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FIRST SESSION, APRIL 28, 2018

SD Joe Rosenthal: I welcome you to the One Hundred Seventeenth Missouri State Council convention here in Jefferson City and I'd appreciate your time. In the efforts you put forward this year for your councils and for the state council and for our nation overall. So with that, I am going to ask for a motion to seat the visitors?

Bruce Gardner please stand..Council #12676. And the motion. Jay

Pflugradt DD #2. One, no 2. Seconds. So we can now seat the visitors.

Oh all in favor? Aye All opposed? Please seat the visitors.

SD Joe Rosenthal: If we could quite down here, we will have the opening prayer. If I could ask our State Chaplain Fr. Rick Jones to approach and lead us in our opening prayer.

Fr. Rick Jones: In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen Christ Jesus you are the way, the truth and the light. Teach us to live the four principles of our Order. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. As Knights of Columbus living these principles are not choices we are required to live them. During this meeting, during this convention, guide us in our discussions so that we may throughly understand the matters before us.

Help us to judge these matters with knowledge and wisdom. And decide upon solutions that will truly give glory to our Father in heaven.

We ask all of this in Jesus name who lives forever and ever. Amen

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

SD Joe Rosenthal: If we can continue to stand we will have our Warden, Mike Deamos lead us in our pledge of allegiance.

State Warden Mike Deamos: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands. One nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Please be seated. We are very honored today to have the ladies join us again to join us in our presentations. Before they go next door for their own meeting. So without further adeau. I want to introduce Mike Hoyer from Missouri Catholic Conference to come up for a little time here. Mike welcome back. Applause

Mike Hoyer: Morning everyone. I was taken by surprise a little there. I've been doing this for years and normally I go after Carl Landwehr from the Vitae Society. So (laughter) I get to go first.

I got promoted! In a few weeks I'm going to be retiring from the Missouri Catholic Conference, so I thought I would take just a moment, more than anything what I want to do this morning, very quickly thank you. Thank all the Knights for all the help you have done through the years, in helping the work of the Missouri Catholic Conference which is your conference. Your voice in the state capitol and to a degree the nations capitol. Together we have had some major success and many of you will recall some of those.

You remember for example when we overrode, Governor Carnahan's veto on our ban on partial birth abortions. And the Knights raised money to put up billboards around the state. Then they organized buses to that rally. You know that was very important, very helpful.

Through the years you helped on Catholic education issues and finally a couple of years ago we were able to make sure Catholic High School students could participate in the A+ program. Which is a college scholarship program they were excluded from. The Knights responded to our Action alerts and helped make that happen.

So through the years there have been a lot of things like that, that I want to thank you for, very appreciated. We don't as I've told this group before and tell other groups, we don't wine and dine legislators. We don't, we don't endorse candidates. We don't have a pac, which we shouldn't. I don't think the church needs to be involved in, in politics as far as candidates go.

But the church does have a proper role in coming to the table in public

discussion and saying you know there is a moral dimension to this issue. Whatever it might be, healthcare, education, pro-life. And to bring that moral teaching of the church to that table in the dialogue with other people about what would be a good public policy. That would promote the sanctity and dignity of every human person. And uphold the common good in the state of Missouri and in our nation. That's our role, that's what I've been able to do for almost forty years and I'm very fortunate because, I'm very much aware because I've had jobs like this in my lifetime.

You didn't necessarily enjoy your job that much but you did it. You had to do it. People get up and go to work everyday and make a living. And they get to go home and maybe enjoy themselves because work can be very challenging. And I have been very fortunate because I've loved the job I've done. But there have been times it hasn't been fun. Where a legislator has been angry with me or the Bishop said "why do you have to do it that way?" And over forty years you have your little issues but overall, I've been very privileged to serve the Bishops and Catholics of Missouri in these things.

You know there are issues where all Catholics agree and most Catholics agree. Where it is pretty clear to everyone like abortion, we want to make it an abortion free society. Then we get into other issues that are a little more complicated, like how do we want to create more access to healthcare for people that are very poor. And people have different opinions. We are always emphasizing at the conference that we make some prudential judgments. We say here is the principle. But now what is a practical way to implement that principle so that our state can be better and our people can be better helped.

But we understand it's point of view, it's prudential judgment. So we have a discussion about that. Once more we will get someone calling in their upset. For the most part, people respect the conference I think and I appreciate that.

We recently put out a statement on gun violence and there has been some discussion on that. But I think the main point of that discussion and by the way that statement is back there in the left hand corner if you want to pick it up it's also been our public policy agenda for 2018 is back there.

But more than anything what we are talking about there is, there seems to be developing the idea that the only way we can be safe in our society is everybody has to be armed. That's the best solution. We reject that notion. We certainly accept the idea of self defense. But the idea that we all should be armed, we raise some questions about that. I guess that is something we need to have more discussion about.

How do we have a civilized society, how do we deal with that. So that is something to think about.

Let me see what else I have here. I have a few more points I want to make. I'll just very briefly talk about in this session. We have the Governor Grietens situation. We don't have a position on that. Just keep all of that in your prayers. That, that can be resolved. We just have to let that process work it's self out. The hope and prayer is that people continue to have some faith in their public officials and in government. You know the constitution talks about, when it starts off creating our country, it says we the people. Ultimately the government is us. Who we elect, not just elected but after we elect them continuing to talk to them and try to steer them in a positive direction.

We as citizens make up ultimately our government. No matter how much money is out there and other special interest. Ultimately it's us as citizens that

make a decision collectively what direction we want this government to go in. And if we do that with christian virtue and wisdom, our government can be one that stands for life, stands for compassion. But we have to be involved and that is something the Knights have been.

It is reflected in some of the things we are able to do this session and past session. You know over ten or fifteen years ago we were able to put into law the alternatives to abortion program. That program now this year is going to be funded if it stays the same way it's been in the budget, which I think it will \$6.3 million. And that provides grants to pregnancy resource Centers around the state. Which they can use for counseling, prenatal care or emergency housing.

Now they get funds from private sources but this is just also helps them. So you know thats valuable. The Show Me Healthy Babies Program provides insurance for lower income women so that they can get prenatal care.

And a new area we are starting to get into is called the Marriage initiative, Fatherhood initiative, fatherhood responsibility. There is \$2.5 million for Agencies that really try to encourage absentee fathers to reconnect with their children and their families.

If you, if you really think about it and you read the social science research on this and Carl is a sociologist probably can talk about it as well. But also if you just, if you work with lower income people you see this all the time. The family is the absolute key and the break down of the family has more to do with the social problems that emerge than almost anything else.

The statistics are very disturbing and very striking. When fathers are not present in the family, the daughters are much more likely to have a teenage pregnancy, the sons are much more likely to be incarcerated and on and on it goes. And when you have families where maybe there's two or three fathers, you have mixed families, you have situations where the children become more and more confused.

You know as Catholics we look at that and we may just say that is wrong. And we can call people to a moral life and we need to do that. But we also need to think about public policies that provide maybe a framework where people can maybe move out of that kind of situation into a better situation. That can solve a lot of problems for them and all of us.

Postpartum care is another thing we are working on. And we continue to work on prison issues. The folks in prison a lot of them are there for drug offenses, non violent offenses. If you've ever participated in Residents encounter Christ or if you've ever talked to people that have ever been on what is called the REC, Residents Encounter Christ. There are a lot of people who are in prison that have the potential. Some when they come out of prison do turn their lives around. Things like Residents Encounter Christ where we have prison ministries, that's a Catholic ministry for prisons. Can really make a difference.

But a lot of people you don't want to pay much attention to our corrections systems. But it is very important and it is always going to be with us. We are always going to have a corrections system. So the Catholic Conference has always taken an interest in criminal justice. And in general just taking an interest in all kinds of people.

People that don't have powerful lobbyist to represent them and trying to make sure people are taken care of. For instance another area that we have

always been worked on is making sure there is programs where folks could go into the nursing home but with a little help they can stay at home. Now if you have a really strong family unit that's the ideal thing. That has been my experience in my family, you end up taking care of your own parents. But if you don't have that anymore it's sort of not so strong. Then you can have other people come in and help so that person can stay in their home. There are a lot of good things like that we try to do and encourag.

We are really more public policy, we don't do the direct service. You are going to be hearing from the people who do the more direct service. We hope, our goal is to just try and help them flourish and do that more.

So with that I am going to finish, I just want to tell you all, I really appreciate it, the Knights and all the work you done through the years. The way you have helped the Catholic Conference, your loyalty with the church and the mission of the church. Thank you very much. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Mike I have a couple of things for you. The first ones a check here for the Missouri Catholic Conference. It is a check for \$8,000.00, for a grant this year. So we appreciate everything you do. Applause

The second thing, the second thing I have for you Mike. I know you are going into retirement. I know a state police officer that retired a Sargent and he loves to bake so I'm really hoping you do to. Laughter Because we have a gift for you that happens to be one of our Supreme Convention pie plates. Applause

Mike Hoye: Thanks once again we appreciate it very much. God Bless you all. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: With that our next speaker will be somebody that we know real well here in the state of Missouri. He has been a good friend, that will be Carl Landwehr from the Vitae Foundation. Applause

Carl Landwehr Vitae Foundation: Joe thank you very much for inviting me once again to be part of this special, special convention. Fr. Rick, Special guest, Brother Knights all again thank you for this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you relative to the work of the Vitae Foundation. Now a joint venture with the Knights of Columbus through the Meet Life Campaign.

In recent days, I frequently get asked to critical questions. One, will we ever see an end to abortion? The second question if so, how will that be achieved?

Now the first question can best be answered by my discussion I had with a very good friend of mine Peter Herschend who owns Silver Dollar City, Dollywood and who knows how many theme parks around the world.

Peter told me essentially and I'm 72 years of age, "Carl you will never see at your age the end to abortion." However when you and people just all of you here today. You are witnessing the beginning of end of abortion. The beginning of the end to abortion.

Is Peter just guessing or is there some statistical reason why this is true? I went a dug up a few facts. In the year 1991 there were 2,100 abortion facilities in America. Now there are 800. And some say perhaps as low as 600. That's because, that happen because of people like you who are witnessing the beginning of the end. You are a part of the beginning of the end to abortion.

So the second question is, how can that be achieved? How can that be achieved? There are actually three ways in my judgement. The first we all know what it is, we need one more, hopefully more, but at least one more appointment of a full life justice to the US Supreme Court.

Secondly, you want to write this number down. I am going to cite it several

times. We need Pregnancy Care Centers across this great country of hours, to save 186,000 little babies every single year. Right now in my estimate, I think fairly reliable, we are saving about 70,000.

Now what in the world is magic about 186,000 babies? When you do the math at about \$600.00 per abortion. It will take \$111,000,000.00 out of a \$750,000,000.00 industry. It is a business, it is a for profit business. That \$111,000,000.00, 186,000 more lives saved total, will force many in the abortion clinic business, to dip below the profit margin. Which is about 12 to 15 percent. Now that number 12 to 15 percent originates with extensive research by talking with attorneys through depositions of abortion clinics when they are sued.

Yes indeed most abortion clinics operate at a 12 to 15 percent profit margin. And like most businesses when you dip below your profit margin you close the doors. Which is precisely why I believe that number is going down drastically. And will continue to go down because people like you here this morning, and thousands like you across the country are helping save little kids from abortion.

The third, the third reason is the Meet Life Campaign which was launched here in Missouri some years ago under the leadership of John Appelbaum. Now what is significant about the Meet Life Program. When John asked me to consider bringing Vitae into that strategy, I said John I will take a look. I don't know it's new, but I will take a look.

Looking at those, looking at those statistics, those numbers it may perfect sense, perfect sense to me. Because Meet Life has three incredible components. First incredible piece of science the Ultrasound. Secondly the incredible work of pregnancy Care Centers. Incidentally by contrast in the year 1991 there were only about 600 Pregnancy Care Centers. Now the numbers have flipped. There are more Pregnancy Care Centers than there are abortion facilities. You can see why Peter Herschend was absolutely correct.

Therefore what we have to see is more and more women get to know a Pregnancy Care Center. We did a national study about a year ago that women over 100 women who were customers of Planned Parenthood. They were asked a lot of questions. One that they were asked was are you aware or were you aware when you considered an abortion services in your community. Zero none knew anything. They thought maybe just maybe there might be something at church or maybe a government agency.

So you see the next part of Meet Life is the critical part. One of three critical parts I should say and that is simple let women know where that great piece of equipment is. There is a Pregnancy Care Center and they just don't know about it. They won't know about it. So Meet Life machine, the marketing and the loving care of a Pregnancy Care Center is how you will get to that incredible number of saving 186,000 little children who simple wait and wanting to be born. It is what it boils down to. Get those little kids, just a chance to live. Not a silver spoon, just a chance to live.

So I want to show, just take a couple of minutes of your time. I know you are busy. A very quick slide projection, a little more about this incredible project called Meet Life. If John can just turn our machine on, excuse me Bob. Okay so we are up and running. Okay good. I told you a little bit about Meet Life in three components. The next thing I want to tell you about is digital marketing, getting women into that center. Women today are very sophisticated consumers. They search on line for everything. From shoes, apartments to abortion.

When we find them on the internet they have made the decision to have an abortion. They just haven't figured out where.

It is our job at Vitae to do the research and figure out how to intercept that women. Instead of going to that abortion facility bring her into the loving arms of care at the Pregnancy Care Center.

So she is on line searching, minutes maybe days away from an abortion. Very sophisticated consumer and getting her there is the magic of digital marketing. The most important aspect of digital marketing, this is something you really want to know. Because you work with Pregnancy Care Centers. Look at the website of your center in your community. It is the electronic door, it is the electronic front door.

The young woman is searching for a place to have an abortion and your center comes up in her search. If she doesn't like what she sees, she will go to the next door, the abortion clinic. What don't we want her to see? This is the take away for you to meet with your centers. They don't want to see babies on the website. They don't want to see men on the website. And it can't be too spiritual.

Three critical components research has demonstrated time and time again of the importance of that message on what? Their electronic front door. By far, by far the most important place to be is google search. Incredible, incredible way to get women connected to the center. But also measure the evolution of the English language as women talk to the themselves about abortion. That is the magic of meeting her needs on the web. The evolution of language.

How do blacks talk about abortion? How do Caucasian's talk about abortion? In what words are evolving? I will give you a hint. A natural abortion, a home abortion kit. Are we ready to deal with a women searching on line for an abortion she buys at home?

That's the magic. The research and understanding the power of the English language.

Let me move very quickly the time is getting away. Let's move to the next overhead very quick, very good. When we do a campaign as part of Meet Life. We do google search down to the center level, down to the center level. There is about 40 give or take a few, Pregnancy Health Centers under the banner of Meet Life. Each one of them was given the opportunity to participate. About six of them opted out, as you see on the overhead the number is about 25 because we merged some centers or had multiple locations so we combined all of that into one.

Let's us see the next overhead quickly. And there she is, there she is. That's the target audience. And what is she doing? She is on her phone. That's where we have to be. All internet marketing has to be driven to her cell phone, her cell phone. In fact, in fact we do research, we do quite a bit of research. Planned Parenthood wants women in their Centers to turn off and give their phones to the head center director or voice of the clinic director, her cell phone. Fascinating!

That is where she can get more information. A good marketing campaign and we do it. Will put a raise around the abortion clinic. We are communicating with her while she is waiting for her abortion. That's the power of digital marketing, saying the right things. To the right person at the right time.

Let's move on very quickly. Here is what we are looking at from a results perspective. Just the campaign of last year, 2017 there were 3,005 women

who we directly connected, we direct connect to a Pregnancy Care Center. The way it's set up, she can make an appointment on line at the center where we are sending her. The amazing science, amazing incredible science.

We want that ad that we place for her to one or two on the search page. One or two on the search page. We get more than that the likelihood of her connecting is not so good.

As a comparison the national average of the click through rate, that's the number women who see the ad and get connected. The Meet Life Campaign is twice the national average in the number of click through rates. Higher than Nike. Due to the fact that it is very focused, very sophisticated and well researched.

Moving on to the next overhead very quickly. The one quote that kind of summarizes it, I will read it very quickly, Sonya Rice from Parkville. "We rely on people searching on the internet and referrals. What vitae is doing, you here at Meet Life, is huge" The Campaign transformed our client load. As a result we have, had to hire another nurse." That is a measurement that we all can be very, very proud of.

Let's move quickly and see what our opposition is doing. Well as a result of a court decision, the Missouri statutes were negated and now we have a influx of four or more abortion clinics in Missouri. Those being the yellow dots. The red dot was the one in St. Louis.

The last slide, take a look very quickly. This is what I hope and pray will happen with Meet Life, with Meet Life. I would like to see and I think many of you here today as well, would like to see Supreme introduce Meet Life across the country. With the three components, I routinely see, wherever I travel, a great machine in a beautiful clinic. Center I should say, with no customers. That's the essence of what Meet Life is all about. Bringing those three incredible components to end abortion.

I want to thank you for everything you do. Your so wonderful and not just the life issue, but so many incredible things in the world today. Where the culture is really really going down hill. You stand to stop that erosion in our values. Heart and soul of America. Thank you Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Carl on behalf of the Missouri State Council and the 43,000 plus members, I have a check to continue on the Meet Life Campaign in your cooperation for \$50,000 dollars. Applause And we also have a gift from the Supreme Convention, a pie plate. Laughter

Carl Landwehr: Joe this is an incredible gift I must say my wife will appreciate it more than I. But I will, I will like the cherry cobbler. Laughter

SD Joe Rosenthal: Next I would like to have our good friend from the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center come up, Colleen. Our number of years dealing with the Developmental Center has been a tremendous asset for those with special needs. And we are very proud to continue on the tradition and just think of this Ladies and Gentleman, we are the only jurisdiction that has a developmental center named after them. That's we are very proud of our Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Colleen. Applause

Colleen Dolnick: Good Morning! It's such an honor to be with all of you today and brother Knights, Ladies, guests, priests. I know there are eight of them out there today. What a blessing it is to be with all of you today.

I am absolutely so full of gratitude today. I have two very important people

with me from the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center. I will introduce Amy Wagner first. Amy is the mom of Michael Wagner. Who many of you have met already. Applause

They are very humble. I will say through their challenges and gaining a diagnoses for Michael, being the most amazing advocates, in his progress, their mission is just exactly what you all do. Which is Cardinal Glennon's mission. That is why we have such a beautiful partnership to reveal the healing presence of God. And when I tell you every weekend that their on the road. It was lucky I could secure this date with them.

Michael is a Children's Miracle Network Ambassador so they spread their love and fundraiser on multiple different levels. So I'm pleased to have Amy here and I would like to give her the podium.

Amy Wagner: Good morning and thank you. Michael and I have had the honor to meet many of you back in 2015 at Rams park. But we are very blessed to have been asked to come and speak with all of you today at the state convention. I personally want to thank all of you amazing Knights for all that you do. Little did I know growing up and seeing the Knights that my parish and their yellow vests, passing out tootsie rolls. That one day my own family would be a benefit to that incredible service.

Michael became a patient at Cardinal Glennon back in 2012. After more than a year of evaluations, therapy services he was diagnosed with an autism. His therapy continued as well as our gratitude for the top notch center. And it's clinicians, therapists, office staff just everyone that keeps it going and growing to meet the needs of our kids.

Michael wants to give back to the Center. The Center that has given us so much hope. Last year he launched the Piece of our Heart Project to collect puzzles to give to the patients of the Center. Using social media as our platform, Michael reached family and friends and fans from all over. He has solicited donations to the tune of about \$1,800 just since last april. Applause

Actually he has had donations from across the US. He has puzzle donations from as far as Arizona, Ohio.

Michael Wagner: We have had one from Alaska. Laughter

Amy Wagner: Um he has collected a lot. It is because of you the faithful men and women of the Knights of Columbus, you are all Michaels role models. Your joyful sense of love and compassion, toward the children that need it the most. Is appreciated beyond our words. It is our hope that Michael's action and commitment show how important you all are to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center. So we wish to thank you and God Bless. Applause

Michael Wagner: Hi everyone. I just want to thank all of you for everything you guys do for all the kids at Cardinal Glennon Knights of Columbus. You guys help us out so much and I just want to thank you all for all your support and everything. Thank you! Applause

Colleen Dolnick: Michael and I just want to show you all the beautiful puzzle piece that was made possible with the Supreme Convention last year, a beautiful piece that is going to go up on Monday morning. Right front and center in the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center. It is all our Past State Deputies, all the way back from 1978, Louie Mautino. so we are really honored to display this and it is just the perfect added addition. Many of you have been to the Center recently and have seen a gift we have received a few months back from the Supreme. Which is a picture of Fr. McGiveny so our

Center is really complete.

I will just say you know as Amy said the need just multiplies and we really couldn't do what we do without you. As you may have heard just a few days ago. The autism prevalence is one in fifty nine now. And when my son was diagnosed back fifteen years ago that was one in two fifty. So just in the last two years that has increased by fifteen percent. So you can only imagine the phone calls and the referrals we are seeing, we are seeing at least a thousand patients a year. And so with the lean staff we have you make all of that possible. That we don't have to turn any families away.

So thank you for helping us provide exceptional care and God bless all of you. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Michael do you want to come up here with me please? We really appreciate your comments because we really do love helping you and the rest of the children there at Cardinal Glennon.

Michael Wagner: Thank you

SD Joe Rosenthal: Your welcome. So what I am going to do today for you, I'm going to give you a couple of checks. If you'll give them to Colleen afterward. Laughter

Michael Wagner: No I get to keep one! Laughter

SD Joe Rosenthal: So we had a day with the St. Louis Blues this last year and some of the ticket collection went for the Developmental Center. So I have a check for you, it's for \$215.50 and that was from some of the proceeds to that game.

Michael Wagner: Thank you! Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: This past fall we had a game with the Cardinals. And we had quite a few members of the Knights of Columbus there, the proceeds from that game were \$940. Applause

This check is our commitment to the Developmental Center. Your mom talked about the men in the yellow vest collecting, handing out the tootsie rolls and collecting money. This is just a small check from what we do in appreciation and our loving support of the Developmental Center and children just like yourself. This check is our, part of our commitment and it is \$125,000. Applause

Michael do you like pies? Laughter

Michael Wagner: I've never had pie, but I really want to try one! Laughter

SD Joe Rosenthal: Well your mom will make you one.

Michael Wagner: Thank you

SD Joe Rosenthal: Your welcome. Thanks Colleen. Thank you very much. Applause

Our next presenter is another organization that we are very proud to help support. That will be from Missouri Special Olympics at I'll ask Mary Niswonger to approach along with an athlete here today. I'll let you, I don't know if I'm going to steal Mary's thunder but I'm going take this right at the moment. The athlete we have with us is a Knights of Columbus member. Rob is a true ambassador for Missouri Special Olympics and I saw what he is going to talk about so I'm not going to say some of the other things but to let you know in 2016 no 2017. Rob was the athlete of the year for Missouri Special Olympics. Applause

What was even more incredible, he was inducted into the Missouri Special Olympics and Missouri, Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. So we have a lot of things going! Applause

Mary Niswonger: Rob is absolutely outstanding. Good morning it's such a pleasure to be here with you all. I was sad last year I missed the convention. I was about to give birth to my daughter, Mary Adelynn. This year we are expecting our second child, so we are very excited. But it's always such a blessing and honor to be in your company.

We are so privileged to be partnered with you for Special Olympics. It is such an honor to have one of my very good friend, one of my favorite people in the world Rob Eichelberger. And as Joe said He is not only phenomenal athlete he is an extraordinary human being. He's an impeccable Knights of Columbus member. He is going to tell you a little bit about his story. I can say this without a shadow of the doubt, I don't, I've been with Special Olympics, I worked there for four years now. I volunteered before that. So it is very very close to me. But I have never met an athlete that cares more about his fellow teammates and athletes than Rob. So please welcome Rob Eichelberger.

Rob Eichelberger: Thank you Mary and Joe. My name is Rob Eichelberger from Boonville MO. I have a question for you, for the Knights of Columbus, for the ladies here today in attendance. If you have done anything to support Special Olympics Missouri or volunteered at an event though Special Olympics will you please stand?

I think that is everybody? Isn't it? Applause & laughter.

Thank you for all you have done through Special Olympics Missouri. It means everything to us, athletes. I mean everything.

I have been a member of Knights of Columbus since 2005, I'm a member of the Third Degree Boonville #1061. I was named Knight of the Year in 2017 also. Applause. I have been a Special Olympics athlete since 1997 and I am an active member in the athlete leadership program since 2015. My major is communications, because I love to tell my story. And I also work on my fear of public speaking. Laughter

I have two favorite memories. The very first one was in 2006, that was when the very first US National Events were in Ames, IA. I competed in singles and doubles tennis. I won gold medal in both events. Thank you. Applause

My second favorite memory was in 2015 I served on the Special Olympics Board as the athlete representative. Applause. I attended all 32 meetings and now there is an award named after me called Rob Eichelberg Perfect Attendance award. Laughter & Applause

As Joe mentioned earlier also in 2017, I was named athlete of the year and also got inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame. Applause. Thank you for hearing my story but lastly I want to thank our Knights of Columbus for donating over \$700,000.00 toward our Training for Life Campus. Applause

Our athletes can not believe this is going to happen. That we are going to have a place to call our home. This place, the Training for Life Campus is going to have training for our competitions, meetings and helping athlete's programs. Some of these helping athletes programs that we offer are, prettier smiles, feet, fitness and hearing among other things.

Personally I would like to invite each and any of you to attend our private tour for the Training for Life Campus tomorrow afternoon. This is the Fifty years for Special Olympics Missouri reaching the golden anniversary. And Special Olympics is very true to my heart there as you all can see.

Are there any questions? Okay thanks again for your generosity. I appreciate it. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Rob if you wouldn't mind. One thing we've got a little drawing to do right now and I would like for the Knights on Bikes come up because it all ties into everything I've got to present you. You see the motorcycle up here and that's going to be drawn right now instead of waiting. So whoever wins, unfortunately you can't ride it out there is no gas in it. Laughter

Rob is down there and he is going to pull the winner. Danny Kincaid Council 7936 wins the motorcycle. Cuba Council #8920 is the 2nd prize winner for \$1,000.00. The 3rd place winner is Pete Lorenz who wins \$500.00 Applause
SD Joe Rosenthal: We really want to thank the Knights on Bikes this year and I will give you the totals here in a minute. I will let Mary make her presentation and then I have a few to make for Rob and Mary, So Mary.

SOMO Mary Niswonger: Thank you Knights on Bikes. You have worked tirelessly for almost a year selling and it's absolutely incredible what you did. Please give them a round of applause. Applause

And thank you all, the individuals, the councils that donated chances to win. Thank you very much. Like at the beginning I am so grateful to be able to work with you all. My life is better because I work with Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus.

You know in today's society where everything, everything seems to be shadowed by a cloud of darkness and sadness and declining morality. You all really do serve as a beacon of hope. And just such a wonderful light of God's love. I thank you so very, very much for your unwavering commitment to life. It is greatly appreciated at Special Olympics and with all the organizations here today. What you do is absolutely incredible, it's life changing, it's life saving. So thank you from the bottom of my heart and we would not be where we are in the Knights of Columbus challenge or in our partnership without great leadership. We have had that since the beginning but the last two years have been absolutely wonderful under the direction of Joe Rosenthal. He has been a champion of Special Olympics for over thirty years. And we are so appreciative and so indebted to you for everything you have done for us. And how much you believe in Special Olympics. So We have something very, very special for you and I know your times not over yet, but we wanted to give it to you here in front of everyone.

