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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FORM #186 (Report of Officers Chosen for the Term): Faithful Navigators and Comptrollers this form should be received by the Supreme Office, the Vice Supreme Master and the District Master no later than July 1st. This form can be submitted via email to all recipients. Go to the Supreme web site www.kofc.org to complete the form. You will need an Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 5.0 or higher) Please include all of the information requested on the form including telephone numbers and email addresses. Thus far I have received eighteen of the reports to be submitted. Only four were submitted via the internet. If you have the capacity to receive this attachment you can probably complete the report on-line. It is easy and makes the report very legible and saves the cost of postage. Give it a try!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FORM #1315 (Annual Assembly Audit Report) Faithful Navigators and Comptrollers your audit report for the close of the assembly year ending June 30, 2009 is due to the Supreme Office, the Vice Supreme Master and the District Master by August 1, 2009. This form can also be found on the Supreme web site at www.kofc.org. Again you will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader to complete and print the form. This form cannot be sent via the internet because it contains the confidential financial information of the assembly. Print the copies and snail mail them. It should be noted that it is very important to complete and forward the form. Let me quote from page A-2 of the Faithful Comptrollers handbook: **“BONDING: Upon receipt of the Report of Officers (Form #186) at the Supreme Council office, the faithful comptroller and the faithful purser are automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000.00. Additional bonding is available at a cost of \$7.00 per thousand. Requests for additional bonding must be made in writing and addressed to the office of the Deputy Supreme Knight. Failure to submit the Annual Audit Report (Form 1315) for two consecutive periods results in forfeiture of the faithful comptroller and faithful purser’s bonding.”** I suggest Faithful Navigators and Faithful Trustees review pages C-2 through C-5 of the Comptroller’s Handbook, as this section deals with the annual audit responsibilities. It should be noted **the annual audit is not the responsibility of the Faithful Comptroller or Faithful Purser. It is the responsibility of the Faithful Trustees and Faithful Navigator.**

FALL EXEMPLIFICATION: It is not too early to start thinking about the fall exemplification in Marshall, MN October 17th. The exemplification headquarters and host hotel is the Best Western Marshall Inn, 1500 East College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258. A block of rooms have been reserved at the hotel for the Knights of Columbus at \$91 per night. The telephone number is (507)-532-3221. Tell them you represent the Knights of Columbus and are attending the Exemplification. A block of rooms have also been reserved at the Marshall Comfort Inn, 1511 East College Drive. Tel: (507) 532-3070. Room rate \$81. A block of rooms has also been reserved at the Americinn Motel. Telephone (507) 537-9424 Make your reservations early.

CROW WING STATE PARK: The annual Fourth Degree Memorial Mass at Crow Wing Chapel is July 19: 2009 at 2:00pm. Honor Guard participants should arrive before 1:45p.m. Following the Mass the District Master will provide some cool refreshments. Following the event at the park you are invited to dine at “The Fort” on Hwy 10 by Fort Ripley. It will be an off the menu meal.

THE CHAIN OF COMMAND: The Supreme Master’s Office is receiving many inquiries that should be handled on local levels. Questions from Sir Knights or their families should be directed to the Faithful

Navigator. If it cannot be answered at this level the FN should address the issue to the District Master, the DM to the Vice Supreme Master etc. Faithful Navigators please advise your membership of the process. Thank you.

DIST. MASTER'S KC CALENDAR:

June 27, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Bird Island Assembly
June 29, 2009 – Installation Mass of Bishop Lee Peche'
June 30, 2009 – Installation of officers – Shakopee, New Prague & Dakota County
July 10 – July 12, 2009 – State K of C Mid-summer Meeting
July 14, 2009 – Installation of Officers – St. Paul Ravoux Assembly
July 15, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Bloomington Assembly
July 19, 2009 - Crow Wing Chapel Memorial Mass
August 5, 2009 – St. Paul Ravoux Appreciation Dinner
Aug 17, 2009 – Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Meeting – St. Cloud
August 18, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Willmar/Benson Assembly
Aug 20, 2009 – Installation of Officers – St. Peter Assembly
Sept 3, 2009 – Veterans Affairs Vol. Services Meeting - Minneapolis
Sept 13, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Brainerd, Little Falls, St. Cloud
Sept. 15, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Winona & Rochester Assemblies
Sept 19, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Crookston Assembly
Sept 22, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Moorhead Assembly
Sept 24, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Park Rapids Assembly
Oct 2, 2009 – Oct 5, 2009 – Provincial Meeting – Mundelein, IL
Oct 8, 2009 – Installation of Officers – Sauk Centre & Alexandria Assemblies
Oct 15 – 18, 2009 - Exemplification at Marshall

FORT ST. CHARLES: District Marshal Mike Brant and I had the privilege to visit the fort June 5th and 6th. SK Jim Andre and his Fort St. Charles dedicated crew of Sir Knights do an excellent job in preparing the fort for the season. The highlight of the trip was participating in the Fourth Degree Honor Guard at the 60th anniversary Mass at the fort chapel with Bishop Michael Hoepfner the celebrant. Bishop Hoepfner thoroughly enjoyed his stay at the fort which included an anniversary meal with Sir Knights and guests, some evening fishing, early morning fishing and Sunday Eucharist in one of the cabins. Bishop Hoepfner was very appreciative of the Minnesota Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus for their sponsorship in making the historic site available to the public and the cabins available to the clergy. This availability should be mentioned at assembly meetings and assembly liaisons should report it to their councils. Let me know if you need more information.

AWARDS: Now is the time for newly elected Faithful Navigators to think about the “Civic Action Award” and the “To Be a Patriot Award”. Review your FN manual for award requirements and qualifications. Take pictures and record all assembly activities. You might consider appointing an assembly publicity chairman for this program. I know most assemblies would qualify if they would take the time to promote the activities .

INDEPENDENCE DAY: Many Sir Knights observe July 4th in a patriotic way. Some participate in parades, do joint patriotic ventures with the American Legion, or VFW and some just spend the time with family celebrating the freedoms allowed us by those willing to fight and die for their country. As Sir Knights I hope we take a little time to reflect on the beautiful Degree of Patriotism and its meaning in our personal life.

Lady Jan and I wish you and your families a very Happy Independence Day. God bless you in your efforts to build His kingdom and may he continue to bless America.