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STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Happy Easter to all!

As the Easter season unfolds throughout April and May, the Missouri Knights of Columbus are entering a period of spiritual renewal and active service. This is a time to move from the penance of Lent into the joyful mission of the Risen Christ.



125th State Convention: As we gather in Columbia from **April 24–26**, we will honor our 125-year history. This milestone event kicks off a yearlong celebration leading into our jurisdiction’s 125th anniversary in 2027. **State Convention Highlights:** Delegates will participate in essential business sessions, while families can enjoy special anniversary activities and a commemorative group photograph. Perpetual Adoration will be available with signup times on our Sate website (mokofc.org), allowing delegates and families to spend quiet time with Jesus in the Eucharist

In May, the Easter season continues through the Ascension and toward Pentecost, reflecting a time of growth and community celebration. Following the Mother’s Day celebrations on **May 10**, councils should focus on “Faith in Action” programs that support our parish families. Join fellow Knights at Kauffman Stadium on **May 23** for **Royals v. Mariners**, a special day of fellowship at the ballpark for tickets visit mokofc.org in the events. **Fraternal Benefits**, Online webinars will be available in May, including “Ten Tips for Managing Market Volatility” on **May 22** and “Investing for Beginners” on **May 28**, more information again on our website mokofc.org, click on the calendar.

Let’s ensure our councils remain active in **Faith in Action** initiatives, from Rosary programs to community food drives. For full details and registration forms, visit the Missouri State Council website.



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

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Please Pray
for a Second
Miracle toward
Sainthood

For more information
contact Chairman
Tom Broadbent
guild@mokofc.org



2026 Golf Tournament

July 18, 2026
Hosted by : St. Jerome Council #1572
Location : Ozark Ridge golf course Poplar
Bluff, MO
Contact : James Deken
1-573-778-6682



2026 Horseshoe Tournament

August : 14-15 & 16, 2026
Hosted by :Fr. Seisl Council #1121
Location : Washington, MO
Contact : Kyle Mantle
Phone : 636-221-1313

STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

Welcome to spring! Things are finally starting to warm up, slightly, and the weeds in my yard are naturally getting a head start on the grass. Thoughts of spring approaching and summer after that may have some councils thinking to a slower time. I humbly ask that you keep on working on your council’s ‘honey-do’ list before summer arrives.

Drive for Developmental Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive) What a year it has been. Last year at this time we hovered around \$560,000. Currently, we stand at \$643,000! This is all because of your hard work. I know some more checks may be coming in and if you haven’t sent in your paperwork and money, please do so soon. We still can break \$700,000 so let’s not give up now. At next month’s State convention, we will present the winners of the various awards given to councils for their hard work. I will need your paperwork no later than March 31st to be considered.



The American Wheelchair Mission I’m impressed with the councils who have been donating to the Wheelchair Mission. Thanks to all councils for their effort in this project. If you are in need of a wheelchair, please note that approximately 20-30 wheelchairs are currently in the Kansas City area and that another 10-15 will be coming to southwest Missouri soon. If you are in need of a chair, please reach out to Charles Lenau at 314-973-3631. He has an updated list of wheelchairs and their locations.

Knights of Columbus & Disaster Preparedness This is the time of year to start looking at what you will do when disaster hits your community. The Knights of Columbus has a strong history of assisting communities in the wake of disaster situations. When we are Prepared for a disaster, then when it hits, we as Knights can jump into action and be the community leaders and charitable support for families in distress and the neediest members of our communities. Our members assist with a wide range of relief and recovery efforts ranging from local to federal disaster declarations. Notably, our members put their faith into action following many natural disasters. While you are at the supreme site this program can be very valuable to your council and community.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. Many thanks to all who took part in this year’s Free Throw contests. From the council level to the state, there were some exciting moments and hard work by girls and boys alike. Final results of the state competition will be posted at the State convention.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention in Columbia. Remember, this year will be our 125th Annual State Convention. There will be many tables displaying items from the Missouri Knights of Columbus throughout our 125 years. Please come by the Community program tables to see what else is going on. We will also have the results of competitions such as the State Soccer and Free Throw contest as well as the State Essay contests. If nothing else, drop in and say hello. I’ve talked with many knights throughout the state but I would love to connect name with face. Until then. Vivat Jesus!