There is an athlete from Kirksville Missouri who is a very talented artist. He had made a drawing of you and I have never seen him, he has done so many drawings and he has never done one this big or beautiful. So he's very special. But I love one of my favorite parts he says "we dub the Joe Blow for the show of love that holds us safe by your trust of special needs" and it says you have a cloud of Jesus saying "well done good and faithful servant!" Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: I kinda of at a loss for words there. I really don't know what to say. It's such an honor to work with all of our organizations, Developmental Center, Special Olympics Missouri. And the Knights do love what we do. So Rob if you want to come up here for a minute. There's my numbers.

I have a check here for just what we have collected just the last few weeks, The Training for Life Center. And it is for \$6,758.86. Applause

Rob Eichelberger: Thank you Joe.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Last year we presented a check and we have what we call our Partnership with Special Olympics it's the forms that everybody fills out. Last year we were 8th or 9th if I remember. I challenged my chairman and

is Lou Holtmann in the room? Lou stand up. I said Lou next year we've got to do better. That was 8th or 9th in our division. Yea not overall. So that, there were 12 in all, total in our division. I said Lou that's not good enough for us and I challenged everybody in here.

There has only been one year that the Knights of Columbus in Missouri came out on topic our jurisdiction. In our division and received a check for \$9,000.00 of free money. And that was under the direction of then SD Mick Gilliam. Applause and Mick will tell you he had a great director for that program at that time. Laughter I'm not going to give you the name but he is standing right in front of you. Laughter.

But this year, Lou took my challenge to heart. And Lou I am so grateful for what you did. Thank you for calling every council and asking them to get the forms in. I don't think I've seen that many forms come across my phone or in the mail. My wife takes credit. For putting them all together. But the points system of the 61 jurisdictions that is included in this, Missouri came in second out of 62 jurisdictions. Applause Thank you Lou.

So second in all the jurisdictions, we came in first in our division. Rob I have another check for the Training for Life Center for \$9,000.00. Applause

From our Tootsie Roll Drives, Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, I have another check and we have already sent some of the money over but what we have received lately for the operating funds, I have a check for \$27,039.25. Applause

Today the collection, not the collection, the donations from the Knights on Bikes that everybody participated in and had the opportunity to win this beautiful bike right here was \$42,350.00. Applause

Rob I have one more check to present to you. It's a check for all the money donated to Special Olympics from Missouri to Missouri Special Olympics from July 1st of this year and that check happens to be for \$255,261.53. Applause

Rob Eichelberger: Thank you again Knights for all you all do for Special Olympics. We couldn't do it without you all and Ladies. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: So you can see how much we love working with people with Developmental Disabilities and you can see we have donated, with all we have donated to Cardinal Glennon. We have probably donated \$600,000.00 in donations to those two organizations this year. It's a testament to all of us and thank you very much.

So now we have seen what we have done on the state level. I would like to have a greetings now from our Supreme Knight to see what he has to say about everything in the organization. So, so sorry. Laughter. Rob and Mary it's not a Pope Francis book. Laughter to my good friend PSD Brad Grill, I do have a pie plate from the convention for each one of you. Applause

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson: On behalf of the Supreme office I would like to extend eternal greetings to each of you as you assemble for your annual meetings. It has been a momentous year filled with accomplishments and service to our church. Venerable Fr. McGivney founded our Order 136 years ago to provide charity, fraternity and a source of unity to catholic men. We are the stewards of this holy priest's legacy. We are a brotherhood devoted to helping those on the margins.

So how we then fulfill that mission is here. We offer the benefit of membership to thousands of men this past fraternal year. Today we are nearly 2 million strong. In last year we gave over \$177,000,000.00 and over 70 million

hours to charity and our church programs. Brother Knights made heroic efforts to aid the victims of hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands. We donated \$1,900,000.00 to help rebuild churches and religious facilities there. And that is in addition to the \$700,000.00 we gave in the immediate aftermath in food and water and necessities.

Through our Coats for Kids program our local councils have distributed over 105,000 coats to needy children throughout the US and Canada. Since that program began in 2009, we distributed over 500,000 coats.

Our efforts to protect Christians in the Middle East have born enormous fruit. We contributed about \$18,000,000 to this cause. We fed thousands of families. We helped many find housing and receive medical care. We are also helping a town destroyed by ISIS. I keep this crucifix from that town broken by ISIS terrorist in my office as a daily reminder of these persecuted christians and how we can help. We have successfully urged our government to ensure christians and other religious minorities targeted for genocide by ISIS get their share of US and UN aid.

At Last years supreme convention, I asked you to increase your support for our UltraSound initiative and you greatly responded. And now there are over 900 Ultrasound machines saving lives everyday. We estimated that each machine will save four babies a week. So I am pleased to say we are on pace to have 1,000 machines operating by 2019. The tenth anniversary of this initiative.

Every life is precious. That every life saved is a tremendous victory. What a privilege to be able to say my council a child's life. But because of this program some of our councils will save hundreds maybe even thousands of lives.

Meanwhile our insurance program continues to protect our families. In 2017 we should nearly \$8.8 billion dollars of new policies. We now have \$109 billion dollars of insurance in force. We remain part of the prestigious Fortune 1,000 list of companies. Again this year we were recognized as a world leader in business ethics. We consistently apply Catholic values toward our investment and business practices. And we have some of the most committed and skilled brother Knights serving as our insurance agents. And we are widely recognized for our consistently superior performance.

I wish to take this occasion to urge every brother Knight who is eligible to become an insurance member. When you do so you will protect your family, you will strengthen our Order and benefit our church. Since the hurricanes devastated Puerto Rico, our general Agent there Jose Abred and his team were instrumental in doing great work with relieve efforts there. Listen to what Jose's twelve year old son Marco had to say "my Dad has really inspired me." "Because everyday he would just go out and help people. One day I would like to become a Knight of Columbus to." Because I feel I have been put here on earth to help everybody I can".

That precisely the example that our youth so desperately need today. And it is precisely the reason why must bring more young husbands, young fathers into the Knights of Columbus. So yes we have much to be proud of. But in looking to the future we must realize that we are also at a crossroads. We have a serious challenge. We have a tough reality to confront. We are simply not recruiting enough younger members. Fr. McGivney was 29 years old when he founded the Knights of Columbus with the go ahead of young men in New

Haven. Now I ask you, look around your council. How many of the young go ahead men of your parish are involved in your councils activities?

Is it because these young men do not share our commitment in helping poor or disabled children? Or the unborn? Or persecuted christians? Is it because they are not interested in the future of their parish? Or the welfare of their parish school? Or could it be that to often they have the impression that we are not really interested in them?

This is one reason why we have instituted our new online membership program. Many younger men aren't attracted to the old style fraternal organization in the same way we or our Fathers were. They live in a digital world. Often they go to meetings online or they do not go to meetings at all. They have different family demands regarding the time that there family requires. Especially in the evening. But they still want to serve their neighbor. They still want the fellowship of catholic men. And they still want to be better catholics, better husbands, better fathers.

This is also important reason we have produced the new Building Our Domestic Church Program. It will strengthen our catholic families especially our young catholic families. So I ask every council to give this initiative a high priority. And I can assure you if we don't meet young catholic men where they are, they will go elsewhere. This is exactly what Fr. McGivney did. He created a catholic fraternal organization so that the young men of his day would not go elsewhere. And I am convinced Fr. McGivney would use every opportunity today to introduce young men to the work and benefits of the Knights of Columbus.

Our new online membership initiative help find men and latch them with councils in their parishes. It can be especially useful to recruit men who parish does not have a Knights of Columbus council or does not have an active recruiting council.

And in this light I would like to speak to you about our new 4th Degree uniform. Now here is a hard reality. Today approximately 70 percent of our 4th degree members are 70 years of age or older. But only 1 in 5 brother Knights has become a Sir Knight. So if this trend continues the future of the 4th degree is in doubt. After several years of study those of us who love our patriotic degree has decided something must be done. It is true many of those who have worn the old 4th degree regalia are proud of it. But it is just as true that many catholic men will not join the Knights of Columbus or the 4th Degree because they have strong negative feelings about that same uniform.

But this is not the first time the uniform has been changed. Undoubted many were upset when we did away with the old top hat, white tie and tails. So just imaging how that would look today. The change had to be made then and one has again been made. Now I regret that we did not roll out the new uniform. But now as more of the new uniforms are readily available and are selling. Frankly we did not expect the demand to be so great. That we wanted to offer a high quality product to our Sir Knights. So in light of this the Supreme Directors have authorized that the old regalia maybe continued to be used during the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Thousands of the new uniforms have been purchased and many more have been ordered. So I want to thank the thousands of Sir Knights who have purchased the new uniforms and special thanks goes to the Supreme Assembly which carefully studied this issue during the past several years and made a courageous decision for the good

of the Order.

I am also happy to note membership in the 4th degree is up by more than 7,000 Sir Knights this year. Now we will move forward to build a larger and stronger 4th Degree.

In conclusion let me return to where I began in this talk. We must redouble our efforts to bring new men into the order. To any councils who have not recruited a single new member this year, that must change starting right now. Our leaders at the local and state levels must make this a priority. I ask you now to identify the next generation of younger men. Welcome them and bring them into our order. Mentors them and provide them the spiritual programs they need and they want. Be open to their ideas and then give them opportunities to lead. The stakes are high my brothers for our Order, for our communities and our Church. But our mission remains the same. It is a mission of strength, it is a mission of action, it is a mission worthy of Knights.

Fr. McGivney found new ways to meet the needs of catholic men. Their need to protect their families, their need for fraternity, their need to serve a cause greater than themselves. My brother Knights this is what we must do now. Fr. McGivney built an organization for his time, to continue his legacy we must insure that his organization is able to grow in our times. Thank you for your efforts so far this year, finish strong and here is wishing you a successful convention. The venerable Fr. McGivney and our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us. Vivat Jesu

SD Joe Rosenthal: Just a couple of house keeping things. I do have a couple of other drawings. Anybody who bought the little red ticket for the little pony that was donated and that money is going to Missouri Special Olympics. And the winner was, looks like Dudenhofer and the phone number is on here. If you have your red ticket it's 195086. The phone number is on it, I will have Roland get a hold of you. Okay?

And the second was for the Forest Park Forever Basket here. And the winner of that was Mary Niswonger. Not sure where Mary is right now, I believe she ran away. With that I want to thank the ladies for joining us today. I think you are kinda impressed with what your husbands have done this past year, what you ladies have helped us do. So we still have a couple of months to go. So get that husband of yours to bring in that new Knight. Have him get your council to donate a little bit more money. And we will go out on top. Not only in our charitable giving support but we will go out on top as again an elite jurisdiction of the order and with the coveted title of Circle of Honor. And with that I want to thank the ladies for joining us again and let you go onto your meeting. And my wife is saying don't forget her. She does have the dinner tickets or banquet tickets, lunch tickets. She said there are about 30 of them that have not picked them up. She will be right outside the door. Please do that. So you know where you are going to sit for the banquet tonight.

And I believe there are some ladies luncheon who haven't picked those up yet. She will still have those right there also. Again thank you ladies and we will let you leave to go to your meeting now. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Are all in possession of their membership card? Thank you. We are going to move on. We have had our opening prayer and pledge. We are going to move on to our opening ode. Bob you have it ready there?

Bob Hook: I don't have it here.

You guys have the cards there in front of you? So our Worthy State

Secretary joined us. Bob would you like to come up here and help me with this?

Bob Hook: Sorry I did have it.

Opening ode said by all.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Thank you gentlemen please be seated. We are going to move on. So I have the chairman of the Order of Business please.

Sean Rieke: Hi I am Sean Rieke Grand Knight of Council 13764 reporting on behalf of the Order of Business Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Check of membership cards by State Warden and Assistants
- Call to Order
- Seating of Visitors
- Opening Prayer
- Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Ode
- Report on Order of Business
- Roll Call of Delegates
- Report of State Deputy
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Election of State Officers
- Election of At Large Delegate to the Columbian Charities Board
- Report of the State Chaplain
- Message from Supreme Representative
- Report of At Large Delegate to the Columbian Charities Board
- Report of the Master of the 4th Degree
- Report of the Agency Department
- Report of the Auditing Committee
- Report of the Clergy in Attendance Report
- Report of the Greetings Committee
- Report of the Good of the Order Committee
- Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee
- Report of the Resolutions Committee
- Report of the Budget Committee
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Good of the Order
- Election of Delegates to the 2018 Supreme Convention
- Closing Ode
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

On behalf of the committee, I move for it's adoption.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have any seconds? Bruce Gardner. All in favor? Aye Opposed motion passes.

I call on Ron Mathias for a motion.

Ron Mathias: Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, my brother Knights all. I hereby move that the reports of the State Officers and Directors, with the exception of the report of the State Chaplain and State Deputy, be adopted as printed in the official convention handbook provided to each delegate.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have a second? Russell Smith from Webster

Groves. All in Favor? Aye All opposed? The motion passes.

So we got threw the order of Business it is now on to the Roll Call of delegates. Worthy State Secretary are you ready? I think first I will call on Frank Barchak for a motion.

Frank Barchak: Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy state Deputy and my brother Knights all. Pursuant to article 2 section 7 of the By Laws of the Missouri State Council Of the Knights of Columbus, I hereby move that the reading of roll call delegates be waived. The delegates of this commission be considered the report of Credentials Committee for a permanent roll call upon approval of this report.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have a second? Les Irwin Membership Chairman. All in favor? Aye All opposed? Motion passes.

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Alan Meyer	District Deputy #10
Ronald L. Mackenberg	District Deputy #11
James Oswald	District Deputy #12
Paul O'Brien	District Deputy #13
Charles E. Griпка	District Deputy #14
Jack O. McClanahan	District Deputy #15
Frank Barchak	District Deputy #16
Mitchell G. Passini.....	District Deputy #17
David Groth	District Deputy #18
Jeff Brondel	District Deputy #19
Patrick Brandt.....	District Deputy #20
Russell Stanbury	District Deputy #21
Michael Cheek	District Deputy #22
Thomas W. Fischer	District Deputy #23
John Jasper	District Deputy #24
Louis Raineri	District Deputy #25
Michael L. West, Sr.	District Deputy #26
Richard Nichols	District Deputy #27
Andrew Thomeczek	District Deputy #28
Jeffrey J. Henderson	District Deputy #29
Charles Lenau	District Deputy #30
.....	District Deputy #31
Anthony K. Battles	District Deputy #32
Bernard "Bernie" Panther	District Deputy #33

Keith Klein	District Deputy #34
Richard Kobylski	District Deputy #35
.....	District Deputy #36
Robert Walker	District Deputy #37
Michael Koch	District Deputy #38
Gary Lottman	District Deputy #39
Joseph S. Miller	District Deputy #40
Christopher Nelms	District Deputy #41
Brian B. Thomson	District Deputy #42
Keith Missy	District Deputy #43
Thomas Broadbent	District Deputy #44
Victor Klaus	District Deputy #45
Gary Buessink	District Deputy #46
Dr. Milton Eichmann	District Deputy #47
.....	District Deputy #48
Denis Boland	District Deputy #49
Donald Mihalevich	District Deputy #50
Reynolds Blackburn	District Deputy #51
Walter "Bob" Goodenough	District Deputy #52
Michael Calliote	District Deputy #53
Gerard "Jerry" Lamoureux	District Deputy #54
Kenneth Yunker, Jr.	District Deputy #55
Roger Hulett	District Deputy #56

DELEGATES

453	St Louis	
527	Kansas City	
571	St Joseph	
698	Springfield	Dean Arens, Richard Wyatt
742	St Louis	Kevin Gallen
756	Brookfield	
795	St. Louis	
800	St Louis	Robert Bowen, Michael Saxe, Sr.
823	St Charles	Peter Abegg, Chad Briesacher
831	Sedalia	Ken Hake, Patrick O'Neill
846	Edina	
855	Nevada	Marvin Miller, RA Stevens, Jr.
876	Marshall	Jim Weaver, Ryan Anderson
903	Maplewood	
907	Hannibal	
979	Joplin	
995	Moberly	Richard Nichols
1037	Ste Genevieve	John Myers, Ron Stuppy
1054	Jefferson City	Brent Cain, Mike Flanagan
1061	Boonville	
1075	Monett	
1084	Chillicothe	
1088	Bonne Terre	
1110	Cameron	
1111	Cape Girardeau	
1121	Washington	Roger Bargaen, Mark Filla

1125	Montrose	
1165	Monroe City	
1171	Westphalia	Peter Verslues, Mike Massman
1185	De Soto	Tony Vallo, Todd Milner
1215	Bellefontaine Neighbors	
1230	Festus	
1263	Perryville	
1270	Martinsburg	Kevin Kestler, Dustin Bohr
1321	Fredericktown	
1335	Pacific	
1339	Maryville	Robert Rice, Ken Garner
1360	Tipton	
1376	St. Louis	Jerry Reich, Sr.
1529	Columbia	Timothy Vargesco, Charles Schuster
1572	Glennonville	
1576	Union	Devin Kelly, Steve Groene
1587	St Peters	
1698	Kansas City	
1706	Poplar Bluff	
1752	Glasgow	James Hackman
1848	Bloomsdale	
1893	Carrollton	Randal Miller, Denis Boland
1896	Clinton	Aydi Girgin, Buck Roberts
1914	Hermann	William Fischer
1927	Dutzow	Mark Struckhoff, Rick Mueller
1928	St Clement	
1931	Conception Junction	
1937	Palmyra	David Hastings, Jon Wellman
1971	Indian Creek	
2009	Millwood	
2027	Bonnotts Mill	Michael Stiefermann, Dennis Kremer
2044	Montgomery	Michael Auchly
2047	Argyle	Frank Neutzler, Tom Wildhaber
2117	Kirkwood	David Renard, Dennis Buchheit
2119	Webster Groves	David Bramman, Russel Smith
2149	St. Thomas	
2241	Shelbina	
2244	Higginsville	
2261	Clear Creek	
2265	Verona	Andy Hubbert, Chester Kirk
2269	O' Fallon	
2273	Dardenne	
2333	Kimmswick	Michael Key, Daniel McCulley
2341	Warrenton	
2353	Kansas City	
2440	Fenton	Paul Reininger, Cloyde Marcus, Jr.
2457	Kansas City	John Pileggi, Bruce Laughlin
2526	St Patrick	
2547	Owensville	
2619	St. Louis	Kevin O'Sullivan

2627	Rolla	Paul Hirtz, Steve Luecke
2951	Florissant	Paul Manzanelli, Joe Meyer
3151	Sikeston	James Eberhard
3267	Eugene	Ray Rush, Herschel Schulte
3282	Charleston	
3375	Kirksville	
3414	N Kansas City	Joseph Barney, Daniel Bacon
3430	Independence	Patrick Hiltner, David Morgan
3511	Eureka	
3586	Afton	Ben Woodley, Don Fasbender
3760	Mexico	
3769	Macon	Larry Kuhn
3882	Rosati	Charles Cornick, James O'Fallon
3977	St. Ann	
4099	St. Louis	
4187	Neosho	Stephen Harvey
4300	Lexington	Louis Mautino
4311	Oran	
4387	Kansas City	Leo Hirner
4388	Stanberry	
4429	Hazelwood	Robert Engemann, Michael Mueller
4454	Fulton	Mark Troesser, Christopher Libbert
4561	St Louis	
4613	Kansas City	Robert Lawrence, Sr., Raymond Recob
4667	St Clair	
4679	Salisbury	
4751	Ladue	
4838	Linn	Nick Schmitz, Josh Kixmiller
4858	Sullivan	Bart Brendel, William Weiland
4962	Raytown	
5067	St Joseph	
5359	Oakville	
5401	Waynesville	
5586	Belton	Leonard Meiron
5898	Leopold	
5936	Washington County	
6018	Arnold	Tony Braun
6215	Excelsior Springs	
6244	Savannah	
6365	Camdenton	
6401	Hillsboro	Dale Missey
6405	Jackson	Josh Beussink, Brian Wibbenmeyer
6415	St Paul	
6420	Scott City	Gary Ziegler, Brian Ziegler
6430	Taos	
6435	House Springs	Thomas Broadbent, Kevin Duff
6470	Branson	Ed Johnsonbaugh, Dan Vaughn
6473	Louisiana	
6500	Creve Coeur	
6506	Blue Springs	Tim Brennan, Jim Panus

6515	Dexter	
6525	Troy	
6550	Harrisonville	William Remshak, John Cunningham
6640	St Elizabeth	
6722	Holden	
6780	Liberty	
6794	Independence	James Mahoney, Clarence Lawrence
6819	Lees Summit	
6871	Lebanon	Terry Hildebrand, Steve Norris
6971	St. Louis	
6983	Bethany	
7055	Independence	Robert Hiesch, Stan McClatchey
7063	Advance	
7064	Kansas City	Bill Lee, Jr., Mike Dunsworth
7119	Ellisville	Mark Dagestad
7130	Pierce City	
7133	Eldon	Paul Pendino, Gary Clark
7194	St. Martin	McClellan Gaono, Andy Distler
7198	Cottleville	Michael Layton, Timothy Spillane
7199	Parkville	Rob Perschau, Harold Reede
7218	New Madrid	
7231	Columbia	Patrick Pullins
7296	Ewing	
7307	Webb City	
7442	Willow Springs	Larry Simon
7475	New Haven	Terry Marquart, Don Pohlmann
7501	Salem	Henry Dahms, Jr.
7516	Mount Vernon	
7588	Kimberling Cty	
7605	Richmond	
7678	Lamar	
7680	Forsyth	
7781	Odessa	Larry Lackamp
7841	Centralia	Jason Kehl
8040	Butler	
8073	Villa Ridge	
8334	Lees Summit	
8399	Wardsville-Osage Bend	
8400	Holts Summit	
8588	High Ridge	Robert Hook
8620	Warsaw	David Grimes, Joseph Mockus
8865	Pulaskifield	
8887	Valley Park	
8915	Kearney	
8916	Russellville	
8920	Cuba	Louis Raineri, Rockie Radcliff
8931	Bolivar	Ed Yocum, JR Fleeman
8970	Kansas City	
9023	Flint Hill	
9147	St. Louis	Angelo Sita

9170	Ava	
9190	Carthage	
9208	Marceline	
9271	California	
9272	Smithville	
9273	Lake Ozark	Larry Bayliss, Gary Chaput
9401	Plattsburg	
9465	Gerald	
9478	Brunswick	
9522	Manchester	Robert Libera, Art Bowles
9533	Springfield	Anthony Beier, John Gambon
9625	St. Peters	
9700	Freeburg	
9725	Fayette	
9892	West Plains	
9981	Chesterfield	
10136	Oakville	Eric Treptow, Bruce Bange
10144	Old Monroe	
10154	Wentzville	Tim Roe, Trevor Roe
10200	Ozark	Stephen Telscher, Doug Kissinger
10381	Laurie	James Gerke, Dan Debert
10490	St. Louis	Joseph Miller, James Smith
10690	Rich Fountain	
10746	Independence	
10794	Ballwin	Bob Walker
10844	Marshfield	Clyde Green
11139	Chesterfield	Mike Berg, Alan Politte
11146	Green Park	William Bader, Brian Rasch
11182	Springfield	
11205	Cape Girardeau	
11382	St Charles	John Gabler, Andrew Loeffler
11437	Richmond Heights	
11556	Brentwood	
11635	Florissant	Mike Kzzyzanowski
11656	New Melle	
11778	Florissant	
11794	Richmond Heights	Reynolds Blackburn
11882	Park Hills	
11928	Elsberry	
12022	Wildwood	James Cunningham, Tom Wardenburg
12037	St Charles	
12242	Iberia	
12288	Weston	James Rooney, Thomas Vece, II
12323	St. Louis	Lou Holtmann
12332	Farmington	Michael Ward, Michael Kelso
12463	St Joseph	
12631	Warrensburg	
12650	Houston	Russell Olewinski
12655	Gladstone	Joseph Robertson, Michael Crouch
12676	Normandy	Bruce Gardiner, Jr.

12934	Apple Creek/Biehle	
12986	Manchester	
12992	Jefferson City	Mark Ruether, Jason Torres
13113	Pleasant Hill	Rick Bouchard, Doug Talley
13178	Vienna	Anthony Vrana
13270	Overland	
13474	Stockton	James Wilson
13604	Des Peres	
13671	Kansas City	David Vorbeck
13681	Springfield	James LePage, Craig Henley
13682	Springfield	
13748	Nixa	Daniel Baltz, John Clarke
13750	Conception	
13762	Imperial	Sean Rieke
13786	Hermitage	Keith Mertz, David Groth
13823	Sunset Hills	Tim Kinealy, Mike Koehler
13901	Ft Leonard Wood	
13908	Lees Summit	John Zimmermann, Patrick Sweaney
13975	Shell Knob	
13988	Kansas City	
14096	Joplin	Fred Wheeler
14097	Oak Grove	
14163	Kansas City	
14264	St. Louis	Gary Kramer
14266	Kansas City	Steven Van Keirsbilck, David Pecha
14270	Kansas City	
14330	St Louis	
14402	Festus	Gary Krus, Gary Cronin
14414	Columbia	Robert Holland, Ed Elsea
14489	Kansas City	Ed Thomas, Scott Ford
14561	Lake St Louis	
14719	St Louis	
14745	Blue Springs	Mark Coleman, Gary Schnieder
14750	Kansas City	
14906	Jefferson City	
14972	Grandview	
15126	St. Joseph	
15287	Kansas City	
15294	Cape Girardeau	
15433	Josephville	
15775	Warson Woods	
15851	St. Charles	
15878	Mansfield	William Jackson
15881	Kansas City	
15935	Potosi	
16189	Platte City	Jack Greene, III
16213	Washington	
16273	Clayton	
16619	Shrewsbury	Dick Kobylski, Tom Schnur
16869	Shrewsbury	Keith Chadwick, Joshua Carroll

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL

Receipts

Per Capita	\$187,000
Transportation	\$132,500
Travel-C.C.	\$4,000
Bookkeeper C.C.	\$7,200
Interest	\$4,500
Mariner Reimbursement	\$4,000
Transfers from Liabilities	
Ladies Auxiliary	
DD Meeting Income	
Conv. Banquet Fund	
Squires	
Supreme Convention	
Misc. Income	
Total Receipts	\$220,200

Disbursements

Mariner	\$65,000
Directory	\$7,500
Service Programs	\$39,500
Officers Allowance	\$3,300
Convention	\$35,000
Event Planner Contract	\$4,800
Bookkeeper Contract	\$9,000
Rent	\$1,800
Convention Transportation	\$13,500
Scholarships	\$16,500
Accounting	\$2,800
Misc.	\$1,250
Taxes and Insurance	\$50
Supreme Convention	\$4,000
DD Meeting Expense	\$10,000
Convention Banquet Expense	
Communication/Technology	\$2,000
Officers Expense	\$2,500
Total Expenses	\$214,900

Receipts/Expenses **\$5,300**

SERVICE PROGRAMS

General Program Director	\$4,000
Membership Director	\$13,900
Church Director	\$3,500
Council Director	\$6,500
Respect Life Director	\$1,500
Community Director	\$1,500
Youth Director	\$3,500
Family Director	\$1,500
Total	\$35,900

So now we get to sit back and listen again. It is a great honor to have served the past two years as your State Deputy. And I do mean that as an honor. But we will go through this, I will try to get through it quickly. First thank everybody the past two years.

Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Rick, Worthy Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director Mick, Worthy state Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy State Directors, Worthy State Chairman, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Delegates and my brother Knights.

Two years ago at the one hundred Fifteenth Annual State Convention you elected me as the fiftieth State Deputy of Missouri. You re-elected me again in 2017 at the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual State Convention. At each election I promised to do my best and continue the tradition of excellence for the Missouri Jurisdiction with your help.

It is an extreme honor and privilege to welcome everyone to the One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Missouri State Council Convention. This year again in Jefferson City. It is an extremely difficult job but truly an honor to serve the Missouri State Council as it's State Deputy.

Bev and I have traveled over 50,000 miles since being elected two years ago. We've stayed in our own bed for a total of 32 weekends over the 104 weeks these past two years. And only 24 of those were because I had to work and couldn't get out of town. But I wouldn't of traded that opportunity. Being able to cross the state and seeing the works of the councils has shown me why Missouri is, was and always will be an elite jurisdiction of this order.

It is because of the 300 councils who's dedication to the principles of the Order of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism keeps Missouri an elite jurisdiction. Also an honor for me is to have a true friend who serves as State Chaplain. Besides being my spiritual advisor for myself and the state council Fr. Rick goes beyond that. He is dedicated to the Knights of Columbus. Promoting programs beyond that of his own council. And he has had two over the last two years to call his councils.

Yesterday he brought in a valued friend to the Knights of Columbus, his excellency Edward Rice Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau diocese. Bishop Rice spoke to our Chaplains and our Deacons on the value of the Knights of Columbus in their parish. Bishop Rice and Fr. Rick have truly promoted the works of the Missouri Knights of Columbus wherever they are speaking.

Fr. Rick has been there when needed for advice and guidance to my two years as State Deputy. Even though now he is on the opposite side of the state from us. He was here for me with handling problems with priests, individual members overnight his guidance. He is also there during the rough times the past couple of years for myself and my wife. With the passing of my father in November of 2015, my mother in May of this past year and Bev's Dad in November. Thank you Fr. Rick for being there for Bev and myself. Applause

The State Officers have done there jobs with true dedication and respect for their title. Bob Hawkins State Sec. has been diligently processing bills and writing checks in a timely manor. He has a computer that does most of it guys. Laughter He just has to sign. Bob has also worked hard the past few years being sure the registration for the state convention is in line and successful. And I think he did an excellent job this weekend. What do you say? Applause

He works with State Bookkeeper Mick Gilliam to insure we are on budget

and within the guidelines of our auditors. Bill Lueckenhoff State Treasurer has been a faithful and dedicated with our deposits. Bill has watched over our investments and given advice with where to invest the money of the State Council. It's been a few times and he has done a great job. Applause

Peter Lassiter State Advocate has been busy answering questions. He has handled issues such as complaints, home association and trade mark issues with confidentiality as well as protecting our Order. Peter Thank you. Applause

Mike Deamos State Warden has made sure our council chambers are looking their best and today is no exception. Mike my good friend, your parents will be proud and I can see Ron Wood looking down right now and calling you as only he could. Applause

Keith Milson Immediate Past State Deputy has been there as a confident listening to my concerns and giving advice. I've known Keith for many years going back to when I was a DD and he was a Grand Knight of his council. As a matter of fact we met here poolside on that day. So Keith thank you for our friendship and thank you for the advice and your confidence the past two years. Applause

To the Past State Deputies, what can not be said about the shoes you leave to fill for the incoming State Deputy. Your advice is always appreciated and I do process the information. May not always follow what you recommend when I do but that's my prerogative as your State Deputy. It's your time as state Deputy that Missouri is that top elite jurisdiction. The one that I strive to obtain and continue. I hope that can be said about me by the future state Deputies. And I want to thank each and everyone of you. Would all of my past State Deputies please stand? Applause

To Past State Deputy Mick Gilliam our state bookkeeper. Mick is there to ensure our funds are in good shape for both our Columbian Charities and State Council. He tracks the money deposited by Columbian Charities Treasurer Ralph Cupelli, our State Treasurer Bill Lueckenhoff and our R.I.B. Secretary Eric Bruns. As well as tracking the expenses of both entities. Mick prepares our balance sheets each month to make sure we are staying on budget. Mick thank you for this tireless effort.

Ralph Cupelli Columbian Charities Treasurer has constantly sent me checks to sign in a timely manor. And I don't know how many checks we have written over the past two years. It, 500, 1,000 up? At least a 1,000 checks we have signed in the past two years. He's constantly looking for wise investments with our CD's for Columbian Charities. Between Mick and Ralph they've made my job as state Deputy easier. All though Ralph sending me all those checks has made my hand cramp quite a bit. Laughter

Thanks Mick and Ralph the state appreciates each of your efforts. Thank you very much. Applause

The programs in Missouri are second to none in any jurisdiction. Being led by General Program Director Doug Kissinger. Doug has been my right hand man. I will call Doug and say we need to get this done and it always seems to get accomplished. Thank you Doug. Applause

The rest of the Directors include Mike Grudzinski, Membership Director. I think Mike has come out of his shell the past two years. Laughter. And is doing a great job. I don't know where Mike is right now. There he is, way to go. Applause John Mautino Community Director, Jerry Herbert Respect Life Director, Mike Auchly my R.I.B. Director, Brian Ziegler my Church Director,

Mike Tesmer Council Activities Director, Lucas Volkman our Young Director. Now to just let you know Lucas is not here right now. He called me a little bit ago, Lucas got married about three weeks ago. They have had their first major disaster in their home. Their washing machine flooded their basement last night. Laughter. So Lucas and Chrissy will be here a little bit later. And of course our Family Life Director Peter Nicastro.

The Directors and their teams of the State Chairman have aided the District Deputies in promoting their programs. They have worked hard with the councils to ensure that Missouri remains on top. Two years ago I announced that our theme for the coming years would be "Protecting, Saving and Changing Lives". I believe that each program that the Missouri State Council offers, along with the Supreme Council programs aid to our theme.

Through the hard work of State Membership Director Mike Grudzinski, his team of Chairman, the District Deputies, the Insurance Agencies and the councils that each of you represent we have now surpassed, 1,166 new members in the Order this year. Thank you gentlemen. Applause We started one new council this year and I would like for that Grand Knight to stand up. Keith would you mind standing please? Applause. Keith Chadwick, I'm sorry you are no longer their Grand Knight, you are their Financial Secretary as of this past week. But that is Council 16869 that is at Cardinal Glennon Kendrick Seminary. But we are really appreciative Keith and thank you for being here in attendance and bringing Josh along. Applause

We still have two more to get started or finished up this year. I hope my Chairman will get that accomplished. We have also deactivated four councils this past year. In this year thanks Jerry Lamoureux for getting the one in Ladue going that's really appreciated there buddy. Applause

Some of the others we started, the two councils are college councils we re-activated. So we are working hard with our younger members to make that happen. This year we have scheduled more major degrees that would allow flexibility to a member to take their formation and Knighthood degrees.

Missouri is proud of our General Agency. They are led by Ryan Lister, Mike York and Gary Struempf. At this time I would like to ask for a moment of silence for General Agent Gary Struempf who past away this past month. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and may his soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace. Amen

Gary leaves behind a legacy of protecting our members. His shoes will be hard to fill. These three Knights and their agents are there to help us to accomplish our goals. They help us protect our families following in the wishes of Fr. McGivney they are there for us and our families. It is my honor and privilege to congratulate a young man who cares about his clients. Dylan Pashia come forward here a second? Dylan from the Lister Agency was named the #1 agent for all of North America for the Knights of Columbus this past year. Applause

Now besides that I have another young man helping Missouri. And Ryan would you kind of step forward? Ryan tried to not let Dylan outshine him but Ryan fell a little bit short. But I'm still proud to know and announce today, that the Lister Agency was the number two agency in all of North America. Applause Ryan would the rest of your Agents please stand that are in the room? Gentlemen thank you for what you do. Would the rest of the Agents please stand? We really appreciate everything that you gentlemen do to

protect our families. Thank you very much Applause

I would be remiss if I didn't my mind for our General Agents, Ryan, Mike and Gary. Along with their field Agents who I believe we have the best Agents in all of North America. So I consider all three agencies to be number one in my mind. So thank you gentlemen again. Applause

At this time I want to announce that we have one new General Agent that will be joining us soon, effective May 1st Michael Bouchard Council 7300 will be taking over the Kansas City area as part of Gary's old area or listings. So he will join us May 1st. I am really kind of proud to announce this Keith. Mike is joining us from Illinois. Ryan us Illinois boys know where to move to make things happen. Laughter. But I can attest along with PSD Keith Milson and GA Ryan Lister not a bad catch for Missouri. Just another Illinois boy joining the ranks as a leader in Missouri.

As councils strive for star council, the state strives for the Circle of Honor. I do believe with the commitment of the Agencies, each of us are getting closer to our goals. The 1,166 new men who have joined the Order this year is great. But we need more new members to continue to make sure our programs are on top. I challenge each of you during the next two months, that you recruit one new member for your councils in May and June. And we will not even have to worry about 300 we need to get. We will surpass it by a couple hundred so gentlemen can I have your confidence and your pledge that you will go out and recruit one new member for each of your councils here tonight? Applause Thank you very much.

I think it would be something if our next State Deputy would be proud to announce in July that we obtained that Circle of Honor. But I think it would be a tremendous gesture for the hard work that Mike Grudzinski and his team have done this year. Mike has tried new ideas this year and we can see the outcomes as the increase in membership over the previous year. Mike's development and confidence in his job as Membership Director has gone, which can be seen, has grown which can be seen by his leadership and productivity that he has put forward this year. Mike thank you for your leadership and friendship for the past two years. Thank you to all the membership team which everyone in this room is a part of.

As I said earlier today the Missouri programs are second to no jurisdiction in the Order. One elite program for Missouri is our Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital. This year we are nearing \$640,000.00 in our Drive for Person With Developmental Disabilities. This Drive is still trying to overcome the loss of collecting at the Schnucks stores. But thought the hard works of and efforts of our Community Activities Director John Mautino and his Chairman and your councils we have had a successful year despite the set back. We still have room to grow though.

Our partnership with Cardinal Glennon Hospital specifically the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center is the only one of it's kind in the Order. Because of the dedication of the doctors and the staff, the Knights of Columbus continues to be in the top ten hospitals or centers for autism. It has grown from 3 employees to 22 team members. Changing the lives of those around us.

Our partnership with Missouri Special Olympics continue to aid both Missouri Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus ourselves. What do you think about Brother Rob Eichelberger speech today? Isn't he a great guy?

Applause And to just get it into the minutes again, Rob was athlete of the year in 2017 and inducted into the SOMO Hall of Fame. Also I want to note he is in actually the Missouri Hall of Fame too. What an accomplishment for the young man.

Help is always needed at a Special Olympics event. Go to the SOMO website and volunteer. Be sure to keep track of your hours and have your council send that partnership Special Olympics form in again next year. So far this fraternal year the state has donated \$21,000.00 and we have had pledges and donations of \$709,403.00 towards our goal of one million dollars for the Training for Life Center. You know that number changed today with other \$42,350.00 and \$9,000.00 from Supreme. So we have worked hard and gentlemen thank you.

I can not thank one person enough and that is Lou Holtmann. Lou you did a great job in making sure that happened and I am very proud of that. Thank you. Applause

The other programs for Community Activities includes prison concern, American Wheelchair Program, Blood Drives which help the lives of our communities.

All in their own right are deserving of their time and treasures that we have given to them. Thanks to everyone on the community Activities team.

Another elite program in Missouri is led by Director Mike Auchly of the Religious Information Bureau. An original program copied by many including the Supreme Council. Mike works hard with Fr. Hoyer and Cheryl Callier along with Eric Bruns to make sure our dollars are spent wisely. As of March 31st you have donated \$217,684.97 to help people learn of the catholic faith about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Truly saving lives.

This is \$32,000 over last year at this time and \$12,000 over our record breaking year of two years ago. Continue to support our growing faith, thanks to the R.I.B. team. Go back to your councils, make sure they have made their donations so we can break that record of two years ago. Mike thank you very much.

Respect Life Director Jerry Herbert and his team has been busy this year. The year started with the Silver Rose Program going through Missouri. This is such a beautiful program to have in your parish or your council when it comes through your district. Holy Family Icon is with us today. It's making the final tour of Missouri. Maybe finished this June. I thought it was going to be last year but they continued it on for another year. We still look forward to a new icon which may be announced at Supreme Convention this year. We continue to support Meet Life Campaign as we strive to save the lives of the unborn.

We still need your council to host a Baby Bottle Campaign or fundraiser to support Meet Life. If your council has not made it's initial pledge or did not make a pledge, I encourage you to meet that. And talk to your council and have them donate anything, every dollar helps save that unborn child. And this will help us as we continue to work hard to stop abortions and protect the life of the unborn. I want to thank Jerry and his team. So Jerry where are you? There's Jerry and Mike? I didn't recognize Mike earlier. Applause Thank you guys, appreciated it.

We are working with the General agencies in the Supreme on the living trust that I announced last year. The final process is being worked on and we hope to make the availability to the members. A lasting program in their memory.

there is already \$500,000.00 collected in our Meet Life Program. Remember only the interest of this will be used on any of the Meet Life Programs or the expenditures. The corpus will stay in full so that the wishes of the donators will continue to support Meet Life. Thank you Jerry and your team for protecting life in all stages.

We also started three more living trust in the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital, Missouri State Vocation Fund and Special Olympics of Missouri. Each of these programs will be available to those who wish to donate to that.

Council Activities continue to be a fun aspect of the Knights of Columbus. Under the direction of Director Mike Tesmer and I think Mike went in to be with the ladies instead of staying with us. We will get on him I guess. His programs continue to flourish. Athletics is the most notable activity in the Knights of Columbus. The golf tournament in July started the year off. In August the horseshoe tournament, what a fantastic display, seeing all those horseshoe pits laid out on a council grounds. Mike Layton GK of council #7198, what a great job he did for that. So thank you to you and your team for hosting that event. Applause There were over 1,100 people pitching shoes.

In September the guns came out to the annual Sporting Clay event down in Branson. The last two weekends in October brought the bowling tournament. Athletics brought out 2,000 participants this last year to enjoy their brother Knights. After the ladies participated in the horseshoe tournament then they found time for their annual regional Ladies Auxiliary meetings. We appreciate all of the work of the auxiliaries. We could not do it without them. For those who like to clown around, we have probably one of the best clown clubs in all the jurisdictions. And I think you saw Henry running around here last night. So thank you to all the clowns.

Also don't forget our activities program such as the BBQ contest coming up here in July in Scott City. If you want to be voted best in state now is the time to show your stuff. To enter see Ron Stuppy or Brian Ziegler. Also our Knights on Bikes, what can you say about their adoption of Missouri Special Olympics. I hope everyone did get a ticket for the Harley. It is such an amazing thing to see 42,350.00 being raised this year with that program. So thanks to everybody on these two programs for letting us have fun.

Mike Tesmer took on in the effort to increase participation our facebook page. If you have not seen it, please like us on facebook. We try to keep up to date with everything. We are getting close to a 1,000 members on there. But 43,000 plus Knights and families, I think we can do better. So I think Brian, if they have their cellphones out the could probably get on there pretty quick couldn't they? It's a Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus on that facebook page. So you don't need to do it right now guys but during your lunchtime go ahead and get that accomplished. You will find out things going on. Thank you to Mike Tesmer and his team.

Church Activities Director Brian Ziegler and his team had a good year. Brian traveled the state promoting Church Activities. And the Missouri Vocation fund has received over \$12,000 in donations. Remember all donations to the Missouri Religious Fund is split between the four diocese. And this is definitely different than the RSVP fund you send to the Supreme. So you know can a member give a dollar? To help our seminarians. Keith do you think they can give a dollar? I don't think I have any other seminarians in here. So but keep

them in mind. This money going to help vocations. And we need more priests.

Also last month Monsignor Joseph Mancuso Catholic Grant Committee met and awarded \$50,000.00 to a deserving catholic schools and PSR programs. Special thanks to Fr. Joe Weber and Kevin Hudnut our Website designer for stream lining the processes. It really helped make our selection, instead of being about a 6 hour, 2-1/2 to 3 hour day spent.

Brian has been busy with pilgrimages the past couple of months, together with State Chaplain Fr. Rick they have already started lining up the programs for the pilgrimages for next year. I think the flyers were out. Gentlemen do participate in that if they are in your area. What better time is there than being in the presence of God in prayer with your brother Knights and their families.

Thanks to the Diocesan Chairman as they are making a big impact in all relationships with the dioceses of Missouri. I hear big things are coming out of the Kansas City-St. Joe diocese in supporting Building the Domestic Church. Bishop Johnston has called a special meeting with the Diocesan Chairman Chris Bradfield and PSD Brad Grill. Looking forward to the outcome of this meeting. I do believe Bishop Johnston is taking Building The Domestic Church Program and the Knights are doing, he is forming a office for Building The Domestic Church in the Chancery office there in Kansas City. Thank the Bishop for me.

I want to thank Brian Ziegler, Brian where ever you are there and his team for the works they have done in the past year. Thanks Applause

Our youth programs are led by Lucas Volkman continue to grow in popularity. We have continued to have a good showing of young men and ladies take part in our basketball free throw contest and soccer challenge. Children also took the challenge in the Essay Contest and Poster Contest. We gave away \$16,500.00 in scholarships on the state level. But we need to still get back to our councils and increase their awareness of those scholarships that are available. Especially our young men and ladies that are in the Seminary or Apostolic. We did not have any applications for that scholarship this year, for the seminarians. So it was given elsewhere.

Keith you can go back to Kenrick-Glennon and let them know, it would be great. They can use that money for other things outside of just the, you know help support them. Okay?

So this year Missouri boasts a Soccer Challenge winner and two International winners in the Substance Awareness poster contest. We have not heard about the present free throw contest.

Coats for Kids saw an increase in coats distributed in across Missouri. In 2015 we had two areas of distribution. This year that was increased to 8 areas. This program helps those in need with warm winter coats, for the winter. Something they might of done without. Or something they would have done without if not for the Knights of Columbus. Brothers this is another program we need to get behind and support.

I must highlight one Coats for Kids distribution this year. Its one that I am proud of. It was in southwest Missouri, the greater Ozark Chapter. I think my Directors get tired of me saying, talking to them about it. It's one way of that we can go out and combine our efforts with other groups and really make the Knights of Columbus shown. These young men in their council work with together and donated over 25 cases of coats to children in southwest Missouri. The distribution point was in the Springfield Cardinals Training Center in

Springfield. Along with cooperation from Webb City 4 time State Champion and former Nebraska National Champion, and St. Louis Super Bowl Champion Grant Wistrom.

With the Springfield Cardinals that program is such a success. When the coats were laid out the GM for the Cardinals asked where the hats were. So he went back to his storeroom and brought out Cardinal hats for every youth that received a coat that day. Both the Cardinals and Grant stated they wanted to be part of that program in the coming year with the Knights and for many years to come.

The GM for the Cardinals said we are going to donate over 1,000 coats next year. And he is working hard to help it. So gentlemen how many of you love baseball? Applause.

How many of you would like to go to a Springfield Cardinal game? Frank Barchak here has tickets for it. We are getting proceeds from that. It is jersey day. The Springfield Cardinals are allowing us to receive all the profits from that jersey day sale. Because it's Christmas in July that day? Not say bad wishes on the Cardinals, the St. Louis Cardinals but if somebody is on the disabled list down there rehabbing we might get a little more money for a jersey. Laughter

But the Cardinals down there and Grant are supportive of us. Between that and a BBQ contest we are hoping to raise 25,000.00 to give or buy coats for Kids in Southwest Missouri. Gentlemen the only reason I bring it up, yes it's in my own area. It's my chapter. It's to show you how you can work with a larger organization and improve the programs that we have on a state level and in your council level. So with that, I want to thank the Greater Ozark Chapter but I want to thank Lucas and all his Chairman with youth programs. Thank you Applause

Families that come together Peter Nicastro. This past year there was the annual day at the ballpark in St. Louis for our families together to get them to watch the game. The same thing happened in Kansas City. Kansas City family team started with the brats and hotdog tailgate party at about 10:00 am before the Sunday game. If you guys have never seen how a tailgate, go to that game in May. Because the Kansas City boys will show you how to tailgate. Laughter

Earlier this year the team had their second annual tailgate party at the Kansas City Mavericks hockey game on a cold Saturday evening. They grilled, grill was started and served up some tasty brats and hotdogs again. This led up to game time and the enjoyment continued throughout.

The enjoyment for these events were being with brother Knight and their family watching a strikeout, a home run or watching a hockey fight which even included the St. Louis Blues this year ghost started and cheering on the home team. With this past year our state Fraternal Recognition program is up 130% meaning more people are turning in their families, their Knights, their youth for recognition. The Supreme Family nominations are up 167% with at least one Supreme Family of the Month during every month this fraternal year. During the calendar year 2017 Missouri Councils donated 1,112 pounds of food along with \$101,582.00 donated and over 14,000 hours worked. And in refunds from Supreme we received \$16,600.00 to go back to those councils.

Thank you for that work on the Food for Families. Peter wherever you are at? There you are. Thank you for the hard work this year to grow those programs it's well appreciated. Applause

There are two more things I want to bring up at this time. The first is the 2017

Supreme Convention to be held in St. Louis this past August. Missouri was the host jurisdiction for the One Hundred Thirtyfifth Supreme convention. A lot of work goes into a state convention as we put on this weekend. But to host a Supreme Convention took over 300 volunteers to make that a tremendous success. From the preliminary work of setting up Show Me Knights Inc. to the final day and the final hours of the convention, I can honestly say that Missouri placed their best foot forward. By showing our true Missouri hospitality.

The advice I received from previous State Deputies included your not going to get any sleep during that time. Your going to get calls from Supreme throughout the day, throughout the night with all the problems that your state is causing. And was the advice from four to the past Supreme Convention State Deputies. I can tell you I was able to sleep. I did not receive any phone calls of complaints. So to me that's makes me so proud of all the volunteers. Applause

Now let me tell you the comments I did receive from Supreme and other people. Such as I've been attending the Supreme Convention for the past 15 years. This was the best ran and with no appearance problem from anywhere that he could see. He said from State Deputies the volunteers were excellent. They are always visible in those green shirts. Laughter They knew who we were gentlemen and with our Ladies too.

They said they were helpful, their knowledge of the area, where to go for dinner, where to go to see something. And they always had a smile on their face and were very helpful. Registration was the best I've seen in all my years of attendance. The helpfulness of registering was a highlight. The Ladies Luncheon went on without a hitch. The food was excellent. The fashion show "through out the Ages" was well done. And the children stole the show. Especially the little suffrage girl. Who just happens to be my granddaughter Bianca. Laughter

Trying to transport of 100 Bishops and Cardinals can be a nightmare. But again Missouri came through with flying colors. I can say this no hierarchy were lost during the Supreme Convention by our drivers. Laughter

The accolades from the hierarchy in the Supreme Office and staff will always be remembered as a great experience by us all. One of the comments from the first one I read, also asked with our staff and volunteers move to Baltimore Maryland and put on 136th Supreme Convention. Laughter I don't think we had any volunteers to move yet.

I can not list everyone by name, but special thanks goes to all the Chairman and volunteers. But the three men I must thank are the three that stood up to take a position on the project as officers of Show Me Knights. The Chairman and President of Show Me Knights, John Appelbaum thank you for all the hours and love you put into the Convention. Thank you! Applause Brad Grill thank you for taking on the effort too. Applause And our Bookkeeper Mick, thank you always. Applause

The last item I want to mention is the on line membership program that is available in Missouri. Last night Kevin Smith from the Supreme Council Rep for Membership was here along with State Membership Mike Grudzinski promoting that on line project. You heard our Supreme Knight talk a little bit about it here today. Kevin is going to present the first and only workshop that is going to be held at 1:00 today. And that will be in this room and he will be setting up the e-membership, explaining to everyone how it works and having

time for your questions. He is going to discuss what it means for state council, your council and Supreme.

Missouri has been on line since March 12th, we have worked it slow. We have ten members from the on line and we will continue that. We are starting, when I received the notification of on line membership, what I do I assign them into a council. Where that council, Grand Knight and Financial Secretary can look on their prospect tab. Kevin will explain and invite them to a council meeting. Get them to join and that council will get credit for member. It's a simple process.

Hopefully you picked up some of the join us cards we had out at the booth last night. I Mike still has some back. We showed them to Kevin, boy that's better than the Supreme owns they put out. So Mike thank you for developing that. The Missouri E-membership team, SD Joe Rosenthal, Imm. PSD Keith Milson, Membership Director Mike Grudzinski along with Supreme Director Mick Gilliam, the State Officers and Directors support this new initiative and look forward to continued growth of the Missouri Jurisdiction. And I really look forward to seeing everyone attend this important workshop at 1:00 today.

You can see we have accomplished tremendous amount this year. It has been my pleasure to serve as State Deputy the past two years. It is an honor to meet so many Knights of Columbus members and their families as Bev and I travel over the many miles. You are what makes me proud to say that I am the State Deputy of the greatest Jurisdiction in the Order, from Missouri and from the great state of Missouri. Vivat Jesu! Applause

I respectfully submit this and I make a motion for it's adoption. Second, Lou Raneri there DD #25. All in favor? Aye All opposed? Motion passes I told you it would be a little bit of time there. Thank you for your patience.

It is my honor now to start the elections. And I will open the nominations for State Deputy and I have nomination from PSD John Appelbaum. I have one thing before that I need Report of the Credentials Committee.

Credentials Committee Chairman: Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, My Brother Knights: The Credentials Committee met this morning with our Worthy State Secretary Robert Hawkins and reviewed the credentials presented for the following attendees to this One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus Convention:

Supreme Representative-1

State Officers - 7

Past State Deputies-9

State Directors -9

State Chairmen-54

District Deputies-43

Registered Delegates-234

My thanks to State Secretary Bob Hawkins and all of the Committee members how helped review and tabulate the credentials. Worthy State Deputy this concludes my report and I move for it's adoption.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Andy Heffer #2265. All those in favor? Aye All Opposed motion passes.

Now I will move on to the election of State Officers and I call upon PSD John Appelbaum for a nomination fo State Deputy.

PSD John Appelbaum: Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Wor-

thy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, my brother Knights and Delegates. It is my distinct pleasure today to stand before you and nominate my good friend, Bob Hawkins for the office of State Deputy of the great Missouri jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

I have known Bob for as long as I have served on the Missouri State Council. In 1996 I was elected State Advocate, and Bob was serving as District Deputy. My first assignment as State Advocate from then SD Larry Pearce was to help Bob with an issue at one of his Councils. It was evident, even then, the level of respect that Bob received from the Councils he was serving.

While serving as District Deputy Bob received Star District for 1994-1995 and again for 1995-1996. He started Council #11437 in Richmond Heights, and had the highest percentage gain as a District for the Tootsie Roll Drive in 1995.

