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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER



Brothers where does time go? It is hard to believe that January is over already. With moving on to February that draws us to the super bowl and closer to lent and that means fish fries for councils.

What do these two events have in common you ask yourself? Well they are both prime chances for us to invite fellow Catholic gentlemen to join our order and to strengthen it. Almost everyone will be at a super bowl party whether it's to watch the Chiefs or just to partake of the food but while we are there why not ask men to join the order? Is it because you are ashamed or embarrassed by the order? The same with the fish fry's as that is perfect place to set up an informational table or maybe place a Why Join Us card in the carryout bags. I know at ours I spend the evening going around to tables refilling drinks and asking folks to join.

We must do a better job of growing our order because if not then who will be there to defend the widows and orphans? Who will be the strong right arm of the church? Who will defend our priests and bishops?

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Program Director: Chuck Paquette As we enter the sacred season of Lent, a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, I encourage each of us to embrace this opportunity for spiritual growth.

The Knights of Columbus have a long and proud tradition of service to the Church and community. During this Lenten season, fish fry's will dominate our time for the next 6 weeks, the state events with the cornhole tournament, bowling, Mavericks game and the blues games are on the schedule. These are not just events that we do every year; these are our prime time to ask fellow catholic men to join our order. Invite men to all of these events, let them see what we do, let them see our passion and dedication, thus, making it easy to Ask the Question! Will you be part of the Great brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. May this Lenten journey be a time of grace and renewal for each of us.



STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

We are working on getting all the funds and reports turned in for the Developmental Disabilities Drive. At this time if your council has not turned in your report with the funds, please do so, our goal is to have all the reporting in by end of February. There are about 56 councils that have not sent in their report or money for the Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. It is very important that we get these funds in as soon as possible, so we can get the turnaround funds out and money to the programs around Missouri that really need the funds. The Basketball Free Throw across Missouri are under way, by now all the council contest should be done along with most of the district free throw contest. Regionals are set to run February 2nd – March 2nd, with the State being held on March 9th at Fr. Tolton High School located at 3351 E Gans Rd, Columbia, MO 65201. Thanks to Tim Vargesko who has worked hard to get information out to the District Deputies, which makes this a thriving event.

Life Services chairman, Charles Lenau sent out an appeal letter for the Wheelchair Mission. This will enable us continue to deliver wheelchairs for the state of Missouri and beyond. Again, thank you Missouri Knights. Donations keep coming in for the Agape House, this program will help visiting family of incarcerated individuals a place to stay. Agape house translated means “Christian Love” treating their guest with respect, love and caring. Disaster Preparedness program is on the Supreme website. After the terrible fires in California, we need to be prepared especially considering that tornado season will be upon us in a few months. Being prepared for such a disaster, can help a community when natural disasters occur. This program engages councils to approach emergency situations by being ready in times of disasters. From the supreme website it reads: “As community leaders, Knights of Columbus will ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared through a campaign that promotes planning and education.” Helping others when time are hard is what Knights of Columbus have been doing since it started.

Finally, please find the time to check out our newly updated state website, www.MoKofC.org. The site is still in transition but the new version will allow you to see upcoming events, information from various programs including the forms to make those happen. This site will soon take the place of the printed Mariner which has but two remaining publications. The Mariner is an expensive form of print and the new website will be able to save the state a considerable amount of money so please take the time to check out our new website.



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

St. Louis Blues Hockey
March 23, 2025
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Contact: Michael Koehler
dragon_1966@hotmail.com

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toward
Sainthood
For more information
contact
Chairman Ed Cirar
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STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

We hope everyone is having a great start to the New Year. Here is a summary of the upcoming events in Family Activities and an exciting announcement about tickets for the Mavericks game.



