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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER



HE HAS RISEN ALLELUIA!!!

I hope all had a blessed Easter season. What a sad way to start the Easter octave with the passing of Pope Francis. But a bit ironic as Easter is a new beginning with the rising of Christ and now we will have a new beginning with a new Pope to lead our church.

Brothers we have had a decent year in terms of getting new members into our order but we can and must do better. What a better way to honor Pope Francis than to invite men to join the Knights as our purpose to help the widows and orphans and defend our church and priests.

The excuse of it cost too much to join is out the window as they can get the first year free by going to www.kofc.org/joinus and filling the form out and using the promo code BlessedMcGivney. So that excuse is gone But in order for them to join we must invite.

Why is it so important for our order to grow you ask? Well the bigger the order the stronger the order which in turn means more support for our charity programs.

So brothers I challenge each of you to invite 1 man per month to join our order so that we may continue to grow and become stronger and be there for our Church, Priests and widows and orphans.

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG



It was great to see everyone who attended the State Convention. I hope you came back energized and full of new ideas and found the information at the breakout sessions helpful to help strengthen your councils.

Cor program is a great tool every council can use to strengthen your council and fill a void that many men in your Parish and council are looking for.

As we spoke at the Convention, young men and fathers are looking for a way to deepen their faith and strengthen their bonds with their fellow Catholic brothers. Cor programs are flexible and can be done in the manner that best supports the men's needs. If you have any questions or need help just reach out to Jason Kehl and he can help you out.

Our next Pilgrimage will be in Oak Grove MO at St Jude the Apostle Parish. This will be the first Pilgrimage that the Parish will be hosting for their new Shrine to St. Jude. The Pilgrimage will start at 10:00 am and there will be a free will offering lunch at the end of the Pilgrimage. More information can be found on the State Website mokofc.org under Announcements.

The Diocese in the State are in need of our help to support Vocations. Through the Missouri Religious Vocations Fund, you and your council can help support Vocations in the State. No donation is too big or small. Every dollar helps to encourage and help the Diocese in the State foster Vocations.

The Father Micheal J. McGivney Guild is free to join. To be a member just go online to fathermcgivney.org and click the button Join. It's that easy to join the Guild and pray for his canonization and ask for his intercession.

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Missouri Knights Prepare for State Convention: “Honoring Faith, Serving Community”

Brother Knights,

What a tremendous success the Missouri Knights of Columbus State Convention was! It was fantastic to see so many dedicated Knights from across our state, sharing fellowship, renewing old friendships, and forging new ones. It's our sincere hope that the excitement carries forward into all the work that we all do for the Knights of Columbus.

As we look ahead, the coming month brings important administrative tasks, particularly our council elections. Please ensure that once your council elections are held in **May** or **June**, the **Form 185 (Report of Officers Chosen)** is completed and submitted promptly to the Supreme Council office.

Keeping our state records accurate is also crucial for effective communication. We ask all councils and assemblies to visit the Missouri State Council website at mokofc.org. Please navigate to the **“Announcement”** section where you will find links to update the contact information for:

- **Council Grand Knights and Council Financial Secretaries**
- **Assembly Faithful Navigators and Assembly Faithful Comptrollers**

Please ensure these updates are made as soon as your new officers are elected this area will be updated for our Annual State Directory and Program Manual. To have your information updated for this next fraternal year please have this information update as soon as you can.

Finally, it's never too early to get ahead on reporting! Please begin preparing and submitting your **Form SP-7 (Columbian Award Application)**. The completed form should be sent to the Supreme Council, and remember to also provide copies to our **State Deputy** and your local **District Deputy**. Getting these reports in early helps ensure a smooth process for everyone involved.

Let's carry the positive momentum from the State Convention into these next important steps for our councils and assemblies.

Vivat Jesus!

STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

Well many are starting to feel the call of summer. Between recent rains and cold winters, I understand the desire to look towards warmer days but I ask you not to put your charity aside within your council. Especially considering that many councils in the state are close to reaching star council but have reviewed the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity and see that they are short of reaching their goals.

With that in mind, please consider donating to the following. The Wheelchair Mission has done well this year under the hard work of Charles Leneau but some councils can still make a donation. Please consider donating \$150 towards a wheelchair. You can send your donation to State Secretary Jerry Herbert but please call Brother Charles at 314-973-3631 or email him Cmalenau@spectrum.net to let him know of your donation.

