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ROSES FOR LIFE WEEKEND, JANUARY 8-9, 2022

Missouri Knights Continue to Support Life

Missouri Knights and Ladies will be soliciting people to sign Roses for Life all over the state the weekend of January 8-9, 2022. All Districts have Councils and Auxiliaries participating in the Roses for Life Campaign this year. Councils and Auxiliaries will distribute over 100,000 roses. We hope that every Knight and family member will sign Roses along with thousands of other prolife Missourians.

Governor receive roses

The completed Roses, which symbolize life, will be sent to elected officials, Governor Mike Parsons and pro-choice legislators in particular, to remind them of the hundreds of thousands of prolife Missourians and more importantly the victims of abortion.

The Knights continued strong support of the Roses for Life Program is a visible symbol

of their living the teachings of the Catholic Church to respect all human life from conception until natural death. The Roses for Life Program provides a very visible means for Knights to truly witness their faith and to support life. *Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to Love, but to use violence to get what they want. - Mother Teresa*

It has been 48 years since the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand in the United States, Knights of Columbus, Auxiliary and other concerned, prolife Missourians continue with added vigor to protect the unborn.

In 1979, the Fourth Degree adopted the pro-life cause, noting the patriotic call to protect and defend innocent life. The Order also funded the U.S. bishops' brief before the Supreme Court on whether

employers have to pay for employees' abortions as part of medical coverage.

Our efforts are making a difference. The number of legal abortions in Missouri and other states is declining. More and more young people are pro-life and anti-abortion. More prolife legislators are being elected and the Missouri Legislature has passed prolife initiatives that have been upheld by the courts.

Value Every Human Life

Yet we need to do more to educate people about the value of every human life and to end abortion.

As we currently wait for the rulings on two very important cases before the Supreme Court. We all have read and heard in the Mississippi case, Dobbs v. Jackson, is a challenge to a 2018 law there that banned abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy except in

medical emergencies or cases of severe fetal abnormalities.

The Supreme Court also has met to rule on the Texas law a second time. Known as S.B. 8, this law bans abortions after 6 weeks.

It contains no exceptions for rape or incest, and it has only a limited and ill-defined exception for a "medical emergency."

But most importantly, the law's enforcement mechanism is to allow anyone who aids and abets an abortion to be sued by any private citizen for a minimum of \$10,000.

States have recently started passing laws banning abortions at various stages. Although these laws will face legal challenges, I feel it's a sign the times are changing with them being passed to start with. With programs like Roses for Life, I feel we are helping swing the tide.

Pray the Rosary To End Abortion

Most importantly we need God's help to end abortion. Pray the Rosary or other prayers regularly as a Council, Auxiliary, Assembly, family or an individual to end abortion.

I would like to thank all the brother Knights and everyone else who are participating in the Roses for Life campaign and who have or plan to support our Respect Life Programs and efforts. You are the ones who make these programs the successes they are year after year.

You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.

Pope John Paul II

St. Joseph Icon Travels Across MO



State Deputy Mike Grudzinski is shown after accepting the next Pilgrim Icon which will travel across the state. This icon depicts St. Joseph, to commemorate 2021 as being the Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph Film Available Online Dec. 8 We are pleased to announce that our newest documentary film, *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father*, will be available beginning Wednesday, Dec. 8, at kofc.org for all to see.

Knights of Columbus Council #2241 Shelbina Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary



Knights of Columbus Council 2241 of St. Mary's Parish in Shelbina Mo. celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Saturday, August 21st, 2021. They celebrated with a dinner and dance at the Father Buhman Center at St. Mary's Parish. Knights of Columbus Council 2241 was formed on February 27th, 1921.

The Council had members from St. Mary's Parish in Shelbina and St. Rose of Lima Parish in Lakenan. There were 67 members listed as charter members for the Council.

Today the Council has over 111 members from St. Mary's Parish in Shelbina, St. Patrick's Parish in

Clarence and the closed St. Rose of Lima Parish, Lakenan. The Council has always been active in helping the parishes that make up the Council in many activities during the year. They also have been very active in the communities that the members live in over the past 100 years.

There were over 28 members attending the dinner and dance along with their wives and family members. The Council used the event to help raise money for the youth and adults from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parishes to attend the 2021 NCYC.

The Council donated \$1000.00

to them for NCYC expenses. Grand Knight Rex Weatherford gave an overview of what the Council has been doing the past few years.

The Council serves meals at the Father Buhman Center and holds an annual toy show to fund many projects. They hold fish fries to fund the Council scholarship project. The Council holds an annual Pro-Life fundraiser to fund all their Pro-Life activities during the year. The Council will also hold fundraisers for the particular needs in a given year.

The Council looks forward to continue to help their parishes and communities in the next 100 year.



Please see introduction to
of KNIGHT'S LEGACY program on page 6 by
PSD Brad Grill. The second part of Knights Legacy
will appear in the April Mariner issue.

STATE DEPUTY MIKE GRUDZINSKI SAYS:

My Brother Knights: I am going to start this with a quote from Winston Churchill: "I like things to happen, and if they don't happen I like to make them happen."

I know that for some people, change back to "normal" (pre COVID-19) is not going as quickly as they would like. As of this writing, there are still some parishes which are not having in person Masses yet, and some places still have mask mandates in place. On the other hand, in some locations there are no mask mandates and church services have been done with minimal restrictions since early Spring. I hope you as Knights are "making things happen" in whichever situation you are currently in.


Where there are still restrictions in place, Knights need to step forward and help their Pastor in whatever way they can. For places with little to no restrictions, Knights need to break out of their COVID hibernation and get back to working as "the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." In either scenario, communication with your Pastor is the key.

I am happy to say that many Councils are back to recruiting new members this year; however, it is disappointing to see the number of Councils who have not recruited a new member in 3 years or more. One way to make recruiting easier is to have strong Council programs. Hopefully your Council participated in our most recent Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Will your Council participate in a Coats for Kids distribution? Do you have a Food for Families program in place for the holidays? Have plans been made to participate in the Protecting Life weekend on January 8-9, or in some Pro-Life event (e.g. March for Life)? Have you lined up a location to do a Free Throw Contest? Have you considered hosting an "Into the Breach" series for all men in the parish? All of these are programs that provide a great deal of visibility for the Council. When non-members see what the Knights are doing for their parish, their community, and for families, they will be much more receptive to join – *when asked!* That seems to be another hurdle we face in that members are hesitant to ask men to join us. We are providing them an opportunity to better themselves as husbands, as fathers, as Catholics, and as men, plus to provide financial security for their family. Why are we hesitant to offer someone this type of opportunity?

I ask you all to step forward and help your Council in the events they have. If they are not doing a program you think would work, suggest they try it! And *don't* be a Silent Knight – ask a man to become your brother. It may be the best Christmas present he receives this year.

I will end with this final thought on making things happen: "If not us, who? If not now, when?"
May you have a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas.





Chaplain's Message

by Fr. Robert P. Stone

I HAVE NO HANDS, BUT YOURS!

