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BRIAN ZIEGLER



### HAPPY NEW YEAR

While we are entering a new calendar we are only half way through our fraternal year. And we should ask ourselves 1 thing. What have we done to strengthen our order so that

we may continue to be the Strong Right Arm of the Church in support of our Priests and Bishops?

There is one easy and simple thing that all brother Knights can do to help us become stronger and that is ASK others to join us. By having them join on line the first year is free and its simple. They simply go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and fill out the form . In the promo code they use BlessedMcGivney and when they have hit submit they will receive a confirmation email to return and they are members. They will still need to do a unified degree but they can start reaping the benefits immediately.

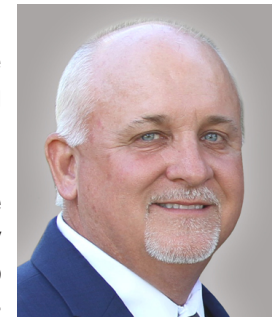
Why is it that we as Knights are so free to talk with other men about sports, hunting, fishing or other hobbies but yet we either can not or will not talk about the Knights and ask others to join us? Brothers are you not proud of our order? Are you not proud to be a member and want to ensure the order and the church stay strong? My personal challenge to each of you is to personally ask 1 man to join our order. If you have someone in mind but are afraid to ask then please email me [bz6420@hotmail.com](mailto:bz6420@hotmail.com) or call me at 573-450-4902 and I will do it for you.

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas season. There are programs that have due dates coming up by January 31<sup>st</sup>, including Council Final reports for the Developmental Disabilities Drive, Missouri State Essay Contest for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

March 8th is our annual Knights at the Mavericks game at Cable Dahmer Arena, the game start at 4pm and the tailgate will be ready for fun and good food starting at 2pm. With all proceeds going to Special Olympics Missouri. Go to our website for complete information.

Take time to invite men to our order, be “Fishers of Men” So much more, please take the time to read all the Directors columns.



STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR  
JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

May I begin by wishing all of have a Happy and Blessed Christmas, Final Report Forms for awards, were due December 1, and Turn-Around Fund Requests, are still coming in for the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual **Drive for Developmental Disabilities**. Councils should act to make sure that their reports are sent in as soon as possible, we need to wrap this event up, and get all the reports and money in by the end of January. There are still about 65 councils that have not sent in any reporting. Thank you to all the Councils and families who participated in supporting the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center and your local charities supporting the developmentally disabled.

Appeal letters have gone out for donations to Agape House and American Wheelchair Mission. Right now, there is a concerted effort to get wheelchairs to the Kansas City area as the need has been bigger than the supply. Please consider donating to these worthy causes.

As if you haven’t noticed recently, it’s cold outside! Missouri Knights are making sure that NO child goes without a coat! The coats for Kids drive this year has been nothing but outstanding. Missouri Knights have given over 450 cases of coats to children in need. “Well done Missouri Knights”. We need to make sure that every child has a coat, through our **Coats for Kids** drive. Each Council should consider this as a must do program, nothing makes a child smile than a new coat. Don’t be afraid to pool your efforts with area councils. More hands means more coats and more success towards this worthy cause.

There is little time to go before the January 31 deadline for our **Essay Contest**. Councils can submit one winner from their Council contest for each of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, to Chairman Bill Lueckenhoff. Students in these grades are asked to write 350 – 500 words on our theme this year, “**Everyone has a vocation in life. How might you go about determining what your vocation is?**”. With our decreasing number of seminarians, this topic should be on the lips of everyone, Kids will learn so much by participating in this contest. Local councils should be collecting and voting on their council winners, then have them sent to Chairman Bill Lueckenhoff either by mail (program manual has address) or by email [wdlueckenhoff@embarqmail.com](mailto:wdlueckenhoff@embarqmail.com).

Basketball Free throw contest should be underway in councils that are participating. Please get these local contests done, so the kids will be ready to start the district contest which should start February 1<sup>st</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> with the regionals starting February 16<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> with the State contest in March 10<sup>th</sup> Starting at noon at Fr. Tolton Catholic High School in Columbia. Questions on this event, please contact Tim Vargesko at [timvargesko@columbianknightts.org](mailto:timvargesko@columbianknightts.org)

Finally, please remember that our website [www.MoKofC.org](http://www.MoKofC.org) will be fully implemented and ready to go by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our prior UKnight site will be unavailable. Take some time on one of Missouri’s cold winter nights to simply browse the site that the state has assembled. You’ll be glad you did.



### 2025 Golf Tournament

July 19, 2025  
Mozingo Lake Golf Course  
Maryville, MO

Contact: Ron Mathias 660-528-0767 or  
PSD Mike Grudzinski 660-582-2708



### 2025 KC State Bowling Tournament

O’Fallon #2269, MO  
March 1-2, 2025  
For More Information  
Contact: Kevin Hudnut  
Phone: 1-636-856-3296



### 2025 Horseshoe Tournament

August 15-16-17, 2025  
Hosted by: Oran #4311  
Location: Oran, MO  
Contact: Randy Senciboy  
Phone: 1-573-380-4477

Visit Knights of Columbus  
Historical Museum  
Fr. Helias Council #1054  
1822 Tanner Bridge Rd.,  
Jefferson City, MO  
Contact: Tony Dohmen,  
(573) 635-1898





**STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE**

The Family activity group hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year. We enjoyed seeing everyone at the Mid-year DD meeting at Margaritaville in December. Missouri State Council Scholarships for the 2025-2026 Academic Year! These are due by February 20th. We will be awarding eleven scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00. These scholarships are divided into the following four categories:



- Four Luke E. Hart Scholarships granted to students attending any branch of the University of Missouri System.
- Three Missouri State Scholarships granted to students attending any college in the state of Missouri or any Catholic college regardless of location.
- Three Vocation Scholarships granted to seminarians attending any seminary or college of their choice in pursuit of a vocation to religious life.
- One Technical School Scholarship granted to students attending any accredited Technical or Trade School.

