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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER

Habemus Papam!

We have a Pope. What an exciting time it is in our church as we now have Pope Leo XIV as the leader of our Catholic church as the first American Pope.

What better way to honor our

late

Pope Francis and our new Pope Leo than by inviting men to join our order so as to strengthen us and provide more members for the defending of our faith and to support our priests and bishops.

Brothers our fraternal year is quickly drawing to a close and we have had a decent year in adding members to our order but we still have so many more brothers out there who are eligible to join our order but just have never been invited.

The month of May brings graduations and for high school seniors the start of their college years. What a better fraternity of men to join than the Knights Of Columbus. A fraternity where they are encouraged to grow in their faith and do good works for their church.

So brothers my challenge for you is during the month of June especially Fathers day weekend invite at least 2 men to join our order and remember by going to www.kofc.org/joinus they can get the first year free

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG



Our next Pilgrimage will be at one of the newest Shrines in the Kansas City - St. Joseph Diocese. The Shrine of St. Jude is in Oak Grove MO. The pilgrimage will be on Saturday June 21st. The day will start at 10am and go till approx. 2pm. There will be Confessions, Mass, Free will offering Lunch, and Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP with Mike Calliotte at

mikecalliotte@yahoo.com by June 14th. There is more information on the State calendar on the State website mokofc.org

As we head into summer don't forget to keep your Cor programs going. Maybe with families going on vacation the Cor group meets once or twice a month. This way you can keep the group together and it will help getting the group started up again in the fall. We need to help strengthen our fellow men and help them strengthen their families, churches, and communities.

If you need any help starting or ideas to keep a program running through the summer just reach out to Jason Kehl at jasonkehl@spirit-machinery.com

Thank you to all the councils, auxiliaries, and individuals that have donated to the RIB and MRFV. Both of these funds are crucial for the Diocese of Missouri. Through the Religious Information Bureau we are able to help fund evangelization programs that the Dioceses use in their local parishes. In some cases this brings programs to parishes that on their own wouldn't be able to afford.

With the Missouri Religious Vocations Fund the money donated is used to help foster vocation for the priesthood, monastery, and religious life. It goes without saying that without the men and women of our State answering their respective calls, our Catholic Faith and Churches would be in great peril.

Pray Three Hail Marys To End Abortion

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, you should have received a letter outlining the options to report your new Grand Knight and Financial Secretary information to the State Council. This is important to ensure your council's details are accurate in the upcoming State Directory and Program Manual. Our goal is to have the State Directory as accurate as possible, and we need your help to accomplish task.

You have two choices for reporting for the State Directory:

- **Fill out the physical card** that was sent to you.
- **Go online to mokofc.org.** Navigate to "Announcements" and then to

"Council & Assembly officers." Fill out the required information. The form will automatically save your information when you close it.

While you are on the State website, look around, we have some great events, we have the State Golf Tournament, BBQ contest, a Cardinals game all to help push brotherhood. Fraternal benefit nights are posted, our state calendar shows events & degrees, to help



STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN "ROCKY" GAMBON

Welcome to summer, almost. It's been a busy year for many councils, ladies auxiliaries and assemblies and I realize that your focus turns to family, vacations, and other events. Before you do those things, consider the following.

Now would be a good time to start talking about the Developmental Disability Drive at your councils. Getting your locations locked down will be paramount to having a successful drive. For those who solicit at Walmart, Dierbergs, HyVee, or other locations, make sure you have contacted them, some of these require you to go online and fill out an application to reserve the date. If you are on the eastern part of the state and have a Schnucks store in your area, we have reserved every Schnucks store in the state of Missouri for two weekend, October 10-12th and 17-19th. **To get one of these locations you need to contact me, John "Rocky" Gambon. Do Not contact Schnucks.** We have made it super easy to get a store, just email me at JGambon3645@gmail.com or by phone at 417-830-6389 to get it reserved.

Our webpage, www.MOKOFC.ORG continues to grow. If you haven't checked out this new site, you need to do so. You can find information on events going on throughout the state including the upcoming State Golf Tournament, State BBQ competition and Cardinals versus Padres baseball game in St. Louis. Additionally you will find a calendar listing Unified Degrees (formerly known as the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree), upcoming (4th Degree) Exemplifications and Financial Investment Seminars. You will also find a directory of every District Deputy, council and assembly throughout the state. State Program Director Chuck Paquette and State Webpage coordinator Chris Nelms have put together and amazing website. Check it out! Some of you might know this, but Missouri Knights of Columbus has a Facebook page! We put up pictures and events on this site all the time. As of this writing, the state baseball game in Kansas City just took place and pictures are already posted to the page. To make sure you are up to date open your Facebook and search the Missouri Knights of Columbus and Join our page.

Finally, this summer as you are taking vacations, stop by the State Knights of Columbus Museum. So much history, pictures, relics. State Archivist Tony Dohmen over the last few years, has collected an amazing historical archive of more than a century of Knights history in Missouri. Located at the Father Helias Council #1054 in Jefferson City. Put this on your route and let them know you are coming to check out the Museum.



Please Do Not Forget To Remember Our Fallen Knights and Ladies With a Sympathy Card

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Please use QR codes to receive information or watch the recently released in regards to KNIGHT'S LEGACY Program.



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STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

We were happy to see so many attendees at the 2025 State Convention. The meetings were informative, leading to a very productive weekend. Thank you to all that attended so you can bring the information back to your Councils. At the convention banquet, we handed out awards for the Youth, Family and Lady of the year. Congratulations to our outstanding winners.