After serving 4 distinguished years as District Deputy, Bob was asked to take on the position of State Athletic Chairman, putting him in charge of all the State athletic competitions from 1998-2000. From 2000-2002 Bob served as Recruitment and New Council Development Chairman. From 2002-2003 Bob served as State Vocations Chairman and set an all-time record for collections at more that \$17,000.

From 2003-2005, Bob served as the East Chairman for what is now called the Drive For Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Once again, I was able to work with Bob and see his efforts firsthand as I served as the State Director for that program.

In 2005, State Deputy Ron Wood asked Bob to step up to the plate and serve as a State Director. His 11 years serving on the State Council at the time, served him well as he began his new role as Family Activities Director. At the 2005 St. Louis Cardinal Game event, Bob set another record for the highest number of tickets sold for that event selling 608 tickets.

From 2006-2008 Bob served as state Youth Director under State Deputy Mick Gilliam. During his time as Youth Director Missouri had 2 International winners in the Basketball Free Throw contest and 3 International winners in the Substance Abuse Poster Contest.

From 2010 to 2012 Bob returned to working on the Drive For Persons with Developmental Disabilities as State Community Activities Director during my term as State Deputy. During those 2 years Missouri raised more than \$1.2 million during our annual tootsie roll drive.

In 2012 Bob was tasked by State Deputy Brad Grill with overseeing Missouri's RIB program as State RIB Director. Again, Bob shined as our RIB collections during his two years totaled \$545,110.00, the highest two-year total in the history of the program.

From 2012 to 2014 Bob served as State Membership Director under State Deputy Keith Milson, helping to continue Missouri's growth.

In 2016 Bob's years of service led him to be elected by this body unanimously as State Secretary.

While doing each of these jobs, Bob has been active in his Council #10794 in Ballwin, and helped Council #9147 where he started his Knights of Columbus journey, as they have been reinstated. He has served as Grand Knights, as well as numerous other offices in the Council, as well as serving on the Board of their Home Association. Bob is also an active member of Assembly #565 in St. Louis and has served as Faithful Navigator and Faithful

Comptroller.

While Bob's Knights of Columbus duties keep him busy, he has also found the time to serve on several other community organizations. He was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in 2004, is a 6 time past president of the Fratellanza Society Italian Club in St. Louis. He served as President of Circle Sociale, and as President for the Holy Name Society at St. Ambrose Parish. He is the Recording Secretary for the Lindbergh High School Alumni Association, and is a member of Post #208 of the Sons of the American Legion. I don't know where he finds the time!

Bob clearly has a compelling history of service for the Missouri State Council, and a record of excelling at every job he undertakes. That level of dedication and commitment will serve him well as State Deputy, and it is with a great sense of pride that I formally nominate Bob Hawkins for the position of State Deputy of the Missouri jurisdiction and I ask you to join me in supporting him. Vivat Jesu! Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have any seconds? I have Lou Mautino PSD, Keith Milson Imm. PSD, Charlie Bernskoetter PSD, Brad Grill PSD, Mike York General Agent, Jerry Herbert Respect Life, Tom Wardenburger, Eric Bruns RIB Treasurer, Jim O'Fallon, I have Tom, Frank Barchak. Any others? Jerry Lamoureux, Dave Bramman, I'll take one more Ed Spence. How is that? Gentleman I now ask are there any other nominations for State Deputy?

Are there any other nominations for State Deputy? Are there any other nominations for State Deputy? Do I have a motion? Tom Caffrey.

Tom Caffrey: Worthy State Deputy I move that State Treasurer cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Hawkins.

SD Joe Rosenthal: All those in favor? Aye All opposed? Motion passes Applause

Bill Lueckenhoff: On behalf of the Missouri State Council I hereby cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Bob Hawkins as the new State Deputy. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Gentlemen it is my pleasure and honor to announce our State Deputy elect will be our new State Deputy July 1st, Bob Hawkins. Applause

State Secretary Bob Hawkins: I should of had a cup on to see the blood pressure prior to the third hit of the gavel. Laughter I can tell you it will take a few minutes for my blood pressure to stabilize. Well this is and exciting honor to be elected as your 51st State Deputy for the Jurisdiction of Missouri. I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year. Joe said he put on about 50,000 miles, I plan on putting on 100,000 as I plan on seeing everybody.

I joined the order in 1986, and my first Grand Knight Angelo Sita is here, thank you Angelo. It's a big moment. I hope to continue on Joe's success. Joe has set the bar high. I know we are going to get Circle of Honor. And I am going to try and repeat it. My team is going to try to keep up that momentum with Joe. So thank you very much. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: We will move on to the election of State Secretary and I call upon Imm. PSD Keith Milson for a nomination.

Imm. PSD Keith Milson: Before I get started just a quick comment for Bob. I know he said Joe put on 50 while he was State Deputy. Bob is planning on putting on a hundred, I hope he is talking about miles and not pounds!

SD Joe Rosenthal: Nominations are going to cease right now! Laughter

Imm. PSD Keith Milson: I say that lovingly cause these guys are my best

friends. I did put on fifty pounds when I was State Deputy. I have lost 40 of it all ready. I know it's stressful Bob but I know you are going to do a great job. I wish you all the best.

Worthy Supreme Director, Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, Reverend Fathers, My brother Knights.

I come to you this morning to place the name of Mike Grudzinski in nomination for the office of State Secretary.

I have known Mike since 2002 when he was a first year District Deputy. At the time I was in my second year as D.D. And as like minded Brothers, we hit it off from the start. When he asked me to nominate him for State Secretary I was delighted to accept the honor. Just a side note, Mike was District Deputy #1 and I was District Deputy #41. So at training sessions in December. Mike is always in the front row he had to pay attention. I'm in the back row and I can get away with a nap or two. Laughter He would have to send me a text every once and awhile to wake me up.

Mike was born and raise in Loup City, Nebraska, Is that right? Loup? He is married to his high-school sweetheart, Michelle for 34 years and they have two sons.

Mike joined the Knights in December 1988 in Mason City, IA, council #1006. After moving to Missouri in 1993 for a new employment opportunity Mike Joined his current council #1339 in Maryville. He took his 2nd & 3rd degrees later that year.

Mike put his talents to work right away for his new council by creating their first newsletter, it was submitted to the State Council and it won the Best Newsletter in State two years in a row. Mike was elected Grand Knight and served from 1999-2001. He again served as Grand Knight from September 2004- June 2005 when the then Grand Knight had to step down due to his relocation for a new job and he was serving as Deputy Grand Knight. Mike chaired the council's Centennial Celebration in 2008 and in July 2017 took on the role as Financial Secretary for his council. Always busy.

Mike became a Sir Knight in 1996, joining St. Joseph Assembly #569. In 2010, at the request of District Master Ron Wood, He joined both the Eastern and Western 4th Degree Teams as the Multimedia Specialist. In 2011, Mike was part of a group which formed a new Assembly (St. Benedict Assembly #3287) and he became the Charter Faithful Navigator. He currently serves as the Faithful Purser and has been an Honor Guard member for years for that assembly.

Mike's many talents and leadership abilities were recognized by State Deputies over the years. First with Jim Doggendorf and Ron Wood who appointed him for four years as District Deputy from 2002-2006. While serving as DD Mike started a college council at Conception Seminary College in 2005 and earned the Outstanding DD award in 2006.

Past SD and current Supreme Board of Director Mick Gilliam appointed Mike to serve his first term as Chairman as State Youth Protection & Substance Abuse Poster Contest Chairman from 2006-2008 under then Youth Director Bob Hawkins. During that time Missouri had 3 International Winners and one Second Place winner at the Supreme level.

State Deputy Greg Stratman recognized Mikes talents well, appointing him as the State College Council Coordinator in 2009-2010 under then Membership Director Keith Milson. That old guy! In January 2009, he was asked to fill

the vacant role created when State Webmaster, I'm going to skip over that part. He filled the role of State Webmaster as well as to continue to serve as the College Council Coordinator.

State Deputy John Appelbaum saw something special in Mike and appointed him to his first State Director's position, State Church Activities Director from 2010-2012. As State Church Director Mike implemented the first statewide "Adopt a Seminarian" program which has been very successful.

State Deputy Brad Grill appointed Mike to State Community Activities Director from 2013-2014 during the term Mike and his team made most monetary donations received to date for the American Wheelchair Foundation. Dave Bramman thank you very much.

From 2014-2016 when I was State Deputy I asked Mike to serve as State General Program Director. Mike did an outstanding job during that time we had two Supreme Council Service Award Program Winners, First Place. In fact 2015 we had 4 out of the 6 applications receive at least a top three or higher recognition from Supreme. I don't know if that has ever happened at Supreme before.

Our current State Deputy Joe Rosenthal appointed Mike to his biggest task yet, that of State Membership Director. Mike has done a great job, he's grown in that position and he has got us in a great place to possibly make Circle of Honor for the first time since 2009.

When the Supreme Convention was held here in St. Louis August, Mike stepped up and served as the Co-Chairman for Registration, he took care of all the registration.

In addition to his Knights of Columbus activities and duties he also serves as Lector and Eucharistic Minister for his parish in Maryville.

Mike is probably the most highly educated man in this room. There is nothing wrong with saying that Mike. Alright? He's over there shaking his head. He received a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 86, a Master of art in Communication Studies from the University of Iowa in 1993. A Master of Science in Higher Education Leadership from Northwest Missouri State University in 2009.

Mike has used his leadership abilities helping other institutions as well. He served two 3-year terms on the Conception Seminary College Board of Regents from 2008-2014.

In his working career Mike has been a TV Producer/Director at KIMT Television in Mason City, Iowa. He worked at Cycle-Sat, a satellite uplink facility, in Forest City, Iowa. He was a Graduate Assistant at the University of Iowa where he taught courses in Rhetoric. That's going to come in real handy when you are hopefully State Deputy. Laughter. He is currently employed at Northwest Missouri state University and has been there for over 20 years. Mike has always been at the cutting edge of technology and education. His job titles have changed as technology has evolved: Coordinator for Satellite Video, Videoconferencing Coordinator, Distance Learning Manager, and now serves as Video and Web Conferencing Specialist. Many of those things are going to be very valuable over the next two years as State Secretary.

Over the years Mike has proven himself an effective and dedicated leader and a true Fraternal Brother. I am confident that he will continue to use his skills to update the duties and responsibilities assigned to the State Secretary. And it is with my highest recommendation I can give, I wholeheartedly endorse

Brother Mike Grudzinski for State Secretary and solicit for him your kind support. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have any seconds? Brad Grill PSD, Doug Kissinger GPD, Ron Mathias College Council Coordinator, Larry Pearce PSD, Fr. Joe Weber, Russell Smith Webster Groves and Mike Tesmer Council Activities Director do I have any others out there? Bruce Gardner, Tim Beussink, all in favor? Book Lawrence I think we will stop the seconds right there. Do I have any other nominations for State Deputy? Or State Secretary, Sorry Mike. Laughter. Bob I was trying to get your heart rate going Buddy! Laughter Any other nominations for State Secretary? Any other nominations for State Secretary? I ask for a motion? Bruce

Bruce Gardner: Worthy State Deputy I move that all other nominations for State Secretary cease. And a unanimous ballot be cast for Mike Grudzinski State Secretary.

SD Joe Rosenthal: All in favor? Aye Opposed? Motion passes. I call upon our State Secretary Bob Hawkins to cast that unanimous ballot.

State Secretary Bob Hawkins: By the power vested in me by the Supreme Board of Directors I cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Grudzinski for State Secretary. Applause

Membership Director Mike Grudzinski: Wow, Sorry Reverend Fathers, our Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy and my brother Knights. This is kind of over whelming. It was kinda of like an out of body experience when I'm listening to Keith, gosh that guy didn't do all of that did I? I'm not that old? Laughter Like I just want to say, I want to thank you all but I'll just say, I've still got, I'd love to jump right into this challenge but we still have two months left on this year. Guess what? I'm still going to push membership. I'll by the way, I'm still a little surprised there were no nays from all the District Deputies out there, that I kind of ride on a weekly basis. With my come on Membership guys. I appreciate your support.

We again have two months left in this year we are going to finish this year strong for SD Rosenthal. Then we will kick things, we are just going to keep momentum going for our State Deputy Elect Bob Hawkins. If you haven't seen, we have a lot of information back on the table there about membership. Take some of those pamphlets back with you. They will help, they really do. Once again thank you all and I will do my best not to let you down. Thanks Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: We will now move on to our State Treasurer nominations and I call upon PSD Mick Gilliam.

PSD Mick Gilliam: Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, Brother Knights I rise as a Past State Deputy to place the nomination of the office of State Treasurer Missouri my friend Bill Lueckenhoff. Bill and I, I'm not going to repeat the nomination speech I did last year. I told Bill it would be a lot briefer this year. Bill and I are the oldest friends in the Missouri Knights of Columbus. My oldest friend in the Knights of Columbus is Bill Lueckenhoff. Bill and I went to college together. We became friends because we were competitors on the softball field. I think it was 1980, what year was it? I remember Diane was pregnant there. The state convention was in the Ramada Inn, 1981. Ran into Bill and Diane there at the state convention. He was the GK and I was the GK. It was pretty neat.

And so we kinda stayed in touch, you know over the years and when I was elected to State Deputy in 2006, Marvin Buschko was the DD in that St.

Thomas area there. And he, Marvin had served four years. And I was drawing a blank, I asked Marvin if he would serve one more year. He served a 5th year, I think it was the first and only time he received outstanding District Deputy. Bless his soul he was a great guy. Well when the time came, I asked Marvin, I knew Bill had been a Grand Knight thirty years before at that point. Do you think Bill would be interested in doing this? Well bless his heart he did. Let me say, if you want to take a friendship up to the very next level, be a brother in the Knights of Columbus. Because our friendship, our friendship went here all the way up here.

Since I've been State Secretary in 1998 through my time as State Deputy and time as bookkeeper, I have worked with 9 different State Treasurers. And I'm not going to compare them because they have all been great. But I am going to say, when it comes to competence and complete reliability, Bill Lueckenhoff has been at the very top tier of the 9. We can count on him I know for another year of great service as State Treasurer of the Missouri Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. I place this name in nomination of this office and I solicit for him your support. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Any seconds for Bill here: John Appelbaum PSD, Mike Deamos State Warden, Pat Kennedy Regional Growth Director he has a big ole stick he is hanging up there to make sure I see him. Jim Baldwin past State Advocate, Russell Stanberry DD#21 and Bob Shellman from his home council #2149, Brian Ziegler Church Activities Director, Dennis Buchheit, John Jasper DD#24, Lou Raneri DD#25. So do I have any other nominations for State Treasurer? Do I have any other nominations for State Treasurer? Do I have any other nominations for State Treasurer? May I have a motion please? Russell? All those in favor? Aye All Opposed? The motion passes. We have our new State Treasurer Bill Lueckenhoff with a unanimous ballot cast by our State Secretary Bob Hawkins.

State Secretary Bob Hawkins: By the power vested in me by the Supreme Board of Directors I cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Lueckenhoff for State Treasurer. Applause

State Treasurer Bill Lueckenhoff: Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my brother Knights all. I am humbled and honored to serve as your State Treasurer for the state of Missouri. Like to first thank you Mick for your kind nomination, for your kind words. And also like to thank Joe Rosenthal for the past year generous support for me as I entered into this position. It has been a great experience. I would also like to thank all of you out there for your warm hospitality at events that I have been fortunate to attend out in the state. And over the years as State Council I have been blessed to a member of the Missouri Knights of Columbus and my wife Diane and I have made many great friends out there.

It has been a great organization and it continues to be. And I thank you all for all of that and like I said earlier I am truly humbled and honored to serve. I appreciate all your support. Thank you very much. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: We are going to move on to our nomination for State Advocate and I call upon PSD Brad Grill.

PSD Brad Grill: Good morning. Dennis Buchheit Nomination Speech
Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative and Director Gilliam who is just leaving! Laughter Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Officers and Masters, and my Brother

Knights.

What an honor and privilege it is to stand before you this morning to nominate Dennis Buchheit for the Office of State Advocate. My candidate has previously held the position of State Advocate, and has served the Order as such while I had the privilege of being State Secretary. During this period Dennis and I confronted numerous issues and his efforts were of great importance and help to the general and daily operation of the Missouri Jurisdiction.

Dennis is presently serving as the Legislative Chairman and liaison to the Missouri Catholic Conference, Publicity Chairman, and Newsletter Chairman for the Missouri State Council. He joined the Order in 1982, and is a member of Kirkwood Council 2117. Dennis has served the Kirkwood Council in many capacities, including the positions of Advocate, Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight from 1999 to 2001, Trustee and Recording Secretary, and has been a member of the Kirkwood Council's Admissions Degree team since 1986. He is currently Kirkwood Council's General Program Director. Dennis also has served for a number of years on the Council's home association board and was as its President for a number of years.

Dennis received the honors of the Fourth Degree member in 1984. He is a member of the St. Louis Assembly 565 and Honor Guard. Dennis feels privileged to serve as a member of the Patriotic Degree exemplification team for Eastern Missouri.

Past State Deputy Mick Gilliam, appointed Dennis as District Deputy 40 for two years beginning in 2006 and he earned the Outstanding District Deputy award in 2008. That same year, Dennis was elected to the office of State Advocate for the Missouri State Council, and he served four years through 2012 in that position with State Deputies, Greg Stratman and John Appelbaum. In 2012, he was appointed to his present chairman positions by myself as State Deputy, and has continued that service under State Deputies, Keith Milson and Joe Rosenthal.

Dennis has been married to his wife Susan for 42+ years, and they have three sons and a wonderful granddaughter. Dennis feels especially blessed because Susan became a convert to the Catholic faith. Dennis and Susan are active members of St. Peter Parish in Kirkwood, Missouri, where Dennis has been active in numerous ways, including as a lector, usher, ACTS retreat teams and parish ACTS CORE team, offertory family, and boys basketball teams coach.

Dennis is a graduate of CBC High School in Saint Louis, Rockhurst University in Kansas City, and Saint Louis University School of Law. He has been a licensed attorney in Missouri since 1976, and is currently in private practice in Clayton, Missouri. Dennis has for many years served in the Volunteer Lawyer Association, performing pro bono legal services for clients who can not afford a lawyer.

Therefore, my Brother Knights, I would ask you to elect Dennis Buchheit as State Advocate of our great Order here in the Missouri Jurisdiction.

It is my honor and privilege to place in nomination for the Office of State Advocate, my friend and Brother Knight, Dennis Buchheit, and solicit for him your kindly consideration and support. Thank you.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have any seconds? Bruce Gardner, Chris Bradfield Chairman, Dave Dillon Chairman, Don Allen Chairman, Bernard

Panther DD, Brian Thompson DD, Peter Lassiter, I think he is wanting to give the job up here. Laughter. So to move on, do I have a motion, pardon me. Trying to push it through there. Do I have any other nominations for State Advocate. Do I have any other nominations for State Advocate? Do I have any other nominations for State Advocate? Tim don't scratch your head there. Do I have any other nominations for State Advocate. May I have a motion? John Appelbaum

PSD John Appelbaum: Worthy State Deputy I make a motion that nominations cease and that the State Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dennis Buchheit as State Advocate.

SD Joe Rosenthal: All in favor? Aye All opposed The motion passes.
State Secretary Bob Hawkins: By the power vested in me by the Supreme Board of Directors I cast a unanimous ballot for Dennis Buchheit for State Advocate. Applause

State Advocate Elect Dennis Buchheit: Worthy Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, Brother Knights and friends, It's great to see so many of you that I know. I look forward to working with you, serving you those who I know, those who I don't. The office that I am called to, to come back to, is an interesting job. I appreciate your confidence and your support. Please don't hesitate to call with any issue that you think, should come to the attention of the State Advocate. Come to me and I'll serve you, help you the best I can. Vivat Jesu! Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: We will now open the nominations for State Warden. I call upon PSD Charles Bernskoetter for a nomination.

PSD Charles Bernskoetter: If you give me the gavel I can speed this thing up a little bit! Laughter. Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, my brother Knights, it is my pleasure to place in the nomination of the office State Warden my good friend and dedicated Knight of Columbus brother Dave Kiesling.

Dave was born and raised on a farm near Jefferson City. He graduated from Hellas high School in 1968. He received a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture from Lincoln in 1972 and a Masters in Agriculture in from the University of Missouri in 1979. Dave joined Helias council #1054 in 1981 and became a 4th degree member of Dan C. Coppel Assembly 573.

He was Knight of the Month for 2003 and Knight of the year in 1999 and 2013.

In 2017 he received the Charles Kolb award for outstanding service for Helias Council and the State level. He was elected Faithful Navigator in 2014 for Coppel Assembly he is currently serving in that position.

At the State level he was District Deputy in 1999-2003 under State Deputy Tony Braun, Bob Jecklin and Jim Doggenfdorf. During this time he was an Outstanding District Deputy all 4 years. He received Star District Award in 2000 & 2002. He helped establish Council #12992 in Jefferson City in 2001. He was also a Supreme Delegate in 2002. He served as Vocation Chairman of the Jefferson City Diocese for 2003-05. He served as State Family Life Director under State Deputy Mick Gilliam from 2006-2008.

He currently serves as State Historian and Jefferson City Diocesan Chairman. Besides being involved with the Knights of Columbus, he has served on the Cole County Extension Council as Chairman in 1997 - 1998 and is currently serving as Treasurer.

He is a member of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City and has served on the Parish Council, Finance Committee, and several special events at St. Peter's. He was active in the St. Peter Home and School Association while his children attended St. Peter School. He and his wife Linda have been married for 44 years and have four children and seven grandchildren.

As you can tell Dave is dedicated to the Knights as well as to his family, church, and community. I have known Dave since he joined our council and I know he will put that same dedication and effort into his duties as State Warden. He attends every council meeting, works at every council function, and has helped our council grow to where it is today. He might even be a candidate for Sainthood! Laughter The reason I say that I asked a number of members of his council to, if they could tell me anything about him. It was only good things to say about him, it was great.

It is therefore my honor and privilege to place the name of my good friend Sir Knight Dave Kiesling in nomination for the office of State warden and ask for your support. Thank you Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have any seconds? Let's see Jim Eberhard Springfield, Rick Cain GK #1054, Pat Kennedy Chairman, Larry Pearce PSD, Brad Grill PSD, DD#19 Russell Stansbury. Okay Sorry, Book Lawrence Chairman, Jerry Herbert Director. Are there any other nominations for State Warden, Are there any other nominations for State Warden? Are there any other nominations for State Warden? I look for a motion. Jeff Brondell

Jeff Brondell: I make a motion for unanimous ballot to be cast by the State Secretary for Dave Kiesling as State Warden.

SD Joe Rosenthal: All in favor? Aye All opposed. I call on our State Treasurer to cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Kiesling as State Warden. Sorry State Secretary. Laughter

State Secretary Bob Hawkins: I've made that mistake myself. By the power vested in me by the Supreme Board of Directors I cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Kiesling as State Warden. Applause

State Warden Elect Dave Kiesling: Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, my brother Knights. I would like to thank you all for your support. This is such an honor and I would like to thank Charlie for those kind words and I will try to make you a saint too. Laughter

But it's a great privilege and I will do my best as your State Warden to the greatest jurisdiction in the Knights of Columbus. So thank you all very much. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: We will now have the nomination for Columbian Charities Delegate at large. I now call upon PSD Larry Pearce for a nomination.

PSD Larry Pearce: Get my paperwork all set up here. Your jobs not done until you get all the paperwork.

Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Supreme Director, State Deputy, Past State Deputies and my brother Knights all. Again this year, it is my great pleasure to place into nomination the name of a member for office. This man will be your representative on the Board of Directors of Columbian Charities.

A dedicated Knight and a devoted family man, he married his sweetheart and love of his life, Juanita, in 1963. They have two children, Angela, 52 and Edward Jr. 48 and four grandchildren along with one great grandson. A teacher who retired in 1999, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education at C.M.S.C. In 1972 and went on to complete his Master's Degree

there in 1980. He was a High School Physical Education teacher for 27 years, coaching track, football & cross country.

He joined the Knights of Columbus, Raytown Co. #4962 in 1984 serving 2 years as Chancellor, 2 years as Deputy Grand Knight and 2 more years as Grand Knight. He was then President of the Kansas City Chapter Knights of Columbus in 2003-2004. He went on to become a member of the V.I.P. 25 member Club in 2006 and has been the Chairman of Kansas City's Religious Appreciation Dinner for the last ten years.

He also led the State Pilgrimages in the Kansas City area, chartering busses for five of them. Past State Deputy Jim Daggendorf appointed him as D.D. #8 in 2003 and he promptly started Council #13671 at St. Regis. He stayed of as DD #8 for State Deputy Ron Wood from 2004-2006 and was elected as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Chicago.

State Deputy Mick Gilliam then appointed him Recruitment and New Council Development Chairman for Kansas City from 2006-2008. State Deputy Greg Stratman then appointed him State Director for the annual Drive for Developmental Disabilities for 2008 to 2010. From 2010 to 2011, State Deputy John Appelbaum gave him multiple tasks of appointments as Recruitment and new Council Development Chairman and Hispanic Council Chairman. And in 2011 to 2012, re-appointed him as Hispanic Council Chairman as well as Awards and Star Councils and Financial Secretaries State Chairman. From 2012-2014 he served State Deputy Brad Grill as Awards & Star Councils Chairman, as well as KofC representative to the F.I.R.E. Program.

From 2014-2016, State Deputy Keith Milson appointed him as Kansas City Diocesan Liaison for Seminarians for the state. And our present State Deputy, Joe Rosenthal had him serving as Awards & Star Councils Chairman for the last two years. And two weeks ago he was the Honoree at the Fourth Degree in Kansas City. As you can see my candidate is no "Edward come Lately".

He is a proven commodity bringing a plethora of experience to this position. I am confident that he will do a good job for our jurisdiction. It is a great honor then for me to place into nomination. For the office of Member at Large to the Columbian Charities Board the name of Edward Columbus & I solicit from you your support. Vivat Jesu!

SD Joe Rosenthal: Do I have any seconds? Let's see Dave Dillon, Chris Teel, Ralph Cupelli, John Casey, trying to see Cliff Miller and then Pat Carr and Book Lawrence. Trying to look toward the back. Are there any other nominations for Columbian Charities At Large Delegate? Are there any other nominations for Columbian Charities At Large Delegate? Are there any other nominations for Columbian Charities At Large Delegate? May I have a motion please? Tom Caffrey.

Tom Caffrey: Worthy State Deputy I move that nominations cease and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Ed Columbus.

SD Joe Rosenthal: All in favor? Aye All opposed. Call upon our State Secretary.

State Secretary Bob Hawkins: By the power vested in me by the Supreme Board of Directors I cast the unanimous ballot for Ed Columbus as the Delegate for Columbian Charities. Applause

Ed Columbus: Okay I think I remember. Reverend Father, State Deputy, State Director and all the rest of you. Laughter You know I was, wait I got the mic, A Physical Education teacher, a cross country coach but I wasn't a runner

I was a coach. So that's why I sit in the back to watch things going on.

