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Live in Hope and Joy!

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I have seen councils and brother knights accomplishing great things this year. I have also listened to your struggles and frustrations. If you are doing your best, if you are trying, eventually things will head in the right direction.

As we have heard our clergy say many times in the past weeks, "We are an Easter people. We live in joy!" This joy can be infectious and spread to all we do and to all those around us. Others will want a share in this joy - the joy of volunteering and doing God's work here on earth.

How can you help? Don't be shy about sharing what you do as a Knight of Columbus with others. Be proud of who you are, what you stand for, and what you do for your parish, your community, and your family. Our world is in great need of role models, and I can think of no better role models than my brother knights.

So, continue to man the oars, and eventually we will turn this boat around and head toward bigger and better things for the Order in the great state of Minnesota.

As always, please let me or any of our state team members know if we can assist your council in any way. We are here to serve you and facilitate your success and continued growth. Vivat Jesus!

Congratulations to our 2017 Award Winners!

- 1st Place Church Activities
School Raffle
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Chad McGowan
 - 1st Place Community Activities
2016 Walleye Classic
Bemidji Council 1544 ~ GK Philip Hodapp
 - 1st Place Council Activities
Construction of the Outdoor Stations of the Cross and
Mysteries of the Rosary
Burnsville/Eagan Council 6374 ~ GK Rexford Smith
 - 1st Place Culture of Life Program Activities
White Earth Indian Reservation Outreach
Council 9905 Lino Lakes ~ GK Donald Hohn
 - 1st Place Family Activities
Appreciation Dinner
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Chad McGowan
 - 1st Place Youth Activities
Memorial Basketball Tournament
Fairmont Council 1575 ~ GK Chad McGowan
 - Outstanding Overall Program
Lino Lakes Council 9905 ~ GK Donald Hohn
 - Knight of the Year Dan Falstad
 - Family of the Year Brian & Tegwin Rome
 - MN Field Agent of the Year Seth Myhre
- For a complete list, look in the June Supplement online at www.mnknights.org



Check out our
Website:
www.mnknights.org

Holy Spirit Come Help Us!

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We begin this month of June by celebrating Pentecost Sunday. We all know that God sent the Holy Spirit upon the first believers in a very powerful way that day. Those who had been afraid, locked behind closed doors, went out boldly proclaiming that Jesus is risen from the dead. The gift of the Holy Spirit was not just for the early church, and so we celebrate the Holy Spirit working in our midst at Pentecost, in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and in our own lives. We need guidance, direction, wisdom, understanding, and courage, too. As we try to fit Knights of Columbus events into our busy summers, we turn to the Holy Spirit to help us know where and when our gifts are especially needed and how to invite others to join in the efforts. Our fraternal programs and events need leadership, but they also need those willing to help.

Come Holy Spirit; give us discerning hearts and minds!

Start Right Seminars 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

How to get your council organized for success!

All council officers and leaders are encouraged to attend.
Attend any session convenient for you.

Check for updates and more detailed information
in the online supplement and at mnknights.org

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

⇒ **Slayton** ~ St. Ann Church

Monday, June 19, 2017

⇒ **Duluth** ~ Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary
⇒ **Lino Lakes** ~ St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

⇒ **Brainerd** ~ St. Andrew Church
⇒ **Hibbing** ~ Immaculate Conception Church

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

⇒ **Detroit Lakes** ~ Holy Rosary Church
⇒ **Pine City** ~ Immaculate Conception Church
⇒ **Silver Lake** ~ Holy Family Church

Thursday, June 22, 2017

⇒ **Rochester** ~ Pax Christi Church (lower parking lot)

Monday, June 26, 2017

⇒ **Bloomington** ~ Bloomington Event Center
⇒ **Thief River Falls** ~ St. Bernard Church
⇒ **St. Cloud** ~ St. Anthony Parish Center

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

⇒ **Mankato** ~ Holy Rosary Church
⇒ **Montevideo** ~ St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

