



# Knights of Columbus Newsletter

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### STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER

Welcome to a new fraternal year brothers. This past fraternal year we brought in the most members in recent history at 1,341 but we still fell 40 members short of Supremes goal for our jurisdiction. So Thank You to each and every one of you who invited men to join our order. My ask is that this fraternal year that every brother Knight in the Great State of Missouri invite 3 new brothers to our order. Can you imagine the great works we can do for our Priests and our charities if we grow the order like that???? The sky would be the limit.

The online membership will once again get them their 1<sup>st</sup> years dues free. Go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and use the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. To complete the process they must respond to a confirmation email from supreme.

Brothers our State has great programs and does great works with our charities but none of this will remain possible without growing our order. Vivat Jesus

### STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

**Brotherhood in Action: A Look Back and a Call to Grow** Brothers, what a phenomenal year it has been for the Knights across Missouri! Our commitment to brotherhood truly shone through as more and more Knights actively participated in our state programs and events. This vibrant engagement is the heart of what makes our Order so special. As we turn the page to a new fraternal year, we're excited to announce even more opportunities to strengthen our bonds and serve our communities. Mark your calendars for upcoming events like the **State BBQ Contest** (July 25-26 in Perryville), our **State Horseshoes Tournament** (August 15-17<sup>th</sup> at Oran Council 4311), a **Cardinals vs. Padres game** (July 27 at Busch Stadium), and the **State Golf Tournament** (July 19 at Mozingo Lake Golf Course in Maryville). Be sure to check out the detailed articles from our brother Directors for all the specifics on these fantastic events!

Looking ahead, we have a vital mission: inviting more Catholic men to join our ranks. Each of us knows someone who would be a great addition to the Knights of Columbus. Let's make a concerted effort to reach out, share the good work we do, and extend a personal invitation to those who could benefit from and contribute to our brotherhood. Together, we can continue to grow and make an even greater impact in Missouri.

you move your prospects to a degree and get them active in your councils.

I thank you for your assistance.

Vivat Jesus!



### STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG



It's the start of a brand new fraternal year. Last year we had many successes and are looking to build on them. With all your help we created new Cor programs at councils, supported seminarians, built up our faith through the RIB program, deepened your faith at our pilgrimages, and supported all the parishes and religious in the State and I thank you.

As we start the new year, help us build on these successes by donating to the RIB fund and the Missouri Religious Vocations fund to help grow in faith and keep parishes open by supporting the formation of priests and religious in the state. We can build our faith and strengthen our communities by continuing or starting a Cor program. The Cor program helps strengthen men to be better men, husbands, and fathers. When this happens we build the home, parish, and communities up to be better and do better.

Myself and all of the Chairmen of the Faith team are ready to help you in anyway you need. Just reach out to any of us for more information on particular programs and any questions you may have. We look forward to assisting you build on the successes from last year and have an even more successful year now.

August 13th is the day we celebrate our founder Blessed Micheal McGivney. It's not too late to make plans for a celebration or asking your pastor to hold a mass celebrating our founder as well as praying for his intercession to help us here on earth through the divine will of our Savior Jesus Christ.

### STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

Well everyone, the fraternal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> and what a year it has been. We've introduced new signage for the Missouri Drive for Developmental Disabilities, came up with new awards for our state soccer championship recipients, and set new records in donations for the American Wheelchair Mission, Blood Drives, and the Agape House Prison concern. We've even increased involvement in the state essay contest. On the flip side, we came up short of our \$700,000 goal for the DD, or Tootsie Roll, Drive reaching a total of nearly \$618,000. All in all, not a bad year. For now, it's time to enjoy summer with family and friends, sort of. Planning for the coming year needs to start soon if it hasn't started already. This year's Developmental Disabilities Drive is just around the corner. Important information for councils that hand out tootsie rolls at Schnucks stores. We have once again secured every store in Missouri for the weekend of October 10-12<sup>th</sup> for Knights councils so that they can solicit for the Developmental Disabilities drive without any issues. But you need to contact me by email so I can have your council number entered with Schnucks corporate office. **If you plan on handing out Tootsie rolls at Schnucks in the Eastern part of the State you will need to contact me by email at [JGambon3645@gmail.com](mailto:JGambon3645@gmail.com) and let me know your council number, date you will be doing your drive, a council contact person and the Schnucks store address.** Councils should be setting their goals for the drive, contacting the parish and pastor to add bulletin announcements, and making sure you have permission to all your collections sites.

Start thinking and planning for your Soccer challenge. Kits should be ordered by September 1, 2025. Let's have a good showing, by contacting soccer clubs, city soccer teams and your church soccer teams, nothing is better then seeing kids show off their skills. Councils have your contest in September, the District contest should be between October 1 – 16<sup>th</sup>, with regional contest October 16 – 30. Final State contest will be in November 8<sup>th</sup> in Westphalia, Missouri at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Our website has come along way this past year. While we are not yet where we want to be, it strongly looks as if the 2025-2026 fraternal year will be the year we become completely digital. Remember, it is our goal to post the quarterly Mariner and the monthly Director newsletters on the website. Webmaster Chris Nelms is putting a lot of effort in to this site. We do have a Google Calendar at the bottom of our website, scroll down and you will see what is going on around the State. We hope to keep improving this calendar as I believe that it will keep us better informed of events and degrees. Essay Contest will be off and running this fall, this event needs to start During August and early September, Councils and Assemblies should contact schools to encourage participation. During October through January, student essays should be written and judged at the local level. **The essay topic for the 2025-2026 fraternal year is “Given the fact that Pope Leo XIV was born and raised in the United States, how do you think that can inspire young men and women in our country to consider the priesthood and religious life?”** Instructions are on the State website and in the Program Manual. Questions should be sent to Essay Chairman Bill Lueckenhoff at: [bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com)

Continue to send in your pictures on our Facebook page at *Knights of Columbus Missouri State Council*. This is a great way to promote your council and the Knights on what we do for the community.