It was mentioned a couple of weeks ago, I was humbled at the 4th degree or two weeks ago. I was sitting here, John I would like to talk to you about that. There are a lot of people sitting here that are worthy. I really appreciate the opportunity to serve the State Council. I have been here for a while. I think back, there are things that happen in your life, I had an experience in my life 25 years ago. I didn't think it would get any better. My granddaughter walked in the kitchen door, a year and a half old, waddled across the kitchen floor, crawled up on my lap and said Pepa I love you." Those are pretty humbling experiences. I was humbled at the 4th degree, I am humbled at the opportunity to serve the State Council in this position and I thank you for that. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Our Supreme Representative for a report or our one and only Supreme Representative Mick Gilliam. Applause

Supreme Representative Mick Gilliam: Todd let's move, let's move you. Joe, Worthy State Deputy, I did the litany once is it okay if I skip this. Worthy State Deputy asked me if I would like to make my remarks on Sunday morning because obviously it's last second. I guarantee I will do it in three minutes. So you have a clock you can put me on the clock.

First of all greetings, greetings from, I am here to represent the Supreme Council. Supreme Representative greetings from the Worthy State Deputy, sorry Worthy Supreme Knight! Laughter I'm wasting time, Supreme Knight and Supreme Officers. You know there is real, you know representing Supreme in your own state kinda, can kinda be a double edge sword. Sometimes familiarity does breed contempt a little bit. But boy here in Missouri it's hard to find many negatives. Just Missouri top to bottom is just a first class jurisdiction. And wherever I go, whatever I do, I will always be from Peace Valley, Missouri.

Okay it's way down deep in me and I am just so proud, I'm so proud to say that my Jurisdiction is Missouri. And every time we have an accomplishment I want to talk about some of it at the banquet tonight so I'm not going long here. I'm, I'm just so proud first of all to represent, to be the State Deputy of this jurisdiction, with it's wonderful history. And then to have the opportunity to serve on the Supreme Board of Directors. It all happened because from the beginning to the end, from top to bottom I always knew that I could count on the support from he guys from Missouri. And I appreciate that. Vivat Jesu! Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: I now call on the report of the General Agencies

SD Joe Rosenthal: Just a quick note for the Honor Guard, those dressing out, if you can be down here at 4:00. Dignitaries we need you down here at 4:15 for the lineup and that's for mass today. The banquet tonight, about 7:15 for the Dignitaries and if the Honor Guard can be here a little before that. Thank you

I now call upon my good friend, General Agent of the number two agency in North America Ryan Lister. Applause

Ryan Lister: What a day? Pretty exciting times. If I could have field agents come around this way it will make it a little easier. If we make them late for lunch they won't like us anymore. I thank you guys for having us today. I came into Missouri about two years ago and one of the first actions I got to have as the new General Agent was the State Deputy Keith and lovely Bob went out to lunch together. We set down talked about the plan, we talked about the things

we want to achieve. And frankly talked about the things that lay ahead of us.

It is very humbling to stand here two years later, to have seen two tremendous State Deputies, a future phenomenal State Deputy. A tremendous year for the state of Missouri and for my very own agency to finish the year as the #2 world wide Knights of Columbus. It's amazing what can be accomplished when two such powerful parts of an amazing organization, really grab ahold of each other. Support each other and work toward a common mission.

So I would just like to thank all you guys personally for all the help and support the last couple of years. So we have some, some pretty fantastic men to recognize with a lot of awards to give away. So we are going to see if we can make it work.

Okay if my guys can come up here real quick, St. Louis boys. I can make this quick, I know most of the information already. If I can have Matt O'Brien step forward, Matt Bell step forward, Alec Bland step forward, Jim Booth step forward, Joe Smith step forward. These men all joined the agency in the last year. Applause

What I think is remarkably is the fact that we finished number two in the organization these guys have only been here less than a year. We didn't have Bill (unaudible), we didn't have Jim Ferris, we didn't have Bill Warnecke, Bill has been here less than two years. A lot can happen with the right kind of people. Go ahead and step back boys.

We would like to recognize some men that hit the 5 million club. Matt O'Brien step forward, Alec Bland step forward, James Booth step forward, Bill Warnecke step forward. These men have all joined, I'm holding a couple, these guys all have exceeded over five million Dollars protection on their assigned families.

Recognize a lot of these guys were here less than a year. Congratulations Applause. Alright Jim Ferris will you please step forward. Jim started with the agency October 2016. In his first year as Field Agent in the St. Louis Agency Jim place in force over \$11, 600,000.00 for his membership. Congratulations Jim Applause Ted Hunkins is, probably one of the longest Field Agents in the Knights of Columbus. Certainly in Missouri, over 25 years of service this year. Ted Hunkins put in force over \$11,500,000.00 for his families this year. Congratulations Ted. Applause Dylan Paahia please step forward. Jokingly referred to as my little brother. So Dylan was recognized this year as the number 1 agent worldwide for the Knights of Columbus. It was a hard fought year. Dylan placed in force over Thirtyfive million dollars. Applause In 2017 he also got engaged, got married and bought a house. Laughter You can see the gray hairs.

It is my pleasure, we usually do a plaque but this year we upgraded, to recognize Dylan Pashia as the number one Agent in the State of Missouri, but North America. Joe if you would do the honors? Applause This agency of twelve men in 2017 place in force a Hundred-thirteen million dollars for their families. Applause Something our next State Deputy will thoroughly enjoy, they don't let too many insurance guys go to Supreme Convention cause they are going to have to buy stuff. They only let four of us go and the Show Me State stepped up in a big way, 50% of the insurance delegation will be from the State of Missouri this year. Dylan and I will both be attending Baltimore Convention. Applause Alright step that way. Mr. Mike York.

General Agent Mike York: Can I have Mike come up first. We have a few guys that were unable to attend today. But real quick I would like to recognize a few new guys, Danny Haddocks came aboard last year. Applause Matt Sublick came on board with us in November. Applause The newest addition to our team is Andy Gildeous, came on board, I don't want to get my months mixed up. It would be two months ago. Applause These are our newest additions, but real quick I would like to recognize a couple of our top performers. Don Meyer was unable to attend today because of surgery but last year he wrote \$2.5 million. Applause Andy Haddox was again with us for six months last year but wrote \$5.4 in volume. Applause Darrel Van Deven which again has been with York for over 20 years was unable to attend due to a graduation, he wrote \$5.6 million in volume. Applause And then Mr. Loy Schrum here wrote \$8 million in volume. Applause Then Mr. Gerry Keene \$9.2 in volume. Applause And then next up we had Joe Peyar who wrote 118% and wrote \$7.9 million in volume. Applause And then last but not least our Number 1 Agent in our Agency actually finished 6th in the entire company. So we had number 1 and number 6 Field Agents in this room today and number two General Agent, but that was Jack Copman and he finished the year at 450% MBRT member and wrote \$13.3 million in volume. Way to go Jack! Applause

So again thank you gentlemen for everything you do. Applause

Next up I would like to ask some of Gary Struempf's men up please. Don't really have much to say, we all know the situation we are dealing with that. But I do want to recognize his men, some of his men have shown up today and some of the great work they did. And if I miss one of your names I do apologize, please step up and don't let me forget it. Dustin Wright you are fairly new, I'm sorry Matt, I already messed one up. I'm sorry. First I would like to recognize Dan Bax, he finished the year 134% in volume and \$13.8 million. Applause Next I would like to recognize Scott Hinkebein, 163% and \$16 million in volume. Applause. Next Larry Helsure he finished at 200% and \$10.9 in volume. Applause. Darrel Hinkebein, he finished at 174% and \$10.4 million in volume. Applause. And Stan Strope, he finished 139% and basically \$2 million in volume. Applause. And Matt can you kinda give me some numbers? I didn't have them so do you remember what you did last year? Aw a little over \$8 million in volume. I do apologize I didn't have a plaque here with the stuff I got from the Struempf's but thank you again for your service. Thank you for showing up to a good face for Gary. I know he is looking down, he is proud of you guys for being here. I know I greatly appreciate you being here for that for sure. Thank you for everything you do for the Knights, all of you. Thank you Applause

Ryan Lister: Finally in closing, one I think, Joe Racker is also in the Agency. Did I forget him? I may have forgotten Joe Smith. There is a couple of minutes before lunch. Now we have time to say what needs to be said, but I did want to take a moment and just kind of recognize Gary just a little bit. These men up here now are just a small representation. If you are hired or contracted by Mike York, by Gary Struempf, myself or Greg Rackers, please raise your hand. All those people only existed because of Gary Struempf. Gary Struempf was responsible for I think 7 or 8 General Agents, hundreds of Field Agents. In his time with the Knights of Columbus I believe he was closing in on about \$2 billion dollars of protection, Billion! You think of the legacy that one man can have and I think over the next few years how remarkably that legacy really is.

I would just ask each and everyone of you as you finish this weekend, as you make friendships, as we continue to move our Order forward. Think about the legacy you are going to leave. What kind of legacy you can create for your councils. What kind of legacy we can create as a state. Thank you all very much let's have a great weekend. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Thanks Brian and thanks to all the Field Agents for the work you do protecting us. Just thank you. Applause I call upon our State Chaplain, he has a few remarks and then maybe have our grace before meal in here. Then everybody can get over there. Applause

State Chaplain Fr. Rick Jones: Supreme Director, State Deputy, State Deputy-elect, Past State Deputies, State Directors and Officers, Brother Knights all. It starts with you. If you have to tell others the story through your life, you have to do it to show by how you live your life. That Fr. McGivney has made a difference. And those first Knights that gathered with him, that you are a part of this wonderful organization.

Our honorary State Chaplain Bishop Rice was with us yesterday, as Joe mentioned. He gave a workshop to us Chaplains that were there and his topic was "Vocation of Being a Knight of Columbus, Spiritual Gentlemen filled with Love for the Catholic Faith". Bishop Rice challenged us as Chaplains especially on the local level to raise the bar for every Catholic man. Whether they are part of the Knights of Columbus or they are currently discerning the possibility of being a part of the Knights of Columbus. And he said try to show about the none negotiables that we live by, especially those of us that are part of the Knights of Columbus. What are those non-negotiables, what would they be? Well you would think they would be different for everybody? But pretty much we are all pretty united in that. Our negotiables as christian men with the Knights of Columbus is to be filled with charity, filled with unity, to be filled with fraternity, to be filled with patriotism. To be filled with love of our country.

Fr. McGivney gave those and they are still very appropriate for us. Those should be our non-negotiables. We should live those non-negotiables every moment, every day of our life. Well what does that look like do you say? When we try to put it into our everyday life. Bishop Rice and a number of other Bishops through out the country are talking about how we are in a cultural war. We have to reclaim the family. We have to see how we can reclaim Sunday as a day of the Lord. We have to reclaim how we do family on Sunday. We have to see how we can make it a holy time for ourselves. For ourselves as Catholic men, for ourselves as families.

External actions define internal disposition. So for example if you are out doing everything on Sunday and your not really making it a day of the Lord. You know the ones you are responsible for in your family are going to see that. And so Bishop Rice basically challenged us as Chaplains to try and encourage you as men of your families to make it a holy day. Like for example how many of you have Sunday meal that you gather for? If you don't try to do that. Try to see if you can say this is an important day for us as a family to come together. This is how we create unity in our family, this is how we create a sense of charity among us as family members. This is how we create this spirit that Fr. McGivney was talking about.

So external actions define internal dispositions. The parishes you belong to need your influence. I talked about this before as your State Chaplain. I say it once again. The parishes you belong to need your influence. Our culture is

confused, our culture is desperate for meaning. They want you, your family. They want you to show them how live in this world thats filled with confusion and desperate for meaning. We can do all of this if we just follow what we already have. The Knights of Columbus we have this beautiful opportunity to really build the domestic church. It's ours, it's ours. We don't have to reinvent the wheel. It's ours, this Building The Domestic Church. It's our answer to how we go into the world and bring it's meaning. It's how we, how we work on these external actions, the answers are there.

I showed a video of the Supreme Director Carl Anderson when ever he was unrolling this whole program, Building the Domestic Church. And it's on the website if you, if you go to the website you click on The Domestic Church and then you click on the Supreme Director's remarks. You can watch it for yourself. Just remind yourself again what Building The Domestic Church is about. So it's all about defending values, you know claiming those values for yourself individually and collectively. It's about protecting the family. There you go learning how to do family again. We have lost that whole idea about how to do family. About how to raise our children in a family. How raise our grandchildren.

You know our kids they are more concerned about what's one that silly phone thing, you know. That's what they listen to. Well give them something else to listen to. Give them your example, give them your influence. You know take that silly phone away from them and give them your good christian influence as a holy man. Share the guidance that we have. You know it's not rocket science, it's not rocket science. But we have to be committed to it and that's why I think it's so important that we come together at times like this and renew ourselves and all these wonderful opportunities that are before us.

So I encourage you to talk to your Chaplain, to talk to your Pastor. You know have only had, it's just really been a small number of Chaplains come to the workshops that we have had and so we have tried to put out the word like that. We can use your help and try to tell your Pastor, to try and tell your Chaplain about the good work of the Knights of Columbus. I've got some handbooks up here if anybody wants any? They are left over from our workshop we had. I've got some handbooks on what is required out of the Chaplain. So if you want to come up and take one of those, feel free to do that. You can take it back to your, your pastor. Take it back to your Chaplain and you can say here is something from the Knights of Columbus and hopefully it's going to be able to help you. Help you help us. Okay

And so that might be another opportunity to say "Father can I take you out to lunch one of these days?" I would like to share the joy of being part of the Knights of Columbus. So develop that relationship with your priest. You know they are good guys for the most part. Their probably concerned with a lot of other things. Try to keep them focused with the importance of the Knights of Columbus are really really busy trying to Build this Domestic Church.

So I just want to take your time and remind you of that. How you can stay in the picture of your Chaplain, in the picture of your Pastor. Try to help them so they can help you. Remember the best question you can say, Is Father is there, is there anything we can do as Knights of Columbus to help you in the Parish? It's a great question. Your priest will probably fall over on the floor when you ask that question. Ask that question. Is there anything we can do as Knights of Columbus that can help you in the parish. That would be a great way

to start that conversation.

And as Chaplain the past couple of years, I want to say thank you to Joe for this wonderful opportunity for being State Chaplain. To be able to serve this esteemed body of holy men. This has been a joy, has been a privilege of mine to be a part of this Missouri Jurisdiction. To bring home the message of Fr. McGivney. He is going to be a Saint one of these days. Let's keep praying. Okay? He's going to be a saint and he's going to be our saint. So let's ask him to continue to guide us and to show us the way. Vivat Jesu! Applause

So let's pray for our ladies. You can tell them we prayed for our meal, we will pray for our meal at this time. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Bless us o'Lord and these thy gifts in which we are about to receive from our bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen.

SD Joe Rosenthal: There may be some confusion on the banquet. I will get that and announce it in the correct time frame. It may be different in one but in my deals it may John. So enjoy lunch and we'll see you back in here. We will have to have the firewalls closed so it will be a little bit more compact when you get back in here this afternoon.

Saturday Banquet April 28, 2018

GPD Doug Kissingner: Welcome everyone to the One Hundred Seventeenth Missouri Knights of Columbus Annual Convention Banquet. We are are going to introduce the head table, but first I thank you and are glad that all of you could join us this evening.

We are going to start with State Family Director Peter Nicastro and his lovely wife Ellen. Applause. Yes it is Peter's birthday today and we will sing Happy Birthday later. State R.I.B. Promotion Director Michael Auchly, Applause, State Community Activities Director John Mautino, Applause, State Youth Director Lucas Volkman and his lovely wife Chrissy, and I've never gotten to say that before and that is awesome, Applause, State Respect Life Director Jerry Herbert and his lovely wife Chris, Applause. And now for the really fun wrinkle State Membership Director and State Secretary Elect Mike Grudzinski, Applause, State Council Director Mike Tesmer and his lovely wife Kathy, Applause, State Church Director Brian Ziegler and his lovely wife Kim, Applause, General Agent Ryan Lister, Applause, General Agent Mike York and his lovely wife Jamie, State Warden Mike Deamos and his lovely wife Gail, Applause, State Treasurer Bill Lueckenhoff and his lovely wife Diane, Applause Immediate Past State Deputy Keith Milson, Applause, State Secretary and State Deputy Elect Bob Hawkins, Applause, State Chaplain Fr. Rick Jones, Applause, State Deputy Joe Rosenthal and his lovely wife Beverly, Applause, and another first for me at a banquet, His Excellency W. Sean McKnight Bishop of Jefferson City Diocese, Applause, Supreme Director and PSD Mick Gilliam and his lovely wife Donna, Applause, State Advocate Peter Lassiter and his lovely wife Julie, Applause, State Advocate Elect Dennis Buchheit and his lovely wife Susan, Applause. I am State General Program Director Doug Kissingner and this is my lovely wife Patty. Applause.

I am going to call on our State Chaplain Fr. Rick Jones for the invocation.

Fr. Rick Jones: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Good and loving God we come together this evening and we ask you to bless our time together. We ask you to help us always to be mindful of those who are poor, those who are going without food, any type of shelter or even

love. And we ask you to help us to go out to them and to bring your good news. To bring your good love to all those we meet. We ask you to bless this food that we have so that it will strengthen us in mind, body and spirit. Please bless this opportunity to be with one another this evening. Together we pray, Bless us O'Lord in these thy gifts which we are about to receive from our bounty through Christ Our Lord Amen. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We will now call on our State Warden Mike Deamos for the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Warden Mike Deamos: I pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Applause for the Honor Guard

GPD Doug Kissinger: Let's give the Honor Guard another big hand. Awesome job. Applause The banquet staff is now going to start serving dinner. And we will then resume, I do want to say, it looks like they say a standing room only crowd. And I know that you all are not here to see me. So it must have something to do with the rest of these people at the head table, like Mick Gilliam. But this is awesome to see this kind of crowd at the banquet.

I've got just a couple of good things. The collection at mass tonight was \$2,270.00. Applause and I believe our Worthy State Chaplain has designated that to go to the State vocations fund. Applause. Thank you for your generosity.

This banquet is always such a fun time. Tonight you know we get to celebrate two great years from our Worthy State Deputy Joe Rosenthal. We get to celebrate our State Deputy Elect Bob Hawkins and most of all we get to celebrate a lot of successes. That councils have throughout the state. A lot of awards to give out. So we are going to get started but first your excellency Bishop McKnight, Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy Elect, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Officers Elect, Worthy Directors, Worthy district Deputies, Worthy State Chairman, Brother Knights and lovely ladies. So anybody who goes after me can shorten that anyway they like, feel free.

I want to recognize a few people first, first at table 4 Ray Olsen our Columbian Charities Delegate At Large and his lovely wife Debbie. Applause, and then Ed Columbus our Columbian Charities Delegate At Large Elect and his lovely wife Juanita, Applause. At table 5 we have Lou Mautino, PSD and former Master, former Supreme Warden and former Supreme Director and his lovely wife Marilyn, Applause, also at table 5 John Casey PSD, Former Master, former Vice Supreme Master and his lovely wife Clarita, Applause. At table 5 Larry Pearce PSD, former Master and his lovely wife Delores, Applause, Tony Braun PSD and former Master, Applause, Charlie Bernskoetter PSD and his lovely wife Millie, Applause, Millie did you notice I waited until Charlie left? And actually the sheet says Charles Bernskoetter. He's Charlie to me.

At table 6 we have John Appelbaum PSD and District Master and his lovely wife Carol, Applause. Most of you in the room know that John headed up our committee for the Supreme Convention that we are watching on the video screens. It was an unbelievable job by Missouri and John and all the volunteers and they all deserve a round of applause. Applause Brad Grill PSD, also at table 6 Kevin Smith our visitor from Connecticut who is in charge of On Line Membership or on the On Line membership team. Applause And you know the great thing about Kevin, not only is Kevin a great guy, Kevin gets a text alert

or an email alert every new e-member that the new order gets. He says you know it wasn't so bad but now we are coast to coast the California ones come in really late. Laughter, But actually he told me earlier he got another e-member. Also at table 6 Greg Stratman PSD and his lovely wife Laura. And Fr. Josh Duncan Master of Ceremonies for Bishop McKnight, Applause, and with the Jefferson City Diocese.

Okay there are a few more people I want to recognize. At table 16 Past State Chaplain Fr. Tom Kiefer, Applause, and our Master of Ceremonials Deacon Alan Bandy who has done a fabulous job for us this year. Applause. At table 7 we have have one of our seminarians Keith Chadwick, Applause, and Keith is also the Grand Knight of our newest Council, the Council at Kendrick Seminary #16689. So Keith is not only a seminarian he is a Grand Knight. If I have any other Deacons in the room would you please stand up so we can recognize you. I wasn't sure but I wanted to make sure you got recognized.

So now we are going to move into our program and if we get a chance. You know my wife was telling me during dinner, we had one of her work functions here one time. And all her people at her job were amazed how I knew all the wait staff. Laughter. But let's recognize the wait staff for a great meal. Applause. We were sitting here during dinner and I was thinking how, how lucky and you know this is a really fun banquet for us. But you know up here we try to prank each other. So it is true that Peter Lassiter told me dress for tonight was jeans and a red T-shirt and so I didn't fall for it. But I was thinking how lucky the Lassiter's and the Nicastro's are that their kids are so little and this is actually true, because my wife goes "our seventeen year old is at home and he better not be having a party!" Laughter Well you know he is. Well yea whatever.

Anyway we are going to move to our program tonight. We have a bunch of awards to present tonight. And it is a great honor to call on our Worthy State Deputy to help me to present awards and my good friend Joe Rosenthal. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Doug you really can't stand up here there are too many things underneath the podium up here. Pie plates? Maybe.

Your excellency Bishop McKnight, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Rick, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director Mick, Worthy State Deputy Elect Bob, isn't that a nice title there? So far? That's right. Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy State Directors, Worthy State Chairman, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, lovely ladies and guests. Two years ago I stood before you as your State Deputy Elect with a promise to work as hard as I could and continue the tradition of Missouri being one of the elite jurisdictions in the order. As I came up through the ranks of the state council, I had many role models to follow in our Past state Deputies. I now want to thank each one of them for that opportunity.

During the past two years Missouri has been in the top ten of jurisdictions for dollars donated to charity. Last year we were 7th in our division for Special Olympics but this year I am very proud again to recognize that we were first in our division and second overall in 61 jurisdictions in the order. And that's to the great effort off everyone of the councils here. Of turning in those forms for partnerships with Special Olympics. Yes you got a call from Lou Holtmann. We got that free money from Supreme and gave it to our athletes and that just makes me proud. Applause

We were hit with the setback with our Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities with the Schnucks stores not allowing us to collect on their properties. This did not deter the Missouri Knights. This year we are approaching \$640,000.00 with 38 councils still to report. And I know our State Director John Mautino and his chairmen are going to be calling everyone of those 38 Councils. So let's do that and obtain \$700,000.00. How does that sound? Applause

We are embracing the Building Our Domestic Church Program by our Councils making every effort to promote the family in their parishes. State Council is increasing the amount of Pilgrimages throughout the state allowing more men and women to attend. We hope many of you will attend a pilgrimage in your area. I ask you to make another trip to another venue.

To the top agents Ryan and Mike, we want to thank you for your support again this year. Again, I have to thank General Agent Gary Stuempff who helped my insurance needs personally over the years. May Gary always be remembered as someone who embraced the Knights of Columbus and their families and took their welfare in their best interest. He will be someone who may always be remembered and may God grant perpetual light upon Gary. And may his soul and souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace. Amen

To the Field Agents here tonight. Thank you for your interest in us, our families and protecting us. I said this in my state speech earlier today but ladies you need to hear the accomplishments of one individual today. Dylan will you please stand? Dylan Pashia of the Lister Agency was the number one agent in all of North America. What can we say about Dylan? Applause. To Ryan Lister and the Lister Agency, can I have all of the Lister Agents please stand? Ryan started the year with a lot of newbies. But those newbies along with Dylan and the rest of his aged staff, let's put it that way, they are not that old but in years of terms of service, they helped. But the Agency was the number two agency in all of North America. What can we say about those gentlemen? Applause

I don't know if that has ever been accomplished. In this state. In any other states? Not this young so Ryan says the average age of his agents is 12. Laughter But to let you know we are going to be having some special honors at Supreme Convention this year. Because Dylan and Ryan will make an appearance and will be there with us in Baltimore. And I was told tonight Bishop McKnight will be joining us in Baltimore this year. We welcome you. Applause Again to our agencies, Mike, Gary Ryan we appreciate all the work you do for us.

I could talk for hours from the Missouri Jurisdiction programs. Our programs have helped so many of you participate in those programs accomplishments. But instead of talking about the accomplishments, I would like to instead present the awards for the accomplishments this year. But before I finish, I would like to acknowledge two people. The first is State Deputy Elect Bob Hawkins. Bob, my wish for you is to continue to bring Missouri to new heights. That you stand proud when you talk to others about Missouri. For your travels that you find a comfortable hotel bed. Laughter. That you have a low mileage vehicle at your disposal. I want you to know I am behind you 100%. To continue that great tradition of Missouri Knights of Columbus.

Their productivity to the church, family and community. I will be there for you. All you have to do is ask. Thank you. Applause

The second person I really have to thank tonight is my wife Beverly. Applause. She has not been out in front of me not behind me the whole journey. She has been at my side these past 40 years. This includes all my time with the Knights of Columbus. She has been on the road for over 50,000 miles the past two years. Spending many weekends in motel rooms away from our family. I think she will be sad, I think she also be happy to spend time at home, in our own bed and spending the time with our grandchildren. Thank you Bev Applause.

I will guarantee everyone tonight, we have two months left in this fraternal year. And I will not quit. I may run out of time on June 30th at 11:59 pm. But my goal is and will be to bring Missouri the coveted Circle of Honor award. This is not for me or for some trip that may be offered. But for each of the 43,000 plus Knights in Missouri. It's for each of us. For everyone of us. I know my Membership Director Mike Grudzinski along with the State Deputy elect, the State Officers and the Past State Deputies, my Directors and Chairmen will not quit either. They will continue to promote their work, their programs to make it the best year that it can be. I hope that everyone in this room tonight will pledge to make it the best year their council have ever seen. And will continue to join us to make Missouri the elite Jurisdiction it has been, that it is now and it will continue to be in the future. May God Bless each and everyone of you for the past two years. Vivat Jesu Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: And Joe was not kidding when he said you can not stand up here. We have a lot of awards.

