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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Attention all Missouri Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries:

Please log into the Supreme website today to check out our newest council resources. Keeping your council supplied ensures we can smoothly run our programs and serve our local parishes. Supreme has updated the online portal with essential materials for our fraternal year. We need every council to log in and visit the online store as soon as possible. While you are in the online Supplies area Order your Drive Kits Today. **Absolutely Free:** There is **no cost** for these Drive Kits—the drive kits are completely **free!**

- **Two Kits Allowed:** Each council can order up to **two free kits** at this time.

- **Boost Your Impact:** These specific kits provide the tools to help your council run a **successful drive**.

- **Versatile Use:** Brothers, these drive kits can be used for **any event** that you have. To help find these Kits, go to **Supplies online**, scroll down to **Membership & Recruitment**, then Click on **Church Drives**.

Missouri State Council Membership Incentive Drawing The Missouri State Council will hold a drawing for all qualified councils that obtain **35% or better of their membership council quota by September 30th**. Only those councils that reach this 35% benchmark by the end of September will qualify. We will hold four separate drawings with one winner for each cash prize: **\$250, \$250, \$125, and \$125**. Use your new drive kits to help your council hit this goal!

A Message to Our Brotherhood: The Key to Growth Let's be actively inviting men into our order. It is time we challenge our councils to step up and **ask one person after church each week** to become a Knight. Look around your church at Mass. There are plenty of men out there who want to be Knights, but **no one has ever asked them**. It can be a hard deal for some men to just talk to someone they do not know. However, taking that step is the true **Key** to finding new friends, welcoming new Knights, and strengthening our brotherhood.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to the **Missouri Knights of Columbus**. Let's make sure every council in our state is fully equipped, actively inviting, and ready to win!



STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

Welcome to September and the start of fall, almost. Schools have started back up and council, assemblies, and ladies auxiliaries are getting into gear for the upcoming few remaining months of 2026. As your councils begin to gear up, I ask that you please continue to work towards many of the wonderful programs the Knights of Columbus have to offer.

For example, our Drive for Developmental Disabilities, or Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Coming off a summer of the FIFA world cup? How about holding a Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge? You can also consider taking part in the upcoming Pilgrimage to at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville. Who knows, maybe you can take part in the Sporting Clay Shoot in Old Monroe, Missouri and let's not forget our COR program.

For a list of upcoming events, go to the state website, MOKofC.ORG. Our Knights team has put an unbelievable amount of time and effort into making a site that covers so much. While at the site, click on the Calendar. There you may be surprised to see how much Knights throughout the state are doing. Who knows, there may be something close that is worth taking part in.

As you look through the site, you might ask yourself, “Hey, we need to get our special event out there for all to see.” To do so, simply submit an event. That form is found on the same page as the calendar. How easy is that!!!

Finally, I ask you to consider one thing. In addition to all you do, please consider trying one new program sometime this year. The website lists so much under each program that you might find of interest. From pushing scholarship applications to getting your local Catholic school or PSR program to request funds, there are so many things that a council can do in the areas of Faith, Family, Life, and Community. Dare to try something new and remember, every event is a chance to bring in new members! Best of luck to you.



STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

I hope everyone is having a good summer. As our councils meet, please remember to pray for and support the seminarians from our dioceses across the state.

- **Archdiocese of St. Louis:** 31 seminarians and deacons in formation this year
- **Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph:** 19 seminarians this year
- **Diocese of Jefferson City:** 17 seminarians this year
- **Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau:** 10 seminarians this year

Please join us for a pilgrimage at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 1805 West St. Joseph Street, Perryville, Missouri. The date for this event is Saturday, October 10, 2026.

- **9:15 a.m.:** Coffee and doughnuts
- **10:00 a.m.:** Activities begin with a tour of the shrine; a second tour group will be added if needed.
- **Between tours:** Confession will be available.
- **Second tour:** Outdoor Rosary Walk
- **12:10 p.m.:** Closing Mass

We are also exploring new pilgrimage destinations. If you have a site to recommend, please let me know. You can email me at jjclarke4292@gmail.com. Additionally, Worthy State Deputy Lucas Volkman issued his first quarterly challenge of the fraternal year to councils and auxiliaries. From July 1 through October 1, each council or auxiliary is encouraged to complete:

- **250 hours of service**
- **250 hours of adoration**

Hours may be completed individually or as a group, and the service and adoration goals may be pursued together or separately. Qualifying activities include adoration, Eucharistic devotion, Eucharistic processions, and works of mercy. Whether the goal is readily achievable or especially challenging for your council or auxiliary, every contributed hour is sincerely appreciated. Finally, as we approach the end of the second month of the challenge, please email Shannon Beecham at ShannonBBeecham@gmail.com with the number of hours your council or auxiliary has completed to date. Additional updates will be requested in August and September, followed by a final report before the challenge concludes on October 1.

