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THOUGHTS FROM OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY

Dear Brothers,

Supreme Convention

As we return from the 126th Supreme Convention in Quebec City, I am pleased to inform you that our state was well represented with the delegation in attendance. I offer my sincere appreciation to them and want to let them know how proud I am to have been able to lead this great group of Brother Knights. I hope their personal experiences were as inspiring as mine were.

Recruitment

As we approach the fall, this seems to be the time when we as Knights and councils concentrate on promoting and recruiting new members. *There is no good reason for a Catholic gentleman not to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.* Please set a personal goal and help us offer to everyone who is eligible the opportunity to become a Knight.

I am very excited about this year's incentive program, *Servant of the Shepherd*. This program not only rewards individuals for recruiting, but the councils and chaplains as well. The details and incentives of this program can be found at the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Website (www.nebraskakofc.org).

This past fraternal year, our state was honored and awarded in Supreme's "Circle of Honor". The "Circle of Honor" is the highest recognition that a state can receive from Supreme, and I wish to congratulate **Immediate Past State Deputy Don Ferneding** and his staff for placing Nebraska in this elite group. One of my goals is to continue earning this honor, but in doing so I will need you all to help. Our membership goals from Supreme have been set high, but with your dedication we can continue this tradition.

National Veterans Wheelchair Games (More on these games on page 2.)

In August several Brother Knights took part in the opening ceremonies for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Omaha. Our attendance and participation was greatly appreciated. A **BIG** "thank you" to **Special Projects Chairman Chuck Kozisek** for organizing our role in this event.

STATE DEPUTY continued on page 2

Mike Conrad
Nebraska
State Deputy

**Pro Life U•P•D•A•T•E**

By Greg Schleppenbach, State Director Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro Life Activities

There are several major pro-life events in the coming weeks that I want to bring to your attention. Each one presents an opportunity to participate in building a civilization of love and life. **On behalf of the Bishops' Pro Life program, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Knights for your exceptional generosity that makes these and many other pro-life projects possible.**

Bishops' Pro Life Conference (October 10/11)

This year's conference will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Humanae Vitae. The conference begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 10 with a special Mass at St. Mary's Church, Lincoln, concelebrated by all three Nebraska Bishops. A banquet at the Cornhusker Hotel will follow. The conference continues on Saturday, October 11 at Pius X High School in Lincoln with several excellent presentations and speakers addressing topics related to marriage, family and sexuality. Registering for the conference can be done online at www.nebcathcon.org or by calling my office at 402-477-7517. **The Knights have donated \$3,500 to help underwrite this conference.**

New Youth Pro Life Conference

This year's pro-life conference will feature a new and exciting conference just for high school and college students. This conference will also take place on Saturday, October 11 at Pius X High School and will equip students to defend the pro-life position, form and sustain pro-life clubs in schools, and to live a chaste life. Students can register online through Facebook (Reclaiming Our Generation for Life) or at www.nebcathcon.org.

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out of
space!**

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errors or omissions.

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

Knights from across the state gathered to carry banners during the opening ceremonies at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in July. Many Nebraska Knights and their families also served as volunteers in other capacities.



**From John Oltman,
Nebraska State Athletics Chairman —**

Thanks from me to everyone who volunteered for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, held in Omaha, July 25 through July 29, 2008. Mike Wittrock from the VA advised that over 4,000 people attended the games as volunteers. Knights from across Nebraska were part of this number.

If you didn't attend, you missed a great show of courage from the veterans that participated. It would be nice to be able to bottle the love, zeal, and guts from those who took part in the events and distribute it to us whenever we feel sorry for ourselves, we who have no physical impairment.

From Chuck Kozisek, Nebraska State Special Projects Chairman —

Many thanks from me to the 88+ Knights that stepped up to the challenge to be banner carriers for the 28th Annual Veterans Wheelchair Games (see photo above). In less than two weeks we had volunteers from 23 councils, 3 assemblies, and 1 squire circle. The turnout was so great that 10 Knights had nothing to do!

We heard the many "thank yous" from the veterans as we made the rounds. Many recognized the Knights and thanked us for all the work we do throughout the nation. I met a District Deputy from Alaska, as well as a Fourth Degree Knight representing Florida.

STATE DEPUTY... continued from front page

Knights Bottled Water: Honoring our Veterans

Through the current sales of our bottled water, the State Council has been able to make several donations to disabled veterans groups. These monies have benefited so many of our veterans whom we honor with these water sales. When your council is having an event we need to be promoting our own product. **The purchase of Knights' bottled water is no different than when you buy popcorn or cookies from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; you do it to support their efforts.** Through your purchases of Knights' bottled water, you support not only the veterans, but also the several other charities that benefit from the good works of Nebraska Knights of Columbus. Contact State Treasurer Butch Kreikemeier to order.