SD Joe Rosenthal: We have a lot of awards, how does that sound? The first one that I have to present. It's the one every District Deputy strives for and that is Star district. I am proud to say we had two Star Districts this past year in Missouri. The first one is for Greg Elsey District Deputy #14. Is Greg Elsey in the room. Applause. Besides Greg we had two of these held over from Supreme Convention. It is not a pie plate. Laughter. But it is a medallion from Supreme Convention. It came from supreme home office. So we felt we could give them to our two Star Districts. Applause

The next one I have is not here. But I would like my Membership chairman to help me. This one goes to District Deputy #56 Roger Hulett. Roger could not be here tonight, he is at a First Communion with a grandchild and so what better way to do it than present it to PSD John Casey to present to Roger at their next meeting. Applause. John, I am going to have Mike come down to you and tell Roger congratulations from all of us. Applause

It is always a bitter sweet tune, we had some retiring State Officers. And it is that time to honor them. I said it earlier up in my room tonight. I think I had the best State Chaplain from the Springfield-Cape Diocese next to two others I had known, Fr. Tom Kiefer and my new Pastor Fr. David Hulshof. But I think Fr. Rick Jones has done a tremendous job as our State Chaplain this year. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: So I have this plaque and it's presented to Fr. Rick Jones in appreciation for Spiritual Guidance in Service to the Missouri Knights of Columbus as State Chaplain 2016-2018 Joe Rosenthal State Deputy. Applause

The next one, it's probably the last time he gets to sit on Dias. Are you wanting to sit on the floor already Keith? Would you like to come up here and get this? Laughter. But to my personal friend, someone who has been with me

through thick and thin on things as we have grown up. Presented to Keith Milson in appreciation to your dedicated and loyal service to the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus as Immediate Past State Deputy 2016-2018 Joe Rosenthal State Deputy. Applause

The next one goes to the person who probably won't get sleep anymore. You know when you are going up through the ranks and you see the State Deputies up here. They don't tell you the problems they have, they don't tell you all the phone calls, the emails, the problems that may happen. There is a reason for that, if we all knew that we probably wouldn't be up here. Laughter. So I want to present this to my great friend, State Secretary or State Deputy Elect Bob Hawkins in appreciation to your dedicated and loyal service to the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus as State Secretary. Applause

To this gentleman, Bob I will tell you this, you do what I do, if you have problems who do you call? Your State Advocate. So if I had any problems, this is the person I called first. I said Peter you are the legal guy, handle it. So to Peter Lassiter my State Advocate in appreciation to your dedicated and loyal service to the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus for 2016-2018. Applause

I said this earlier today, there is somebody looking down as we all know our Past State Deputy Ron Wood. We had a name for this guy, I won't pronounce it or say it tonight. What a good friend I have in my State Warden, Mike Deamos. For the appreciation of your dedicated and loyal service to the Missouri State Knights of Columbus as our State Warden 2016-2018. Mike come on up here. Applause

Bill, I'm really sad I'm not giving you one because you are not retiring. But thank you for your job you have done as State Treasurer this past year. I really do appreciate it. Applause

The next plaque I have for a retiring officer, is your Columbian Charities Delegate at Large Ray Olsen. Ray has been there at our Columbian Charities meetings, reporting back to the membership. Letting them know what we are doing, that we are keeping our money straight, that we are donating the money properly. And Ray in appreciation of your dedicate and loyal service to the Missouri Knights of Columbus as Delegate at Large for 2017-2018. I really appreciate the work you have done. Applause. And it's not for just the work Ray has done this year, it's all the years of effort he has put forth. Applause

These are awards from last year, say from November and instead of giving to the District Deputies. I wanted to present them tonight and let you know the great efforts put forth by the councils. What we have is our Contest of Champions trophy here for 2016-2017. That happens to go to Council #1054 Jefferson City with a net gain of 48 new members. Applause This gentleman himself this last year won the trip to Supreme Council in St. Louis. Brett how many did you sign up that year? He signed up 37 of these 48. So congratulations. Applause

This is percentage gain, the same as last year, I'm not sure if they are there, the DD. From the 2016-2017 Contest of Champions, Kelso 12655 of Gladstone, percentage gain 200%. Applause

What do we have next Doug?

GPD Doug Kissinger: Would Lou Holtmann, would you want to come up and give the Special Olympic Awards. We will do this from the middle. And that

way we can get pictures with the recipients.

Membership Director Mike Grudzinski: Okay in the Triple D award for 2017-18 Highest Dollars collected per member, Fr. McGivney Council #6983, I believe that is Bethany. So Ron Mathias come forward, Applause, Second place for Highest Dollar collected per member, Incarnate Word #9981, Applause, and Third Place Highest Dollars collected per member Webster Groves #2119. Applause

Highest dollars collected per Council Incarnate Word, number 1 again or number 1 Council #9981. Everybody don't get too settled down Highest Dollars collected per Council Webster Groves #2119 second place. Applause And in third place Highest Dollars collected per Council Marion Council #9522 Congratulations. Applause

These next awards are for the District Deputies, Highest Gross dollars collected per district. First place winner DD#54 Jerry Lamoureux. Applause. Second place District Deputy #37 Robert Walker. Applause. Our third place winner is District Deputy #31 Thomas Halstead, and as you may know Thomas has passed away. And so we will give him a round of applause for the great work he did for the Order.

John Mautino: It's my pleasure to announce the award for the best newsletter award goes to a Council that our Worthy State Deputy will be familiar with Our Lady of the Lake #6470. Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: Next we will have awards, Lou why don't you come over here also. We have awards for Special Olympics. First are the Lady Auxiliary awards, so we have the bronze medal award and there was a tie for this, one of the recipients was Auxiliary #903. Applause. And then the other Lady's Auxiliary that received the bronze medal was #3414. Applause. Our silver award goes to Lady's Auxiliary #5586. Applause. And our gold medal recipient is Lady's auxiliary #4429. Applause

These awards are for dollars and hours worked for Special Olympics per member. Yes, their special partnership with Special Olympics. And now for our council awards winners, the bronze to Council #13113. Applause. Our silver award winner is council #7198. Applause Our Gold medal goes to council #12323. Applause. Those Special Olympic awards are beautiful award and just so you know that is not Jack Nicklaus in those pictures but our own Lou Holtmann.

Okay the next awards Joe would be for Lady of the Year. And do we have Chris and Linda? Applause

Ladies Aux. Co-Chair Chris Teel: Your Excellency, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, Brother Knights, Auxiliary Ladies, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is a great honor that Linda and I are here to present the 2018 Outstanding Lady of the Year Award to Mary Ann Fallert. Mary Ann was involved in many activities over the years with her Auxiliary. She was involved with the Developmental Disabilities Drive, Special Olympics and vocations just to name a few.

As well as she assisted with youth activities, lady showers for unwed mothers and delivered meals of wheels. Mary Ann was married to our Worthy Knight Greg for over 46 years. She was a mother to 4 sons and grandmother to wonderful grandchildren she loved very dearly.

Mary Ann was called to be with our Heavenly Father on March 8, this year. Tonight we have her husband Greg, son Kevin, son Mark, his wife Lisa, their

daughter Madison sitting over there at table 9, sister Jeanie and her husband Bill and many of her family friends here. To accept this Outstanding Lady of the Year Award for her, I congratulate Greg and the family. Applause

Greg Fallert: Excuse me I don't do this very often. My wife about the last month she was alive said to me that she did not feel her life was worth very much. She didn't accomplish much with her life. But this award you have given us, shows me that she did accomplish something with her life. It meant a lot to her. And I want to thank you all for everything you've done for her. And it means a lot to me and her both. She's looking down right now and saying thank you very much. Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you and thank you Chris and Linda. Okay I'm next going to call on our Family Director Peter Nicastro. Applause

Family Director Peter Nicastro: Thank you very much, good evening. Your Excellency, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Guests, State Deputy, State Deputy Elect, Brother Knights. Who I think has the privilege of organizing the election every year of our Family, Youth and Knight of the Month and also Family and Youth of the Year. So a lot of the families that we have through out state and order and we really do have some outstanding families that we recognize, but there are many more outstanding families than are nominated and are part of our councils.

Our Family of the year, this year is Dwight and Nikki Watkins and their 7 children from Fr. Clem Weiss #7501. The Watkins are all over their parish. Nikki is responsible for leading the cooking at the fish fries. But all of the Watkins children participated in preparing meals and serving out the fish. They are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the church grounds. Nikki is a singer, I can attribute this personally cause she was in the row behind me at mass this afternoon covering my flat notes with her excellent singing.

Their entire family is involved with the liturgy. Whether Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or their two younger children are servers at mass. Two of their children are assisting a young widow with babysitting in their parish. The family is helping a Brother Knight rebuild his house after it was destroyed in a fire.

In addition to that they are involved in a marriage encounter program in their parish. I had the privilege today of talking to one of their marriage encounter partners. Who said well they dialogue everyday and help other couples stay in faithful marriages. They are truly dynamic and outstanding. Can you please join me in welcoming our Family of The Year Master Sargent Dwight and Nikki Watkins and three of their children to the podium to receive their award. Applause

Dwight Watkins: One thing I would like to talk about, this is my wife, is I'm a convert to Catholicism. And her family has taught me one of the most valuable things and that is if it needs to be doing, you see it, then do it. That is the one thing we do in our parish and I can attest to our church. We are a small church and we all volunteer and do just about anything. My wife is probably the best reason why I am up here. And I thank you. Applause

We will be sending Dwight and Nikki as we always do to Supreme Family of the Month, to be recognized at our Supreme Convention this fall. Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: I will now call on our Youth Director Lucas Volkman to present the Youth of the Year Award. And I was thinking about this tonight, it was neat getting to introduce Chrissy and I was thinking, I wonder what kind

of marriage, what kind of family into three weeks ago when Lucas and Chrissy got married. Congratulations you two. Applause

Youth Director Lucas Volkman: On the back of the program you can read a little bit about our State Youth of the Year. As Peter said about the family of the month, there are a lot of fine candidates from through out the state. That us as Directors see every couple of months as we vote on them. Our State Youth of the Year was one of these fine candidates. As I remember reading through his application, it just blew me away with all of the stuff that James does. I mean he earned his Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm, that was an inground lined rosary path circumscribe get the existing Parish Meditation Garden. He has helped the city, he has helped with various projects around his parish and in addition has served in a variety of capacities in that parish.

And had graduated from high school in 2017. One of the things that stood out to me with James is that he had been a server for both the Novus Ordo and extraordinary forum as well. Which is impressive to me. This academic year James is studying civil engineering at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. But what he is also doing through his various work which I am assuming keeps him quite busy. He is working with engineers Without Borders to help those in the third world. He is working on a project in a small Guatemalan town.

James is the son of James Gillet of Trinity Council #10844 of Marshfield and Pope Prius X Assembly in Springfield. I would like to invite James to the podium to receive his State Youth Award Applause

James Gillet: When I was doing this project I was just doing something that everyone in this room was doing, that's just trying to improve my parish a little bit. Just trying to help out and trying to be one of very few that are honored like that. I am deeply humbled and I would like to thank all of you. I would also like to thank my Fr. Mike Binder from my home parish at Holy Trinity. I would also like to thank Knight John Testotter who helped me with all the logistics of the project and my Father, Knight James Gillet who helped me when I needed it. And never hesitated when ever I had a question. Thank you all so much Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: Hey Mike kinda keep an eye on Ryan so he doesn't try to recruit him for the Lister Agency. Laughter

Okay now my favorite part of our evening, I get to announce winners of the Program Awards. And this year we had 31 applications for program awards. This is the most in recent memory and made the decisions very difficult. Which is good. I am going to have Joe go down and we will pass these down Joe.

This first council, I am going to start while Joe is heading down there. This first council took on a project and I'm sure they didn't realize what exactly they were getting into. But they went about restoring 33 pews for a new monastery Chapel in Dower, Missouri. It is at an estimated 40-50 man hours per pew. This project to the Council over 2 years to complete and they were telling me this weekend, they didn't know they were getting this award. They said Bishop Johnston was talking to them, they need more pews than they need at Gower, he is maybe going to commander those for the new Newman Center at UMKC. I thought Ron Newman Center needs a council so we have to think about that. So the winner of the Church Activities Award Council #8195 St. Michaels in Kearney. Applause. Wait a second let's get Brian in that picture too. Where is Chris Bradfield? Wait, Chis is going to get up there too. Get in this picture Chris.

Applause

And Directors as I call your area if you could join them for the picture. John Mautino Community is next. See the community project that fills a need near and dear to their hearts. This council raised \$15,000 to build and finish a tiny house for a homeless veteran. Forty five council members contributed over 290 man hours to work to meet this fundraising goal and build and furnish this tiny house. So our winner of the Community Award is #6819 Our Lady of Presentation Lee's Summit. Applause

And just so these winners know all these awards get submitted to Supreme for Supreme Service Program Awards. There are six Service Program Awards, Missouri has won a Supreme Program Service Award in 5 of the last 6 years. So I maybe touching base with you before I submit them if I need more information

Way back in 2015 and Mike Tesmer this is your up on deck here. Laughter Way back in 2015 this council saw a need and have been filling it ever sense. Over fifty members of this council helped rent a patient assisted transit overnight and on weekends when regular transportation services are not provided. They provide rides for seniors who have no other way home from hospital ER. This alleviates a costly ambulance ride and also does not tie up emergency service vehicles. The winner of our Council Award is Council #1339 Maryville. Applause

Peter you might of heard me talk today if you were in Building The Domestic Church Presentation. That 90% of the councils in the state of Missouri are involved in our Food for Families program. But I am going to say not many do it in such a unique way. On the Saturday before Thanksgiving this council takes to bicycles and Thanksgiving Alley Cat race on bicycles is on. In 2017 they raised \$1,450 in cash and in over 10,800 pounds of food. And I'm not exactly sure how they do this on bicycles but the winner of our Family Activity Program Award is Council #13988 St. Peter's in Kansas City. Applause They could not be here this weekend but Patrick Carr is going to accept the award for them.

As a fundraiser lots of councils hold golf tournaments. This council saw the need at the Catholic Charities Lighthouse. A place where abused, unwed and pregnant women. Not only did they raise \$5,000 for this important pro-life cause but they also raised awareness of this important service in the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese. So the winner of our Culture of Life Program Award is council #13681 Immaculate Conception Springfield.

Applause

And they had no idea they were winning so the Pastor was coming anyway. Laughter

When I was Community Director then SD Keith Milson said we want to really start and get after the Coats for Kids Program. So it's a relatively new program in Missouri. And a lot of councils are involved in our Coats for Kids Program throughout the state. But this Council has excelled at it. By collecting Coats and donations after Mass they were able to collect 400 coats and enough donations to buy cases of coats from Supreme. They donated over 500 coats to needy children in their area. Our Youth Program Award is Council #12986 Christ Prince of Peace in Manchester. Applause. Thanks for accepting that for them Jerry, Jerry is their District Deputy and has done a tremendous job in that district. I appreciate all his hard work and make sure the council, let them know how much we appreciate their hard work.

Now we have a couple, Joe do you want to give away the raffle items now? Okay we have some winners from the raffle from the SEMO Caucus. So 1st place is Jessica Jackson. Applause, 1st place is \$300.00. Our 2nd place winner which is \$200.00 is Dee Werner. The 3rd place winner for \$100.00 is Randy Wheeler. Applause. Thank you Tim. We will see what we can do Brian.

So we have \$247.00 from the Fifty-Fifty raffle and I believe this raffle Lou was for Special Olympics? That is correct. Okay, I hope this person is here because there is no name on the back. It is a blue ticket, 7355340. It is 5340, check your ticket, I think Ron would like to donate that to vocations.

Lou Holtmann: Ron would like to donate that to Special Olympics? Yea

GPD Doug Kissinger: Even better, even better! Ron thank you. Applause

Okay I am going to call on our Worthy State Deputy to introduce this next guy.

SD Joe Rosenthal: It really is a great honor to introduce our next speaker. He has been involved on State Council since 1986. Pardon me, 84. So he has been around for a long time. Sorry 1994, He's been around a long time on the State Council level. And growing up through the ranks of the Knights in the state Council level, he is probably one of the last ones we will see for awhile that's taken 20 some odd years to get here. But it's a well deserved honor to introduce our next speaker State Deputy elect Bob Hawkins. Applause

State Secretary Bob Hawkins: Let me put on my shades here. Worthy State Chaplain, Your excellency Bishop McKnight, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Officers, Worthy State Directors, Worthy State Chairman, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Brother Knights and Ladies. Thank you very much that's all Joe is going to let me talk tonight. Laughter. I can't begin to tell you what an honor it is to stand before you as your State Deputy Elect. It seems like a life time ago I joined the Knights of Columbus. This was back in 1986, I was 28 years old and I was interest in joining an organization that did charitable work.

The first few years of membership I worked two offices in my council. And I lost my place, and that was Council #9847 Msgr. Colombo on the Hill in St. Louis. I was about 100 lbs. lighter then. I moved to the hill and ate all that Italian food and look what happened to me. In 1988 I took my 4th Degree and I became an officer after my first year. I am still an officer in my Assembly for 29 years now and I recently won my election for my 30th year in the St. Louis Assembly.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention some names though, guys who guided me in my past, I had several mentors when I was a young man, Joe LaGreek, Rich Budo, Bruce Gardner, Jim Berry, Frank DeBellis and George Jacobs. All of them are now deceased as many of the friends that I made back then. This is one of the problems when you are a young man and you join a organization that are mostly older men. Friends over the years pass before you. I'm that older man now and I hope that I can return that favor and that I can mentor younger members about our programs.

In 1994 then State Deputy Charles Bernskoetter appointed me as a District Deputy and this started my journey on state level. Thank you Charlie for the opportunity, it has definitely made me a better catholic and a better person. Missouri is and always has been one of the premier jurisdictions in the order. And you will hear that several times this weekend. Our programs are second

to none. Other Jurisdictions can only dream about what we accomplish in Missouri. The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital, our Meet Life Program, RIB, our Catholic Education Grants and \$1.2 Million pledge to the new Training for Life Center right here in Jefferson City.

These are some of the programs that we should be extremely proud of. Membership is and shall always be the top priority in Missouri. We have 117 years of success and SD Joe Rosenthal has us on track to attain Circle of Honor here in Missouri. This has not been attained in 9 years. We are going to work these next two months to make sure Joe is going to get that. Our team is going to build on the momentum Joe has built for us.

All of our programs depend on membership growth. Imagine for a moment if what we could accomplish if every Catholic male was a Knight. What could be done with thousands of new members in Missouri? It is mind boggling. Just asking someone to join has always been the best way to get a new member. But it takes more now a days. It is not like that. The younger generation is not your go to meeting type guys. Technology in our ever evolving world keeps them on the go. But if you are getting the entire family involved in events it is a great way to get these guys involved. They may not like going to meetings but they will help out at our events. If they can involve their families that would be great but if they tell you they are too busy for our meetings. Now we have the new e-membership program and we are going to get them all.

I had never heard of the Knights of Columbus before I was asked to join by my good friend John Marino. John had also recently joined at that time and he was telling me about some of the programs. I was in when he mentioned the Tootsie Roll program and our support for People with Developmental Disabilities. Our support of pro-life and religious was an added bonus. I bring this point up because I find many members are not familiar with what we do. It really hurts when we ask people to join. Another organization asked me to join their ranks, I asked them what they did. He said well hold these meat shots here you are at. What about the big picture? What major programs are you guys involved with? He said well we have a monthly meeting. I thought great. I didn't join. My story may have been different if my friend John Marino couldn't of answered my questions that I asked about this organization.

We will work in the coming years with the District Deputies in Missouri to make sure they are aware of and cover all of our programs. Every time they visit a council we want them to teach something different about what we are doing here in Missouri. Knowledge is power and we will continue to grow the Order, just like the great men who have proceeded me in 117 years have done. I make the promise to you, the team in Missouri will not be slackers. Every job that is vital and plays an integral part in membership growth. Think about how each membership chairman's job works with membership, not now but later. We might be considered a premier jurisdiction in the order but is that good enough for you? It's not for me. We want to be recognized as the top jurisdiction in the order. I truly look forward to working with each and every one of you next year as we strive to be the best. Thank you and Vivat Jesu. Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: You know you think about it, the biggest decision Bob had to make this morning when he woke up was what pair of socks to wear. Laughter. Tomorrow morning he'll have some other things on his plate. What, when I was talking to our Worthy State Deputy about that he said Doug you can't let this pass without a very special presentation to Bob. And we are trying

to think of the perfect thing to give to Bob to help him in the coming two years. Bob could you come up here, I have something for you? We have a pie plate from the Supreme Convention. Laughter

SD Joe Rosenthal: Worthy State Deputy Elect the rest are in the St. Joseph's room for you to take home. Laughter

GPD Doug Kissinger: You know it is kind of funny when you are sitting at the banquet and you hear the Worthy State Chaplain say: Worthy State Deputy Elect could you pass the salt. Okay now I get a chance to introduce not only a great friend of mine but a great friend to the Missouri Jurisdiction. Every time this gentleman speaks I learn something and that's important. And with further ado, I will introduce my good friend Worthy Supreme Director Mick Gilliam. Applause

Supreme Representative PSD Mick Gilliam: There's no light up here. I need my glasses this time. Heh that's great. I got to tell you this, completely unrelated but I have to tell you, we are on the farm converting an old corn crib, that my dad used 5 decades ago he stored corn in. And we are converting to a chicken house and so it's pretty much enclosed. It's dark as Haiti's in that place and when you get 65 years old and you can't see anyway and it's dark as Haiti's in there, it's hard to drive a nail when it's hard to see. I worked, we worked a couple of hours and I'm trying to drive nails and you can't see. I'm not a cursing man, so I wanted to curse but I was probably saying gosh dang it several times because the vociferous as my cursing gets. We are close to 90% of the way through and Donna says oh I forgot I've got my phone. Laughter

Well thanks a lot for that!

Your Excellency Bishop McKnight, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Rick, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Deputy elect, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Officers, Worthy Directors, General Agents everybody. I will try to say, I hope I say something you can learn, I try my best. I'll try to say something worth saying and something worth hearing before I sit down.

But first I have to say, Holy Cow, Rich Budo, Joe LaGreek, Frank DeBellis man you have been around a long time. Laughter. Big Jim Perry, Golly o yea George Jacobs State Warden are those names from the past. At least these guys back here. I got assigned to attend the Nova Scotia State Convention in 2012 I believe and man you want to talk about puttin on the dogs, they put on the dogs. You know they process with the bag piper in front of them to the head table. I think we did seven toasts before, we toasted the Queen and everything before the banquet started. They had a real nice flag ceremony and I got wrapped up in it. I completely threw out the window what I was going to say.

Which is fine because I don't generally read, I don't read a speech anyway. So if I'm just talking off the cuff or some handwritten notes but one thing I forgot to do, which I don't forget to do anymore is, I forgot to extend greetings from the Worthy Supreme Knight. Laughter. And that's my number one job here. So that's the first thing I am going to get out of the way here. Fraternal greetings from the Worthy Supreme Knight, the Worthy Supreme Officers and all the Board of Directors.

I've got a couple of things to say and I will be brief. First of all, we got to look back just a minute and I know what you are looking forward to Bob. I know it's a time to look forward. An exciting time what an exciting time. But I think we

need to congratulate ourselves for what has been by all accounts a great year. Some of you remember, I don't know 3 or 4 years ago I got sent to the Alabama Convention instead of being sent here. It's the only Missouri State Convention I have missed since 1986. But that year I got sent to Alabama and John Morelia got sent here.

Worthy Supreme Advocate John Morelia came here. And I, it was an eye opening experience because, I go to states and they have one flagship program. You guys have 5. And it's the truth, you look it, well I have numbers here and I will go through it real quick. In 2016 Missouri Charitable disbursements were \$5,262,000.00 and that works out to \$122 for every member in the Order. We are coming at you in cash. We donate 1,870,000 hours of community service.

Let's put that in perspective as our Worthy State Deputy says \$5,262,000 is number 7 in the order. We were seventh highest money contributing jurisdiction in the order. And even more to the point when you think of \$122 per member. That was second best in the order. If you look at 1,870,000 hours of volunteer service, that was top 15 in the order. Well you know those numbers are pretty good. I'm here to tell you there was one, count them one other jurisdiction in the order that ranked that high in all three categories. Okay so we can talk about premier, Missouri is premier. Think about this our Worthy General Program Director noted that 5 of the last 6 years one of the Missouri Service Program Award winners has won the International Service Program Award. Five out of six years, now that may not sound impressive to you but let me tell you this. There are 78 jurisdictions in the running for those awards every year. There are 6 awards given every year. So when you win any year your chance of winning that award is 7%. You may not know this by looking at me but I'm kind of a statistics nerd. I actually do the math.

What the chances are just randomly of winning an award 5 times. It worked out to two ten thousands of a percent. Okay so if you don't need any other verification that Missouri programs are top of the notch, top of the hill that ought to tell you. So you can talk about the natural numbers, we can talk natural numbers but if you want to talk about projects when the rubber hits the road, by golly we can talk about those with anybody too.

I said this morning during the business session, it's kind of a double edge sword to be the Supreme Representative to do your own state many times. First of all you know you tend to hear, well I got to listen to this guy again. You know, but the good part is when you have a jurisdiction like Missouri it makes it a lot easier to talk about everything you have going on. I'm tickled for that.

I do want to talk about, I do want to talk about, you know what drives the order, what drives the order and everything we do. All the charitable work, everything we do all the spiritual work, everything we do, what drives the order is our relationship with the Church. That's who we are. I would like you to think a minute about just think about what other organizations in the United States are there. That can bring the resources, people and dollars to support the Roman Catholic Church. Who is even in our hemisphere let alone our ballpark. So you know we have a great responsibility here. I mean if you are the number one operator in terms of providing resources to support the work of the church. We can't let that slip away, we have to be there, we have to be there for the church.

That's what we are about. Okay and we can only do that, I know you may

not want to hear it, this only happens, this only happens as you grow your membership. And as great as our work is, as great as our work is and our work is great. It can only continue if we grow. Whether you want to hear it or not that's it. That's the facts and whether you hear it or not, I have great hope for the potential of the e-membership program. I just think that has the potential to open up great opportunities to grow our membership. Because like it or not, like it or not whether we like it or not this is the way the world is.

You get them in, you kind of hook em and then you draw them into your programs. Then hopefully you draw them into the church. So that's what we are going to be focusing on from the Supreme level to here in the State. You know I have one more comment but I think I'm going to stick that one in my pocket. It's a great pleasure to be here with you. You know there are things rumbling around, some things folks are a little unhappy with but we have to recognize if we are in, you can't continue to do things the same way into the future. Things have to change, we have to keep looking ahead to what is going to keep the Knights of Columbus at the fore front of Catholic Lay vocational life. It's my privilege to be here with you. I appreciate you giving me a few minutes for a few words and a see you later. Vivat Jesu. Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: Couple quick announcements and I did learn something, the math completely amazes me. So while I thought Missouri was doing great by winning 5 of the last 6 years. We are doing better than I thought we were.

A couple quick announcements the mass at 7:00 am in the Lincoln room on the other side of the restaurant there. And then 8:00 in the morning right here we will have our 4th degree meeting. So our, Biennial meeting of the 4th degree. So those are important announcements and before I introduce our last speaker of the evening. I just have one really quick thing to say if I can ask the Directors to stand up? Real quick I just want to thank these gentlemen. A lot of times we will get things from a council and it's something we need and I may call Jerry or Mike, or Mike and Mike, Brian and say we need this like by tomorrow. Can we do this? And they always do it, it's a great thing. And while they are standing I think I speak for all of them. These last to years you know we do a great job and try to have things organized and plan things out. But that takes planning, we have strategic planning meetings, Director meetings and Joe and Bev Rosenthal have been tremendous hosts. They have been unbelievable and I know I speak for the Directors and their wives when I way thank you for hosting us so many times the last two years. Applause

Thank you gentlemen. And now it's a great honor, you know I don't know Bishop McKnight very well but I will say from seeing him at mass tonight and meeting him, I really feel like Pope Francis blessed the Diocese here with when he appointed you Bishop. And I think over the coming years we are going to see that. So without further ado Bishop W. Shawn McKnight for remarks and benediction. Applause

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight: Thank you everyone. Worthy and all. Laughter How's that? Applause. I am very grateful for this opportunity first and foremost to thank the Knights of Columbus of Missouri for helping the diocese of Jefferson City with my big ordination ceremony of February 6th.