Additionally, if you wish to donate to Agape House & Prison Concern, please do the same above. A donation of as little as \$50 will help families who are wanting to visit those currently incarcerated. Remember, any donation goes to help the family and not directly to those incarcerated. Finally, if you have given blood, held a council blood drive or attended another council's drive, please report this Brother Charles. He reports blood donors have increased but believes donations are not all getting reported.

One person that has worked hard is State Historian Tony Dohmen. He works tirelessly to maintain our state Knights of Columbus Museum in Jefferson City and is always willing to open the doors to allow councils and members see his hard work. He is truly over-worked and under-appreciated. If you are in Jefferson City, please reach out to Brother Dohmen at 573-635-1898.

Another rarely spoken hero is Chairman Tim Vargenko. He too has worked tirelessly to run both the State Soccer and State Free Throw contests during this past year. My schedule often doesn't allow me to attend the state events and in spite of that, his work is immaculate running these programs with precision. Thank you Tim for all your hard work.

Still others who have done exemplary work include Bill Lueckenhoff, who handled this year's essay contest as well as Chris Nelms and Mike Tesmer who have maintained both our social media platforms as well as new up and coming website. The amount of appreciation shown is far below where it should be. These men are a credit to the state and deserve congratulations for all their hard work.



2025 Golf Tournament

July 19, 2025

Mozingo Lake Golf Course

Maryville, MO

Contact: Ron Mathias 660-528-0767 or
PSD Mike Grudzinski 660-582-2708



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information or watch the recently
released in regards to KNIGHT'S
LEGACY Program.



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STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

Family Activities strive to attract, support, strengthen and build better families. We achieve this by teaching, engaging, and encouraging families to be and live the Catholic faith with joy and love for one another. We focus on the family, providing activities, recognition, and promotion of prayer, service, recreation and growth.

On March 11, 2025, Worthy State Deputy, Michael Auchly appointed a Scholarships Committee to award the Missouri State Councils Scholarships for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. After much consideration, the Committee chose to award the scholarships as follows:

Religious Vocations Scholarships:

Nathan Haak of Springfield attending Conception Seminary.[Since there was only one applicant for the Religious Vocations Scholarships, the remaining two scholarships were awarded to Missouri State Council Scholarship applicants. In awarding these transferred scholarships, the Committee gave preference to applicants attending Catholic schools.]

Vocational Trade School Scholarships:

Allison Weckenborg of Jefferson City attending State Technical College of Missouri.

Luke E. Hart Scholarships:

Audrey Brzezinski of Wildwood attending Missouri University of Science & Technology

Jack Dunard of Union attending University of Missouri – Columbia

Samual Dunard of Union attending University of Missouri – Columbia

Joseph Rudis of Kansas City attending University of Missouri – Columbia

Missouri State Council Scholarships:

Miranda Boss of Columbia attending Columbia College

Kaitlyn Coleman of Ozark attending University of St. Mary – Leavenworth

Olivia McGuire of Centralia attending Moberly Area Community College

Ava Morris of Jefferson City attending University of Central Missouri – Warrensburg

Jeremy Winkelbauer of St. Joseph attending Benedictine College – Atchison, KS

Each Scholarship is in the amount of \$1500 with \$750 being granted each semester of the 2025 – 2026 academic year. Congratulations to all the winners and appreciation and best wishes to all of the applicants.



Do you like watching the Kansas City Royals or the St. Louis Cardinals, we have you covered. We have scheduled our State Family event at the “K”, between the in-state rivals on the 17th of May 2025. The game starts at 6:10 in the afternoon so the temperature should not be factor. We will start tailgating around 4:00 at Lot N section P1-P2. Lot N is located next to Gate 6 look for US and KOFC flags in back of pickup. The grill will be going, cooking hamburgers and hot dogs manned by our fellow Knights. This will be a chance for the Knights statewide to gather together for some good baseball and great fellowship. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will be going to SOMO so more tickets sold, more monies for SOMO. You can also order a parking pass at _ price at this time. Bring your favorite beverage water will be furnished.

