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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER

Greetings BrothersThe first quarter of our fraternal year is winding up. We have brought in close to 300 members to our jurisdiction which means our programs will be even stronger.

With the arrival of fall brings to us numerous opportunities to invite men to join our order. Fall brings hayrides and bonfires in October. November brings family gatherings for Thanksgiving and December brings us Advent, Novenas and the Christmas season. What better times than those to ask brothers to join.

Membership is more than numbers brothers. Without members who is there to help Special Olympics? Or who will be there for that child with developmental disabilities? Who will be there to support that parish priest?

So brothers if you are proud to be a Knight then I challenge you to ask 1 man to join our order in the month of October.

Vivat Jesus

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE



As we head into winter, let's make sure our councils have helped with the **Coats for Kids** and **Food for Families** programs. Many people in Missouri need our support, and these initiatives are a great way to show our commitment to charity.

Now is also the time to start planning for the **Advent season**. Being prepared will help your council and parish fully embrace this special time of year. Finally, keep an eye out for upcoming Knights events like the **State Essay Contest**. This program is growing quickly, so be sure to reach out to local schools and encourage them to get involved. A proactive council is a strong council!

The Mariner will no longer be printed. **Instead, it will be posted on our website at mokofo.org**. We'll send an email with a link to the new issue each time it's published. This email will go out to every knight in Missouri who has an email address registered in the supreme system. The Mariner will be on the website for everyone to see.



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STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

By the time you are reading this, either your council's Tootsie Roll drive is fast approaching or it is completed. To those who will soon hold this event, I wish you the very best. The difference you make with the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center in St. Louis is immense and I'm certain your local charitable organization appreciates your efforts as well. Remember, if your council is unsure who to roll those extra funds over to, Missouri Special Olympics is an excellent organization doing fantastic things with the state's special need individuals.

To those who have completed their drives, I hope you have had a successful Developmental Disability Drive, a.k.a Tootsie Roll drive. As I just mentioned, this drive serves to help many children at the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. What a special feeling all of us as Knights should be feeling knowing we are changing lives.

Once you are done with your Tootsie Roll Drive, you should be making sure all monies are deposited in the council account and a check made out to Columbian Charities of Missouri for **the full amount collected**. Complete the Drive Final Report and the disbursement report to find them go to mokofo.org, go to Services, state forms, community, and you will see the forms. Then fill them out and send them to Jerry Herbert in the mail, send a copy to me at JGambon3645@gmail.com. Please have the final report sent in as soon as possible. The Disbursement Request for the turnaround funds, needs to be sent in as soon as you know where your half of the money will be donated too. For any awards the reports must be received **by December 1, 2025**, so do not procrastinate and get them in ASAP.

Winter is going coming up very fast, it is time to get the Coats for Kids orders sent out! I know that a major Coats Drive occurred in Springfield in mid-September at the Springfield Cardinals Training center. The event was an unbelievable success and while the number of coats distributed has not been tallied, the results are instantly shown on the faces of children who walk out with a new coat.

If you plan to hold your coat drive later in the fall, don't wait like some did last year and supreme ran out of coats. Coats may be ordered through KnightsGear.com This program has been growing since 2009 and over half a million coats have been provided to those who need them. There are many more out there that will need coats this winter. Go to the supreme website (kofc.org) and learn more on this fantastic program. Bill Lueckenhoff bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com can answer all your questions.

The American Wheelchair mission is a great program. So many around the world and here at home need to have the ability to be mobile. These wheelchairs give thousands the ability to be mobile. Already two councils that I know of how held a Wheelchair Sunday drive. Many thanks to St. Paul's Council 2440 in Fenton and Our Lady of the Pillar Council 4751 in St. Louis for their outstanding Wheelchair Mission drives both on Sunday September 7th. Please consider helping. A donation of \$150 will help deliver one wheelchair to someone in need. Please consider holding a Sunday wheelchair drive this fraternal year. Make checks payable to Columbian Charities and write "Wheelchair" on the memo line. Charles Leanu cmalenau12@spectrum.net can assist you with this program.

Essay contest should be starting, October through January, student's essays should be written and judged at the local level. Councils must judge local entries and submit only their top one essay per grade level for the State judging. This year's topic is **“Given Pope Leo XIV was born and raised in the United States, how do you think that can inspire young men and women in the United States to consider the priesthood and religious life?”** Please get students from the local schools, PSR, to participate. For more information contact Bill Lueckenhoff at bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com



STATE KNIGHTS' PILGRIMAGE
HONORING MOTHERS AND FAMILY LIFE AT THE
MARY, MOTHER OF CHURCH NATIONAL SHRINE
WWW.MOTHERSSHIRINE.COM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025
ON THE GROUNDS OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
LAKE OF THE OZARKS, HIGHWAY 5, LAURIE MO

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STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

Family activities are slowing down a little bit here at the end of the summer. The final athletic event of 2025 was the Sporting Clay Shoot that took place on September 6 in Old Monroe. The competition hosted by Sacred Heart Council 6525 in Troy was held September 6 at Black Hawk Valley in Old Monroe. Winners were:

- A-CLASS
1st place – Brian Niedbalski – 45
2nd place – Steve Legrand -44
3rd place – Walt Schneider – 44