Jesus's mission was to bring God's love to all people. The two great commandments of the New Testament are centered on Love. 1. Love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind. 2. Love your Neighbor as yourself. The most well known verse in scripture tells us that God so loved the world that He sent his only Son. Jesus taught us how to love by example. He taught us how to love sinners as a way to help them turn back to God. He taught us how to love the poor. He taught us how to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. He taught us how to help people who are suffering with illness, grief, mental illness, and possession. He taught us how to fill the emptiness inside us with the word of God. He taught us how to love our family, our friends, and our enemy. And the greatest lesson of God's love is when Jesus sacrificed His very self for our sake by dying on the cross. Jesus told us, before he ascended into heaven, that he would be with us always until the end of time, and He is. But He has no hands but yours to bring God's love to all people. So, the mission of the Church and the mission of the Knights of Columbus is to bring God's love to the world through acts of charity.

Our mission is to help people know that they are loved by God. When we give a coat to a needy family, they know that God loves them. When we give money to fund religious education in Diocese's, in Parishes, in Catholic Schools, they know that God loves them. When we help those who struggle each day with the ability to learn, process information, understand the complexities of life, they know that God loves them. When we become the voice for the voiceless, by valuing all life from Conception to Natural Death, they will know that God loves them.

So, brave Knights, put on the armor of Charity. Fulfill your mission and your oath. Live the Gospel every day in your life. Be the instrument of God's love to the world.

Msgr. Patrick Gavan Mexico #3760 Helps St. Brendan School 100th Anniversary



On October 10, 2021 members of Knights of Columbus Council #3760 proudly cooked and served food for the 100 year anniversary celebration of St. Brendan Catholic School in Mexico, Mo. Knights cooked over 272 pork steaks for the noon meal.

DD #2 John J. Catron, Jr., Lists District Successes

District 2: D2 consists of the 4 Councils in St. Joseph.

Councils 571 and 5067 - worked to make Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish's "hill day" a very successful return. #5067 battered and fried 500 pieces of chicken and #571 made 60 lbs. of cheese potatoes and 9 gallons of green beans for the supper.

St. Joseph Council 571 - We hosted a retirement reception for Rev. Lieutenant Colonel Tom Ludwig (retired). Fr. Tom retired from the Missouri Air National Guard after serving for 22 years as their Chaplain. Fr. Tom was our Council Chaplain for several years. We had a very successful DDD drive collecting \$4,000 at 2 stores and 2 parishes. Held a membership drive at Our Lady of Guadalupe and St Mary's Parishes the weekend of October 30-31. Followed up with an in person live Exemplification degree Nov. 7. Council made and served chili

chili dogs and soup for St Mary's annual action and fundraiser. On November 11, we held our annual Memorial Mass for deceased brothers. The first Thursday of each month we host our Mariners Lunch. The lunch is open to all Knights, for lunch and social.

St. James Council 12463 - We have supported our parish food kitchen. Held a parish support party. Helped with St. James Elementary School Auction, and held a Council fundraiser fish fry.

St. Francis Xavier Council 15126 - This Council is so active I am listing the activities in numerical order. 1). K of C Essay & Poster Contests for SFX Elementary students began first week of Sept. 2). Hosted the SFX Annual Parish Chicken Dinner fundraiser on Sep 19th with drive through only service. 3). Hosted our Bimonthly Blood Drive at the Parish Center Sep 27th. 4).

Council helped sponsor, host, and coordinate the St. Joseph Walk For Life and Rally on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. 5) Council hosted the 60th Year Anniversary Parish Reception for Fr. Bill Walter's Ordination to the Priesthood. 6) DDD Drive conducted on Oct 8-10. 7). Membership Recruitment Church Drive conducted Oct 21-24. 8). Coats For Kids Appeal began Oct 23rd. 9). Danish Kringles pastry sale Council charity fundraiser began Nov 1st. 10). Council hosts the annual St. Francis Xavier Parish Priest Appreciation dinner on Nov 7th. 11). Ongoing recognition program for Council Knights, Families and Students of the Month. 12). Held Memorial Mass for deceased Knights on Nov. 13th. 13). Ongoing Food For Families project of Thanksgiving Food Baskets donated to Catholic Charities on Nov. 20th. 14). Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 5th. 15). SFX Parish Blood Drive is Dec. 6th.

Always Ready to Serve the Open Door Food Kitchen

The Knights of Columbus Council #5067 has been an integral part of the Open Door Food Kitchen for many years. In addition to providing a Knights cooking team each month, members also work on the cooking teams of Cathedral and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes. Knights from the Council often work 2-3 days a week, filling in for church groups that provide food or funding but are not comfortable congregating at the Kitchen due to COVID-19. Some of these volunteers are Gerald DePastino, Pete Walker, Rick Rotts, Carl Johnson, Marty Schnabel, and Charlie Clisbee. Gerry DePastino, ad-hoc administrator, alerts us when Lisa or Charles



needs assistance, keeping a record of volunteer hours for the Council. Pete Walker frequently hauls water from. Second Harvest when Lisa requests it. When the Kitchen moved from 510 Felix Street to its current location at 615 S. 8th Street, Knights were instrumental in completing the move in just two days. These gentlemen have serving hearts and we are grateful for them. Written by Carol Pittman, member of the Open Door Food Kitchen Board.

EVERYONE HAS BEEN VERY BUSY IN DISTRICT 9

By: Bill Remshak, DD

All programs are in full swing and it looks to get even busier!

Arch. O'Hara #4387 - The Council provided hotdogs and hamburgers and general help in the Parish sponsored Welcome New Members get together.

We will have a Thanksgiving dinner for around 100 boys at the Ozanam Home for Boys. For those who haven't heard of the program, Ozanam is a nonprofit, Kansas City-based treatment center for children with

behavioral and emotional problems and learning disabilities. Ozanam provides residential treatment, coeducational day treatment, group home living, independent living services and behavior consultation services for schools.

Pope John XXIII #5586 - The Knights helped their Ladies Aux. with a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on the 6th of November.

We will have a live exemplification of the Unified Degree on November

7th after Mass, Starting at 9 am.

Father Puetz #6550 - Our Council will be helping out with the Parish sponsored Turkey Dinner on November 7th. We hosted the Silver Rose with 2 special Masses at our Parish, and the Honor Guard was in attendance. We are also planning our Council Christmas Party on December 4th.

St. Bridget 13113 - We had a team in the Outpace Poverty walk for Catholic Charities in September.

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Advent marks a time of new beginning. It is the start of the church year. As we prepare for the birth of the Christ child, I encourage each of my Brother Knights to make this a time of spiritual renewal and growth. I understand that we can get bogged down this time of year with material and domestic duties. How about your spiritual duty? Do something this Advent to help yourself, your family and yes, your Council grow spiritually. Always remember the reason for the season.



We probably get tired of hearing the State Secretary talk about the Per Capita. It is probably the most pressing duty of the State Secretary. Council Per Capita payments make up over 95% of the state budget. Missouri could not operate without the Council Per Capita. As of the beginning of December we have about 50 Councils that have yet to pay per capita. Reminders along with per capita statements are emailed to the Financial Secretary. If your Council has not paid their Per Capita, please do so now.

Paying the Per Capita keeps your Council in good standing with the State Council. It means you are eligible to receive State incentives including membership incentives. Students from your Council are eligible to receive state sponsored scholarships. Your Council can send delegates to the State Convention. Please pay your Per Capita and stay in good standing.

It has been a difficult past 2 years for many Councils. We must continue to be Knights and do the things that make us Knights. One of the biggest things we can do to make sure our Councils have continued success, is to train and groom our future leaders. If you are a District Deputy, Grand Knight or Ladies Auxiliary President, do you know who is going to be taking your place? Are you doing things to help them to be ready to step into your shoes. This is very important for our future. We need to be inspiring new leaders.