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER

Happy Easter
Brothers

I hope and pray that you and your families had a blessed lent and easter season. Thanks to your hard work and efforts the state of Missouri has seen great growth thus far but we still have 3 months left to grow it even more.



I ask and challenge you over these next 3 months to invite more men to join our order. We have several prime opportunities for invitation such as mothers day, fathers day, graduation and memorial day gatherings.

The reason it is so important that Missouri continues to grow our order is so that there are men to continue to defend our priests, support our widows and orphans and continue to support our charities such as Special Olympics Missouri, Knights Of Columbus center at Cardinal Glennon and to make overall better Catholic men, husbands, fathers and grandfathers.

So remember to Celebrate Everything and invite everyone www.kofc.org/joinus promo code BlessedMcGivney
Vivat Jesus



Royals v Mariners

🕒 Time: 1 ~ 7p 📅 Date: 23 MAY 2026
📍 Location: Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City

Get ready for an unforgettable day at the K! This special event combines the best of Kansas City baseball with a meaningful cause, all from a fantastic new vantage point in the stadium.

Event Highlights

The Matchup: Watch the Kansas City Royals take on the Seattle Mariners in a classic American League showdown.

**Pray Three Hail Marys
To End Abortion**

STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

Spiritual Encouragement for Lent

As we continue through the Lenten Season, I hope each of you finds spiritual fulfillment. This is a special time to draw closer to God and keep our Catholic faith at the heart of family life.

Faith Resource: Family Fully Alive Booklet To help your family stay faith-centered, consider using the Family Fully Alive Booklet as a devotional guide. This program offers monthly themes, thoughtful reflections, meditations, and group activities to strengthen your faith journey together. You can easily download the booklet in PDF format from the Supreme Website. Let's make faith a vibrant part of our daily lives!

Recent Event: KC Mavericks Tailgate & Game

- **Date:** Held on March 7, 2026
- **Location:** KC Mavericks Stadium
- **Attendance:** 110 Knights and family members
- **Beneficiary:** Special Olympics Missouri

We had a fantastic turnout for our tailgate and hockey game, where the KC Mavericks triumphed over the Tahoe Monsters 5-3. A portion of ticket sales was donated to Special Olympics Missouri. Thank you to everyone who joined us—your participation made a real difference! If you missed this event, we hope you'll join us next time for more fun and fellowship.

Upcoming Event: Repertory Theatre St Louis – “Ring of Fire” Musical

- **Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2026
- **Location:** Repertory Theatre, St. Louis
- **Ticket Price:** \$40 each
- **Beneficiary:** Missouri Vocation Fund

Join us for an exciting evening at the Repertory Theatre to enjoy “Ring of Fire,” a musical celebrating the legacy of Johnny Cash. With over 30 of his greatest hits performed by talented actor-musicians, this show pays tribute to the faith, love, and determination of The Man in Black. Reserve your tickets today and help support the Mo Vocation Fund!

Upcoming Event: Kansas City Baseball Day at the K

- **Event Highlights:**
- Royal-Tees Giveaway: First 10,000 fans receive a free tee shirt!
- New View: Enjoy the game from Section 252 Home Run Plaza
- Community tailgate in Parking Lot N. Look for the Knights Flag flying above a black truck.

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the stadium, combining the thrill of Kansas City baseball with a meaningful cause. Don't miss out—invite your family and friends and join us for a day of fun and fellowship. We hope you'll be part of this special event!

Future Event: St. Louis Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

- **Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2026
- **Location:** St. Louis Cardinals Stadium
- **Details:** Check the state website for more information

Mark your calendars for this exciting baseball matchup! Stay tuned to the state website for ticket details and join us for another memorable outing. We can't wait to see you there!

Closing: State Convention Invitation! I look forward to seeing many of you and your council representatives at the State Convention. Let's continue to build community and strengthen our faith together!