Youth of the Year: Luke Flerlage nominated by #6525 Troy
 Family of the Year: William Welliver nominated by # 7199 Parkville
 Lady of the Year: Margie Prinster nominated by Aux. 2269 O’Fallon

We also had great attendance at the children’s activities at the convention. Friday night carnival games were a big hit but Saturday evening craft for Mother’s Day, Chick-fil-A dinner, more games with prizes, and scavenger hunt for all ages was the hit of the weekend. Thank you to the Knights and wives that assisted and made sure everyone had a fun evening.

May 17 was our Knights night at the Royals. The game was attended by approximately 154 Knights. We met before the game for a tailgate party that included good food cooked by council 13908 out of Lee’s Summit and lots of good fellowship with Knights from across the state. We had a group of 30 travel up from the Springfield area by bus and some drove from as far away as St. Charles. From the looks of the jerseys around the tailgate, I think we were close to evenly split between Kansas City and St. Louis fans. We all saw a pitching duel with the Cardinals able to pull out a 1-0 win thanks to a solo home run in the sixth inning by right fielder Jordan Walker.

Please check the State Website for our other upcoming events:

- July 19 the State Golf Tournament will be at Mazingo Lake Golf Course in Maryville Mo.
- July 25-26 will be the State BBQ contest in Perryville Mo.
- July 27 St. Louis Cardinals take on the San Diego Padres at Busch Stadium

Please consider attending one or more of these events either as a participant or merely as a spectator or volunteer. We always have a good time and great fellowship when we meet with our brother Knights from across the state. The Family group would like to congratulate Dave Dillon on his election to State Warden. He has been the chairman of the Family Activities West for several years and has done a great job. We will be sad that he is leaving us. Dave’s replacement is Jeff DeMarco. Fortunately, Jeff has been working with Dave for the last couple of years, and we know he will be up to the challenge of filling Dave’s shoes.

This year’s scholarships were awarded to:

Religious Vocations Scholarships:

Nathan Haak of Springfield attending Conception Seminary.

Vocational Trade School Scholarships:

Allison Weckenborg of Jefferson City attending State Tech College of MO
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.

STATE LIFE DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN



Another reminder that June is the month of the Sacred Heart – culminating with the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27! Councils can spread devotion to Our Lord by hosting a Sacred Heart Holy Hour (with or without the Pilgrim Icon) or distributing Home Enthronement resources at their parish. Resources can be found at kofc.org/sacredheart, on Supplies Online, or for non-members at shopcatholicinfo.com. Important: Logbooks should be returned to State Pilgrim Icon Chairman David Mitchel starting in June. Replacement logbooks have been shipped to Pilgrim Icon Chairmen and they should be distributed to every Sacred Heart icon before the start of the next fraternal year.

Applications for the ASAP program are due on June 30th for the current fraternal year. Councils should submit their forms as soon as possible to beat the end-of-the-year rush. As a reminder, Supreme will match 25% of all donations (for up to \$50k donated) made at your state’s convention. Donations can be collected prior to the state convention, so encourage councils to raise funds prior to the convention to donate to this worthy cause! State Convention ASAP applications for Supreme matching must be submitted by May 31st.

We are closing in on our goal of 2,000 ultrasound machines donated!_ Be sure to have your councils submit their applications as soon as possible for any ultrasound initiatives that have finished raising funds. Councils can also contact past recipients and ask if they need newer models (machines typically need an upgrade after 5-7 years). Additionally, Supreme is looking for a few pregnancy centers who are willing to receive and review low-cost (\$3k-\$5k) handheld ultrasound models like the Philips Lumify. Email fraternalmission@kofc.org with any questions.

I want to thank everyone who came out to Springfield Golf and Country Club for the 1st Annual Knights of Columbus Celebrity Golf tournament to Benefit Special Olympics. I turned out to be a beautiful day for a beautiful cause. Special thanks to Rocky Gambon, the sponsors, and all the volunteers who jumped in to make it a success.

The Missouri Senate used a rare procedural move called a PQ (Previous Question) to shut down a pro-abortion filibuster and advance HCS HJR 73 to the Secretary of State’s office to be placed on the 2026 ballot. Unless Governor Kehoe calls a special session for an earlier vote, the voters of Missouri will have the ultimate voice in November of 2026 to determine if abortion on demand, all 9 months of pregnancy for any reason, stays in the Missouri Constitution. When Judge Zhang removed all safety regulations from Missouri Statutes in a lawsuit against the State of Missouri, women and babies became more in harm’s way than ever before. These now-overturned safety regulations were put in place because Planned Parenthood in Missouri has a recorded history of the following, but not limited to these items: dirty abortion facilities, dried bloody equipment, rusty equipment, expired drugs and unqualified personnel. Without oversight, how long would it be before Planned Parenthood reverts back to these abhorrent safety hazards? And because of Amendment 3, our Missouri Constitution would prevent a woman from suing anyone associated with their abortion for any reason. We knew this would happen but could not get voters educated in time. Please continue to pray to make abortion unthinkable.

2025 Horseshoe Tournament



August 15-16-17, 2025
 Hosted by: Oran #4311
 Location: Oran, MO
 Contact: Randy Senciboy
 Phone: 1-573-380-4477

2025 Golf Tournament



July 19, 2025
 Mazingo Lake Golf Course
 Maryville, MO
 Contact: Ron Mathias 660-528-0767 or
 PSD Mike Grudzinski 660-582-2708

Please Pray for a Second Miracle toward Sainthood

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