State Website (www.nebraskakofc.org)

If you haven't logged onto the State Council's Website lately, please do so. Website Chairman Aaron Goodrich has done a remarkable job at revising our site. We are now able to do most of our reports online and link to several other Websites, including the Vatican. This is a very useful tool that can really help you and your council keep current and be productive.

My motto, Faithful Servants of Your Son, is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. I ask that all of us be a Faithful Servant and honor the Blessed Mother in all of our tasks, whether it is a work of charity, recruiting, or simply praying each and every day. May God Bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Conrad, Nebraska State Deputy



FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN

Brothers in Christ,

I am delighted to serve you as State Chaplain for the next two years! To be associated on a state level with 23,000+ Catholic men who love the Lord and His Church is a great honor, indeed. You have a long tradition of service to the parishes of the dioceses of Nebraska and their bishops, a record of which you can be proud.

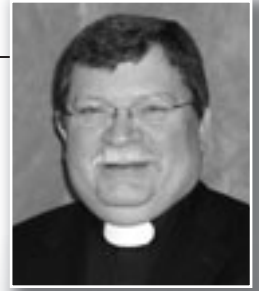
I was given the privilege of attending the Supreme Convention in Quebec recently. I was energized by the opening Mass which included five cardinals, 70 archbishops, bishops, and abbots, as well as the congregation of Knights and their spouses. I was surprised to learn that the Knights of Columbus are present not only in the US and Canada, but also Mexico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guam, Luzon in the Philippines, Mindanao, and recently Poland. Worldwide membership is now at 1,763,182 Knights, as of June 30. There are 13,485 councils. Overall, the Knights of Columbus raised \$144,911,781 for charity in 2007, and have donated a total of 68 million hours of volunteer time to helping our parishes, neighbors, and communities!

I might add that this makes the Knights of Columbus the largest lay movement in the world. Because of its Catholic values, it is the largest Pro-Life organization in the world too. No wonder it is a privilege for me to be involved in such a great community of men. No wonder pastors want active Knights of Columbus in their parishes.

I want to take note of a new initiative announced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called "FATHERS FOR GOOD." As marriage is a vocation, so fatherhood is a vocation. "We Knights have always helped one another grow in faith and navigate the turbulent waters of modern society together. With 'Fathers for Good,' we will add a new structure and new resources to our efforts to strengthen families, and provide the tools and encouragement we all need to realize our potential as husbands and fathers", please visit fathersforgood.org.

Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim Tieg



Fr. Jim Tieg
Nebraska
State Chaplain

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— Carl Anderson —

Take Action Now ... Just Ask... Make your BLITZ a Success!

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(Article taken from the September 2007 *Knights Courier*)

One of the important action items in your council's membership growth plan for the fraternal year is a Membership Blitz this fall. For councils planning to do a Blitz, October is a great time to kick things off with an all out effort to maximize the effectiveness of your membership team's efforts by canvassing your parish on one weekend, and initiate new members two weeks later.

Here are a few tips to help make your Membership Blitz a membership success:

- Get your pastor's approval to conduct a Blitz membership drive. Agree on a weekend (preferably October 11-12), what is to be done, and by whom. *Plan, plan, plan.*
- Order plenty of Supreme flyers. A *Blitz Materials Order Form* is available at www.kofc.org/cmfr/resources/BlitzFormNew.pdf. Allow four to six weeks for delivery.
- Place a membership drive notice in your parish bulletin at least two weeks in advance of the actual weekend drive.
- Inform your insurance rep. about the dates of this effort.
- Have council brochures and other materials for handouts. Also, include a prospect card in each handout packet or place in the church pews.
- Have a pulpit announcement prepared and have a good presenter assigned to address the parishioners after every Mass during the assigned weekend.
- Have plenty of members available at all entries to the Church during every Mass. Inform them of proper dress and instruct them on their duties and expectations.

- After all weekend Masses, collect prospect cards. Meet with the membership committee on Sunday evening, or as early as possible, to assign teams to prospects.
- Set your First Degree within two weeks of the Blitz weekend.
- Get as many new recruits as possible to a First Degree. Schedule a second First Degree if needed.
- Explain the new member interest survey, new member insurance plan, Shining Armor Award program, dates of a Second and Third Degree, and all other relevant information to the new member.
- Immediately following the Blitz drive, complete a Blitz report and forward it to your District Deputy.

In addition, you may want to consider an information night as part of your Blitz efforts, inviting prospective members and their families to a special event that enables you to spend more time sharing information with them about this great fraternal ministry. Planning a Corporate Communion for one of the Masses during the Blitz weekend can also be effective in communicating to the parish the unity of our membership. Keep in mind that when it comes to bringing new members into the Knights of Columbus, two simple words are very powerful: ...

Just Ask!

This and other information on recruiting and retaining membership can be found starting on page 78 of your *Program Book*. It's also online at www.nebraskakofc.org/resources.