We need to continue to work and pray for the canonization of our founder, Blessed Micheal McGivney. This is a great time in history to be a Knight of Columbus. During this time of pandemic it is more important now, than ever, that we hold true to Blessed Father McGivney's vision for the Order. Let him be an example to all of us.

It is an honor for me to serve you as State Secretary. May you and your families have a blessed Advent Season. I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

District #18 Report

By: Ronald Schwitek, DD

#9273 Lake Ozark - This Council has done really well on tootsie roll drive, holding breakfast for the community and free for veterans and service personnel.

They held a memorial mass on November 16th at 7 pm.

Also doing a bang up job on the Coats for Kids. Keep up the good work. Planning a Christmas Party for Knights and Family on Dec. 18th.

#10381 Laurie - Council has been very busy with different activities such as the State Pilgrimage National Shrine of Mary Mother of the Church. They have set out several pro-life crosses. Nov. 9th a memorial mass with Rosary.

Planning a fish fry Nov. 19th along with a pancake breakfast on the 14th of Nov. Also in the making of a Christmas Party for 4th Degree on December 4th.

#6365 Camdenton - Grand Knight needs prayers from all. Still doing Bingo holding a good crowd. Knights remodeling floor in Hall.

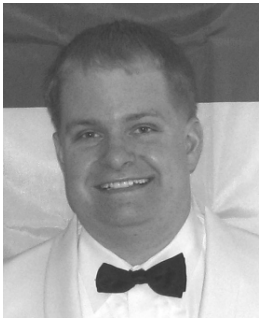
They have two new members, one is a transfer Honorary Life. Coats for Kids is going well. Holding Christmas party December 6th for Knights and Family.

#7133 Eldon - is doing well. They have two new members, Elmer Evers and Phil Stielles. Congrats gentlemen. Eldon has held their Delta Drive and Car show in Versailles. Did ok but it rained on their parade. Turn out was down but a good show.

Eldon has spent \$2000 for 1 year on 2 seminarians, very special deed from Eldon Knights.

STATE PROGRAM DIR. LUCAS VOLKMAN SAYS:

We cannot help but to worry about some of the problems in our world today. While these issues can be wide-ranging, we cannot solve them all ourselves, which I doubt is anything new to any of you. But just because we cannot fix all the problems in our society, it does not mean that we can simply complain about these problems and leave things where they currently stand. Instead, as we have always done, we must use our role as Knights or Ladies to better our communities. It is why we joined in the first place and why Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Order. But I ask all of you over the next quarter to commit to doing something more. Help with another activity, work with your Council, Auxiliary, or Assembly to start up a new event. Go recruit someone in your parish to join the Order! Reach out to a Knight or Lady in your parish and ask them to join you in an activity. Do not force them of course but invite them to help as well.



During this month of December, we are in the season of Advent, which is a time of preparation. We spiritually prepare for Christmas at the end of the month and ultimately for the Second Coming of Christ. This Advent we should try to deepen our spiritual lives while doing good works in our parishes and communities. This month the Year of St. Joseph ends, but we should use him as a model in our lives. His silence in scripture helps show us the need to be obedient to God in our lives. But as his actions helped bring Christ into a world in desperate need of Him – let our actions do the same. Certainly, it was the role our founder, Blessed Michael Joseph McGivney, took during his time on Earth. He worked with the limited resources that he had while confronting an anti-Catholic culture. These are ideas that we should use in our lives as we go about spreading our faith.

As you work your programs, remember to keep Christ central in all that you do. May the intercession of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney be upon your Councils, Auxiliaries, and Assemblies. In this Year of St. Joseph, may we always heed the injunction to this powerful intercessor, *Ite ad Joseph – Go to Joseph!*

DD David Kiesling And District 19 Continue To Be Busy

The Councils in District 19 have been busy with fundraisers and other events.

Council #1054 Fr. Helias - Knights participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program cleaning up 12 bags of trash along the Highway 50. The Council handed out tootsie rolls at a Parochial Schools Volleyball Tournament and collected \$250 for the Developmental Disabilities Drive.

A Samaritan Center Food Drive was held on October 23rd in which \$625 and 1300 lbs. of food was collected.

The Council is planning to have a Christmas party for Knights' families as well as other functions before the end of December to raise money for different charities.

Council #7194 St. Martins - Knights are planning events to help raise money for their programs and helping with St. Martins Catholic Church. Council members participated in 5th Sunday Mass and had a membership drive.

Council #8400 St. Andrew - The Council held a fall chicken dinner to raise money for the Council's activities. The Knights prepared a dinner for the closing of 40 Days for Life Campaign.

They participated in the 5th Sunday Mass at St. Andrews Church along with a membership drive in the month of October.

Council #8916 St. Michael's - The Council is sponsoring a Christmas party for the Knights and their families. Members of the parish are also invited.

The Knights also participated in the 5th Sunday Mass in October along with a membership drive.

Council #12992 Bishop McAuliffe - Council members held a Rosary at the Cathedral of St. Joseph for the Feast Day of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. In August, the Council sponsored a breakfast for back to school and raised \$800. Proceeds benefited the 8th grade class to help fund their class

activities. The Council also donated 30 rosaries and 30 St. Joseph prayer cards to the new students at St. Joseph Cathedral Grade School. During September the Council held a Samaritan Center Food Drive and collected 2,380 pounds of food and monetary donations totaling \$1,788.50.

Knights also collected \$2000.00 for the Developmental Disabilities Drive. The Council had 63 kids participate in the soccer contest.

Eight of ten winners won the regional and will compete in the state contest. On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, the Council celebrated their 20th anniversary as a Council.

On Sunday, October 31, 2021, they celebrated 5th Sunday/Knights Mass with His Excellency Bishop Shawn McKnight as the celebrant. At the mass Knights celebrated the 1-year anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Father McGivney, the Council's 20th anniversary and held a membership drive after Mass.

Samantha Garcia Sept. Youth of the Month



also a member of the Spanish Honors Society. Samantha is a gifted young lady that applies herself well.

As a chosen member for advanced learning in the International Baccalaureate Program, her future looks very bright.

Samantha also finds time to be involved in her community. She has been active in the Girl Scout Program and enjoys dog sitting for friends and neighbors. She is a member of a co-ed league soccer team.

Samantha is a Global Ties KC Youth Diplomat and has participated as a US Youth Ambassador for a student exchange program.

Church and family activities are also an important part of her busy life. She enjoys helping at the Council #13908 fish fries, helping to serve and provide desserts.

She likes to pitch in and help with the Council roadside cleanup program. Samantha is a peer minister for parish confirmations.

She is also a proud participant in the Steubenville Youth Conference. Samantha is well deserving of this honor and is a great example for all of us to emulate.

Congratulations are in order for Miss Samantha Garcia as she has been selected as September 2021 Youth of the Month. This honor is well deserved due to her many activities outside of the normal happenings in today's busy world. Her parents, Tivo and Angie are rightfully proud of her involvement in her parish, community and especially her dedicated school functions.

Samantha is a senior year student in the Lee's Summit School District. She is active in the school choir and also plays violin in the orchestra.

