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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER



Who amongst us is proud to be a Knights Of Columbus? Who amongst us has invited a fellow brother catholic male to join us in the Knights??

If you answered Yes to question one but not question two then my question to you is why not? Why have you not invited a Catholic male aged 18 and over to join our order?

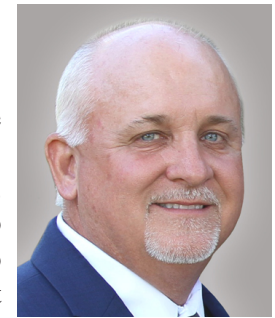
Brothers church is under attack now more than ever and is in need of the Knights to be as strong an order as they can to help defend the faith and defend our priests. We as Knights need to step forward and be vocal in our support for our priests and church.

We Knights do so much good for so many charities but imagine how much more of a help we can be if we increase our numbers as the saying goes there is strength in numbers.

Brothers we have no reason not to invite our fellow Catholics other than being afraid of being told No and we will be told No on several occasions. Think back on how many times you had to be asked before you joined. I know personally for me it was at least a dozen times but I am glad I finally did.

I have a challenge for each and everyone of you and that is to reach out to 3 Catholic men 18 and over and invite them to join

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE Missouri Knights Prepare for State Convention: “Honoring Faith, Serving Community”



Across the Show-Me State, Missouri Knights of Columbus councils are buzzing with anticipation as they gear up for the annual State Convention. This gathering, a cornerstone of the fraternal organization’s calendar, promises to be a powerful display of unity, faith, and dedication to service. Delegates from every corner of Missouri will converge, ready to engage in discussions, share best practices, and reaffirm their commitment to the Knights’ core principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The convention serves as a vital platform for members to connect, fostering a sense of brotherhood that strengthens the organization’s impact on communities statewide. This year, attendees can expect a robust agenda featuring:

- **Leadership Workshops:** Focused on empowering council leaders with the tools and strategies needed to effectively serve their communities.
- **Charitable Initiatives:** Showcasing the diverse range of charitable works undertaken by Missouri Knights, from supporting local food banks to assisting those with disabilities.
- **Spiritual Enrichment:** Opportunities for prayer, reflection, and deepening their faith, reinforcing the Knights’ strong connection to the Catholic Church.
- **State Officer Elections:** The democratic process of electing state leaders who will guide the organization’s direction for the coming year.

Beyond the formal sessions, the convention offers invaluable networking opportunities. Knights will have the chance to exchange ideas, learn from each other’s experiences, and build lasting friendships. The Missouri State Convention is more than just a meeting; it’s a testament to the enduring spirit of the Knights of Columbus. As they gather, these men will reaffirm their commitment to making a positive difference in their communities, embodying the values that have defined the organization for generations.

STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON

Welcome to spring!

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

Drive for Developmental Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive) Many councils have sent in their Drive for Developmental Disabilities paperwork but if you haven’t please do so soon. We still remain around the \$560,000 mark and could use all the help we can get. At next month’s State convention, we will present the winners of the various awards given to councils for their hard work. I will need your paperwork no later than March 31st to be considered.

The American Wheelchair Mission I’m impressed with the councils who have been donating to the Wheelchair Mission. I recently spoke with Grand Knight Paul Steube of Council 4751 in St. Louis who held a Wheelchair Mission Sunday drive. He openly admitted that he was surprised by the donations and charity of his church towards their goal. Thanks to all councils for their effort in this project. If you are in need of a wheelchair, please note that approximately 30-50 wheelchairs have been relocated to the Kansas City area and that another 15-20 will be coming to southwest Missouri soon. If you are in need of a chair, please reach out to Charles Lenau at 314-973-3631.

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

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. Many thanks to all who took part in this year’s Free Throw contests. From the council level to the state, there were some exciting moments and hard work by girls and boys alike. Final results of the state competition will be posted at the State convention. Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention in Columbia. Please come by the Community program tables to see what else is going on. We will also have the results of competitions such as the State Soccer and Free Throw contest as well as the State Essay contests. If nothing else, drop in and say hello. I’ve talked with many knights throughout the state but I would love to connect name with face. Until then. Vivat Jesus!

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

KEN LUDWIG’S

Sherwood

The Adventures of Robin Hood
Evening at the Repertory Theatre St. Louis
April 5th 2025

4 pm
\$43.00 per Ticket
Contact: Mike Koehler 314-660-5759
mdoerkofc@gmail.com

2025 Horseshoe Tournament



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

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Columbia MO
April 25-27



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STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE

I hope that everyone is having a spiritually fulfilling Lenten Season. To help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives. Consider using the Family Fully Alive Booklet as a devotional guide, this program provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations, and group projects. The booklet can be downloaded in PDF form from the Supreme Website.



Looking for State Activities of fun and fellowship? Let me tell you about recent and future activities. We had several Knights and their families join us for a tailgate and then watch the KC Mavericks defeat the visiting Idaho Steelheads 7-3 in an exciting game.

Coming up soon is an Evening at the Repertory Theatre St Louis. Join your fellow Knights Saturday April 5 to see Ken Ludwig’s “Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood”.