⇒ **Alexandria** ~ St. Mary Church

Thursday, June 29, 2017

⇒ **Elk River** ~ St. Andrew Church
⇒ **Rosemount** ~ St. Joseph Church

Future Meetings & Events

- June 30, 2017 - Columbian Award Application Due
- July 1, 2017 - Form #185 Due
- July 4, 2017 - Order Soccer Challenge Material
- July 7-9, 2017 - District Deputy Organizational Meeting

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2017 State Convention

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Part of the state secretary's duties is to input information so that the state treasurer can issue checks - somewhat like a glorified financial secretary to the state council. It's rewarding in that I get to see the many checks written to funds for Pennies for Seminarians, Jim Campbell, American Wheelchair Initiative, God's Gift to Life, and for ultrasound machines. The councils out there are doing great work. Please don't think the checks the council writes are not appreciative; they are! I get many thank you notes that prove you make a difference in peoples lives.

I'm right now in the midst of a very busy period as I see batches of tootsie roll checks coming weekly. After Ray does the computations, I get them entered into the system so that Dave can write the checks. The state deputy signs them, and off they go to the charity. I get notes asking that the checks get sent to the council for presentation. This was a practice done in the past but changed about 6 to 8 years ago.

Here's why we do it the current way:

Going through the process of imputing the paperwork, writing the checks, and signing them usually happens in June. The outgoing GK would put them in the suitcase of stuff for the new GK to handle. This envelope would sit for most of the summer before getting passed out. In some cases, the envelope would get lost. About October, the state treasurer would call the council asking why the check didn't get cashed. A manhunt would start looking for the check which may or may not be found. Another check would be issued. Bottom line: the organization that the check was intended for would get their donation almost 6 months late.

So the state council made a decision to clean up and speed up the process. Now the checks that are written in June are usually cashed in June. Hundreds of man hours are saved by doing this. The councils can still have a presentation with the organization by making up a presentation check for a photo opt.

It's June, so let's make sure the report and check is sent to Ray for processing. There is no need to hold it, vote on it, or save it. Let's get the cash out of the ice cream container and into the bank. Get a check written and sent off.

Remember, DO NOT write it with a council check; it needs to be a cashiers check or money order made out to MN Knights of Columbus. Why? That's a whole 'nother article. Just take my word on it. It's the right way of doing things. Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Hotline for FS Help

Call 203-800-4955 or email ExpertFS@kofc.org

They can help financial secretaries with any questions regarding Member Management or Member Billing.

Collect Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Collecting pop tabs is a simple and easy program for your council to participate in. We hope your collections are going well.

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.

- ⇒ Continue to collect tabs throughout the year
- ⇒ Bring them to the 2018 State Convention
- ⇒ Council with highest weight per member wins

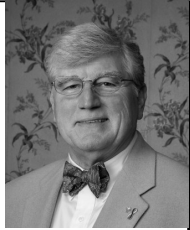
2017 Winner of the Traveling Trophy

1st Place ~ Rice Council 9138
 averaging 1.379 lbs. per member

More program details and collection ideas can be found in the Online Supplement at mnknights.org

My 2 Cents

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As I reach the end of my first year as State Treasurer, I have a couple of observations. Some of these have been stated by just about every State Treasurer, but worth repeating.