Family, Youth, and Knight of the Month are presented bi-monthly, unified with Supreme Family of the Month as due on the 15th of odd months (July, September, etc.) Despite regular, thrice- annually outreach to DDs, and their subsequent outreach to Councils, nominations from Councils, Assemblies, Auxiliaries, or Chapters for Family, Youth, and Knight of the Month, have been sorely lacking. Only a few elections were needed to be managed by Chairman Marvin Doerhoff, there were only two nominations for Family of the Month and two for Youth of the Month for the entire year. Nominations are strictly online and entered via a Google form accessible from the forms page on the state website. This method of nomination was designed to make it easier for nominating units.

Knight of the Month	Family of the Month	Youth of the Month
Sept 24 D J Breitbach #13113	Sept 24 No applications	Sept No applications
Nov 24 Gary Hoette #2044	Nov John South #6506	Nov Luke Flerlage #6525
Jan 25 Mark Loos #1111	Jan No applications	Jan No applications
March 25 John Gabler #11382	March William Welliver #7199	March No applications

Please consider nominating deserving members of your council and parish families.

**Pray
Three
Hail Marys
To End
Abortion**



VS

Saturday May 17, 2025
Game Starts: 6:10 p.m.
Tailgate Starts: 4:00 p.m.
Cost: **\$45.00 Includes Ticket, tailgate, donation to SOMO**
Parking Pass: **\$18.00**
Tailgate: Lot N P1-P2
Next to Gate 6

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____
No. of Tickets: _____ No. Parking Passes: _____
Total Due: _____

Make Check to: Columbian Charities
CHECKS need to be received by MAY 2, 2025
Mail to:
David Dillon, Family Involvement West
21427 165th Trl
Marshall, Mo 65340

STATE LIFE DIRECTOR
TONY JANSEN

Greetings Brother Knights and Your Families!

June is the month of the Sacred Heart – culminating with the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27! **Register** for Supreme’s April 29 webinar to learn how your council, parish and families can honor Our Lord through a Sacred Heart Holy Hour or Home Enthronement. You do not have to have the official Sacred Heart Icon to participate. You can also visit kofc.org/sacredheart for resources and reach out to your state’s Pilgrim Icon chairman David Mitchel to reserve the icon.

We continue to promote our 2nd phase to the Meet Life Campaign which started in 2011 and was targeted to reach a goal of 2 million dollars along with decreasing abortions in Missouri in half by the year 2016. Since the Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade and returned the decision-making power to the states, Missouri has taken a strong stance thus eliminating abortions statewide. However, surrounding states such as Kansas and Illinois still allow abortions to continue so our work is not yet done. The Meet Life Campaign has found itself in a quandary as councils who have made donations to Meet Life in the past have now donated funds instead to the Aid and Support After Pregnancy program.

The Missouri Knights of Columbus have decided to award credit towards the Meet Life Campaign for those who choose instead to donate to ASAP. For example, if a council donates \$500 to ASAP, they will receive a \$500 credit towards the Meet Life Campaign. Currently, the Meet Life Campaign in Missouri has received over \$212,000 this year in cash donations for ASAP, Ultrasounds, and the Meet Life General Fund. Thanks to all who have donated.

Please remember that at the 2021 State Convention a resolution was passed to ask every council and auxiliary to voluntarily donate \$5.00 per member to Meet Life Phase 2. Should your council still wish to make a donation, there are several ways to acquire funds for the Meet Life Campaign such as a Baby Bottle Campaign, Corn Hole Tournament, Casino night, fundraising dinner or just a second collection with your priest’s permission. If you need bottles for your campaign, contact the Meet Life Chairman, Greg Elsey at GElsey@sofnet.com. We know that you will do your best to help save the lives of the unborn!

I want to remind everyone of our continuous support for Special Olympics Missouri. If you see an event in your area, please reach out to the coordinator and see how we can support them. They especially love to see our Honor Guard, but they are in constant need of volunteers so they would appreciate anything we can do. The best place to stay in touch is somo.com. There is also an official SOMO App will allow you to stay connected with all things Special Olympics Missouri right from your phone! Get the latest updates, event schedules, athlete stories, and exclusive content—all in one place. Track your favorite teams, sign up for events, and never miss an important announcement.

14TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**BBQ
COOK-OFF**

JULY 25 & 26, 2025

FRIDAY
REGISTRATION
MARGARITA CONTEST
FOOD & DRINKS
WING COMPETITION

SATURDAY
BLOODY MARY COMPETITION
GRAND CHAMPION COOK-OFF
CHICKEN - RIBS
PORK - BRISKET

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH PICNIC GROUNDS
SEMINARY PICNIC GROUNDS
PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI

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