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Newsletter I**

Worthy Faithful Navigators,

Welcome to the fraternal year 2008-09. Those of you that are continuing in office, welcome back, and those of you that are first term navigators, congratulations you have received the confidence of your peer's to lead your assembly for the upcoming year.

I have enclosed two Knights of Columbus calendars for you and the Faithful Comptroller's use, please give him one. We have many things to discuss for the year, having received from you the Report of Officers, we can make sure Supreme is mailing to the proper officers.

Next up on the agenda will be the annual audit, which needs to be into Supreme prior to August 1, 2008. Please get this completed during July with the copies mailed as shown on the bottom of the form. I have enclosed a copy with this mailing just in case you can't find one, which should be in your Assembly Report Forms Booklet that the FC should have.

This year the IRS has changed the way fraternal organizations report, we now have to file a 990-N (e-POSTCARD), and it was to be done prior to May 15, 2008. I now have most of the assembly EIN numbers, and I will hand write it on this newsletter so the FN will have it to give to the FC to get this report complete. There is no penalty for filing late, so not to worry. This form can only be filed electronically, and is accessed thru the web address: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. Please check with your FC to see if this has been done yet, and if not, get it completed as soon as possible. If there is a problem, let me know and I can try to get you some help. If a council or assembly fails to file the required e-Postcards for three consecutive years in could jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the K of C.

Each year at the State Convention the Fourth Degree holds a meeting on Friday afternoon to discuss the years activities, and on even numbered years submit names for the District Master. This year I placed my name for re-appointment,

the names of Ron Schillinger, FN of assembly 3048 and Wes Bell of assembly 1084 were also submitted. The Supreme Board of Directors will make this appointment at the Supreme Convention in August and we will know a short time later who the District Master is for 2008-2010, in the meantime, business as usual.

The next item that is voted on by the attending members is the continuation of a donation to the Masters Fund of \$1.00 per member off your July 1, 2008 roster that you will receive from Supreme. This item was begun by District Master Paul Nelson in 2002 to help offset the Masters expenses. The only income the Master receives is from hosting exemplifications, and after expenses, there isn't much left over to conduct business. District Master get's no reimbursement from the Supreme Office so this really helps out of pocket expenses. Again, I want to make it clear, this is a voluntary donation by each assembly and should be voted on by the membership before you decide to make to donation.

Exemplifications for the fraternal year are starting to fall in place. I will list what we have on the books so far, and what are proposed and where.

Confirmed Dates;

10/11/08 Cleveland, hosted by Trinity Assembly 2607, FN Jerry Orman
11/08/08 Clarksville, hosted by Fr. William Morgan Assy. 2328, FN Frank Pierce
04/04/09 Knoxville, hosted by Pope John Paul II Assy. 2920, FN Tom Viotti
05/16/09 Chattanooga, hosted by Fr. Ryan Assy. 1084, FN Richard Buske

Proposed Schedule;

02/14/09 Crossville, hosed by Fr. Gabriel Assy. 2162, FN Fred Laufenberg
03/14/09 Nashville, hosted by Msgr. Siener Assy. 1627 FN Kevin Hennessey
05/23/09 Memphis, hosted by Decon Hurst Assy. 2183, FN David Zwissler
06/06/09 Columbia, hosted by F.R. Howell Assy 2163, FN Julius Olejniczak
06/13/09 Morristown, hosted by B. O'Connor Assy 2094, FN Luis Crespo, Sr.

As you can see, we are trying to move around the state and help to lessen travel for the membership. This is an aggressive schedule and hopefully we can get it finalized soon so all will know. Recruitment starts now, get your Form 4's to the Councils that make up your assemblies, and as you go to meetings make sure the Grand Knight allows you time to talk about the Fourth Degree and what we mean to the Church, Community, and Country. I will talk about the Dome Fund in the next newsletter.

God Bless,

Bill Gunter

District Master