

COLORADO WINS MARCH MADNESS – FIRST “BRACKET”

I want to congratulate the State Of Colorado Membership for finishing in first place in our bracket in the Membership Madness Contest. Nebraska had us beat and WE pulled it out in the last moments. Thanks for faxing those form 100's. WE beat them by 5 members. We are already in round two. We are up against Washington State in the final round.

We continue with our activation of our councils and members. This makes it easier on all involved. We get more members to do more projects. That frees up a lot of people that were working all the events. Many of them are now free to spend more time with their family.

We continue to fine- tune the Plus 1 program. With management of our drops, and with our recruitment and reactivations, it makes our Quota more attainable.

Our Membership Standing within the Order had dropped to 12th place. But is on the rebound and we are back in 5th place.

We tried something that we had not done in Colorado in 9 years and we pulled it off with great success. I am talking about our recent Major Degrees in Byers. We held the First Degree along with the Second and Third on the same day. This is commonplace within the Order and we will continue with this throughout the year. This will not be at all of the degrees, but sprinkled through the year.

With the efforts of Fr. Ed Kenerk, Bill Duster and PSD Jerry O'Connor; and with the Blessing of Father Wedow, our State Chaplain, I am pleased to announce that on October 29, 30, 31 we will have a Statewide Knights of Columbus Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Sedalia. This is the first such Retreat in Colorado in 14 years. It will be based on our Knights to Christ book with the Four Principles of our Order; Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism.

I thank all of you for your hard work with the Knights of Columbus in making your parishes more Family- structured to the Knights of Columbus.

We need continued efforts to get all our Supreme Forms and Round Tables in. Please be sure to have Pro life activities filled out on the SP7 form, especially the ones that need to be sent to Supreme. We need to continue getting our Necrology reports in to the State Secretary, Roger Muller. We should be conducting elections of our delegates and alternates to the State Convention. Remember they have to be 3rd Degree. We need to get this done and get their reservation in. Delegates must register in three places: 1). With the Hotel. 2). With the State Secretary for Credentials. 3). With Ed Domanick for meals. The deadline is March 24th to avoid the \$30.00 Late Fee. Remember that your Councils must be paid up on all Supreme Dues and State Per Capita to be eligible to vote in the elections.

As we continue with our plans for the State Convention, you should also be looking towards your council elections in May and June. Now is the time to get your officer selections in order for those elections. Remember at the time of those elections, to fill out the Supreme Forms 185, and 365. When you have the membership there for the elections, we have found it a good time to also fill out your Directory Data. That way you are sure to get the correct Data and assure it is up to date.

I again thank you all for your hard work. For it is “Not I but We” that we accomplish our goals.

Vivat Jesus
Foster J. Sauter
State Deputy