Vivat Jesus!
John Clarke
Missouri State Faith Director



STATE LIFE DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG

Brothers, now is the time to be talking to your council meetings on a plan to help fund the Knights of Columbus Pavilion at the Special Olympics Training for Life Campus. It is of the utmost urgency that the MO Special Olympics and the State Knights of Columbus knows the amount of money that councils are donating and just as important pledging for the construction of the Pavilion. The Knights of Columbus Councils in the State have always stepped up to take care of the athletes and this Pavilion will be well used by the athletes. I know some councils will be having their fall golf tournaments and other fundraisers over the next couple of months. Please consider using some of those funds to support the Back Nine Pavilion. If you need more information or have questions please reach out to Gary Beussink at garybeussink@gmail.com 573-382-4002.

Roses for Life orders are due by Sept 15th. Get a hold of your District Deputy to get your roses ordered. Remember no late orders can be accepted, and your District Deputy will pick up your roses at the December District Deputies meeting.

Soon information will be distributed to inform all on what they can do to help with Amendment 3. As I have more meetings with the groups that are leading the effort to help pass Amendment 3 we will soon have the information that we need to see where we as members of the Knights of Columbus can best help in this effort. Everyone can do something, and the most important thing we can all do is to pray for our Mother Mary's intercession to work in the hearts of the voters to help protect all from conception to natural death, but also to protect women, children, and families.



MARINER ARTICLE DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 10



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



STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR DAVID KANDBINDER

Brother, Knights and families, welcome to September. By now, most of the kiddos are back in school and family routines are adjusting back to school year mode.

The school year is always full of activities, and we all enjoy a Friday night sports event cheering on our hometown school. But let's not forget the events that our fellow brother Knights are sponsoring, too. As we start the new school year, let me personally invite you to some upcoming Knights of Columbus events and encourage our growth in devotion to prayer, family unity, and community outreach and recognition. These events are spiritually fulfilling, rewarding, and fun-filled for all of us to unite within our one faith.

Prayer is what sustains the family and gives us the strength to overcome daily challenges and stress. Before we start the day and end the day, we should express our thanks to God. As we dive into this new fraternal year, please keep “Faith in Action”. Check out the Faith in Action program that can be found at Mokofc.org under the “Programs/Family Program Tab. These programs will be the grace from God that is sufficient for all of us.

Now would be a great time to start ordering the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest kits. “Start early, finish amazing.

”Let’s talk about our LADIES! Our lady Auxiliaries are awesome. Our Chair couple, Andy and Amy Love our having an amazing time. The monthly Zoom meetings and visits to the area auxiliary councils allow these ladies to share their ideas and prod cast their support for our order. If you haven’t lately, please thank your ladies’ auxiliaries for their abundant support and dedication. LET’S GO LADY KNIGHTS!

We have a couple events this month that will be worth checking out, too.

On September 13, the 19th annual Tractor Cruise will be running two 30-mile routes that will finish in Washinton, Mo. What an amazing event that has done so much to serve and provide for our communities.

The next event is September 19th. Come out and enjoy a little competition and witness some amazing skills at the Clay Shoot contest. This event takes place in Monroe, Mo.

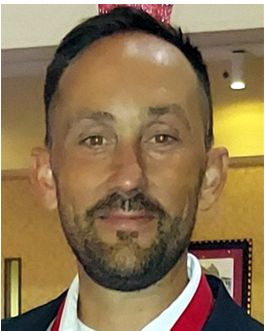
More information on both events, please visit Mokofc.org. Official flyers and times can be found there on the home page.

Now for some highlights from last month. No doubt, it was hot in August. But that didn't stop the horseshoe teams from coming out. What an amazing event. The talent and sportsmanship were top notch. The Fr. Seisl council did an outstanding job with the tournament, and even though it was hot and stormy at times, everything went off without a hitch. Great job Brothers!!

“Take me out to the ball game” is a phrase that screams summer, hotdogs, and a cold beverage. We can all recall a special moment at the ballpark and this past month at the St. Louis Cardinals game was no different. The St. Louis Cardinals game was a great time and many memories were made. Please consider attending next year’s baseball games.

That's all for now but please check out September's Marion edition. There you will find all the highlights and winners of July and August athletic and family events.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!