Applicants must be a member of the Knights of Columbus, the child or spouse of an active or deceased member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the K of C Ladies Auxiliary, or a member of the K of C Squires or Columbus Girls. Membership requirements do not apply to seminarians seeking a Vocation Scholarship. Application forms are located on the Missouri State Knights website at [mokofc.org](http://mokofc.org). Select PROGRAMS/Family from the dropdown menu and “the state website” link under Scholarships or contact Paul O’Brien at the contact below.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by February 20th, 2025, and sent to:  
 Paul O’Brien,  
 Scholarships Chairman  
 1619 Devin Drive Carthage, MO 64836  
[thepaulobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:thepaulobrien1@gmail.com)

The State Cornhole Tournament will take place in Ozark Mo at St. Joseph the Worker Parish February 21-22. We will have a public tournament open to all on Friday with partners selected by random draw and a cost of \$10 per player. The State tournament will take place on Saturday and is limited to Knights and their families. The cost will be \$40 per team for early registration or \$50 at the door. This is a great chance to get out and meet other Knights from around the state. There will be good food and fellowship. There will also be a raffle for a new gas grill and other raffle opportunities. Join us for a fun-filled weekend. All the proceeds from this event support Special Olympics of Missouri.

March 1-2 is the State Bowling Tournament hosted by O’Fallon Knights of Columbus. There are three separate events: Single and Doubles on Saturday at O’Fallon Bowl and Team Competition will be on Sunday at Frontier Bowl in O’Fallon. The cost is \$20 per event per member, \$100 for a 5-person team. Please see the State website for more information and entry forms.

**STATE LIFE DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN**



Greetings Brother Knights and Your Families!

Happy and Blessed New Year everyone! Here we are 2025, it doesn’t seem possible. This year brings us a new opportunity to pray for our families and pray for life. We are celebrating the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque receiving her visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1674. “Our Lord reminded her of that ancient and beautiful devotion, and she shared that gift with the world,” said Supreme Knight Kelly at the Supreme Convention. “As our Lord told her: ‘Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love.’ Mr. Kelly announced that in early 2025, the Knights will help spread devotion to the Sacred Heart with the launch of a new pilgrim icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Pope Francis blessed these icons and they have been shipped around the world. Missouri will receive 5 of these icons. We will be coordinating sending these icons around all of Missouri. David Mitchel will be the chairman of this program. If you want to be involved, call or text David at 417-830-8000. These icons are fairly large at 36” by 48” and can be displayed at your parish with your priests permission or in your hall, at your Cor meetings, or in your homes. The idea is to flood heaven with prayers to the Sacred Heart for our families, our communities, and our world. With the passing of Amendment 3, we need to step up and help Missouri families in need more than ever. Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) is a featured program to support pregnant women, mothers, and their children, both born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Through ASAP, for every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization. Non-profit (501c3 – U.S. / Registered Charities – Canada) pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes that do not provide, refer for, or promote abortion or contraception, and are welcoming of Catholics, are eligible. Contact your local diocesan “Respect Life” office regarding qualified organizations to support. Visit [kofc.org/asap](http://kofc.org/asap) and review the grant instructions for more details.

There are a variety of activities you can organize to qualify for ASAP funds – most fall within the categories of financial support and material assistance: Examples of financial support include: direct donations, Baby Bottle Drives, proceeds from fundraisers, open houses, etc. Examples of material assistance include: donations of baby items (equipment, food, formula, diapers, wipes), clothes (maternity, baby, infant and toddler) and other items often listed on a center’s or maternity home’s website. Please consider doing something to change hearts to protect life. Most importantly, pray to make aborting unthinkable.

**STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG**



The new year has begun. We are now in the Jubilee Year of the Church. Pilgrims of Hope is the theme for the Jubilee. Let us be Pilgrims of Hope by giving men hope by inviting them to come together to be better men, husbands, and fathers. Through Cor programs, council’s can start building up the faith of the men of the parish and their communities. If anyone has questions about how to start a Cor group or have any success stories of your program please reach out to Jason Kehl Cor Chairman. His email is [jasonkehl@spirit-machinery.com](mailto:jasonkehl@spirit-machinery.com). Another way to help

with Hope is to help foster Religious Vocations in our State. Through the MRVF we provided funds for the Diocese of Missouri to help youth interested in Vocations. The fund is in need of every council’s help. Please give to this great program. You can contact Tom Broadbent with any questions.

On the State website, [mokofc.org](http://mokofc.org), the applications are ready for Parish Schools, PSR, RCIA, and other education programs for Parishes and Catholic Schools to apply for the Monsignor Mancus Education Grant. **All applications must be made online**. No paper applications will be accepted. Get with your Parishes to let them know that there is Grant money from the Knights of Columbus to help support the education of the youth and adults of their Parish. Application deadline is March 1st 2025 NO Exceptions. So don’t let this information escape your Parish.

Pray Three Hail Marys To End Abortion

**6TH ANNUAL STATE CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

**St. Joseph the Worker Council #10200 Ozark  
 Council #13748 Nixa**

**Hosts**

**6th Annual Corn Hole Tournament  
 Held At St. Joseph the Worker Facility**

**Friday February 21st  
 Saturday February 22nd**

**Friday night is open to the Public  
 Saturday is open to all  
 Missouri Knights of Columbus  
 and their families**



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