1. Always make checks sent to the State Council payable to **MN Knights of Columbus**. I've received many that have Pennies for Seminarians, or Wheelchairs, or even Marc Peters written on the Payee line. This sometimes causes us issues or delay with the bank. By all means write the object of the donation on the **memo** line, and if the check does not show your council number, put that on the memo line too.
2. Mail checks to the **State Secretary**, not State Treasurer or State Deputy. If you don't know his address, it can be found on the State Website. Although checks end up with the State Treasurer for physical deposit, the State Secretary has to first enter them into the correct account in QuickBooks.
3. Please write legibly! If there is doubt as to the amount or any other handwritten field, this will only cause delay while we investigate to determine the correct value. Please also double-check that the numeric and textual amounts match.
4. Finally, let's end this year on a high note! Make sure that your report forms are all completed and submitted. The Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) reports were due May 10th, but if you missed that date get them in right away! There are a number of forms due in June - Round Table (2630), Columbian Award (SP-7), RSVP (2863), Food for Families (10057) ... don't wait until the last day of June to get them in! Also, there are many councils that are just one or two away from their membership or insurance quota ... get those members signed up NOW! Don't wait until the last days of June and then be panicking to get the forms faxed or emailed to Supreme in time! Vivat Jesus!

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.



Dial a Knight Birthday Initiative



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

Why?????

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

Programs and Paperwork

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As we come to the end of another fraternal year, how has you council done? Did your council win any awards at the 2017 State Convention? Does your council anticipate receiving the Fr. McGivney Award? The Founders Award? How about the Columbian Award?

While awards are not what makes a council, it does provide a great way to highlight the works of our Order. While it is too late to make a submission for any state awards, it is not too late to get the necessary items taken care of for the Fr. McGivney, Founders, and Columbian Award. Each of these are great awards and within the grasps of all councils! If you are short a couple new members, get out there and ask! Short on your insurance? Speak to your field or general agent and ask for their help! The Columbian Award is just listing out the programs you did for the year. I am sure every council has more than enough events. The challenge can be to get them onto the form. If you have any issues with the Columbian Award, speak to your District Deputy, or let me know, and I will assist you. Take a few minutes today and work on completing your SP-7. My personal believe is that every council in Minnesota should receive the Columbian Award, at a minimum.

What happens if a council qualifies for all three of these awards (Fr. McGivney, Founders, and Columbian)? They are awarded the very prestigious Star Council Award! What is stopping your council from winning Star Council this year? There is still a month left to wrap up those lose ends and get the Star Council award! Vivat Jesus!

 **KC Softball Tournament**
August 26 & 27, 2017
Jaycee Fields in Mankato
Contact Cary Rentschler
North Mankato Council 5551
(507) 381-6557 - Text Friendly

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!

Support Knights of Columbus Charities with Amazon.com Shopping

- 1) Go to smile.amazon.com
- 2) Log in with your usual Amazon credentials if needed
- 3) Select your charity: Hover over *Your Account* (near upper right), click on *Your AmazonSmile*, search for and select *Knights of Columbus Charities Inc*
- 4) Whenever you purchase something on Amazon, be sure to do it through the smile.amazon.com site (as opposed to the regular amazon.com site). This way a percentage of your purchase price will be donated to the selected charity. Using this method does not affect your purchase price, and it's a simple way to support Knights of Columbus Charities.

Use KC Napkins at Council Events

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

Contact Brother Knight Ken Schoenfelder
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Help Him Out

State Warden & Forms Chairman
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The State Convention is over and June is here. Wow! Where did the year go? Now is the time that your council should be asking, "Did we as the Knights of Columbus do all that we could to help our parishes, community, and our members this last year? Did our council help grow the Knights of Columbus in our community? What can we do to make our council better for the upcoming year?"

These questions should be discussed and used for planning the upcoming year. Plans should be made to make your council better. The number one priority of your newly elected officers should be achieving Star Council. In order to do this, it will take a team effort - everyone in the council needs to be on board working for the goal of Star Council. Your grand knight cannot do everything by himself. He needs your help with achieving Star Council, and he will be asking different members to help in the membership and programs areas. When you work together towards the goal of Star Council, you will achieve it.

If you work as a team, a year from now, you will have positive responses to the questions I began with. If you don't work together, a year from now, your council will probably have negative responses to those questions, and more than likely, you will be looking for a new grand knight. So, please help your grand knight out, work as a team, and achieve the goal of Star Council for the upcoming year. Vivat Jesus!