She enjoys being a Historian in the National Honors Society. She is

St. Thomas The Apostle Community Funds Center

In the summer of 2021, St. Thomas Council #2149 raised and donated over \$15,000 locally to partner with the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and Missouri State Council to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Help Center of Central Missouri.

As a true showing of commitment in the St. Thomas community to end abortion, not only did St. Thomas Council make their donation, they were joined by St. Thomas the Apostle School students and staff. The school and staff conducted fundraisers and contributed \$1,000 of the total \$15,000 dollars of local funds for the new ultrasound machine.

The partnership of St. Thomas the Apostle School and St. Thomas Council #2149 show they can continue with the help of the next generation, to show life begins at conception. Thank you to all who continue to be on the "front lines" trying to make a difference.



St. Gianna Council 14561 Wentzville continues to show support for their community with a successful 2021 Coats for Kids program.

STATE LIFE DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER . . .

What a busy first 6 months for the LIFE team. Let's recap what's been going on with our team.

Lou Raineri has ran an excellent Silver Rose program for us but as always, attendance could and should be better. We, as brother Knights, need to start being seen at these activities hosted in our churches.

Mike West has been busy gathering and processing orders for the upcoming Roses for Life weekend. Although the participation has been decent, it also could and should be a lot better. We, as Council and Knights are supposed to protect the unborn and what a better way than to hand out these roses and send them to our elected officials showing how Pro-Life we really are.

John Clarke has been busy traveling the State promoting Special Olympics Missouri at our State Events and State Games hosted by Special Olympics. If your Council is hosting an event for Special Olympics, please let John know.

Greg Elsey is working on setting up our Meet Life Phase 2 Campaign and getting Councils their goals to reach 100 percent. In case you missed, it we have revamped Meet Life Phase 2 to run similar to R.I.B as we ask each Council for a donation of \$5.00 per member to help this program. Our hope is that all Councils will participate because surely \$5.00 a year per person isn't too much to help save an unborn child's life.

Mike Deamos is the one chairman that we don't want to be busy but unfortunately he has. Mike runs the sympathy cards. So when a fellow Knight passes away, please notify Mike so he can get a card signed by our State Deputy and State Chaplain to the family. And as an added way to honor your deceased Knight there is a box to check on the bottom of the form and for a donation to Catholic education the brother Knight's name will be displayed on the memorial board set out at all State meetings and masses.

From my family and my team to you, all have a veryBlessed and Holy Christmas Season.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MICHAEL AUCHLY SAYS:

The Advent season is upon us. It is a most holy time as we wait for the arrival, the birth of Jesus into the world. As we anticipate his arrival, we should also take the time to look at our lives, our families and our communities. We should look at where we as individuals can make a difference for the good in ourselves, our families and our communities. One of the best things we can do for our neighbors is to offer them memberships into the Knights of Columbus. We should reach out and make sure that all of our neighbors are safe and have the essentials they need. While doing this, we remind them of the benefits of membership in the Knights and ask them to join us.

Supreme has extended the offer of **FREE first year of membership** when a man joins online using the **MCGIVNEY2020** code. This is now valid through June 30, 2022. Once he has joined via the online membership process, your Council simply needs to transfer his membership to the local Council and prorate his dues for the next year. What a wonderful gift to offer every Catholic man! The only thing you need to do is make sure that every Catholic man in your parish is aware of this and is personally asked to join. Put this in your local bulletin, advertise it on your information boards, print up a free membership coupon and send it in a Christmas card to all men in your parish that are not Knights.

Go to the mirror and ask yourself, "Have I asked three different Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus during the past 90 days?" If the answer is no, I want to challenge you to change your answer to this question 90 days from now. In other words, get out there and simply ask. You do not have to be physically at the church to ask. You could ask neighbors, co-workers, delivery drivers, the mailman, your barber, dry cleaner attendant, or any male who is a practical Catholic.

I have never understood why Knights will not ask men at mass to join our Order. You walk into mass and start by saying, "I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God." So those men you are unwilling to ask are the same ones you call a "brother" and have the nerve to pray for you. Yet you aren't willing to ask them to join a brotherhood whose sole purpose and mission is to "...build a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day." To the Knight who says, "I don't know what to talk about when asking men to join." The answer is simple. Talk about your positive experience in the Knights. Why did you join? What keeps you active? Basically, speak from the heart. There is no specific script. Be honest and open for there is no wrong answer. However, you have to approach the topic of conversation by asking.

Our current membership incentives include the Council that recruits the largest percentage of their membership goal in this second quarter will receive \$300. The Council that recruits the second largest percentage of their membership goal in the second quarter will receive \$200. The Council that recruits the third largest percentage of their membership goal in the second quarter will receive \$100. In the first quarter of the year the Council in each Diocese with the highest percentage of quota met during the quarter will receive \$100. Also, the member who recruits the most members between July 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 will receive the honor of being a delegate to the Supreme Convention in August.

We need to be asking every eligible Catholic man in our parishes to join the Knights of Columbus. Ask your priest to show the Into the Breach trailer after mass and invite everyone to stay. Sit down with your priest and compare the church roster with your local membership roster. Send the free membership code to all that are not Knights. Place an ad in your local bulletin with a contact number for your Council that parishioners can call if they are in need of any sort of help during this Holiday Season. Make sure that you are keeping the Knights name visible in the parish and your community while helping to take care of your neighbors. It's these kinds of positive activities in support of your faith that help make men and their families want to join the Knights of Columbus. As always, please remember to Celebrate Everything!



GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT #45

By: Steve Rozier, DD

I would like to give all of you a very heartfelt greeting from District 45 during this Holiday Season. I hope that all of you and your family have a safe holiday. Remember to keep the birth of Jesus Christ foremost in your hearts.

I am also very excited to report that all my Councils have participated in the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fundraiser.

As I'm traveling around K OF C Councils, I'm so amazed on how much the Knights of Columbus does for our community. All of our councils are active and trying to help our fellow communities. I'm just so happy that I'm associated with groups that puts others ahead of themselves.

Bloomsdale #1843 is celebrating their 105 years of serving their community. They also have a member that has 75 years of service within the Knights of Columbus. Lets give a big congratulations to Marvin Drury. They celebrated his service at a

mass at St. Agnes Church at 7:00 am and breakfast following at Bloomsdale Knights of Columbus Hall. Congrats again Marvin for a job well done.

I want to thank Vic Klaus for helping me again. He was able to go to Fr. Lewis Tucker Council #1321, Fredericktown meeting because I had other commitments. Thanks Vic for your help. I would also like to give a big congratulations to Perryville #1263 and Ste. Genevieve #1037 for receiving the Father McGivney and Founder Awards. This is a great honor to both Councils.

Winter is approaching and Cardinal Glennon is low on coats. These Councils William J. Barnwell #1263 (Perryville), Ste. Genevieve #1037, Bloomsdale #1848, Fr. Lewis Tucker (Fredericktown #1321, St. Michael (Biehle / Apple Creek) will all be participating in a fundraiser for Coats for Kids. Have a great and safe Holiday Season and remember why we are Knights of Christ.



Recently the members of Council #1848 Bloomsdale congratulated Marvin Drury (center front row). They celebrated his many years of service to the Knights of Columbus at a Mass at St. Agnes Church Bloomsdale at 7:00 am. The Council then gathered for breakfast immediately following at Bloomsdale Knights of Columbus Hall. Congrats again Marvin Drury for 75 years of service to the Order, his faith and a job well done.

