



DISTRICT DEPUTY

August 2009

REMINDER

GET OFF TO A FAST START THIS YEAR

Now that we are in a new fraternal year, make sure that all your councils get off to a good start, even as the lazy days of summer are upon us. We all know that **there is a tendency for councils to ease back or even adjourn for the summer months, but we also know that is a recipe for failure.**

Why try to squeeze a whole fraternal year into nine or 10 months? This is the question you should pose to council officers as you challenge them to be active in membership recruitment and fraternal programming all 12 months of the year.

ANNUAL AWARDS DISTRIBUTION

Awards for the 2008-2009 fraternal year will be distributed as follows: **Star Council, Double Star Council, Columbian, Father McGivney and Founder's Awards will be forwarded to the district deputy of record**, except when the state deputy has requested they be shipped to him. The council's general and/or field agent should be invited to assist in the presentation of all awards. If the council wins only the Founder's Award, it will be forwarded to the general agent of record for presentation, with a request that the district deputy be asked to assist in the presentation.

RAISING THE QUOTA BAR

Starting July 1, the **new membership quota will be based on the 7 percent net of your council's membership** (with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 35 members). This quota, up 2 percent from the previous year, affects qualifying for the Father McGivney and Star Council awards.

WORLD SERIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Step up to the plate and get ready to rally with councils throughout your jurisdiction to **earn a winning spot in the Knights of Columbus World Series of Membership competition.** The regular portion of the competition will run for 11 weeks. Playoffs will then begin between the top 8 teams (based on the number of points earned). Each playoff "game" will be based on two weeks of a percentage of intake. The losing jurisdiction of the first playoff round will receive a \$100 check for state council membership programs and the second round losing jurisdiction will receive \$250. The second place winner will receive \$500 and the overall winner will receive \$1,000 and Orderwide bragging rights. So make sure your council is ready to recruit during this exciting competition and help your jurisdiction hit a grand slam. For more information, visit www.kofc.org/recruit

2009-10 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The 2009-10 membership campaign, "Year of the Volunteer," extends the invitation to every eligible man and his family to **join the Knights of Columbus in its mission to assist people in need and support our Church.** To help strengthen our communities and Church, every Knight has a moral obligation to ask all eligible Catholic men to join the Order.

When Knights sponsor blood drives or youth sports teams, raise funds and volunteer for Special Olympics and other programs for people with intellectual disabilities, or hold family picnics, they are a part of the "Year of the Volunteer" and set a positive example for others to follow. Building on this foundation of service to Church and community is our challenge. To meet this

TAKE A QUICK LOOK:

- ❖ The **Service Program Personnel Report** (#365) was due Aug. 1. The report is found on the Order's Web site and in the Council Report Forms Booklet. If it has not yet been submitted, see that it is sent.
- ❖ The **Semiannual Council Audit Report** (#1295) is due Aug. 15. The report form is found on the Order's Web site and in the Council Report Forms Booklet.
- ❖ The **Report of Round Table Coordinator** (#2629) is due when a table is formed. The report is found on the Order's Web site and in the Council Report Forms Booklet.

All of the forms mentioned above can be found in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) and on the Order's Web site, www.kofc.org. The forms can be accessed by selecting the "For Officers" option on the menu; then clicking "Forms" in the box on the left. From there click on the type of form you want ("Council," "Circle," "Assembly," "State/District"). All forms are printable and some can be submitted online.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ❖ Did you request a **schedule of First Degrees** from each of your councils for the first six months of the fraternal year? Once you have the schedule for each council, make a master list and share it with all of your councils.
- ❖ Did you **review the council meeting remarks outline** in the District Deputy Handbook and Reference Guide (#916)?
- ❖ Remember to **schedule a strategy session** with each council and invite the field agent(s)?

challenge, we constantly need new energy and fresh ideas, and must grow our membership.

ESSAY CONTEST

Urge your councils to take part in the **NEW International Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**. It is open to all Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools, grades 8 through 12. Participants are asked to write a 500- to 700-word essay based on the theme of “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society.” The contest opens the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful and introspective in their work. To order a kit, go to www.kofc.org/forms, use the order form in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) or call (203) 752-4044.

FAMILY WEEK IS AUG. 8-16

Every council should be planning activities for the Knights of Columbus Family Week, Aug. 8-16. **Family Masses, picnics, outings, sports competitions and volunteer projects are just a few activities that build family spirit and bring council members closer together.** First Degree exemplifications should also be included to bring new members into the council’s family. **In keeping with the “Year for Priests” focus, every First Degree ceremony should be conducted in honor of a priest.** Those taking the First Degree should be presented with the special “Year for Priests” certificate and sign a newly created scroll that will be presented to the priest who was honored. Both the certificates and the scrolls will be available soon from the Supreme Council. For more information and updates, visit www.kofc.org/yearforpriests.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Each month, **100 families are selected from the “Family of the Month” nominees sent to the Supreme Council office to receive a beautiful Holy Family icon.** Nomination forms and program guidelines are provided to each council in the surge kit. Encourage councils to send in these forms.

COLLEGE COUNCIL CONFERENCE

The **College Council Conference for 2009 will be held Oct. 2-4 in New Haven, Conn.** This conference provides a unique opportunity for members to address the needs and challenges experienced by college councils. Each college council may send one student representative to the conference – in addition to the council chaplain and financial secretary (if the FS hasn’t participated in a prior conference) – at the expense of the Supreme Council. Each college council may also elect to send up to five additional members, as visitors, at their own expense. For more information, or to sign up, please go to www.kofc.org/college or college@kofc.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

This Sept. 11, 2009, is the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in the United States. This solemn event will be marked by the **fourth annual Orderwide World Day of Prayer for Peace.** Urge your councils to conduct a program of prayer on this day for the intention of peace. New prayer cards and posters, which feature an excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI’s address at Ground Zero, are available from the Supply Department.

NEW COUNCILS AND CIRCLES ADDED LAST MONTH

District	Name	Jurisdiction	Council #	Location
5	Henry C. Sobon	Louisiana	14822	Kenner
3	Mauro N. Farinelli	District of Columbia	14823	Washington
71	Peter D. Ashley	California	14824	Los Angeles
39	Michael Coleman	Illinois	14825	Aurora
I-34	Nonilon G. Ayon	Luzon	14826	Tagaytay City, Cavite
V-92	Anthony M. Magno	Visayas	14827	Valladolid, Negros Occ.
V-94	John L. Custodio	Visayas	14828	Candoni, Negros Occ.
FSS	James Curto	Pennsylvania	14829	Scranton
V-56	Noel M. Siozon	Visayas	14830	Jaro, Leyte
V-26	Teodoro E. Arnaiz	Visayas	14831	Alcoy, Cebu
58	James F. Burkhart	Minnesota	14832	St. Anthony
District	Name	Jurisdiction	Circle #	Location
C31	Oscar E. Deguilmio	MZ	3769	Bugo Cagayan Oro
M86	Eugene B. Bermejo	MZ	5325	Gen Santos City
A11	Rogelio F. Madamba	LP	5326	Bgy Dolores Taytay, Rizal
S01	Edgardo A. Flores	LP	5327	Luna La Union
57	Jonathan L. Mayeux	LA	5328	Kolin
45	William J. Morea	FL	2797	Lehigh Acres
77	Herbert B. Durbin, Jr.	IL	4627	Highland