We invite you to join us for the 23rd Annual MN Knights of Columbus State Camping Weekend
~ Also known as the KC Camporee ~
August 25-27, 2017
at the Pipestone RV Campground in Pipestone MN
Go to: pipestonecampground.com
for a look at the campground and general information

This is a wonderful event to enjoy nature and make new friends. There will be KC families from across the state who have been coming for years and families coming for the first time. There will be activities for the entire family to enjoy, as well as plenty of free time. Join us for Stations of the Cross, Saturday Mass, bean bag and horseshoe tournaments, a catered meal, entertainment, and loads of fun. The campground also offers a pool, mini-golf, a playground, and relaxing under a nice shade tree or by a campfire. We welcome large and small campers, tents, or just visitors for the day. Hotel options are available. Take time to tour the area. Pipestone has a Museum and National Park to explore. Details will be in future editions and on the State website. Go to the mnknights.org home page, hover over Programs, then over Family Activities, and click on State Camping. Information will be updated periodically, with registration in spring.



Have you heard about the Knights of Columbus International Camping Week?

Go to: <http://www.kciccampers.weebly.com/> for more information or go to the mnknights.org home page, then hover over Programs, then over Family Activities, and click KC International Camping. Information will be updated periodically, with registration in spring. Go to: stonecreekrvresort.com for a look at the campground and general information.

Master's Top 10 Reasons to Join the 4th Degree

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- 10) You get a good seat at mass.
- 9) Wives like a man in a tuxedo.
- 8) You get to have a real sword.
- 7) You get to have real feathers in your hat (chapeau).
- 6) Being a Sir Knight is an excellent way to show fraternity with your brother knights.
- 5) A Sir Knight supports Religious Liberty for everyone.
- 4) A Sir Knight supports our country's freedom, liberty, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.
- 3) A Sir Knight honors and supports our veterans.
- 2) A Sir Knight in the Honor Guard is part of the "Visible Arm" of the Knights of Columbus; adding a distinctive presence to religious and civic events.
- 1) It's an honor and a duty to serve as a Sir Knight. The Fourth Degree represents people of faith who defend the Catholic Faith, the Culture of Life, family values, and our God given rights.

We are the pinnacle of Knighthood.
We live, serve, and protect the Truth.
Join the Fourth Degree!

Shepherding Our Flock

State Membership Director Conrad Meier
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We should be finishing off the paperwork and degrees to get our last members in place for this year. Thank you to everyone for working to grow our membership in this past year. As the year comes to a close, remember that we need to nurture and treasure not only the new members of our council, but our existing members, too.

As the Membership Director, one of the things I had the opportunity to see were copies of the member withdrawal requests from our councils. In reading the letters and reasons our Brother Knights were leaving, the question it brought to my mind was, "How well do we know the members in our councils?"

Jesus was called the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and they know him. When one of the flock was missing, the Good Shepherd would search until the missing one was found.

We need to become Good Shepherds in working with the members of our councils. This means we need to get to know our members and help them to be successful as members of their councils, their families, and their faith communities. We can use Form 1842 Member/Prospect Interest Survey to gather information, but the best way is to make sure we are talking to them several times each year.

For the members of our councils who are active on projects, that is easy, but we still need to recognize and thank them for their help and time. We should also get to know their interests and families, we should get their input and help on the next projects, and eventually some of them might volunteer to become a council officer.

For the rest of our members, we need to reach out to them. We need to call or meet them and find out more about them. I suggest your council separate your members into small groups of 20 or less and assign an officer or active member to contact the members in his group and get to know them. Ask if they are getting your council newsletter. Find out about their ability and interest to help out on upcoming projects. Ask them how they think your council is doing in serving them and the community and if they have any suggestions to make things better. Of course be prepared to answer their questions and offer your help where needed. I think we will find that the number of member withdrawals and suspensions will drop.