- **Scholarship Deadlines:** There are 11 scholarships offered through the State Council. Applications must be postmarked or emailed to Paul O'Brien by midnight on February 20.
- **State Cornhole Tournament:**
 - **Dates:** February 21-22
 - **Location:** St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Ozark, MO
 - **Friday:** Open tournament with random draw partners, \$10 per player
 - **Saturday:** State tournament for Knights and their families, \$40 per team for early registration, \$50 at the door
 - **Raffles:** Grill and many other items waiting for you to take a chance
- **Proceeds:** Support Special Olympics of Missouri
- **State Bowling Tournament:**
 - **Dates:** March 1-2
 - **Location:** O'Fallon Bowl (Sat.) and Frontier Bowl (Sunday), O'Fallon, MO
 - **Events:** Singles and Doubles on Saturday, Team Competition on Sunday
 - **Cost:** \$20 per event per member, \$100 for a 5-person team
 - **Knights Night at the Kansas City Mavericks Hockey Game:**
 - **Date:** Saturday, March 8
 - **Tailgating:** Starts at 4:00 pm
 - **Game:** Starts at 6:05 pm
 - **Food:** Hot dogs, brats, chips, cookies, or brownies prepared by Council 13908 is included in the price of your ticket.
 - **Announcement:** We are excited to announce, for the first time, we will be taking credit or debit cards to purchase your tickets. You can purchase these on the new state website by selecting Events. You will then see the event details and a link to pay by card. Tickets are still available the old-fashioned way by sending a check and order form to Dave Dillon.
- **St. Louis Blues Game:**
 - **Date:** Sunday, March 23
 - **Game:** Starts at 5:00 pm
 - **Event:** Join fellow Knights and their families to cheer on the St. Louis Blues as they go for a win against the Nashville Predators
- **Knight, Lady, Youth and Family of the Month:** Do not forget to honor your Knights, Ladies, Youth and Families by nominating them. Please take the time to acknowledge the active participants in your councils, parishes and communities. Applications can be found on the State Website, and the next deadline is March 15th.

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG



The applications for the Monsignor Mancuso Catholic Education Grants are now available on the State website. Grants are \$500 and \$1000. All Catholic education programs are eligible to apply. This includes PSR, RCIA, Vacation Bible School Programs, and Religious Education Programs. Just click on the Faith tab under Programs and on the left side of the screen will be a tab for Fatih Forms. Click on the Fatih Forms tab and scroll through the list of forms for the application and information files. Please spread the word to your Parishes.

Application deadline is March 1st no late applications will be accepted. All applications are online only. NO paper applications will be accepted. Contact Fr. Joe Weber with any questions.

The Missouri Religious Vocations Fund(MRVF) is in need of your financial donations. I'm asking every council to give what they can to this fund. Any amount 20, 30, 40, or 50 dollars is not a lot of money for almost every council. With every council in the State contributing we can have a great impact on helping promote religious vocations throughout our State. With the shortage of Priests and those entering convents and monasteries we as Knights have a duty to help in any way possible to help foster these vocations to ensure the strength of our Church. Contact Tom Broadbent with any questions.

We will be announcing our next State Pilgrimage soon. Micheal Calliote is presently working on getting the next pilgrimage confirmed and will be sending out the information and posting it on the State website.

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

Contact: Michael Deamos
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STATE LIFE DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN



Greetings Brother Knights and Your Families!

Happy and Blessed February to all! It seems like January didn't give us a chance to catch our breath from December. Many people think of February 14 as the day we celebrate the love of our significant others. The popular customs of showing love and affection on St. Valentine's Day is almost a coincidence with the feast day of the saint: During the Medieval Age, a common belief in England and France was that birds began to pair on Feb. 14, "half-way through the second month of the year." Chaucer wrote in his "Parliament of Foules" (in Old English): "For this was on Seynt Valentyne's day, When every foul cometh ther to choose his mate." For this reason, the day was dedicated to "lovers" and prompted the sending of letters, gifts, or other signs of affection. Our spouse, family, friends, and all others so significant in our lives. I would like to ask you to show love for Special Olympics during February.

Special Olympics transforms lives through the joy of sport, every day, everywhere. They are the world's largest sports organization with nearly 5 million athletes in more than 170 countries. We are also a global social movement. With initiatives to activate youth, engage kids and adults with intellectual disabilities, build communities and improve the health of our athletes – they are changing the game for people young and old and asking *you* to be a part of it all. Through the power of sports, people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths, abilities, skills, and much more. Our athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment — on the playing field and in life. They also inspire people in their communities and elsewhere to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential. There are countless ways to get involved. I'd ask you to go to <https://somo.org/> for more information. Or, you can contact our Special Olympics Chairman Gary Beussink at 573-382-4002 for more information on how you can help.

You may recall that October was the month of the Rosary. Our State Deputy Michael Auchly challenged us to pray 20,000 Rosaries to defeat Amendment 3 in Missouri. I am happy to report councils reported 24,349 Rosaries completed. I would guess the actual number was three times that much as Knights are inherently not good "reporters". I know I missed the deadline to report our last 900 or so for my council. Thank you to all who most importantly participated, but those who reported your prayers as well.

Finally, I ask you to continue to make plans to host one of the Sacred Heart icons that will be making their way around the state soon. Pope Francis blessed these icons and 350 of them 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.

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**



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