Missouri Knights of Columbus 2021 Soccer Challenge



Missouri State Council would like to congratulate the 2021 Soccer Challenge finals winners. Boys: 10 year old Andrew Evert, Council 13604, 11 year old Mason Sipi, Council 12992. Girls: 9 year old Elly Wilson, Council 12992, 10 year old Cecilia Ewersmann, Council 12676, 11 year old Addison Monnig, Council 12992, 12 year old Brooklyn Wheat, Council 12992, 13 year old Isabella Loethen, Council 12992. (The above photos are a collection from championship weekend and are not identified.)



Let me begin by saying Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! The season of Advent is upon us and the celebration of the birth of Christ is not too far behind. Many families will be gathering this Christmas season and sometimes, those who attend Christmas mass with you and yours are Catholics who have drifted away from the church.

As Faith Director, I ask all of you to encourage such family members to come back to the church. There are many reasons why people leave the church but remind them that the church wants them back.

Here are three steps to getting someone back into the church. Step One is for them to show up to Sunday mass. I strongly suggest going with someone as they return to church. Be their support even if it means going with them for several Sundays. Step Two is to encourage the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It really is a good step towards returning. Remember the church doesn't look down on those returning but like the Prodigal son, rejoices in their return. Third, get involved. Many people leave the church because they don't feel it offers much to them. As they return to this journey, getting involved in church activities and joining the Knights of Columbus gives a person purpose as well as a sense of community.

Finally, here are three things not to do when trying to get someone to return to the church. Number one don't lecture them. This often drives people further away from the church. Number two, don't criticize or attack. Statements such as "if you don't return to church, you know where you are going to end up" never ever help. Number three, never give up. Saint Monica is a testament to perseverance. She continuously prayed for her son to return to church. After many years, he left behind his 'wild life' and returned to the church ultimately becoming a priest, bishop, and canonized as Saint Augustine. Remember, your efforts to get someone back to attending mass can be one of the greatest gifts you can give during the Christmas season.

As we enter the Christmas season, for many this is a time for giving. Additionally, many make donations to charity such as the church or local homeless shelter. I ask that you please don't forget the Knights of Columbus when giving. The appeal letters for the Religious Information Bureau or R.I.B. have gone out and your donation can help your diocese in their efforts to reach out to Catholic faithful. It's been my honor to write many a thank you note so far to those who have personally given and I want to write a note of thanks to you. The same is true of the Missouri Religious Vocation Fund. These funds go to help our four diocese in their ongoing efforts to recruit young men and women to a religious vocation. The church needs more religious and with your help, that can become a reality.

Finally, let me finish where I began and once again offer you and your family the Holiest of Christmases. May God bless you and all you have done for the Knights of Columbus. Merry Christmas.



Mr. Edward Hess has been selected as the Knight of the Month by the voting State Directors for September 2021. Congratulations are due to Ed for his longtime dedicated service to the Order and his West Plains Council #9892. For at least the last 6 years, his leadership as Financial Secretary has proven to be of outstanding guidance to the GK's and members, as testified by his proposer, DD #15 Floyd Deidiker.

Ed and wife Shelly have been married for 30 years. He is proud to say that nothing happens without her loving input and help. They have 3 children with first daughter Sarah Hayes and husband Zach. Son Jacob and wife Olivia have brought a grandson, Everett into their lives. Their youngest daughter is Rachel. Ed is a devout Catholic and a dedicated, loving provider for his family, mother and siblings.

Ed is currently employed by the Mo. Dept. of Transportation as a lead engineer in performing the ever important position of Bridge Inspections throughout our state.

He was very helpful in volunteering at the local High School supporting the sports activities where needed, as his children were attending school and beyond.

As FS, Ed knows full well what it takes to ensure the Council continues to grow and be a supportive influence for the Pastor and parishioners. He had a big impact on holding the Council together during Covid-19 with the restricted meetings. Ed co-chaired a breakout event by organizing and serving as head cook for the BBQ cookout which was the first social Parish/Council event as restrictions were eased. Many generous donations were raised to sponsor the Council's charitable programs. Ed organizes the DDD program. Ed has also served as a Boy Scout Assistant Scoutmaster and Cubmaster in addition to the District Advancement Chairman.

The State Leadership is pleased to recognize Mr. Edward Hess as a deserving Knight of the Month.

DD Charles Lenau Reporting From District #30

Councils in the district have returned to an active and healthy status. The Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities has gone well for each Council. In one instance 10 minutes after leaving a \$2 donation the women passing through the area from Arkansas returned stopping on the adjacent parking lot, motioned for the Council member to come and speak with her from his position at the intersection.

After receiving his response as to what the drive was about, she left a check for \$500 for the effort and service to the disabled. This postponed drive date October 29 proved to be most beneficial to the 2021 drive for a rainy, cold and windy day. And for the recently new Council member a most gratifying experience as a new Knight.

Membership in the district is

STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR PETER NICASTRO SAYS . . .

It's a long gap between the December and April issues of the Mariner, and over that four month span, there are *plenty* of opportunities for your family to become involved with your Council, Auxiliary, Chapter, or Assembly in Community activities benefitting your larger community.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 49th annual **Drive for Developmental Disabilities**.

At the press deadline, only 25 Councils have reported, but hopefully there are many more Councils to report toward our \$655 thousand goal. Half of the net proceeds benefits the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital, and the other half Councils may designate for charities serving developmentally disabled persons in their own communities, Missouri Special Olympics, or to the Knights Center. 1,683 cases of Tootsie Rolls were ordered in preparation for the Drive, although many Councils indicated anecdotally that they had leftover Tootsie Rolls from last year which they planned to deploy in support of the Drive. (I'm told that 2nd year Tootsie Rolls aren't bad.) Additional copies of the final report form and the disbursement form for turnaround funds are available on the state website, www.mokofc.org, under the forms page.

Our state **Soccer Challenge Final** winners are elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the soccer challenge at many parishes and Councils statewide.

It's time for the 2nd quarter **Coats for Kids** drive. Coats for Kids is our featured program for 2nd quarter. Keep kids warm this winter! Each Council is asked to purchase or otherwise acquire at least one case of coats to give away within its community. Coats are available from Supreme through Knightgear for the 1st year, so that Council chairman, and not only Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, can order coats. Cases each contain 12 coats and are priced between \$237 - \$335 per case depending on size. Coats are available for boys or girls; child, youth, teen, or, new this year, adult sizes, because some older kids are adult sized. A credit or debit card is required to order from Knightgear and Council accounts may no longer be billed, but delivery is forecast for within 10 days from the order date. Your Council may also conduct a coat drive for new and lightly used coats in your community, or it may have already purchased coats from a local retailer, after last winter. All of these channels are great ways to get coats to share with needy children, and Councils are asked to report coats donated regardless of the source.

Distribution of coats varies greatly throughout the state. The Kansas City and Springfield chapters each have amazing projects to combine the resources of Councils in their service areas. St. Louis area Councils typically donate coats to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center, who use them to help Center families as needed. Many other Councils have partnerships in their own areas, including through local chapters of St. Vincent dePaul. There are many options to keep kids warm this winter. Please choose among these options to help kids.

