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The Rosary Prepares the Path to Success: State Deputy Bill McCarthy has kicked off a program to reinforce our belief that Charity is the heart of everything we do. The issues of Life, Marriage and the Family need to be a major focus for all Knights. The Virginia State Council has inaugurated a program to urge Knights, their families, parishes and other groups in their communities to pledge one million Rosaries for Life, Marriage and the Family. He reminds Councils to say the Rosary each time they meet --- what a tremendous impression that gives our Blessed Mother. If 12% of the members of each Council in Virginia pray the Rosary each day we will exceed our goal by year's end.

Membership: State Deputy's goal of 1700: District Deputies will be getting with council Grand Knights to assist in doing everything they can to help grow the Order. If you have not developed your Council Membership Plan for the year, you need to do it now. There is an example on the State Web Site under Membership. There are also plenty of helps on the Supreme and State web site that you can use to develop and execute your membership plan. Remember to provide your degree schedules to the Ceremonial Chairman. District Deputies make sure they get posted on the State Degree Calendar. If you need a degree in your area before you have one of your own ready and a candidate is ready for his degree take him to one of the degrees in your local area. You will find all of them on the calendar.

Help Needed at Scouting Jamboree: The Virginia State Council has the unique opportunity to help out Supreme as it sponsors an exhibit at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at Ft. A. P. Hill in Caroline County, VA. Supreme needs help setting up and staffing the booth in the National Exhibits Area from Sunday July 25th to Wednesday August 4th. There will be some heavy lifting during setup, and the weather will be hot and humid. But mostly, the representatives from Supreme needs Knights willing to talk about the Knights of Columbus, the Squires, and our relationship with Scouting. More information at <http://www.vakofc.org/page.asp?id=62>.

Forms Due by August 1: Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries should take note that the Form 365 and Semi annual audits should be delivered to Supreme and the State Secretary by August 1st.

Don't Wait for Your Own Degree: It's important to get new Knights to degree ceremonies as soon as possible and you don't always have to wait for your own council or district to hold a degree ceremony to advance those eligible Knights. The Virginia State Council web site (<http://www.vakofc.org/page.asp?id=37>) lists all degree ceremonies and you may find that a neighboring council or district can help you advance that busy candidate.

Silver Rose Coming to Virginia: The "Running of the Silver Rose" began in 1960 as an initiative of the members of the Columbian Squires, the youth arm of the Knights of Columbus. The program has continued since then and now also includes individual councils and Assemblies in several jurisdictions, including Virginia. The Virginia State Council's participation in this year's event will begin on August 8, when officers of the Maryland Knights of Columbus deliver the Silver Rose to Virginia officers. It will end on August 29, when the Silver Rose is given over to the Knights of Columbus in Tennessee. The route the Silver Rose will follow in Virginia this year will be roughly one from Northern Virginia down to Fredericksburg, then across the state from east to west, and then finally down I-81 to Tennessee. There are now three silver rose bouquets which travel annually from Canada, through the United State, and into Mexico. Their journey concludes in Mexico City at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe where the bouquets are presented to Our Lady. Councils and parishes are encouraged to receive the Silver Rose and to hold prayer services as it makes its journey through Virginia. For more information about the Silver Rose Program, or to schedule a prayer service to receive the Silver Rose, contact David Harris, Church Activities Chairman, at churchactivities@vakofc.org. (More Info at: <http://www.vakofc.org>)