Fall and winter are around the corner, The Knights of Columbus developed the Coats for Kids program which Allows Missouri Councils the opportunity to purchase new winter coats for children at a discounted rate and distribute them to children in need in the councils local community. Coats can be purchased through the Supplies online on the Supreme website.



### 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  
Mozingo Lake Golf Course  
Maryville, MO  
Contact: Ron Mathias 660-528-0767 or  
PSD Mike Grudzinski 660-582-2708



STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable and faithful summer with your families. The family group has a lot of activities going on in July. Starting on July 19 the State Golf Tournament will be held at the beautiful Mzingo Lake Golf Course located at 24665 Ridge Road in Maryville MO. This is a two-person Scramble format. Please see the State Website for more information or to register for the event.

The next Friday and Saturday July 25-26 the 14th Annual Knights of Columbus BBQ Cook-off will be held at the St. Vincent De Paul Parish Picnic Grounds in Perryville. Things start off on Friday night with a mixer, fun food and drinks. There will also be a Margarita contest and Wing Competition. Then on Saturday we start with a Bloody Mary competition, followed by the Grand Champion Cookoff consisting of Chicken, Ribs, Pork and Brisket. The competition is open to all teams with at least one K of C member in good standing. This is also a great event to sponsor. Please check the State Website for more information, entry forms and sponsorship information.

On Sunday July 27 we will gather at Busch Stadium to watch the St. Louis Cardinals take on the San Diego Padres. Join fellow knights from across the State for a time of fellowship and camaraderie as we cheer on the Cardinals.

Julie and I just returned from the Bi-Annual gathering of KC Riders June 16-20 in Colorado Springs Colorado. There were attendees from the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Georgia, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. On Tuesday we had a ride through the beautiful mountains with an abundance of breathtaking scenery to the town of Buena Vista for lunch, then back to Colorado Springs on a highway along the Arkansas River and the white-water rafters. On Wednesday we started with a blessing of the bikes at the hotel. Afterward we had a rosary ride with 22 motorcycles, beginning with Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral and the first decade of the Rosary, we then traveled to St. Francis of Assisi, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Our Lady of the Pines and Immaculate Conception churches in the area saying a decade of the Rosary and each location. On Thursday some of the attendees rode to the top of Pikes Peak while others did a waterfall ride or different rides of their own choosing. This was a week of fellowship with Knights of Columbus members from multiple states with a common interest in riding motorcycles and sharing their faith. On Thursday evening a vote was held to have the next Bi-Annual Gathering in Branson Missouri June 14-18, 2027.

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. The next applications are due July 15<sup>th</sup> and the forms are available on the State Website under Family and then family forms. Help us to recognize the families and individuals that support our councils and Parishes.



STATE LIFE DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN


Greetings Brother Knights and Your Families!

Welcome Brothers to the beginning of our new fraternal year! I look forward to my second year being the life Director for the Missouri Knights of Columbus. I feel like I finally am getting to know the job and how to promote life in our great state of Missouri! We continue to fight a number of challenges for the Knights and the state of Missouri with regards to life. Unfortunately, we will have to work even harder to make abortion minded women want to save their babies. The fight is even closer to home as the abortion industry fights to change our state constitution to keep their evil industry booming.

I want to share an activity from the Mariner that every council in the state of Missouri should participate in. Council #8887 in Valley Park two years ago began a campaign to educate their members on the Missouri state tax credit. They did this by creating a very easy to understand brochure that explains how the Missouri tax credit works. It is something they call the Knights for Life Campaign. Given the recent passage of Amendment 3 in our States Constitution allowing abortion on demand, now it is more critical than ever that we try to help resist the tide trending toward abortion.

Their campaign centers on educating their Members and the general public on the fantastic credit the State of Missouri gives all taxpayers for donating to crisis pregnancy centers. The credit is equal to 70% of your donation and can be used to offset up to your entire tax liability to the State of Missouri. It is like paying your state taxes to the crisis pregnancy centers, rather than the State of Missouri. Alan Bushur is the financial secretary and a CPA so he is very familiar with this credit. He and Jim Lemp, the Grand Knight, came up with the idea to help raise awareness. If you would like more information, please call or text or email to Tony Jansen at 573-768-0294.








**FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY**

**Please Pray  
for a Second Miracle  
toward Sainthood**

For more information contact  
fathermcgivneyguild.org



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LEGACY Program.**



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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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For more information  
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Missouri State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
cordially invites you  
to the



**STATE KNIGHT’S PILGRIMAGE**

**National Shrine of**

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

1805 West Saint Joseph Street – Perryville, MO

Registration 9:15am: Coffee and Donuts!!

10:00 am: ACTIVITIES BEGIN!

- Tour of Shrine (may be in 2 groups)
- Confessions between group tours available
- OUTDOOR ROSARY WALK

12:10pm MASS (Free Will offering for Campus)

Lunch is still pending...more information to follow.

\*The Pilgrimage will include 1<sup>st</sup> Degree relics of the Last Supper table and Wood of the Cross for those who wish to have their religious items become 3rd degree relics.

\*\*This Shrine has been designated as a sight for the Jubilee Year of Hope! This is an excellent time to **receive Plenary Indulgences!** After Mass and lunch, there will be time for you to revisit the Shrine and Gift Shop on your own. For more information on the site, please visit [www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org).

All Knights and their families/friends are welcome! **Please send RSVP** to: Michael Calliotte, [mcalliotte@aol.com](mailto:mcalliotte@aol.com) or call 417-818-5555 for questions!