**STATE COMMUNITY
DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN**



Welcome Fall! We are only one month away from our 54th Developmental Disabilities Drive and we are committed to make this drive the best ever! Our goal of \$700,000 is very attainable. We were only about \$40,000 short last year. If every council does \$200 more than last year we WILL do it! We need every council working to have their best drive ever! Again this year, we have our contract with Schnuck's Grocery Stores throughout Missouri on October 9-11 and again on Oct 16-18. We have instructions on how councils can set up an account with Walmart to use their locations and we have QR codes available to assist those who wish to give but do not have cash on them. First of all, if you wish to hold your Drive at Schnuck's grocery store in your area or community and haven't contacted me, please do so at anthony.jansen@toyodagosei.com. I really appreciate all of you who have proactively reached out to claim your store. There are still locations available.

Additionally, if you wish to approach your area Walmart to hold your drive there, you will need to set up an account with Walmart and the company helping them with donations and requests from non-profit organizations. That company is known as Deed Inc. Instructions on how to set up your Walmart and Deed account can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://mokofc.org/Programs/Community-Program/Developmental-Disabilities-Drive>. Once there, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click to download the instructions on how to set up your account with Walmart Inc and Deed Inc. There is also a second set of instructions showing how to set up an event with your local Walmart location. It's en a long road but hopefully with our ability to reach out to Walmart and Schnucks, we will reach our \$700,000 goal! Finally, each council should be putting together an insert or ad in their bulletin with a QR code in the publication pointing to their own giving page. Many councils have purchased a sign and a-frame to help people know of our goal while giving them the chance to donate by QR code if they like. Speaking of QR codes, if your council would like a code to help with your donations, please reach out to me by either phone or email. I can be reached at 573-768-0294 or Anthony.jansen@toyodagosei.com. I encourage all councils to promote the DDD drive through their church bulletins, email blast to your members, and by handing out information to businesses in your area. Plus, if you get a QR code from me, you can put it on your collect cans during the drive. Continue following the Grand Knights Check list located on our website mokofc.org under services and forms then community. Don't miss the boat! Call me or email me, I will help you in any way that will make this drive the best ever!

Soccer challenge is about to start, as councils should be preparing by contacting local soccer groups and schools for participants. Children age 9-14 can compete at Council, District, Regional and State levels. Councils should have their competition between September 12th- 19th, winners will then move to the district contest from September 26 – October 10, as the kids keep winning regional contest will take place between October 11th-24th. And finally, the State contest will host the winners on November 1 at Westphalia Council 1171 starting at 1pm. If you have questions, please contact Chairman Dave Dillon at Ddillon50@hotmail.com or Richard Wieberg at richtwieberg@hotmail.com.

This is a busy time for everyone, but we need to be proactive and start thinking about our orders for the Coats for Kids. Whether your council orders coats on your own or you group your orders through Chapters or districts, let's have a Knight assigned to be the chairman and be very proactive in getting this event up and going. Many kids are in need of coats this winter, don't let them go without! The forms are on our supreme website, under "what we do" then "Programs" then "Community", all the help you need is here. Remember, when you do any program or event make sure you fill out the #10784 report on the supreme website. Coats for Kids chairman Bill Lueckenhoff is there to assist you. Reach out to him at Bill.Lueckenhoff@gmail.com.

Don't forget the value of a Blood Drive. Some councils have struggled to get a Blood mobile out to their location, councils can pick a day or time and go to the local Red Cross or other center and give blood as a group. Did you know that such an approach counts toward holding a blood drive? Dare to notify your church and community to join you in going to your local center on a set day. Let the blood center know of your intention to bring many donors on a given day and who knows, you just might be surprised by your turnout. Once done, please reach out to Blood Drive Chairman Charles Lenau at cmalenau12@spectrum.net. Brother Charles keeps meticulous statistics on council's blood drives and wants to make sure Missouri receives credit for all that you do. Brothers, thank you for all you do. Let's make this coming Fraternal year a great one! Vivat Jesus!

Pray Three Hail Marys
To End Abortion

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
STATE PILGRIMAGE
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH, 2026
1805 WEST SAINT JOSEPH STREET - PERRYVILLE, MO



Registration: 9:15 a.m. with coffee and donuts available
10:00 a.m.: ACTIVITIES BEGIN!
Tour of Shrine (may be in 2 groups)
Confessions between group tours available
OUTDOOR ROSARY WALK 11:00 A.M.
12:10 p.m. MASS (Free Will offering for Campus)

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.

All Knights and their families/friends are welcome!
Please send RSVP to:
John Myers, jmyers@idd.net or call 573-883-3838 for questions!



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

For more information
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