Our annual **Essay Contest** will conclude before the next issue. The topic for our Missouri Essay Contest this year is "Who is Your Neighbor?," reflecting the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:29. The Essay Contest is for students in 6th – 8th grade, who are asked to write 350- 500 words, typed on 8-1/2 x 11 paper. Councils are asked to submit their first place essay only in each of the three grades to Chairman Bill Lueckenhoff by the due date of January 31. I'm super excited to read the winning essays on this exciting topic. Note that Supreme Council has a separate essay contest, more information for which can be found on the Supreme website: search under "essay contest."

Also in the interim, our very popular **Basketball Free Throw Contest** will resume this winter after a on-year Covid-mediated layoff. The free throw contest is our featured program for the 3rd fraternal quarter. Councils should have their own contests, for kids 9 – 14 years old as of 1 January 2022, in January, with district level championships in the first two weeks of February and regional contests in the last two weeks. State finals will be held in March. Councils sometimes collaborate with their parish school CYCs or physical education classes to gather students for the contest. Just a reminder, Council level awards cannot include bonds or cash without endangering the school athletic eligibility of the child.

Finally, the Missouri General Assembly will be back in session in January, and Knights families are urged to subscribe online to both the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network, a service of the **Missouri Catholic Conference**; and Supreme's new, issues-based **Faithful Citizenship** program, in order to be informed on issues of public policy informed by our shared Catholic faith.

Winter is coming, but there's lots going on in community programs to keep us busy serving in our communities. Be part of it with your family and Council!

healthy with 9 new Council members including some on-line member joining Councils reactivation and several members transferring in.

Saint Isidore Assembly #575 Bowling Green on October 2 car-pooled West on I70 to the Boonville area to the Warm Springs

Clydesdale's ranch for a most enjoyable day for the 13 attendees.

Sacred Heart Auxiliary #6525 hosted the Area 3 meeting October 24 at the Council #6525 Hall.

The officers and members of District 30 wish all a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Donna and PSD Mick Gilliam Honored



This was taken at the most recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center Board of Visitors meeting on October 11, 2021.

Please recall from the 2021 Missouri Knights of Columbus Convention (previously reported in the June Mariner) the following. . . . A highlight of the evening was a special proposal by General Agent Ryan Lister to match any funds, up to \$1,000.00 for a room at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in honor of PSD Mick Gilliam and his lovely wife Donna. To show how much these two "special folks" from Peace Valley mean to the Knights and Auxiliary family, the delegates raised \$5,401.00. The gratitude by all in attendance will be a memory to last a lifetime for all.

As we all know PSD Mick Gilliam and his lovely bride Donna have traveled the world representing the Knights of Columbus. With many "days away" away from home traveling, they have never forgotten their family, friends and the Missouri Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. As Mick has spoken in the past, his best days are spent with the Missouri Knights of Columbus and if he never left Peace Valley he was okay with that also.

With your generosity, we thank these two with a room in their honor at Knights of Columbus Developmental Center in Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Thank you once again PSD Mick and Donna Gilliam.

A KNIGHT'S LEGACY

PART ONE



Established endowments by Missouri Knights of Columbus, through Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc., to fund in perpetuity five critical needs:

- Pro-Life (Meet Life),
- Religious Vocations,
- Knights of Columbus Developmental Center (Cardinal Glennon),
- Special Olympics Missouri, Inc.,
- and an Emergency Fund.

A KNIGHT'S LEGACY

By: Brad Grill, PSD

Brother Knights, for those of you who have not had an opportunity to review the brochure "A KNIGHT'S LEGACY", a representation of same is included in this edition of the Mariner. Please take the opportunity to review the contents of the brochure and consider making a legacy donation at this time. Please note the brochure's "Ways of Participating" on behalf of yourself or your Council. A donation of a portion of life insurance or a donation directly of a required minimum distribution of an individual's retirement account for beneficial tax planning is an excellent way of funding a legacy gift. Each of the perpetual funds has been established where the corpus of same cannot be invaded, and only the income produced would be expended on an annual basis for the benefit of the specified fund's purpose. If you have any questions or would like additional information you are welcome to contact myself at (816) 741-7711, and in regard to life insurance or other funding approaches please contact Ryan Lister at (636) 856-1505.

PRO-LIFE (MEET LIFE)

Since abortion became legal in the U.S. on January 22, 1973, over 60 million babies have been aborted. Many of their parents are now living with regret and will carry that with them throughout their lifetime. Shortly after the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision, the Missouri Knights of Columbus made the abortion issue a top priority. Over the years, numerous innovative projects have been used such as the Rose for Life Campaign and the Silver Rose Campaign.



The Meet Life Campaign originated in 2011 under then State Deputy John Appelbaum. The campaign was designed to provide free ultrasound equipment, digital marketing through a collaboration with the Vitae Foundation, and the assistance of approximately 40 Pregnancy Help Center locations in reaching abortion-determined women more effectively. Thanks to this

three-way joint venture, Missouri resident abortions are the lowest in many years. The mission of Meet Life is to continue moving this trend downward. The Missouri Knights were the first in the U.S. to combine these three components of the pro-life movement and work together to save babies from abortion.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

When Fr. Michael J. McGivney established the Knights of Columbus, his goal was always spiritual in nature. While he established charity as the prime virtue of the Order, Fr. McGivney always hoped that by strengthening the Church, the Knights of Columbus could not only guide ourselves, but others, to an eternity with God.



One of the critical ways we can help build the Church is through our promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This is critically important with the decline of vocations in the last several decades in the United States.

The Religious Vocations perpetual fund will help support future vocations. It will further enable the individual dioceses in their work to promote the priesthood and religious life in grade schools, high schools, and campus ministries. There are young men and women who desire to enter a life of service to the Church. The Knights of Columbus in Missouri want to support them as they consider becoming priests or joining a religious order.



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**STATE LADIES
AUXILIARY
CHAIRCOUPLE
RON & AMY MATHIAS**

Greetings to all. Amy and I hope you are having a wonderful fall, and finding a way to stay busy. We also hope this finds you all doing well, and staying healthy. We are finishing up all of the Area Meetings for the State. It was good to talk to old friends and to meet some new ones. We are continually amazed at all of the great work the Ladies of the State of Missouri do. Amy and are very appreciative for all of the warmth and hospitality which was shown to us during all of the meetings. You all have gone out of your way to make us feel we are a part of your area. There are so many great programs and activities the Ladies are involved in. You all should be very proud of the great things you do and are accomplishing. We would also like to thank all of the State Officers, Chairman, District Deputies, and fellow Knights who also attended the meetings. You were able to help bring even more information and support to the great efforts the Ladies Auxiliaries accomplish.

Remember we are offering an incentive for the highest percentage growth in membership for the year. Please also make a great effort to increase your membership with the new rules for membership. Together I know we can reach the goal of a 5 percent increase in membership across the State.

We hope you all have a safe, blessed, and enjoyable fall. We are looking forward to seeing all the great works and programs which will be accomplished the remainder of this year. The Ladies of Missouri continue to amaze and make us proud to be a part of everything you do.

Amy and I are looking forward to seeing many of you throughout the rest of this year. God Bless you all.

