies free of interest. Upon ordination, a priest, brother, or nun will have one year of his/her loan forgiven for each year they remain in their vocation.

Contact Information

Administrator:
Michael J. Daly
952-873-2213

Email:
daly.daly@frontiernet.net
Knights of Columbus
Solidarity Cross
A symbol of Suffering
A symbol of Unity
A symbol of Hope

- Local councils and assemblies may use the form below to order crosses for $5 each (minimum order of 10 crosses; free shipping).
- Councils then offer the crosses in their parishes and communities for a suggested donation of $10 and make a single payment of the net proceeds to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966

A council project in support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East

Knights of Columbus
Christian Refugee Relief Fund

MAIL TO: Knights of Columbus Supreme Council
78 Meadow St, New Haven CT 06519-1759
FAX: 1-800-266-6340
PHONE: (203) 752-4214
EMAIL: supply@kofc.org

| REQUIRED INFORMATION – PRINT CLEARLY FOR MAILING LABEL |
| NAME | TITLE |
| ADDRESS: [AVOID P.O. BOX UNLESS NECESSARY] |
| CITY | STATE/PROVINCE | ZIP/POSTAL CODE |
| DAYTIME TEL. # | |
| FAX # | |
| OR charge it to your Mastercard □ or VISA □ Expiration Date: Month Year |

COUNCIL #
ASSEMBLY #
CIRCLE #

PLEASE PRINT CHARGE TO [REQUIRED]

| STATE CODE |
| CITY | STATE/PROVINCE | ZIP/POSTAL CODE |
| SIGNATURE REQUIRED [PS, GK, FN, FC, CC, CS, NOVARY] | TITLE [REQUIRED] |

| QUANTITY [MIN 10] | DESCRIPTION |
| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION |
| 5 inch Olivewood Cross made by Christian craftsmen in the Holy Land | $5.00 |
Non-Competitive State Council Awards

Program Achievement Awards are based on merit, participation, and numbers accumulated at the Supreme Office and the Minnesota Office.

1. **Plaquettes** are awarded to recognize council achievement in Programs
   - *White* - Participant Award
   - *Red* - State Program Director Award
   - *Blue* - State Officers Award of Excellence

2. **Certificates** are presented to each grand knight denoting his council’s achievement in receiving one of these three program awards.

3. **Certificates** are presented to a district deputy when 100% of the councils in his district achieve at least the Participant Award.

4. **Plaques** are presented to the district deputy if 100% of the councils in his district achieve the State Officers’ Award of Excellence.

Participant Award Requirements
1. File Form 185 (newly elected officers) by July 1st
2. File Form 365 (list of appointed directors and committee chairs) by August 1st
3. File Form 1728 (fraternal year survey) by January 31st
4. All State and Supreme bills paid
5. All Intellectual Disability (Tootsie Roll) funds and reports filed from previous year
6. Show evidence of membership recruitment
7. Conduct at least one program in each of the six major categories
   - (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)
8. File Midyear Audit by January 31st
9. File End of Year Audit for previous council year

Director Award
Council must fulfill all 9 of the requirements for the Participant Award, plus:
1. Show positive membership intake
2. Conduct at least two programs in each of the six major categories
   - (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)

State Officers Award of Excellence
Council must fulfill all 9 of the requirements for the Participant Award, plus:
1. Show positive membership increase
2. Conduct at least four programs in each of the six major categories
   - (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)

State Fund Contribution Awards

**Pennies for Seminarians**

**Participant Awards**
1. Plaque or adhesive year plate given to each council that contributes at least $2 per active member**
   - (new plaque given when plaque if filled with year plates)
2. Councils may qualify through June 30th (last day of fraternal year)

**Jim Campbell Religious Scholarship Fund**

**Participant Awards**
1. Plaque or adhesive year plate given to each council that contributes at least $2 per active member**
   - (new plaque given when plaque if filled with year plates)
2. Councils may qualify through June 30th (last day of fraternal year)

**active membership is based on total membership reported by the Supreme Council on July 1st minus inactive members and honorary life members listed on the same report**
Competitive State Awards

The council must qualify for the State Officers Award of Excellence to be eligible for Overall Program judging. All other areas of competitive judging require a minimum qualification of Participant Award.

Submission are judged by committees composed of grand knights, district deputies, and state team members.

Councils may submit ONLY ONE program in each of the six categories for judging in that category -- only one program for Church, one program for Council, one program for Community, etc.

Overall Program Award Requirements
Council must fulfill all 9 of these requirements to be eligible of consideration for this award:
1. File Form 185 (newly elected officers) by July 1st
2. File Form 365 (list of appointed directors and committee chairs) by August 1st
3. File Form 1728 (fraternal year survey) by January 31st
4. All State and Supreme bills paid
5. All Intellectual Disability (Tootsie Roll) funds and reports filed from previous year
6. Show membership increase
7. Conduct list at least four programs in each of the six major categories
   (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth)
8. File Midyear Audit by January 31st
9. File End of Year Audit for previous council year

Best Overall Program Awards - Two plaques are awarded
1. First place Outstanding Overall Program
2. Second place Excellent Overall Program

Family of the Year (plaque provided by State)
1. Selected from entries received with End of Year Reports
2. Plaque presented at State Convention Banquet
3. Winning entry sent to Supreme and entered into the Supreme Council Competition

Knight of the Year (plaque provided by State)
1. Selected from entries received with End of Year Reports
2. Plaque presented at State Convention Banquet

Individual Competitive Program Awards
Submissions in the six major categories of Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth will be judged for content and presentation based on:
1. Nature of Activity: Does it demonstrate the objectives of the service program?
2. Participation of Membership: How many members and what percentage participated?
3. Results: What benefits were derived from sponsorship of this project/program?
4. Program Originality: Was the program something new?
5. Committee Planning: How effectively was the program organized? How detailed was the planning?
6. Delegation of Responsibility: How many members served as planners, chairpersons, workers, etc.?
7. Publicity: How effectively was the program publicized? How was it publicized?
8. Program submitted last year may NOT be submitted again unless there have been notable changes or major enhancements to the program.

Supreme Service Awards (plaques provided by Supreme)
1. One presented for each of the six major categories (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth) to the council with the single most outstanding program in that area
2. The six winning entries are sent to Supreme and entered into the Supreme Council Competition

State Service Awards (plaques provided by State)
1. Two presented for each of the six major categories (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth) to the council with the second (and third) most outstanding project in that area
2. The Supreme Service Award winner is not eligible for either of the plaques in that category

Scrapbook Award (plaque provided by State)
1. One award given for outstanding scrapbook present at the State Convention