Finally, in closing, I will not be continuing as the membership director next year. It has been a great learning experience, and I have been able to meet and talk to many members, but I do not have the time to serve you as membership director. I will continue to be your Brother Knight and serve my council and support our organization. Thank you for your time and patience with me this past year, and for all you do to grow our Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Holy Family Icon

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. We have 5 Holy Family Icons moving through our districts. The remaining schedule is included in the Online Supplement, and the new 2017-18 schedule will be available soon.

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Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

Please join the Father McGivney Guild and support his cause for canonization. To sign up, please visit <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/>



or send your name and address to:

The Father McGivney Guild
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510

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.

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 the state chaplain, and he will send the medal (and a prayer book if requested) directly to the serviceman/woman.

Please email your requests to:
statechaplain@mnknights.org

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

Defending Life and Human Dignity

Culture of Life Activities Director John Bowlin

We are God's most precious gift, made in His image. He has given us the responsibility to protect all life from conception to natural death. An abortion minded woman must also accept this same responsibility from God, understanding that the baby developing in her womb is a separate being with a body of its own, with the DNA of both the mother and father at the time of conception.

As Knights, we continue to reach out to all of God's children - the sick, the hungry, the homeless, and the unborn - respecting their human dignity. Our many council programs, charitable events, and close ties to our parish community attest to this. Our continual commitment to our Ultrasound Initiative Program and our MN Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Centers continues to help them save young lives from the culture of death and restore family love. We are fast approaching the placement of thirty ultrasound machines in Minnesota Pregnancy Resource Centers. However, in our endeavors to defeat the culture of death, we must remain focused and faithfully committed to developing an enduring *Culture of Life*. We cannot put our pro-life efforts on cruise control, ever. Our prayer vigils at abortion centers must remain constant, always seeking more involvement from our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray always, thanking God for His gift of Life and for all who are working so hard for the *Culture of Life* in all our communities.

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

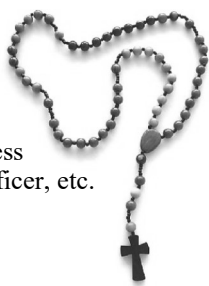
We'd like to include news from your council in the Knightly News. Send us your articles and pictures, so your council can be featured, and you can inspire others with your projects and activities.

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 us and support our work? 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.

Deceased member list for this month may be found in the September On-Line Supplement.

Upon the death of a Brother Knight from your council, please send the following information:

- 1) Deceased Knight's Name
- 2) Date of Death
- 3) Council Number
- 4) Town his Council is in
- 5) Next of Kin's Name, Relationship, and Address
- 6) Indicate if he was a former DD, past State Officer, etc.



Send this information to:
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2016-17 State Incentives

More details are in the Online Supplement at mnknights.org

For Individual Members:

Building the Order
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017
Receive gift cards to Menards, Mills Fleet Farm, or Home Depot (dollar amount based on number recruited)

For Minnesota Councils:

Mission Accomplished
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017
If a council reaches 100% of their net membership goal, the council will receive \$250 for charitable use

Formation Degrees
The cost for the 2nd Degree Team will be covered by the State Council if a minimum of 7 candidates are exemplified

Minnesota KC Student Loan Fund

Contact Brother Knight
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See the Online Supplement for more details

State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament

Top finishers in the 2017 State KC Tourney

- Singles - Mike Wolf from Shakopee
- Doubles - Rick Novak & John Bendzick
- Team Event - Shakopee Team #2
- All Events - Chuck Loso from Willmar

We would like to thank the Hutchinson Council for hosting the tourney the past 2 years - 46 teams entered this year's tournament!

Next year's tournament will be hosted by Big Lake Council at McPetes Lounge and Bowl in Big Lake Minnesota on April 7 & 8 and 14 & 15.

Any council interested in hosting should contact Chuck Loso at 320-220-2690 or cmloso@charter.net



Fill the Need!!!

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\$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 just love this acronym for JOY — 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.