STATE LIFE DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN

Welcome Spring! What a beautiful time of year!!! Knights across the United States and Canada have raised more than \$19 million to support vital pregnancy resource centers through our ASAP, or Aid and Support After Pregnancy program. Knights have also funded the purchase of over 2,000 ultrasound machines, which empower vulnerable mothers to see their unborn babies. Studies show that upwards of 80% of women will choose life after seeing an ultrasound image. If you know of any pregnancy resource centers in your jurisdiction in need of an ultrasound machine, either their first one or a replacement, put them in contact with councils who are looking to support this life-saving program. Ultrasounds can be funded by one or more councils so don't hesitate to organize regional fundraisers for one machine. Visit kofc.org/ultrasound for resources and to learn more.



We will be passing the hat for ASAP at the state convention. Please consider how you can participate in this very generous program from Supreme. Every jurisdiction is encouraged to “pass the hat” at their state convention to support pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. To reward those who do this most effectively, the jurisdiction in each membership division (1-6) who raises the most money for ASAP at their state convention will receive \$1,500 for their general fund. Supreme will match 25% of the funds raised (to a maximum of \$12,500 for \$50,000 raised). Funds must be collected between April 1 and May 31, 2025. Tell your delegates to stop at the ATM on their way to the convention. By doing so, they will help the Order continue to provide Aid & Support After Pregnancy to women in need. ASAP is more important now than ever.

The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with Special Olympics and has helped athletes with disabilities compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program including fundraising, feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community. For Special Olympics resources, visit www.kofc.org/olympics. Featured Program Requirements For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Contribute a minimum of 200 volunteer hours or \$2,000 in support of Special Olympics activities. Report activity using the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784). Recently Missouri Knights have committed to providing a pavilion for the Training for Life Center in Jefferson City. It will provide concessions, restrooms, and storage to the expansion of the facility. If you or your council would like to donate, please contact the Chairman Gary Beussink at 573-382-4002.

From my family to yours, we want to wish you a very Happy and Holy Easter Season to you and your families. May God Bless You during this Holy season.

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG

The State convention is coming up soon, and I hope every council will be able to send a Delegate for the 125th Anniversary of the State Convention. It will be great to see old friends from across the State as well as meeting new friends. We will once again be having Perpetual Adoration at the Convention from the end of the opening Mass on Friday at 5:00pm till the start of the Memorial Mass at 6:00am on Sunday morning. The signup is on the State website mokofc.org under the State Convention tab. My contact information is on the form. If you have any trouble signing up just contact me and I will get you signed up. Time slots are in 30 minute increments and you can sign up for as many as you'd like. This isn't just for Delegates. Wives and anyone attending the Convention can sign up. My contact info is jjneuweg@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Would you like to have a personalized Missouri Knights of Columbus license plate for your vehicle? A \$25 donation (for 1 year) or \$50 donation (for 2 years) is all it takes. This money goes into the MRVF, so not only will you be showing your pride in the Knights, but you will be helping out vocations as well. To receive an “Emblem Use Authorization Statement” to take with you when your register your vehicle, please fill out the form available at www.mokofc.org. The form is located by clicking on the Search magnify glass at the top of the home page, search k of c license plate and click on the link for Columbian Charities forms and see the form to send to Jerry Herebert and he will send you the usage agreement after your \$25 or \$50 donation. Your plates will have to be renewed in June every year or every other year depending on your donation amount. You can contact Jerry Herbert for more information or questions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE PILGRIMAGE

- Registration: 10am - 11am with coffee and donuts available
- Shrine and Grotto Tour: 11am - 12 pm
- Rosary: 12pm - 12:30pm
- Reflection Time (bookstore, walk around): 12:30pm - 1:30 pm
- Mass (please bring goodwill offering for the shrine): 1:30pm



Fourth Degree Honor Guard invited to participate in Rosary and Mass (new regalia only).

For those wanting to get together after the Pilgrimage, there are several restaurants close by either in Eureka or Pacific.

There is no cost for the pilgrimage; however they ask for a donation to help offset the cost of keeping the Shrine and Grottoes in good condition, Please be generous!

Sunday May 3, 2026

BLACK MADONNA SHRINE IN PACIFIC, MO

Black Madonna Shrine visit <https://theblackmadonnashrine.org>
Please RSVP to: jmyers@idd.net



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