PRO-LIFE UPDATE ... continued from front page

Virtue Media

All three Bishops of Nebraska have agreed to sponsor and promote the Virtue Media pro-life television ads for a second year. Parishes in the Lincoln and Grand Island Dioceses will reintroduce this effort in October. Parishes in the Archdiocese of Omaha will do so in January. Last year's effort was highly successful raising nearly \$230,000 throughout Nebraska (including \$21,000 from the Knights) which paid for roughly 9,500 pro-life television ads reaching most of the state. More than 1.2 million Nebraskans saw these pro life ads at least 6 times including 99 percent of the young women in the most vulnerable age groups. The result was 580 responses from abortion-vulnerable women and 1,120 responses from post-abortive mothers. **This year's effort was kick-started with a \$12,000 donation from the Knights. THANK YOU!!!**

40 Days for Life

A project that is being sponsored by local pro-lifers in Omaha and Lincoln is 40 Days for Life. This marvelous project organizes people to pray and fast for the closing of abortion clinics and conversion of its staff. This project will take place outside the abortion centers in Bellevue and Lincoln from September 24 through November 2.

For more information:

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/lincoln/> (Lincoln)

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/omaha/> (Omaha).

If you can't be physically present to pray at the abortion centers, join your prayers and fasting in solidarity with those who will be present.

Respect Life Sunday

The month of October is designated by the U.S. Bishops as Respect Life Month with the first Sunday in October celebrated as Respect Life Sunday.

LOGBOOK DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for Logbook forms originally scheduled for September 1, 2008 has been extended to October 15, 2008.

MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE FINALIZED FOR THIS FRATERNAL YEAR

by PSD Larry Reed, Nebraska State Ceremonials Co-Chairman

Below is the current schedule for major degrees for this fraternal year. Please keep this schedule in view and plan to support your degree team. **Find this schedule and updates online at www.nebraskakofc.org/calendar**

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**MAJOR DEGREES NEBRASKA JURISDICTION
FRATERNAL YEAR 2008 - 2009**

DATE	LOCATION	HOST COUNCIL	HOST DD	2ND DEG. TEAM	3RD DEG. TEAM	CONFERRING OFFICER
2008						
September 28	North Platte	1211	McQueen	Scottsbluff	Scottsbluff	Gilbert
October 6 (No 1st Deg.)	Omaha	13080	Kozimor	Omaha	Omaha	Dougherty
October 12	Lincoln	13015	Ostdiek	Lincoln	Omaha	Ostdiek
October 12	Scottsbluff	2681	Gilbert	Scottsbluff	Scottsbluff	Pieper
October 19	Grand Island	9562	Hast	Columbus	Kearney	Kotrous
November 9	Omaha	3019	Wagner	Omaha	Omaha	Dougherty
November 23	Geneva	7684	Graff	Lincoln	Kearney	Kotrous
December 7	David City	1717	Hanus	Columbus	Kearney	Kotrous
2009						
January 25	Albion	1739	Inman	Columbus	Kearney	Kotrous
January 25	Omaha	652	Sobetski	Omaha	Omaha	Ostdiek
February 15	Bellevue	6192	Wagner	Omaha	Omaha	Dougherty
March 1	Lyons	13496	Wantz	Omaha	Omaha	Ostdiek
March 8	Columbus	938	Hanus	Columbus	Kearney	Kotrous
March 8	Wahoo	1833	Young	Omaha	Omaha	Dougherty
March 22	Papillion	6429	Delgado	Omaha	Omaha	Dougherty



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- In Honor of

- happy occasion illness thank you

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IMPORTANT DATES

Form	Date	Event/Form Name	Submit to/Contact person
2008			
SEPTEMBER			
	Sept. 13	Registration for State Day of Recollection, Schuyler	State Church Director, Terry Fletcher
	Sept. 25	Deadline for Discount on Keep Christ in Christmas	State Church Director, Terry Fletcher
	Sept. 27	State Day of Recollection, Schuyler	State Church Director, Terry Fletcher
OCTOBER			
	Oct 11-12	Membership BLITZ Weekend	State Membership Directors
	Oct 12	Blue Rock Shoot, Spalding	Council 13584 FS, Allan Rolf
NOVEMBER			
FT-KIT	Nov. 1	Free Throw Contest Order Form	Supreme Council; Cc: Youth Dir., Nate Crotty
	Nov. 11	Courier Articles due	Knights Courier Editor, Duffi Goodrich
2009			
JANUARY/FEBRUARY			
	Jan 10-11	Midwinter Meeting, Hoiday Inn, Lincoln	
	Jan 31-Feb 1	State Bowling Tournament, Columbus	John Oltman, State Athletics Chairman
	Feb 7-Feb 8	State Bowling Tournament, Columbus	John Oltman, State Athletics Chairman

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As a special recruitment incentive, every council that recruits new members from September 1, 2008 to December 1, 2008 will be entered into a special drawing, with three winners. The prize will be 1 (of 3) \$50 awards (\$150 total) payable to each winning council.

Contact a State or Regional Membership Director
for more information.