Congratulations on filling the container for Columbia! Now we are starting on a container to send to Guatemala. I encourage all councils to consider having a Wheelchair Sunday at your parish to raise money for local chairs or to send chairs to Guatemala. 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.

Right here in Minnesota, we have 14" and 18" wheelchairs available. Please call me with questions on how to pick them up in Nevis or Lino Lakes. The wheelchair order form is in the Online Supplement and on the mnknights.org website under forms. This form can be used for the Guatemala wheelchairs and the Minnesota wheelchairs. Thanks you for all you do for the Knights of Columbus.

Columbian Award Changes for the 2016-17 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 announced that 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) - councils instituted after November 1, 2016 do not have to meet this requirement
- ⇒ 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

Questions regarding the Building the Domestic Church Initiative should be directed to State Program Director Bou Gazley at bou.gazley@gmail.com

Congratulations to Our Current Top Recruiters in 2016-17

- Seth Myhre (32)
- Steven Mages (18)
- David DuPaul (15)
- George Sonnen (14)
- Jason Evens (12)
- Daniel Falstad (11)
- Dennis Boeckers (10)
- Walter Polchowne (9)
- Dennis Dehn (8)
- Kenneth Paumen (7)
- James Hurt (7)
- Nicholas Schmit (7)
- Jerry Niesen (7)
- Thomas Schlag (6)
- Fabian Yaklin (6)
- Patrick Mulligan (6)
- Laverne Klecker (5)
- Lonnie Spaeth (5)
- Daniel Shea (5)
- Anthony Rosemeier (5)
- Michael Abbott (5)
- Alexander Millner (5)
- Michael Weed (5)
- David Tupa (5)
- John Hunt, Jr. (5)
- 11 others have recruited 4
- 13 others have recruited 3

Congratulations to These Councils who have already qualified for 2016-17 Incentives

- Blue Earth Council 1836
- Brainerd Council 1491
- Cedar Council 9585
- Cottage Grove Council 5647
- Dassel Council 13122
- Duluth Council 15761
- Freeport Council 16455
- Hinckley Council 5101
- Lake Benton-Tyler Council 7879
- Long Lake Council 12293
- Mankato Council 13359
- Maple Grove Council 13359
- Minneapolis Council 4451
- Minneota Council 14420
- North St. Paul Council 4967
- Norwood-Young America Council 12140
- Pipestone Council 1613
- St. Paul Council 11949
- St. Paul Council 16198
- Wabasso Council 15507
- West St. Paul Council 4184

Insurance Continues to Grow

As the 2017 Minnesota State Convention comes to a close, we are proud to help sponsor and support you, our Brother Knights and your wives. Our Fraternal/Insurance relationship has never been stronger and we look forward to growing it further in the spirit of Father McGivney.

Our mission has not changed: "To render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members." This is from our original charter in 1893.

It's our 135th Year as an Order, and we are more prosperous than ever. We are in our 17th consecutive year of growth (January, February, and March were record months). In 2016, we issued a record \$8.54 BILLION of life insurance protection to our members consisting of nearly 72,000 life insurance policies bringing us to over \$105 BILLION of Life Insurance INFORCE! We have over \$22 BILLION in assets under management. We have the highest rating possible from AM Best (A++ Superior) for the last 41 YEARS. For the FOURTH YEAR in a row, we were named one of the WORLD'S MOST ETHICAL COMPANIES by Ethisphere Institute. Last year, we contributed over \$175 Million to countless charitable efforts and donated up to 73.5 Million volunteer hours to our communities.

How do we accomplish this? Our founder's original vision of protection and that we be operated by Brother Knights for Brother Knights and their families. It doesn't get simpler. We are charitable to our fellow man, we are strong as the cable that could not be broke, we are brothers who support each other, and we are patriots defending the church and state. We are here to serve you and your families and we are dedicated to that mission.

**Please remember, first and foremost:
WE ARE YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.**

Vivat Jesus!

Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/>