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MEMORIAM

James (Jim) E. Giefer, Sr.	571
Peter Ikona	571
David A. Schank	571
Deacon Steven Welsh	571
John C. Howard	698
Robert J. Barr	876
Jerry E. Hitt	876
Thomas C. Vogl	876
Charles H. Schumann	995
Donald T. McAtee	1037
Vernon E. Roth	1037
Lawrence E. Samples	1037
James M. Wilder	1037
John W. Devine	1576
James R. Exler	1927
Dennis L. Schieber	1931
Geoffrey G. Bilger	2117
James Altadonna	2119
Robert Haddad	2119
Joseph A. Hess	2119
John F. Boland	4300
Louis A. Mautino PSD	4300
Howard E. Davis	4858
Waif C. Rackley, Jr.	4858
Christopher D. Bohnsack	6405
Stanley E. Clippard	6405
Edward Z. Beussink	6406
Harold C. Witte	6525
Robert L. Vogel	6550
Gary R. Boulch	6871
William (Bill) Temmon	8399
Theodore V. Salvia	10794
James T. Rooney	12288
Ioakimo "Niko" Falaniko	13901

Please pray for those that have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Please notify me if there are any omissions or errors. Mike Deamos

FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE SAYS . .

It is time to start thinking about scholarships! The Missouri State Council awards a total of eleven (11) scholarships each year. Each scholarship has an annual award of \$1500, payable in installments of \$750 per semester.



- Four Luke E. Hart Memorial Scholarships. The recipients must attend one of the branches of the University of Missouri: Columbia, St. Louis, Rolla, or Kansas City. If fewer than four qualified applicants apply, then these scholarships may be awarded as specified for Missouri State Scholarships.

- Three Missouri State Scholarships. The recipients may attend any accredited University or College within the state of Missouri.

- Three Vocation Scholarships. The recipients may attend any accredited seminary or college of their choice to study for a vocation to the religious life. If no applications are received from applicants desiring to study for a vocation to the priesthood or to serve in a religious community, then these scholarships may be awarded to other applicants with preference given to those attending Catholic institutions.

- One Tech School Scholarship. The recipient may attend any accredited Technical School. These are normally two-year programs.

The student must be a member of the Knights of Columbus; the son, daughter, or wife of a member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing; the son, daughter, or non-remarried wife of a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of a Ladies Auxiliary of a Missouri Knights Council; a Squire or Columbus Girl in good standing attested to by the Chief Counselor and GK; or a minor child whose legal guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus. The membership requirements do not apply to Vocation applicants.

Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of Catholic citizenship, community service, scholarship, and financial need, by a committee appointed by the State Deputy. All scholarships are for Missouri residents. Payments are made directly to the institution. Completed applications using only the 2021-2022 application form, available from the state website, and required certification forms must be postmarked no later than February 20, 2022. For questions contact Tom Gray at scholarships@mokofc.org

Consecration of the Holy Family - The feast of the Holy Family will be on Sunday, December 26, 2021. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family, this program goes beyond just reciting a prayer, and it should be shared with your whole parish.

The word consecration literally means "association with the sacred", and as such it requires a commitment. To receive the full benefit of intercession from the Holy Family, one must cleanse the body, mind and soul. The consecration of your family needs to be intentional, a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. Accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example. This program is detailed out step by step on the supreme website WWW.kofc.org under the "What we do" and "Programs" then "Family", you will see this program and more.

Let's make a difference this year! Talk with the leaders of your Council, talk with your Pastors and bring this fantastic program to your church, excite your Knights members to be a part of this event. This event might even help get people back to mass! This program could be the catalyst that jumps start your Council showing other Catholic men, that joining the Knights is the right path knowing their dedication to the Holy Family.

FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD



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

For more information contact Chairman Ed Cirar
guild@mokofc.org

DD Charlie Ray District #5 Reporting Good News

I want to take this opportunity to thank Roland Cretel for his service as the former District Deputy #5. Roland has decided to step down as District Deputy #5. All the councils in District #5 want to wish Roland the very best. This past week I went out to meet all the Councils in District #5.

All the Councils are doing great things. Working on membership and programs in their areas. Look forward in working with all the Councils in the future.

St. Therese Council 7199 - Grand Knight Dan Ladd held a live meeting October 11, 2021. The Council held their Tootsie Roll Drive October 8, 9 and 10 at several locations with a good turnout.

All of the cases of Tootsie Rolls ordered sold. October 23 and 24, the Council will be hosting coffee & donuts before Mass. The Council will donate money to the Coats for Kids program.

Christmas With Santa: \$10.00/50/50 raffle ticket to go on sale. Send out raffle information to Families for Christmas. Savor was a huge success Ten Knights and family members staffed the bar trailer, to sell 50/50 raffle tickets.

St. Andrew Council 12655 - Grand Knight Johnny Davis's Council held a live meeting at the parish school. The Council held a pancake Breakfast Sunday October 24. They

Council is also working on a Sonogram Donation. The Council held their Tootsie Roll Drive October 16 and 17, at the Gladstone Hy-Vee with great success.

The Council approved purchasing a wheelchair. St. Andrew Council 12655 on their way doing great things.

Twelve Apostles Council 16189- Grand Knight Donald Stenzel is holding live meetings at Twelve Apostles Church.

Twelve Apostles held a Golf Tournament with 19 sponsors September 18, 2021 with a great turnout. The Council held a fundraiser for Back to School Backpacks.

The first Breakfast Burrito Drive-thru was held on Sunday, October 3, 2021. The Council made one hundred burritos and all distributed on free will donation at the parish. A Tootsie Roll Drive was held October 8, 9 and 10, 2021

Holy Family Council 14266 - Grand Knight Charlie Ray is holding live meetings in parish hall. Holy Family Council held a Breakfast Burrito Drive-thru October 10, 2021. The Council made 288 burritos. This has been a huge success for the Council. The Council and the parish are planning starting up the Parish Breakfasts January 9, 2022. Starting in January the Council will be assisting with coffee and

donuts the fourth Sunday in parish hall. The Council is on track for Star Council. The Knights have collection barrels in the parish collecting coats, and the Council donated to the Coats for Kids. The Council held their Tootsie roll drive October 16 and 17 at the parish. This year the Council is doing well.

The Council donated a cash donation to the Parish Giving Tree program for Christmas. A cash donation made to the Day of Hope.

The Council is on track with the Faith In Action Program. The Council supports Seminarian Paul Sappington with a birthday donation. Holy Family Council will be hosting a live Exemplification Sunday November 14, 2021 at 1pm.

Holy Trinity Council 12288 - Grand Knight Tom Vece held a live Council meeting October 21, 2021. Holy Trinity Council 12288 has been busy.

The Council held a live Degree September 19 and brought in two new members. Grand Knight Tom reported that the Council has made their quota of three new members for their Council. The Council had a pancake breakfast October 17, 2021.

The Council will be donating to Coats for Kids. Council will be donating to the Farmer House.

The Council Held their Tootsie Roll Drive 8, 9 and 10.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HOSTED BY HARRISONVILLE #6550



Photo left: Fr. Puetz Council #6550 in Harrisonville at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish with a program supporting the National Day of Prayer for the Unborn. Left Chaplain Fr. Dan Reardon and Council Life Director Darrell Leis. Center Ladies of the parish placing a rose in honor of the Unborn.

District 38 Continues Hard Work In Community

By: DD Bruce Gardiner and Jim Paunicka

Bishop John Wurm Council #1376 – On his way to our Sept. BBQ, Chairman Charlie Blair observed another BBQ being set up a couple of blocks away. Later that day we discovered the event was to benefit the family of the Wentzville Marine who was killed during the evacuation of the Kabul airport. The competition had no impact on the success of our operation that day and, in recognition of the competition, we provided a \$100 donation to their cause.