Because of your help we were able to transmit the ceremonies taking place in the Cathedral such that many people within my own diocese could not participate as well as people from my home diocese of Wichita, Kansas. We

were able to share that great event. You helped connect people of my flock with me in that great celebration of the church. And that is what is so great about the Knights.

A little bit more focused from what Mick was saying. You think about all the programs, all of the services, the money, the fundraisers the events, the awards that were given out tonight. They are all about people. People who are behind those numbers. People are behind those hours of service. The Knights can help the church the most by helping connect people to the church. That is their salvation. People who are not aware of their need for Jesus.

And for that I am grateful and that is the opportunity in the future. Once specific way the Knights have already helped the youth and as well the church as a whole is the promotion of vocations. And there is one thing I would ask of you because it's a need that millennials need these young people who are discerning vocations now. They need encouragement that is what all the data, all the surveys show. Encouragement but not pushy. You know you can over do it a little bit. Sometimes we might push people away by saying hey you ought to be a priest, you ought to be a sister, you ought to be a brother, you ought to be a deacon. Instead I would invite you, if you see good qualities in a young person, that would make them a good sister, a good priest, deacon. How about just asking them an open ended question. Have you ever thought about being a priest, a Deacon or a Sister?

And that open ended question, there is no push there. You are going to provoke a question in their mind. No why are you saying that? Then that opens the opportunity for you to share with them what qualities you see in them that would make them good candidates. That would be a great way for you to help within the view of our communities to support and promote vocations for our church. We are better together.

We are in a society unfortunately here in America, we are being driven more and more because of societal forces into our own individual lives. Our people in our communities need the church, they need Jesus. You can help them connect to Jesus by way of providing an opportunity to them to be involved in our church. That is a great opportunity, that is nothing to be ashamed of or bashful about in terms of promoting, inviting the people who are in need.

So as Fr. Jones said in his homily so eloquently put with the parable of the vine and the branches. That together and belonging to the church. Helping promote our faith and our own relationship with Jesus Christ. Can only be done in and through the Church. So I invite you to pray with me as we conclude our gathering this evening to pray in a special way for the success and prosperity of the Knights of Columbus.

In the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Heavenly Father we lift up all our needs to you. Confident of your mercy and your good provenance. Please bless the various works of the Knights of Columbus. And bring success to the work of their hands, their work in fostering the pro-life message. For supporting marriage and family life. And for the dignity of all human life. And we give thanks for all the many blessings you have bestowed good upon us. Especially those that are in disguise and this we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen And my almighty God bless all of you present in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you Bishop McKnight and thank you all for attending tonight. Have a fun rest of your evening and keep up the good. Oops

hang on just a second. Michael I forgot okay? We have got. A couple of membership incentive awards to give out.

Membership Director Mike Grudzinski: Guys this will take just a couple of minutes here but you have heard here tonight how membership is so important. How good we are doing in membership. We had a membership incentive for our District Deputies. Ever District Deputy that had at least one new member in every Council they are going to win, they are going to take this briefcase home tonight. It is about a \$132.00 value so this is important. I want to recognize these following District Deputies for qualifying for that: Steve Wiederholdt, Robert Steiner, Ron Mackenberg, Jack McClanahan, Mitch Passini, Gary Lottman, Thomas Broadbent, Vic Klaus, Gary Beussink, Dr. Milton Eichmann, Dennis Boland, Don Mihalevich, Michael Calliote, Jerry Lamoureux, Ken Yunker and Roger Hullet. So one of you is going to take this home tonight. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: is Calliote in the room? Laughter. Congratulations Mike. Applause Good work Mike.

John Mautino: Ladies and Gentlemen I have a quick announcement through our Wheelchair program, Chairman Matt Gray has several wheelchairs both in the 18 and 20 inch size here in the the trailer to take home tonight. We have several available so if anybody needs any please contact me or Chairman Gray. Thank you.

GPD Doug Kissinger: And Matt is over in the far corner waiving his hand. Thank you very much keep up the good work. State Officers and State Directors we need you over on the side for pictures.

Sunday Morning Session

GPD Doug Kissinger: Gentlemen we are going to go ahead and get started this morning. We are opening the convention business session and I am going to call on District Deputy Jerry Lamoureux to lead us in prayer this morning.

DD Jerry Lamoureux: Good morning please stand, In the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen Lord Jesus thank you for a great day and guide us in our work today and save travels home. Say the Our Father. Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name, by kingdom come, thy will be done on earth and as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil amen.

GPD Director Doug Kissinger: And now I am going to ask our Worthy Master to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you Jerry, thank you John. I want to thank the Worthy Master. I know the 4th Degree had a lot of business to conduct this morning and they did that in a timely manner. And I appreciate that. So we are now opening our session back up. And we are going to the Report of the Master of the 4th Degree. Applause

4th Degree Master John Appelbaum: I feel like I was just here. Laughter
Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputies, my brother Knights.

We have had a very active year for the 4th Degree here in Missouri this year. To date we have held 3 Exemplifications Branson, St. Louis and Kansas City.

We have one more Exemplification scheduled for the fraternal year in June in Jackson.

Each Exemplification this year has seen an increase from the last few years and with a good solid degree in Jackson we should see our best overall intake of new Sir Knights in 6 or 7 years. If your Councils have any potential candidates that want to take their 4th Degree this year, please go to the State Website and see the information for the Jackson Degree.

We have two Exemplifications scheduled for next year, St. Louis and Kansas City. Again St. Louis will be the first weekend in March, Kansas City will be in April the hotel has not gotten me the dates yet. We should have those probably this week. There is discussion about a Fourth Degree in Jeff City and as long as everything plays out. We will have our new Bishop W. Shawn McKnight as the honoree. So we look forward to that. We have already talked to the local assemblies and they are going to get that planned and we are going to get with the Bishops office in a week or so to get some dates for that. Look for that degree to be coming out.

If any other areas are interest in hosting a degree please contact me. As spoken to both of the degree teams. We are open to conducting a degree in the Northeast part of the state and the Northwest part of the state in an effort to bolster recruitment in those two areas. As long as we can get a commitment to a minimum number of candidates. So Hannibal, St. Joe please go to your areas talk about it and get with me and I've got commitments from my team that we will go up there. It may just be a day trip, may not be the whole Friday night to Sunday morning commitment. We are willing to do that so we can get those areas. So please go to your areas and get back to me.

The increase in numbers this year has been especially gratifying this year as we have dealt with some challenges due to the announcement at last year's Supreme Convention to the uniform change. As it stand now and as I reported at the Biennial meeting the current regalia can be used until June 30, 2019. I suspect that the Supreme Assembly is going to receive numerous resolutions from across the Order which will need to be addressed at the Supreme Assembly meeting in August. Hopefully we will have more details to share at that point.

I want to commend all of the Sir Knights across Missouri for their dedication to the Order and for the way they have handled this situation. This issue will be resolved in one way or another and we will move forward, as we should, as one, united in our ideals and our efforts concerned more about what we are doing as Catholic men and Sir Knights, than what we are wearing.

Please continue your efforts to recruit men to complete their journey and be received into the honors of the 4th Degree. Our Order, our Church, and our communities will be the better for it. Vivat Jesu! Applause Worthy General Program Director this concludes my report and I move for its' adoption.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Do I have a second? Don Allen, Russ Smith All in favor Aye ,Opposed. Thank you gentlemen. Thank you Worthy Master. Is Ray Olsen in the room? Thank you Ray. I am now going to the Report of the At Large Delegate of Columbian Charities Board Ray Olsen. Each year we elect an At Large Delegate to the Columbian Charities Board and Ray has done a great job with his Mariner articles trying to keep us informed with what is going on with that board. So I am going to turn it over to Ray. Applause

Ray Olson: Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme

Director, Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights all. The past year as your Columbian Charities Delegate at Large has been a great honor and privilege for me. The Columbian Charities Board has met three times this year. Last year in July in Jeff City, in December they met in Branson and then again last Friday. Mick Gilliam PSD is Columbian Charities Board Bookkeeper gives the reports on assets and liabilities showing what our financial accounts are and were just audited by an independent Auditor and found that we are very financial sound.

Most of the Charitable money comes through Columbian Charities. This past year we included over one million dollars that has passed through Columbian charities this past year. I'm not going to read the numbers but if you look in your booklets you got when you registered this weekend, it has the figures in it. Which organizations donated the money this is on top of that. Plus all the programs that this year the individual councils give to local charities. This is a great deal of contributions and can only be continued with members willing to do work. Again we stress membership. We haven't made our membership goal for the state in 9 years as it was mentioned.

We are a couple of hundred away this year from making it in June 30th. But that's not counting the members we have lost. It's always the struggle to maintain the 43,000 members in Missouri. We gain a little bit every year but not a lot. So gentlemen we need to keep the membership coming or these programs will not be able to be continued. We need the members out on the ground to do the work.

Thanks again for voting me the Columbian Charities Delegate at Large. This concludes my report and I move. For it's adoption.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you Ray do I have a second. Pat Kennedy, Lou Holtmann, thank you Ray. All in favor Aye Opposed The motion carry's. Again thank you Ray, I think at the banquet last night Mick had some numbers from Supreme Council and Missouri donated over \$5 million dollars and it was a \$122 per member. Those figures may not be exactly correct but it was somewhere in that neighborhood. Kind of amazing when you think about it. So we do a great job here in Missouri.

Committee's, I'm going to start calling on committee reports. We can make your report at the center microphone. Please give the paper copy of your report to Ken Wehmeyer over here at the table so we have it for the convention book.

Our first committee this morning is the Chairman of the Auditing Committee here Mark? Mark if you want to come up here and give your report I will then work on that microphone.

Audit Committee Mark Ruether: My name is Mark Ruether Council 12992 Jefferson City. Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, Brother Knights all. The firm of Stanley, Dirnberger, Hopper and Associates LLC Certified Public Accountants has performed an independent audit and has issued an independent Auditors Report which concludes the financial statements presented fairly with all material respects the assets liabilities and fund balances of Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus as of June 30th 2017 and the receipts, expenses and changes in fund balances for the year that ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

This committee believes that it should be noted the financial condition of State Council unrestricted funds have improved over the past few years in particular because of the diligence of the State Deputy and State Secretary.

During the most recently completed fiscal year, the general operations unrestricted fund balance increased more than \$26,000.00 with an ending balance of \$244,750.00 as June 30, 2017. The Auditing Committee has thoroughly reviewed the Audit Report and places a motion before this assembly for acceptance of the Audit Report as recommended and I hereby move for it's approval.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Do I have a second? Tim Beussink, Bill Bufka and guys on your seconds do I need to get council numbers? Okay a lot of times I will remember names but trying to place council numbers is kind of tough. All in favor of the motion? Aye, Opposed. Thank you Mark. Thank you for your committees work.

Next up is a report of the Clergy in Attendance committee. Do I have the Chairman of the Clergy in Attendance Committee? Okay we will move on to the report of the Greetings Committee.

Louis Raineri DD #25: Hello I'm DD #25 Louis Raineri. Worthy State Chaplain, Fr. Rick L. Jones, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Directors, Worthy State Deputy, worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairman, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Delegates.

Each year invitations to the Annual Convention to the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus are sent to selected church, community and government leaders. The Greetings Committee is responsible for reporting on responses have been received and I would like to take a moment at this time to read you this one.

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

I am pleased to learn that the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus will be conducting its 117th Annual Convention April 27-29 in Jefferson City, I gladly convey to all assembled my warm greetings and prayerful best wishes.

His Holiness Pope Francis deeply appreciates your venerable Fraternity, especially for its timely public witness to the sacredness of all human life, to the Christian understanding of marriage and family and to the protection of religious freedom. In addition, it goes without saying that the Holy Father values your outstanding charitable and educational initiatives as well as your steadfast support of the Successor of Peter in his solicitude for the Church Universal.

May Mary, seat of Wisdom, intercede for you and your deliberations during these important days fo renewal and fellowship.

With my blessing, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ Archbishop Christophe Pierre

Apostolic Nuncio

The Greetings Committee ask that they be incorporated into the report of these proceedings.

This concludes the report of the Greetings Committee and I move for its adoption.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you Lou. Do I have a second? Andy Hubbard #2265 and John Clarke, Thank you All in favor of the motion? Aye, Opposed Thank you very much Lou.

Brian do we have the report of the Clergy in Attendance Committee?

Brian Ziegler Church Director: Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers,

Worthy Past state Deputies, Worthy Directors, Worthy Grand Knights and Delegates.

The Clergy in Attendance Committee met on Saturday, April 28, 2018. We are pleased to report the following clergy are in attendance for the 117th Annual Convention of the Missouri State Council.

Most Reverend Bishop Edward Rice, Most Reverend Bishop Shawn McKnight, Father Rick Jones State Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Weber Past State Chaplain-Current Chairman, Fr. Joe Weiddenbrenner State Chairman, Fr. Tom Kiefer Past State Chaplain, Fr. Joshua Duncan, Fr. Alexander Gabriel, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, Fr. David Mille, Deacon Francis Butel, Deacon Mark Doberman, Deacon David Miller, Deacon Alan Bandy and Seminarian Keith Chadwick.

This concludes my report and I move for its immediate adoption.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Do I have a second? Steve Harvey and Russ Smith. All in favor of the motion? Aye Opposed The motion carries. Can I say Brian the report up.

Next is a report of The Good of the Order Committee, Mike Berg

Mike Berg Ascension #11139: Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers and Directors, Worthy General Agents, Worthy State Chairmen and District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights and Brother Knights all: The Good of the Order Committee met Saturday morning under the guidance of Chairman Mike Berg of Council 11139 and decided on the following issues two remember in our prayers:

1. We ask for prayers and support for our Church, for our Holy Father, Pope Francis and for our Church leadership at all levels and for their dedication in the faith and in their teaching for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2. We ask for prayers for our Missouri bishops, Archbishop Robert Carlson, Bishop James Van Johnston, Jr., Bishop Edward Rice, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, Eparch Abdullah Elias Zaidan, M.L. And Bishop Mark S. Rivituso. We also ask for prayers for our bishops emerita in Missouri, including Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Bishop John J. Leibrecht, Bishop Robert Finn, Bishop John R. Gay does, and Bishop Robert J. Hermann.

3. We ask for prayers for those who have died this past year and all deceased Knights in the State of Missouri, that God may grant them eternal rest.

4. We ask for prayers dedicated to peace and fellowship throughout the world and especially that God continue to watch over and keep safe the people of those countries continuously under the threat from terrorist forces whose actions continues to disturb their peace and threaten their sovereignty. We further pray for our brother and sister Christians in the Middle East who face persecution and the destruction of their communities, that they may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

5. We ask for prayers for the men and women serving in the military. May their dedication and sacrifice continue to keep our nation safe.

6. We ask for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, along with a growth of the permanent diaconate. We also pray that lay men and women give their service to the Church and for an increase in Catholic marriages.

7. We ask for continued prayers for the beatification of our founder Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, whose good works and dedication to

his parish led to the founding of our great order that still lives in each of us to this day.

8. We ask everyone to pray the Hail Mary three times for the end of abortion.

9. We ask for your prayers and support for Brother Knights and their families who are sick or in distress, both physically and mentally.

10. We ask for prayers for the leaders of this great country to remember all aspects of religious liberties and civil rights of citizens, while protecting all who cannot help themselves.

11. We pray for the Supreme leadership of our Order. We also pray for the success of the Supreme Convention, which will be held in Baltimore this August.

12. We ask that all continue to pray and support our brother Knights who were elected to office at this state meeting. We also pray for all the men who will be appointed Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies along with the Officers who will be elected in our local councils and assemblies. May all their decisions be made with your wisdom and help to further our Holy Mother Church and our Order.

13. We pray that everyone attending this weekend have a safe trip home to their families and a renewed faith in God as they grow in the virtues of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We also pray for all the intentions held in the silence of our hearts.

Worthy State Deputy this concludes our report and I move for its adoption.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Second Jerry Lamoureux and Jay Pflugrad. Thank you. All in favor of the motion? Aye, Opposed. Mike thank you, Mike got roped into chairing that committee by the Worthy Program Director and he goes I've got laryngitis. Mike great job and we will battle through it. So thank you Mike.

Report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee.

John Zimmerman: John Zimmerman Grand Knight of Council #13908 Lee's Summit. Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Rick Jones, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights all. The Mileage and Per Diem Committee met yesterday. Each year the councils are asked to vote on the mileage and per diem, this year the votes were 106 in favor and 3 opposed. The remaining councils abstained. This concludes my report and I move for its adoption.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you do I have a second? Patrick Carr and Michael Cook. All in favor Aye, Opposed. The motion carries thank you for your work on your committee. And now I am going to turn it over to our Worthy State Advocate Peter Lassiter for the Report of the Resolutions Committee.

State Advocate Peter Lassiter: I am going to stream line this a bit. Worthy all, we met yesterday with the Resolution Committee, we have ten resolutions. There were slight edits made to them. They did not change the content simple some word change. When we get to those I will let you know. I will tell you across the board all ten resolutions were recommended by the Resolution Committee to be adopted but we will go through each one and then have a motion to adopt each one. So I will read through them all again as quickly as possible. If I mumble or trail off or you don't catch something please let me know. Then we will have the discussion and a motion to adopt each one.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS, Worthy Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Connor, Supreme Treasurer, Ronald F. Schwarz, Supreme Advocate John A. Marrella, Supreme Warden Francis Drouhard, and the Assistant Supreme Officers, the Members of the Supreme Board of Directors and the Supreme Council Staff have faithfully and consistently demonstrated the finest and the highest standards of leadership, service and dedication to our Order of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Worthy Supreme Director Michael T. (Mick) Gilliam, representing the Supreme Council, has honored the Missouri State Council by attending this Convention.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Supreme Officers, Supreme Board of Directors, and the Supreme Office Staff be commended and congratulated for their leadership and dedication to the ideals of our Honored Order.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY STATE ADVOCATE

Again this was recommended by the committee to be adopted. Do I have a motion? Second? Any Discussion on the matter? All in favor Aye Then it shall be adopted Resolution 1.

Resolution 2 and this is one that was edited. One of the names has been removed Bishop Shaheen Eparch Emeritus has deceased and we pray for the repose of his soul. But he is not on this resolution. So Resolution 2 as edited by committee.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS, The Shepherds of the Roman Catholic Church and the Clergy in the State of Missouri have counseled us, prayed with us, led us and worked with us; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the State Council and all of its subordinate councils have been assisted by the generous cooperation of the Clergy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council hereby expresses its gratitude and respect for:

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis; Most Reverend James Vann Johnston, Jr., Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph; Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City; Most Reverend Edward M. Rice, Bishop of Springfield- Cape Girardeau; Most Reverend Abdallah Elias Zaidan, M.L., Eparch of Our Lady of Lebanon; Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis; His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Archbishop Emeritus of St. Louis; Most Reverend Robert W. Finn, Bishop-Emeritus of Kansas City-St. Joseph; Most Reverend John J. Leibrecht, Bishop-Emeritus of Springfield-Cape Girardeau; Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop-Emeritus of Jefferson City; Most Reverend Robert J. Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Saint Louis; Reverend Father Rick L. Jones, State Chaplain; and

And the Former State Chaplains and all the Clergy and Religious of our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, all Brother Knights in the Missouri State Council join regularly in prayer petitioning Our Lord for increased vocations for the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

This was recommended to be adopted by the Resolutions Committee. Do I have a motion? Do I have a second? Any discussion on the matter? All in favor Aye It shall so be adopted.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS, The Shepherds of the Roman Catholic Church and the Clergy in the State of Missouri have counseled us, prayed with us, led us and worked with us; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Missouri State Council and all of its subordinate councils have been assisted by the generous cooperation of the Clergy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council hereby expresses heartfelt welcome and congratulations to The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, for his appointment to the Diocese. We are extremely grateful for his outstanding leadership and the legacy he has left in Wichita, KS and is now continuing in the Jefferson City Diocese.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, all Brother Knights in the Missouri State Council join regularly in prayer petitioning Our Lord to continue to bless his efforts.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

This was recommended to be adopted. Do I have a motion? Do I have a second? State your name because I can't read your name tag. Do I have a discussion on the matter? All in favor? Aye it shall be adopted.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 4

WHEREAS, the Shepherds of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and the Clergy in the State of Missouri who have counseled us, prayed for us, prayed with us, led us and worked with us.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council specifically praises and prays for the work of all our deceased Brother Knights and all the Clergy and Religious of our state who have died to see the risen Christ this past year.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

Again this resolution was recommended to be approved. Do I have a motion? Do I have a second? Any discussion on the matter? All those in favor? Aye It shall be adopted.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 5

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. McGivney's extensive record of good deeds and selflessness are an inspiration to countless hundreds of Catholic Gentlemen; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. McGivney was a modern day man of the Post-Industrial Revolution and subjected to the rigors of the modern world; and

WHEREAS, The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild has been established as a means for promoting this cause.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council

of the Knights of Columbus specifically requests that the Supreme Council continue to petition the Holy See for the Beatification of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

The recommendation was to approve. Do I have a motion? Do I have a second? I have a first and a second and further discussion on the matter? All in favor? Aye It shall be adopted.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 6

WHEREAS, Keith Milson, has faithfully served two one-year terms as Immediate Past State Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Rick Jones, has faithfully served two one-year terms as State Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Peter A. Lassiter, has faithfully served two one-year terms as State Advocate; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hawkins, has faithfully served two one-year terms as State Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Michael Deamos, has faithfully served a one-year term as State Warden; and

WHEREAS, Ray Olsen, has faithfully served a one-year term as Delegate-at-Large to Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus of the State of Missouri expresses its appreciation to Immediate Past State Deputy Keith Milson, State Chaplain Rev. Rick Jones, State Secretary Bob Hawkins, State Advocate Peter A. Lassiter, State Warden Michael Deamos and Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc. Delegate-at-Large Ray Olsen for JOBS WELL DONE.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

Recommendation was forwarded. A motion go. Don Allen seconds it. Any discussion on the matter? All in favor? Aye The motion is approved.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 7

WHEREAS, Joseph Rosenthal, has faithfully served two one-year terms as State Deputy of the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus of the State of Missouri expresses its appreciation to State Deputy Joseph Rosenthal for a JOB WELL DONE.

(Submitted by the State Officers)

Do I have a motion? I have a first and a second. Any discussion on the matter? All in favor? Aye Motion approved

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 8

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus stands in defense of the dignity of the human person; and

WHEREAS, Human life begins at conception; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 2,000 babies are killed each day in the United States of America through the horror of abortion; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every Brother Knight to witness that every life is a gift from God.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council

specifically reaffirms its continued dedication, support, and prayers to support and defend the sanctity of all human life from conception to a natural death.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

Do I have a motion on the floor? The recommendation was to adopt. Do I have a motion? Thank you Patrick. A second? I have a first and a second all in favor? Aye I guess I should ask for opposed but for that one I don't think I really had to.

Alright Resolution 9 there was one change, one word. The word again and as you know attorneys get paid by the word. Words mean something and the word again has been taken out and that is the only change. So resolution 9

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 9

WHEREAS, yearly, the Knights of Columbus holds an international convention; and

WHEREAS, Brother Knights travel from throughout the United States as well as other countries to attend the Supreme Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson and other Supreme Officers will be in attendance at the Supreme Convention; and

WHEREAS, the 136th Supreme Convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council specifically continues its prayers and support to the Maryland State Council for blessings, safe travel of Brother Knights and the success of the 2018 Supreme Convention being held in Baltimore, Maryland.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

The recommendation is for approval. Alright the recommendation is still for approval. Do I have a motion? Second? Jeff Brondel for the second. Alright I have a first and a second. All those in favor? Aye Opposed The ayes have it is shall be done.

Thank you for keeping me on my toes. You have to break up my rhythm. That's why when you are in court you just object randomly when the other side is talking to just to throw them off. Laughter

Alright Resolution 10 then you guys will be done with me. Resolution 10 now there was a change to this. We wanted to clarify what was submitted by Maryville and the Bishops Council. We just specifically designate what per capita we were taking out. And I will over emphasize that word and then you guys will know if you are not following along. It does make more sense this way.

2018 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION 10

WHEREAS, our Order was founded by a Parish Priest, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has a long history of support of our clergy and seminarians; and

WHEREAS, young men discerning a call to the priesthood are the future of our church; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is blessed to have two college seminaries, Conception Seminary College in Conception, and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, each of these seminaries has an active Knights of Columbus

College Council; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for seminarians to experience first-hand the good works of the Knights of Columbus while they are in college, to help insure a good relationship with a Knights of Columbus council in every future parish they may serve; and

WHEREAS, with the high cost of attending a seminary, the number of additional financial burdens placed upon seminarians should be kept to a minimum, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council does not assess Seminarian College Councils with the Supreme per capita assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council exempt Seminarian College Councils from the requirement of the State per capita assessment.

(Respectfully submitted by Maryville Council #1339 and Bishop's Council #10490 in St. Louis)

So with that added the recommendation by committee is for approval. Joseph do I have a motion. Thank you Tommy? Second. I have a first and a second do I have any discussion on this one? Nobody is jumping up. All in favor? Aye Opposed The ayes have it. The resolutions are all adopted. Worthy Program Director it's your show. Applause

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you Worthy State Advocate. Mr. Lassiter does much better job of getting seconds from the back of the room. He's much better at that than I am. I am now going to call on our Imm. Past State Deputy Keith Milson for a report of the budget Committee.

Imm PSD Keith Milson: Good morning. This is probably my last official as a State Officer, my last year up at the podium and I relish the opportunity to serve the State Council and you gentlemen as a State Officer the past 8 years. I am blessed to have had that opportunity. I do want to add, I forgot to mention when I did the nominating speech for Mike Grudzinski. Talking about how I met Joe and Bev Rosenthal. As Joe said we met in a pool, from what I recall neither one of us were in quite the shape we are now. Joe had a speedo on that day. Laughter. Sorry for the visual, sorry for the visual. Mission accomplished.

Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Deputy, Delegates and Bother Knights. The Budget Committee met in March to discuss and prepare the proposed budget of the Missouri State Council for the 2018-2019 fraternal year.

The proposed budget, its in your convention handout if you want to follow along with me. I am going to do a high overview of the budget. The proposed budget projects receipts of \$215,200.00 which is a decrease of \$4,900.00 over last year's budget. The difference is mostly attributable to the aging membership, with many more members attaining Honorary or Honorary Life starts paired with minimal increase in our overall membership base.

The proposed budget projects expense of \$213,800.00 which is a decrease of \$100.00 compared to last year's budget. The proposed budget allows for \$35,900.00 supporting service programs expenses, a decrease of \$3,100.00 from the current fraternal year budget. Other areas of costs saving include a decrease of \$1,000.00 for communication/technology and slightly lower anticipated costs for taxes and insurance. The proposed budget includes increased spending relative to the District Deputy training events of \$3,000.00 that more accurately reflects actual costs and a \$1,250.00 increase in

professional services for requisite auditing and bookkeeping.

The proposed budget projects receipts over expenses of \$1,300.00 which is down from \$6,300 as budgeted last fraternal year. The budget committee is satisfied with the performance and diligence of the State Deputy and Program Directors of staying within the current budget while still meeting the needs and goals of the State and subordinate councils.