- B-CLASS
1st place – Carl Bordering – 39
2nd place – Alex Niedbalski -39
3rd place – Jerome Kleekamp – 39

- C-CLASS
1st place – Tony Friedrichs – 32
2nd place – Johnathon Leitman -31
3rd place – Matt Nowak – 31

- OPEN SHOOT
A-CLASS
1st place – Don Schieffer – 43
2nd place – Gary Kimbel – 41
B-CLASS
1st place – Larry Hensley – 38
2nd place – Paul Sattler – 34

- C-CLASS
1st place – Pat Shannon – 22
2nd place – Ross Marquart – 15

- TEAM EVENT
1st place Council #3267 Mary’s Home Henley score of 168
Brian Bruemmer – Brice Bruemmer
Aaron Schueler – Loren Belsche
2nd place Council #8399 Wardsville / Osage Bend score of 158
Wayne Bernskoetter – Jim Dallas John Kraus – Rich Fisher
3rd place Council #1927 Dutzow score of 149
Jerome Kleekamp – Dean Holtmeyer Larry Heggemann – Carl Borgerding

In 2026 the Sate Cornhole tournament will take place on January 30-31, hosted by Holy Spirit Council 8334 in Lees Summit, followed by the State Bowling Tournament on March 7-8 in O’Fallon.

We had a second Royals game on August 30. There were 40-50 attendees at the tailgate and more for the game. Unfortunately, the Royals fell to the Tigers, but the weather and the camaraderie were great.Keep your eyes open for Knights and families of your council as well as Parish youth that help with the council and Parish. Recognize these individuals and families by nominating them as a Knight, Youth or Family of the Month. Show them off not just at the council level but send the applications to the State Council. Recognizing these dedicated individuals not only celebrates their contributions but also inspires others to get involved and strengthen our organization. The next applications are due November 15th and the forms are available on the State Website under Family and then family forms. Help us recognize the families and individuals that support or councils and Parishes.

I would like to close with the Family Prayer, composed by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori:Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation of love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness, and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witness to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



- LADIES CLASS
1st place – Cheryl Dowill – 42
2nd place – Alicia Friedrichs – 19
3rd place – Amy Hensly – 18
YOUTH
1st place – Dean Martinek - 29

STATE LIFE DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN

Greetings Brother Knights and
Your Families!

Welcome to October! Once again, we are celebrating the month of the Rosary. In addition the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. Therefore, I encourage each of your councils to organized daily or weekly Rosaries for the sanctity of life.



It is not too early to pray for a Yes vote on the next Amendment 3 in November 2026. You will be glad you did.It’s not too early to mark your calendars for the Midwest March for Life on April 30, 2026 in Jefferson City. MidWest March For Life began in 2010 and hosts through the St Andrew ProLife Committee, the annual march and rally for all pro-life Missourians and surrounding states at our state capital in Jefferson City. The March commemorates the tragic January 22, 1973, U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our nation. It witnesses to the right to life of all unborn children in our state and our nation. It is an opportunity to call upon our state government officials and courts to respect the right to life of all God’s People from the moment of conception, to pray for an end to abortion in our state and nation, and to encourage one another to remain strong in our pro-life work during the coming year. Go to midwestmarchforlife.com for more details.

There are currently eight silver roses making their way across the United States. Our Rose arrived in Missouri from Illinois on Sept. 21 and leaves for Arkansas Oct. 18. For those of you unfamiliar with the Silver Rose Program, it’s an opportunity to share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life. The Silver Rose Program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Every stop the silver rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Resources can be ordered from Supplies online or downloaded at mokofo.org. Councils should be encouraged to pass materials, including prayer cards and prayer booklets, to the next council that receives the rose.

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

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STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG



October is the month for the Rosary. Last year as a State we said over 20,000 Rosaries. How many can we say this October? Let’s see if we can hit 30,000. Starting on the first of Oct. we will have a tracking document on the State website under the Faith program forms section. Let’s pray together for stronger families and Faith.

The RSVP program for supporting Seminarians has been a popular program for councils to use to support Seminarians and get \$100 reimbursement from Supreme for every \$500 donated. By filling our Form 2863 and attaching the front and back of the canceled checks your council is eligible for the reimbursement. I have gotten quite a few emails from councils about not receiving their reimbursement from last fraternal year. With the help of FS trainer Louis

Raineri, we have been informed by Supreme that the councils that have been approved for the reimbursement that they are running behind with the large number of forms that have come in this year and the councils should expect checks by the end of Oct. If your council is looking to support a Seminarian and needs help, please reach out to the Diocesan Chairman for your council’s Diocese and they will be able to help you out. With that being said, the State Council has the MRVF that goes to support the formation of Seminarians and those choosing Consecrated Life. All the money that is raised is split equally amongst the 4 Diocese to be used for the purpose of the formation and educating of those called to Seminary and Consecrated Life. Chairman Tom Broadbent can help you out with any questions.

Be on the lookout for the fall RIB appeal letters that will be coming out soon. Please help support our Diocese with the financial support of your councils. Our Dioceses need the help to provide evangelization programs for all the faithful and to share our Faith.



Please Pray
for a
Second Miracle
toward

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