Also in Sept., three members of our Council attended the Silver Rose program at St. Ann of Normandy. SK Jerry Reich served as reader for the well-done and moving devotion. October began with the Life Chain event on the afternoon of 10/3. SK Chris Cordia coordinated the event and two other members of our Council, including Deacon Sam Lee, attended. Chris also coordinated and led the Fatima Rosary on 10/16 held in the side yard of our hall in front of our BVM Shrine.

The Oct. BBQ was a rousing success. Per SK Harold Brewer (one of our expert pit masters), we sold 105 pork steaks that day. Brother Brewer said that prior to our adoption of the 3/4 inch steaks currently available, we had sold around 40 steaks per BBQ. Our Council was honored to host the annual District 38 Religious Appreciation Dinner on 10/16. Sister Eileen O'Keeffe, CCVI spoke of the relationship between family and religion relating many personal experiences/anecdotes. We welcomed 23 priests, nuns, and deacons to our hall with food provided by As-You-Like-It Catering Service.

We participated in the annual MR drive on 10/15, 16 & 17 at the St. John Schnuck's store. Per Tootsie Roll chair Jerry Reich, we received \$1818 in donations.

Holy Spirit Council (new name, changed from St. Ann Council) #3977 – Our name change has been approved by the Supreme Council and we are now to be known as Holy Spirit Council 3977. This name change reflects our new home at Holy Spirit Parish in Maryland Heights, MO. We are very excited about this because we feel the name change will make men of the parish aware of our presence and are very hopeful of gaining more members!

We co-sponsored the first Mike Koch Memorial Golf Tournament on October 16, with Bishop Wurm Assembly #2012, at Eagle Springs Golf Course in North St. Louis County. It looks like it was a rousing success! The weather was great, and it looks like there were upwards of 60 golfers that contributed to the Knights' causes. I am sure Mike would have been proud! Our Tootsie Roll drive was a success, but we will have to wait for our November meeting to get the final totals for this and for the golf tournament. We also received the Founders Award for 2020 -2021 from our insurance agent, Jim Ferris. We hope to have more awards this year, as we continue to work hard and gain new members!

Msgr. Sprenke Council #12676 – The Sprenke Knights participated in the Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and held a blood drive in mid-September at St. Ann Parish in Normandy with the ImpactLife organization.

We were able to secure a cash grant for our St. Ann Parish Grade School from ImpactLife due to getting a large enough number of blood donors for the drive.

We held a Soccer Challenge event at St. Ann Grade School, after a year off due to Covid, and had a record 88 participants. Four of the winners from the grade school won at the St. Louis Regionals and are headed to the State Finals for the Soccer Challenge. We hosted the Silver Rose prayer service for our District at St. Ann Church, followed by a meeting of the KofC St. Louis Chapter downstairs in the Parish Center. We supported the St. Ann Parish Men's Club by working the concession stand for the 60th Annual Msgr. Sprenke Soccer Tournament for young girls and boys, the oldest continuous soccer tournament west of the Mississippi River.

We participated in a Religious Appreciation dinner event with the Bp. Wurm Council in our District, including helping line up a guest speaker from our parish, Sister Eileen O'Keeffe, CCVI (*Congregatio Caritatis a Verbo Incarnato* / Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word). Sr. Eileen had a great personal story about meeting Mother Theresa (including sharing a meal with the future saint). During the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Ascension Charity

Classic golf tournament, which was held at nearby Norwood Hills Country Club, we volunteered to work the parking activities, receiving charitable contributions for our Council from the tournament organization for our help. Special thanks to Bruce Gardiner for arranging for this fundraising opportunity, which he opened up to all Councils in our District as well as to Bp. Wurm Assembly #2012.

Our Lady of the Presentation Council #13270 – We started the 2nd quarter of our Fraternal year with a flurry of activities. We hosted the annual Parish Block Party in September providing Hot Dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda to our fellow Parishioners while enjoying music and fellowship. At the last minute we took on the Bar-B-Que concession at the Overland Community's Autumn in the Park Festival. It turned out to be a beautiful day and even with a scaled back event, the crowds were great and it was worth our effort to provide this service to the community. A couple of members of our Council also helped monitor parking for the Ascension Charity Golf Classic. Long days, large crowds but the service was fun and we earned a few dollars for our Council's Charitable efforts.

In October we helped sponsor the Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner with our brother Council and showed our appreciation for the clergy and religious at all of the local parishes.

Also in October we started a Men's Bible study on the Gospel of St. John using the Dynamic Catholic program "Turning Point". We have nine men from the Council and the Parish starting out on this study...a tremendous response for a first-time men's study group.

October was also Tootsie Roll Drive month, and we spent a weekend at a local Schnucks Store and collected over \$700 from the generous patrons.

We will be ending this year of 2021 strong with a blood drive coming up in November and a parish wide Christmas Party in December. We have also taken the lead in helping to organize our Pre-Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl Trivia to be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

All in all, it feels good that we are meeting in person and activities are getting back to normal.

District 31 Is Going Strong

By: John Kainady, DD

Dardenne Council 2273 celebrated their 100 year anniversary with a banquet. They did the Tootsie Roll drive and a Blood Drive. They had good participation from the members and the parish on their 5th Sunday program.

Warrenton Council 2341 is alive & well. They had their Tootsie Roll drive and a blood drive. They sponsored a Golf Tournament to benefit their parish school. Also, they restored their parish Grotto.

Cottleville Council 7198 had a Car Show and Tootsie Roll drive. They had a Combined Degree Exemplification. Their 'Burger Night' on Wednesdays is very popular. They bought and planted a tree for

the church.

New Melle Council 11656 had a 'Breakfast for Dinner' at their parish. They also had a Car Show and their Tootsie Roll drive. They helped the church with their sausage supper. Their 'Helping Hands' program is very popular in the parish.

St. Gianna Council 14561 is getting ready for their annual 'Homeless Care Package' for the coming winter. They plan to give away 100 Care Packages to the needy.

They hosted the 'Silver Rose' for the district. They did the Tootsie Roll drive and had a combined Degree Exemplification.

They also participated in the 'Coats for Kids' program. See page 3 for picture.

Bishop Timon Council #6405 PGK Vet Joe Don Randol Honored



Bishop Timon Council #6405, Jackson, Mo. second Grand Knight, Joe Don Randol (1974-1976) was the Parade Marshal for the Veterans Day Parade November 11th. Pictured with Joe Don is his lovely wife Brenda and driver John Palisch. Congratulations Joe Don on your worthy recognition.

Lake of the Ozark Council #6365 Camdenton Receives Columbian Award



DD Ron Schwintek presents Camdenton Council GK Kevin Connelly with Council Columbian Award. Congratulations #6365!

Veteran Community Project Receives Donation From Knights of Columbus Council #9625 St. Charles



Members of Council 9625 in St. Charles County Missouri present a check October 18, 2021 to the "VCP" Veteran Community Project. VCP is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization serving homeless and at-risk Veterans with tiny homes in St Louis and around the country, wrap-around support services and emergency assistance. Veterans Community Project is on a mission to eliminate Veteran homelessness by providing transitional-housing. Serving all is The Knights of Columbus Way!

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MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM

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