

Michael Auchly joined the Knights of Columbus in 1988 at Montgomery City, MO Council 2044 and has held several positions in his local council including Financial Secretary for twenty years and Grand Knight. He is also a member of the Fourth Degree Bishop Leo J. Steck Assembly 572 and is a Past Faithful Navigator and a member of the Honor Guard.

Michael started serving on the State Council level nineteen years ago as a District Deputy in 2005 under State Deputy Ron Woods earning the coveted Star District Deputy Award and also served two years as a DD for State Deputy Mick Gilliam. In 2008 he was asked to be the Columbian Squires Chairman by State Deputy Greg Stratman for which he served two years. State Deputy John Appelbaum reappointed him as Columbian Squires Chairman for a third year for which he won the Supreme Council Award for Largest Percentage Increase in Membership with the Columbian Squires in 2010. During his time as the Squires/Columbus Girls Chairman 8 new circles were added to the Missouri Jurisdiction.

State Deputy John Appelbaum the next year in 2011 appointed him to his first directorship as Youth Director. In 2012 State Deputy Brad Grill asked him to continue as Youth Director where Missouri had several national winners in the Soccer Kick Competition, Free Throw Contest, Poster and Essay Contest. In 2013 three of the ten International Soccer Champions were from Missouri. In State Deputy Grill's second term he appointed Michael as the Council Director. The State Archives and Museum were established at that time.

In 2014 State Deputy Keith Milson asked him to be the Respect Life Director for which he served two years placing eight ultrasound machines that are still in use today and raising \$616,122.55 in contributions towards the Meet Life Goal. Abortions in Missouri decreased from 8,740 to 7,275. He served as the RIB Director for State Deputy Joe Rosenthal in 2016 and 2017 with a total number of \$536,155.17 in contributions.

In 2018 State Deputy Bob Hawkins asked Michael to serve as his General Program Director for which he did so for two years until 2020 providing some of the best hospitality rooms for the Supreme Conventions with the help of Ruth Ann. Then in 2020 State Deputy Mike Grudzinski appointed him the Missouri State Membership Director for which he served two years starting two new Councils with 1,780 new members. He oversaw the turnaround with a positive growth in membership that had not been seen in a few years. Michael was elected as the Missouri State Council Secretary in 2022 and re-elected in 2023. In 2024 Michael was elected by the Missouri State Council as the State Deputy for the Missouri Jurisdiction and is looking forward to being re-elected in 2025.

Michael is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Montgomery City. He is very active in his parish as he has previously served as Parish Council President and is currently serving as the Finance and Administration Commission Chairman, the Immaculate Conception Catholic School Recruitment Committee Chairman, serves on the Saint Mary's Cemetery Association and is a member of the Knights of Columbus Development Center Board of Visitors.

Michael received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1992 and worked for over 25 years in the manufacturing industry in purchasing and sales forecasting. Michael is very active in his community having served as a Past President of Kiwanis, Volunteer Fireman, First Responder, Middle School Football Coach, Town Santa Claus and member of the World Famous Montgomery Town Band. He currently owns and operates his own restaurant called BUNDY'S Burgers and Ice Cream in Montgomery City since 2019.

Michael grew up in Montgomery County on a Century Farm, where he currently resides, being the fifth generation of his family to live there and operate the farm of which he has now retired. When not working in the restaurant he enjoys spending his free time visiting with friends, attending social functions and performing in several local community bands.