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Worthy Grand Knights,

As many of you know the State Council runs one fund raiser, the FUNDCRAZR Sweepstakes, a year to offset the costs of the meetings that are required annually. The tickets are distributed to the your local councils for sale in your areas. The State Council, unlike your local council, is made up Knights from around the state and has no one place to call the State Council Chamber or and does not have the staffing available to hold multiple fund raisers without calling upon local councils for the manpower. I tell you this because the costs of the annual convention and the two training meetings have continually risen.

As the State Council plans the annual budget we look at ways of limiting the impact on your council's funds. The annual per capita does not cover all costs so some type of fund raising is required. Without the additional income from the sweepstakes the State would have to increase the per capita rate to each council. The sweepstakes raises funds that allow us to maintain low per capita rates, conduct the business of the State Council and left over funds are then passed on to the Colorado State Charities, Inc. for donations to organizations around the state. This includes charitable needs at the local council locations.

The State does not ask you to assist in the fundraising without some reward. The council retains \$2 for every ticket sold. If the council sells the minimum required tickets, your Council's primary delegates to the State Convention are allotted an additional \$30 for a single and \$60 for a couple for meals to the \$30 and \$60 dollars allotted by the Mileage and Per Diem Resolution approved at the last convention. The third thing is a per capita rebate of \$1, per active member, and \$.50, per inactive member, annually divided between the two semiannual billings.

This year program was revised to have levels of rewards, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Continuing is the practice of the council retaining the \$2 per ticket regardless the number of tickets sold.

The Bronze Level will earn the additional meal discount for the convention as identified above. The Bronze Level awarding will be tied to the Council's population at Supreme used for the January Per Capita. Councils with under 75 members will be required to sell one ticket for each member. Councils with more than 75 and less than 100 will be required to sell 75 tickets. Councils with more than 100 and less than 200 will be required to sell 100 tickets and councils with 200 members and more will need to sell 125.

The Silver Level will award the council with the per capita discount previously identified plus the benefits awarded in the Bronze Level. To be awarded the Silver Level, the council will have to reach ticket sales for the Bronze Level plus 50% more, i.e. if you are required to sell 50 tickets to reach the Bronze Level, you will need to sell 75 tickets to reach the Silver Level.

The Gold Level will have a new a incentive in addition to everything earned in the previous levels. To attain the Gold Level the council must sell the Bronze Level number of tickets times two, i.e. Bronze Level requirement of 75 tickets the Gold Level is 150 tickets. For the effort, the council will retain \$1 for each ticket sold above the Gold Level requirement, i.e. using the example above, a council reaching the Gold Level selling 150 tickets retains the \$300 for the first 150 tickets and then for any ticket above that the council retains \$3. Using the same scenario, a council sells 200 tickets the council retains \$300 for the first 150 and then retains \$150 for the additional 50 tickets sold for a total value of \$450.

In the ticket envelopes will be a card explaining what you council's requirements are for each level.

If you have any questions please reach out to me.

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