Do you like watching the Kansas City Royals or the St. Louis Cardinals, we have you covered. Lets cheer on the in-state rivals on May 17th for this 6:10 start time. Hopefully we will have great weather. Tailgating starts at 4:00pm in Lot N section P1-P2 located next to Gate 6. Look for US and KOFC flags flying high. The grill will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs manned by our fellow Knights. This will be a chance for the Knights statewide to gather for some good baseball and great fellowship. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit Special Olympics of Missouri. You can also order a parking pass at _ price at this time. Bring your favorite beverage water will be furnished. Tickets for the game are available on the State Website and www.mokofc.org. The Springfield area knights will be taking a bus up to the game and there are still some seats available. Please email johnhclarke@sbcglobal.net for more information on the bus ride.

I look forward to seeing several of you or your council representatives at the State Convention.

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG



At the State Convention we will be doing Perpetual Adoration starting at the end of 4pm Mass on Friday April 25th and going to the beginning of the Memorial Mass on Sunday morning April the 27th. There is a fillable signup sheet on the State Website, mokofc.org, under the Announcements tab State Convention. Any Catholic can sign up for a time slot and anyone can sign up for multiple times. If you have any trouble signing up, my contact information is on the signup sheet. Please spread the word to all the Delegates and spouses to go to the State Website and sign up to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Missouri Religious Vocations Fund is still in need of more funding. If your council or Ladies Auxiliary hasn’t made a donation please consider giving to this fund to help raise money to help support the Vocations Offices of the Diocese of the State. These funds are used to help the Dioceses promote Vocations. The Vocations Offices not only help with Priestly Vocations but also for those that have been called to Religious life. Whether it be a Convent or Monastery. Those called have are on the front lines in prayer for the protection of all of us and our Church and Faith.

Micheal Calliote is working on getting another Pilgrimage set up this spring. It will be on the west side of the State in the Kansas City area. Once he gets the date and time secured we will send out an email to all with all the information.

As the end of the fraternal year is a few months away don’t forget to get form 2863 filled out to get the \$100 reimbursement from Supreme for your support of seminarians through the RSVP. For every \$500 you give in support of a Seminarian you can get the \$100 reimbursement, up to \$400 reimbursement per council in a fraternal year.

STATE LADIES AUXILIARY CHAIRCOUPLE REGINA & RON MACKENBERG

We have been busy processing the End of Year reports. Reading over the Lady of the Year submissions and preparing for the State Convention.

We appreciate all the Auxiliaries that sent in the reports in by the March 15th deadline.

The Area meeting schedule is coming together, and we hope to have it in the next Mariner.



Looking forward to meeting with the ladies in April. Something new this year is the Roundtable sessions. Two ladies stepped up to plan these. Beth Delano and Fran Kern. Thank you, ladies. Topics included are New Auxiliary Information (Regina Mackenberg), Fundraising (Marge Prinster), Membership (Fran Kern), Working with the Knights, (Jeanette Koehner-Thomas) and Toot Your Horn (Beth Delano)After the joint meeting with the men the first session will cover possible changes to the bylaws, and awards. In the afternoon the Roundtables. Sunday morning Bingo.

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

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STATE LIFE DIRECTOR TONY JANSEN



Greetings Brother Knights and Your Families!

Welcome Spring! What a beautiful time of year!!! Help the Knights of Columbus reach our 2,000th ultrasound machine donation! Studies show that upwards of 80% of women will choose life after seeing an ultrasound image. If you know of any pregnancy resource centers in your jurisdiction in need of an ultrasound machine, either their first one or a replacement, put them in contact with councils who are looking to support this live-saving program. Ultrasounds can be funded by one or more councils so don’t hesitate to organize regional fundraisers for one machine. Visit kofc.org/ultrasound for resources and to learn more.

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

The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with Special Olympics and has helped athletes with disabilities compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program including fundraising, feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community. For Special Olympics resources, visit www.kofc.org/olympics. Featured Program Requirements • For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Contribute a minimum of 200 volunteer hours or \$2,000 in support of Special Olympics activities. Report activity using the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784).

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

Help!
My Adult Kids don't go to Mass.
What can I do?

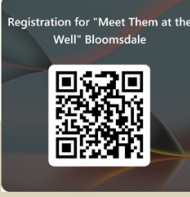
MEET THEM AT THE WELL
Walking with our Loved Ones who have left the Church

LEARN HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR ADULT CHILDREN ABOUT FAITH	HEAR PRACTICAL DO'S AND DON'TS
PRACTICE SHARING YOUR FAITH STORY WITH OTHERS	GAIN STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING "ROADBLOCKS" TO RETURNING

BLOOMSDALE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
SUNDAY, APRIL 6
1:00PM-4:00PM

BLOOMSDALE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
175 JERSEY LANE,
BLOOMSDALE, MO 63627

Registration REQUIRED
Sign up at this QR code






Registration for "Meet Them at the Well" Bloomsdale

or

<https://forms.office.com/r/qkKbHWxCM5>

More Info:
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Southern Vicariate of the ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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

Pray Three Hail Marys To End Abortion