I wish to thank the members who served on the Budget Committee this fraternal year: State Deputy Joe Rosenthal, state Chaplain Fr. Rick Jones, State Sec. Bob Hawkins, State Treasurer Bill Lueckenhoff, State Advocate Peter Lassiter, State Warden Mike Deamos and with assistance from State Bookkeeper Mick Gilliam.

Worthy State Deputy that concludes my report and I move that the Budget Committee's report be adopted as printed in the Convention book.

GPD Doug Kissinger: Thank you Keith do I have a second? Way in the back Tony Braun PSD. All in favor of the motion? Aye Opposed. Thank you gentlemen and I again want to thank all the committees you guys did a great job with that. It really helps the proceedings especially on Sunday mornings. It is now my great honor to turn it over to the real guy our Worthy State Deputy Joe Rosenthal. Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: You know it is interesting Doug says we are going to have it done early. So I sent him in to get it started. I get in here and we are almost finished. Our State Deputy Elect is going to have a few words here shortly. He was in another meeting, I sent somebody in to get him, said we are almost done. So Doug thank you for the job well done. Is there any unfinished business to bring before us? Mike you do have some there.

Membership Director Mike Grudzinski: We have had an incentive for District Deputies to bring in a new member from every one of their councils. We gave away the tote bag. We didn't have time last night to get to this. We do have some second prizes and that involves all the District Deputies that had brought one in but I also had included ones who were short just one council. And they are going to get one of these Supreme Convention bags. So I just had Gary draw the winners and one of the winners is DD#12 James Oswald, we have Jerry Lamoureux DD#54 and Paul O'Brien DD#13. Are all three of you here? I will have Jerry draw out another one. Bob Goodenough DD#52 and Brian Thompson DD#42. Guys you will get a convention bag. Thank you for all you do and remember 2 months left we still have materials, where have the Membership materials gone? Are the materials still in here? They are next door. I will see if I can get those from next door.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Thanks Mike. Eric do you still have plaques for the R.I.B.? So if our DD's are here if they can place these so he doesn't have to cart them home. So he doesn't have to take them to the July meeting it would be very helpful. Any other unfinished business? Is Matt Gray in the room? Matt had some wheelchairs if somebody was looking for a wheelchair to take home. He was in here earlier so he is probably in the hallway. So if you need a wheelchair get with Matt Gray.

Is there any new business to bring before the State Council. If not we will move on to the Good of the Order Committee. Can I have the Chairman?

GPD Doug Kissinger: The committee already gave their report.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Good of the Order does anybody know of anyone in distress? Or in need of our prayers. Worthy Supreme Director Mick.

PSD Mick Gilliam: Please remember Javier Martinez who passed away.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Peter you have your hand up would you come to the mic?

Director Peter Nicastro. (Inaudible)

SD Joe Rosenthal: Chuck? Thanks Chuck. Mike (These are inaudible) If not we will move on.

SD Joe Rosenthal: We will remember all those gentlemen in our prayers and I thank you for that. It's just tough having some health problems let me tell you. So we will all persevere through it. I will say this right now under the Good of The Order, yes Chuck? Inaudible Thanks Chuck. I know there are people in the state and others in this room. That always have someone say heh we are praying for you. And you always wonder, and I can tell you I've talked to people this weekend, when you have 43,000 brothers are praying for you and their families it does make a difference in your life. And I know our Supreme Director can attest to that, Pat Kennedy has talked to me about how he felt when he had his problems. Jerry Herbert, there is all of us in here. And somebody keeps asking me, what are you going to do if all those prayers have shrunk that tumor. I'm going to ask for more. Cause as the Doctor said it's brain surgery. So thank you everybody for that. Keep saying more prayers.

We are going to move on to the election of the Delegates to the 2018 Supreme Convention. Okay we can kind of change that slide a little bit now. Because the delegates will be SD Bob Hawkins, Imm. PSD Joe Rosenthal, on the Insurance side and I will tell you this. Even though some on the non insurance side have insurance we have to list so many insurance delegates that may have separate votes at the meeting. And non-insurance members so that is how it is set up.

On the Insurance side delegates is Michael Grudzinski out of the Northwest, Frank Barchak out of the Southwest, John Jasper out of the Central, Chris Bradfield out of Kansas City, the non-insurance side is Don Allen out of St. Louis, Gary Beussink out of the Southeast, Jason Keil out of the Central, Joseph Miller out of St. Louis. The alternates are Jared Niemeyer out of the Northeast, Robert Eichelberger out of the Central. The Insurance side is Clarence Duttlinger out of St. Louis, Greg Elsey out of the Southwest, Bernie Panther out of St. Louis, Ken Yunker out of Kansas City, the non insurance is Dave Dillon Central, Marvin Doerhoff out of St. Louis, Victor Bender out of Southeast, Don Mihalevich out of the Southwest.

Are there any other nominations as a delegate or alternate to the Supreme Convention? Are there any other nominations as a delegate or alternate to the Supreme Convention? Are there any other nominations as a delegate or alternate to the Supreme Convention? Do I have a motion please? Yes Russell. Do I have a second? Pat Kennedy. All in favor Aye Opposed The motion passes. At the end of the meeting we will have the delegates and the alternates come up here and we will discuss a little bit about the Supreme Convention and what you can expect. And how to register. So right now it's really my great honor and a privilege to introduce Missouri's own, PSD, State Bookkeeper but more importantly at this time our Supreme Representative Mick Gilliam for his final remarks. Applause

Supreme Representative Mick Gilliam: Thank you. Some of you have heard this before so if you have bare with me because some have not. As I talk about where I came from because I was born, grew up and live on the family

farm in Peace Valley, Missouri. Which is 150 miles due south of here. It's a place that is so small, its a crossroads. Its just a place. I attend St. Joseph Mission Parish in White Church, Missouri. And on a good Sunday we will have 25 families that attend our parish.

I am a member, charter member of Bishop Fulton Sheen Council #7442 in Willow Springs and we have 60 members in our council and it takes 3 parishes to get that many guys. When you come from those kind of places and rise to the position of State Deputy for instance of the great jurisdictions. I will leave it at that. You realize as Keith said how blessed you can be and I feel blessed to have been State Deputy. Then you multiply that by 10 times, you know there are people out there that recognize your accomplishments and maybe recognize your ability to allow you to rise to the level of being on the Supreme Board of Directors.

Any success I have had, I under no illusions because I recognize any success I have, is because I can always count on, not just my brothers at home but the fact that I had the complete support of the men I have appointed and who are in charge now. Even more to the point, the complete support of the Knights of Columbus of Missouri. It's all the blessings I have had in life, State Deputy, I should say all the blessings I have had in the Knights of Columbus, the greatest one is when people speak to me and I have the opportunity to speak in return. Excuse me I shouldn't be getting choked up but I am a little bit obviously. Neither one of us have to fake the affection. I appreciate you, I appreciate the opportunity to represent Missouri at the Supreme Board of Directors. I ask one thing of you at this point and time. Our programming is second to none. We can talk about premier or elite, top our programming is second to none. Okay We got to get back to Circle of Honor. We have to get back to Circle of Honor. We have got to get back there. It's been nine years.

For a Jurisdiction like Missouri that's not acceptable. So help me out okay? Let's get him there. Let's get Joe there in Missouri. Applause God Bless

SD Joe Rosenthal: Mick is starting to get me choked up already again. For a gentleman from Peace Valley to one from Walnut Shade it's kind of an interesting subject. Two boys from the hills of the Ozark and the positions we have been put in thanks to you gentlemen. Our State Secretary is running up and it's very important he has your checks. He will be down here in a minute and I see him coming. He will announce that in a little bit. What we will do for those.

The question is, How many people are in the online membership program yesterday? Raise your hand, thank you very much for that attendance. Kevin Smith over there I thought did an excellent job presenting that program to us and what it is all about. Applause Kevin thank you for taking the time to be with us I hope our hospitality made you proud to come to Missouri. Thank you

During that meeting how many members do you think we took in on line? We actually took in two new members from you gentlemen there emailing some of your friends to take a look at Kofc.org/joinus That is how quick, within two hours after that meeting I had notices of who they are. On my way home, guess what I am going to call them. I'm going to sign them into a council. So that Grand Knight when you guys go back look at prospect tag on your on line, on your member management or your sign on to the Supreme Website. Okay That's where you can call them and invite them to your meeting. Then get them into the 1st degree. Get that plus one, the insurance agent is there to help you

get the added portion of that insurance member. It's a way, its a tool but do not let deter you to asking that gentlemen in your parish or any catholic gentlemen you know to join the Knights of Columbus.

That is what we are here for. That is what Fr. McGivney's dream is. So again ask any eligible Catholic Gentleman. The other thing with the online membership, who is the idea person to get with that? Younger, high school seniors. How many have a Catholic High school in their area? Okay. How many people are going to go back in the first week of May and speak to those gentlemen? I have more people with hands up for Catholic High Schools. Alright way to go Bernie. If you need to have any type of presentation ask Bernie Panther DD.

Here is the thing if they are 18 right now and you talk to them and see if their parents will allow them to use their credit card. Laughter You know I didn't ask you to sign them up right there. I don't want to get us in trouble. But show them that app. Let them know what it is about. Let's see if we can get a 100 to 200 high school seniors during the month of may. How does that sound? Do you think we can do it? Let's make that good effort and again as Mick said, it's for all of us. Yea I appreciate it, I know our Membership director Mike Grudzinski works so hard this fraternal year to get us where we are at. It would be a big coup that he could say I'm the first Membership Director in 9 years to get us to Circle of Honor. And Mike I hope we get there and thank you for your hard work. Applause

Our Youth Director has 32 things to hand out and Council #10454 in Wentzville he has a plaque or trophy for you. Along with the Webster Council. Russell he has one for you guys and Lake of the Ozark #9273 he has one for you guys too. If you wouldn't mind picking it up. It's something to present, I think they are a poster contest, free throw. Okay If we can do that I'm pretty much and this is my last time to address the Assembly as a SD. And I want to say, as I've said always it's such an honor and I'm so proud when I go places. When I go to the State Deputy meetings and visit with my State Deputy buddies and say I'm from one of the greatest jurisdictions in the world. And my home is Missouri and the 43,000 Knights plus in Missouri are there to back us with what ever we do. I am proud of all the accomplishments, not what I did but that we did as a team. And I want to thank each and everyone of you right now. And now it is my great pleasure and honor to introduce our next State Deputy from Missouri Bob Hawkins. Applause

SD Elect Bob Hawkins: Thank you. Friday morning when I entered this hotel I was just a regular guy. A little election happened yesterday and I want you to know I'm still just a regular guy. Please find me approachable, please find my team approachable. I will try to make anything that you invite me to. I really like to travel and get out so let me know when your events are. Let my team know when your events are and we will be glad to explain our programs.

But before we do any of that. We have to finish up this year for Joe. Joe must get Circle of Honor. So I ask you guys to go out there with all you do and sign up new members, E-members or what ever it takes. Let's get Joe what he deserves The Circle of Honor.

As customary at this meeting is that I announce my Directors for the next coming fraternal year. So I will do that now. We do have a slight change in the number of Directors this year. You saw the Supreme Directive of programs so we are going to merge the few remaining youth programs that are left into Family. So we will have one less Director this year.

So our Family Director was going to be the Youth Director, but it has merged so he is not changing names but he a little more responsibility. That is Peter Nicastro out of St. Louis. Our Church Director is Lucas Volkman out of Central Missouri. Applause Our Council Director Brian Ziegler out of Southeast Missouri. Applause Our Respect Life Director is Mike Tesmer out of Kansas City. Applause Our new Director coming on is Chris Teel of Kansas City as Community Director. Applause Our RIB Director out of St. Louis is Jerry Herbert. Applause Our Membership Director out of Southwest Missouri is Doug Kissinger. Applause and lastly our State Program Director out of Central Missouri is Michael Auchly.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of these gentlemen I'm sure they will be glad to come out and explain their programs. At this time I want to announce we are going to have a fire sale. I'm not one to take home these pie plates. Laughter. So I've asked Joe if we can reduce the rates to get rid of them. I'm not sure how many of these are left but we are going to sacrifice these pie plates, maybe 4 left, oh three left at \$10.00 each for last three. Now the tumblers we have about 20 of those and I'm asking 5 dollars for tumblers which is a substantial less than what we paid for them. Okay three pie plates and twenty tumblers. So come grab these at the reduced bargain rate. Save me from transporting them around the state.

Proceeds to Columbian Charities. Thank you Mick. Alright I want to again thank you for your confidence in electing me as your next State Deputy. And I look forward to working with each and everyone of you. Thank you. Applause

You probably wonder why I didn't bring up the checks I know that's why most of you are still here. Laughter. We are going to have Mike Grudzinski and myself will be up here at the head table. I'll have 1-30 and Mike will have 31-56. Your DD is not here see me and we will get it worked out for you. And the delegates to the Supreme Convention need to stick around, to meet and get the information they will need for the trip.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Before moving on to the Closing Ode I would like to see if Fr. Rick has anything to say. Or do you want to do that with your closing prayer. So okay if everyone will please stand. I will have my counterpart Bob get started with the closing ode.

And now we will stand and we will have the closing ode.

Now our evening's work is done

Then let us ev'ry one

Join in a song

Long may our Order stand

Foremost in this free land

Ready with heart in hand

To right each wrong. We have a mission great

True to our Church and State

Onward we move

We dry the mourner's tear

The tired heart we cheer

Faith in our works appear,

Upheld by Love.

SD Joe Rosenthal: Now it is another privilege of mine to introduce our State Chaplain one of my best friends Fr. Rick Jones. Applause

State Chaplain Fr. Rick Jones: Why don't you be seated for a moment and

we will just do our prayer seated. It doesn't mean we are going to be here a long time. Laughter. I got an hour and 24 minutes I can do it! Laughter. You know I just want to remind us about Fr. McGivney and I just think he is a great example for us. Once he gets the green light and is approved for sainthood and is a Saint, I believe he will be the first native born American born priest to be a saint. Now we have other Saints from America, we have had a few Bishops, and some other religious women and some others who have been lay folks and all that. But I don't believe we have had a native born priest especially one who started a fraternal organization like this in the free world. In the Americas and I think we all ought to push our prayers for his canonization.

You know we have all this for the good of the Order and I don't know why we don't say Fr. McGivney help us with this person, with their struggles. Help us with this holy person and his ailment. Let's pray to Fr. McGivney that he really is able to be there for us. I used Fr. McGivney when Jerry Herbert was having his struggles. I don't know why he isn't a saint because it was a miracle right there you know. I mean that's a miracle in itself. I think Fr. McGivney was right there helping all of us. I just want to remind us that there is a beautiful prayer that reminds us of Fr. McGivney and I just want to share that with you.

O great and glorious God, you imbued your holy priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, with deep priestly virtue and especially with pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow, for the Christian education of youth, for the protection of the faith of the working man of his day.

Now that his priestly ministry continues to spread to countless millions throughout the world through the efforts and influence of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which Father McGivney founded, we beseech you, Heavenly Father, to raise your faithful servant, Michael, to the honours of the altar. We ask this favour through our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy mother, Mary and our mother. Amen.

And just another final comment, you know it just perplexes me. I look at scripture and especially the acts of the Apostles that we're listening to. And if you were in the Acts of the Apostles and you start going through it, it talks about how they lived a communal life. How they called one another brothers, you know or sisters you know, families among them. And it says in scripture daily new members were being added to their company. New members were being added to their company. You know it I was scratching my head with this when I was began this job two years ago. I don't know why we don't have 50,000 members in the Knights of Columbus. We should have that. I know 43,000 and we're you know we are piddling about a couple of hundred or whatever.

We should strive for 50,000. By the time Bob Hawkins is finished we should have 50,000 members Applause So I think we need to keep that revival going among us. So if this is the new membership Director or right Bob. Amen Alright let's bring this meeting to a close stand together. In the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen Christ Jesus you commanded your disciples to love their neighbor. As your disciples now you command us to do the same. Strengthen us as we leave this meeting. Help us to live our lives as an expression of our love for you and our Sisters and Brothers. Give us the courage and generosity to act with perseverance. Bless our actions so our influence is felt within and beyond this meeting. Make renewal within the church a reality, let the work of the Knights of Columbus be instruments of your love for all people. We ask this as we ask for all things in your holy name for

you are God and you live forever and ever. Amen In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen Applause

SD Joe Rosenthal: Three things, delegates to the Supreme convention over here. Bob and Mike will have the checks up here on this side to give us a little room over here. So with that may I have a motion to close the meeting? Jay Pflugardt and DD Mike West is the second. So all those in favor? Aye All opposed. So gentlemen on your way out Special Olympics is a little bit south on 54. I appreciate your time and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

TOTAL RELIGIOUS INFORMATION BUREAU CONTRIBUTIONS BY YEARS

Year Ended	State Deputy	Contributions
5-31-45	Robert M. Guion	\$ 31,425.39
5-31-46	Robert M. Guion	32,993.87
5-31-47	Edgar F. Meinhardt	28,987.65
5-31-48	Edgar F. Meinhardt	26,541.24
5-31-49	Edgar F. Meinhardt	18,657.83
5-31-50	Bernard S. Gillis	14,139.15
5-31-51	Bernard S. Gillis	21,618.95
5-31-52	Bernard S. Gillis	22,226.27
5-31-53	Clemens M. Wolff	21,449.94
5-31-54	Clemens M. Wolff	24,920.64
6-30-55	C. Vincent Heady	25,326.24
6-30-56	C. Vincent Heady	22,436.64
6-20-57	Richard H. Walsh	27,406.29
6-20-58	Richard H. Walsh	25,269.24
6-30-59	Dr. John B. Wedge	24,846.22
6-30-60	Dr. John B. Wedge	29,855.63
6-30-61	Dr. John B. Wedge	30,366.89
6-30-62	Herbert L. Schlattman	33,187.24
6-30-63	Herbert L. Schlattman	37,991.65
6-30-64	Louis L. Kirchner	32,298.04
6-30-65	Louis L. Kirchner	29,537.97
6-30-66	Homer J. L'Hote	29,645.68
6-30-67	Homer J. L'Hote	30,787.70
6-30-68	Homer J. L'Hote	30,938.44
6-30-69	Robert A. Karsznia	30,750.17
6-30-70	Robert A. Karsznia	31,236.43
6-30-71	Charles J. Kolb	29,287.39
6-30-72	Charles J. Kolb	30,189.65
6-30-73	George B. Sweeney	38,590.93
6-30-74	George B. Sweeney	50,455.00
6-30-75	Hilary F. Schmittzehe	59,185.58
6-30-76	Hilary F. Schmittzehe	68,203.36
6-30-77	Robert S. Erb	70,001.36
6-30-78	Robert S. Erb	80,573.48
6-30-79	Louis A. Mautino	83,420.38
6-30-80	Louis A. Mautino	91,500.00
6-30-81	Frank H. Kempker, Jr.	100,086.38
6-30-82	Frank H. Kempker, Jr.	101,451.80

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Year Ended	State Deputy	Contributions
6-30-83	John E. Casey	110,034.46
6-30-84	John E. Casey	115,876.01
6-30-85	Leo A. Bieser	122,084.28
6-30-86	Leo A. Bieser	122,601.23
6-30-87	William A. Boitnott	130,000.14
6-30-88	William A. Boitnott	167,791.18
6-30-89	Robert L. Melsheimer	162,685.25
6-30-90	Robert L. Melsheimer	162,337.96
6-30-91	Kenneth S. Scherer	157,985.41
6-30-92	Kenneth S. Scherer	175,852.75
6-30-93	William J. Kirchner	181,409.05
6-30-94	William J. Kirchner	220,713.16
6-30-95	Charles B. Bernskoetter	245,510.95
6-30-96	Charles B. Bernskoetter	228,621.28
6-30-97	Lawrence R. Pearce	247,455.64
6-30-98	Lawrence R. Pearce	237,198.54
6-30-99	Francis A. (Tony) Braun	238,296.10
6-30-00	Francis A. (Tony) Braun	241,715.60
6-30-01	Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	255,276.29
6-30-02	Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	251,294.19
6-30-03	James T. Doggendorf	238,918.55
6-30-04	James T. Doggendorf	255,533.65
6-30-05	Ronald L. Wood	259,093.97
6-30-06	Ronald L. Wood	256,744.63
6-30-07	Mick T. Gilliam	277,081.80
6-30-08	Mick T. Gilliam	268,977.57
6-30-09	Greg W. Stratman	265,003.23
6-30-10	Greg W. Stratman	263,664.52
6-30-11	John S. Appelbaum	263,377.48
6-30-12	John S. Appelbaum	258,510.63
6-30-13	Brad Grill	274,260.71
6-30-14	Brad Grill	270,849.00
6-30-15	Keith Milson	269,553.59
6-30-16	Keith Milson	283,457.44
6-30-17	Joe Rosenthal	261,886.00
6-30-18	Joe Rosenthal	274,269.17
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MISSOURI MEMBERSHIP THRU THE YEARS

State Deputy	Date	Councils	Membership
W. B. Teasdale 1902-04			
John S. Leahy 1904-08	6-30-05	24	3,375
John S. Leahy 1904-08	6-30-06	34	4,785
John S. Leahy 1904-08	6-30-07	45	6,189
John S. Leahy 1904-08	6-30-08	47	7,286
R. Emmett Kane 1908-09	6-30-09	51	7,935
R. Emmett Kane 1908-09	6-30-10	52	8,001
R. F. McNally 1910-12	6-30-11	53	8,382
R. F. McNally 1910-12	6-30-12	56	8,497
James E. King 1912-14	6-30-13	56	8,314
James E. King 1912-14	6-30-14	57	9,151
Landry Harwood 1914-16	6-30-15	58	9,797
Landry Harwood 1914-16	6-30-16	58	10,516
Joseph Kane 1916-18	6-30-17	59	11,724
Joseph Kane 1916-18	6-30-18	62	13,886
Luke E. Hart 1918-20	6-30-19	71	17,749
Luke E. Hart 1918-20	6-30-20	81	20,781
Thomas E. Purcell 1920-23	6-30-21	89	22,557
Thomas E. Purcell 1920-23	6-30-22	93	21,605
Thomas E. Purcell 1920-23	6-30-23	91	20,975
Paul E. Pautler 1923-25	6-30-24	98	20,147
Paul E. Pautler 1923-25	6-30-25	99	19,448
William B. Nivert 1925-28	6-30-26	99	17,723
William B. Nivert 1925-28	6-30-27	101	16,250
William B. Nivert 1925-28	6-30-28	101	15,747
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-29	101	14,834
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-30	100	14,075
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-31	100	13,486
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-32	100	12,282
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-33	100	11,227
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-34	99	10,392
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-35	97	10,617
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-36	96	10,349
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-37	95	10,096
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-38	94	9,893
Thomas A. Langen 1928-39	6-30-39	93	9,601
Joseph Scanion 1939-41	6-30-40	92	9,562
Joseph Scanion 1939-41	6-30-41	93	9,772

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State Deputy	Date	Councils	Membership
Amos A. Govero 1941-44	6-30-42	93	9,953
Amos A. Govero 1941-44	6-30-43	93	9,948
Amos A. Govero 1941-44	6-30-44	92	10,163
Robert M. Guion 1944-46	6-30-45	93	10,918
Robert M. Guion 1944-46	6-30-46	92	12,083
Edgar F. Meinhardt 1946-49	6-30-47	92	13,414
Edgar F. Meinhardt 1946-49	6-30-48	92	14,235
Edgar F. Meinhardt 1946-49	6-30-49	93	14,752
Bernard S. Gillis 1949-52	6-30-50	94	15,285
Bernard S. Gillis 1949-52	6-30-51	93	15,540
Bernard S. Gillis 1949-52	6-30-52	95	16,187
Clemens M. Wolff 1952-54	6-30-53	97	16,935
Clemens M. Wolff 1952-54	6-30-54	100	18,148
C. Vincent Heady 1954-56	6-30-55	102	19,025
C. Vincent Heady 1954-56	6-30-56	106	20,044
Richard H. Walsh 1956-58	6-30-57	110	20,353
Richard H. Walsh 1956-58	6-30-58	114	20,797
John B. Wedge 1958-61	6-30-59	119	21,117
John B. Wedge 1958-61	6-30-60	124	21,630
John B. Wedge 1958-61	6-30-61	125	21,666
Herbert Schlattman 1961-63	6-30-62	126	22,107
Herbert Schlattman 1961-63	6-30-63	130	22,287
Louis L. Kirchner 1963-65	6-30-64	132	21,977
Louis L. Kirchner 1963-65	6-30-65	131	21,754
Homer J. L'Hote 1965-68	6-30-66	133	21,902
Homer J. L'Hote 1965-68	6-30-67	133	21,445
Homer J. L'Hote 1965-68	6-30-68	133	21,013
Robert A. Karsznia 1968-70	6-30-69	132	21,972
Robert A. Karsznia 1968-70	6-30-70	135	22,391
Charles J. Kolb 1970-72	6-30-71	134	22,770
Charles J. Kolb 1970-72	6-30-72	135	23,006
George B. Sweeney 1972-73	6-30-73	146	23,811
George B. Sweeney 1972-74	6-30-74	145	24,130
Hilary F. Schmittzehe 1974-75	6-30-75	149	24,429
Hilary F. Schmittzehe 1975-76	6-30-76	152	24,569
Robert S. Erb 1976-77	6-30-77	152	24,540
Robert S. Erb 1977-78	6-30-78	160	25,313
Louis A. Mautino 1978-79	6-30-79	168	26,439
Louis A. Mautino 1978-80	6-30-80	178	27,128

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State Deputy	Date	Councils	Membership
Frank H. Kempker, Jr. 1980-81	6-30-81	180	27,895
Frank H. Kempker, Jr. 1981-82	6-30-82	182	28,453
John E. Casey 1982-83	6-30-83	185	28,555
John E. Casey 1983-84	6-30-84	188	29,129
Leo A. Bieser 1984-85	6-30-85	196	29,959
Leo A. Bieser 1984-86	6-30-86	204	30,733
William A. Boitnott 1986-87	6-30-87	209	31,446
William A. Boitnott 1987-88	6-30-88	213	31,845
Robert L. Melsheimer 1988-89	6-30-89	208	32,592
Robert L. Melsheimer 1989-90	6-30-90	208	33,405
Kenneth S. Scherer 1990-91	6-30-91	208	33,479
Kenneth S. Scherer 1991-92	6-30-92	218	34,038
William J. Kirchner	6-30-93	220	34,790
William J. Kirchner	6-30-94	219	35,226
Charles B. Bernskoetter	6-30-95	222	35,452
Charles B. Bernskoetter	6-30-96	226	36,282
Lawrence R. Pearce	6-30-97	229	36,891
Lawrence R. Pearce	6-30-98	231	37,073
Francis A. (Tony) Braun	6-30-99	235	37,886
Francis A. (Tony) Braun	6-30-00	240	38,152
Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	6-30-01	241	38,374
Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	6-30-02	245	38,656
James T. Doggendorf	6-30-03	246	39,042
James T. Doggendorf	6-30-04	249	39,567
Ronald L. Wood	6-30-05	259	40,283
Ronald L. Wood	6-30-06	268	40,820
Mick T. Gilliam	6-30-07	270	41,326
Mick T. Gilliam	6-30-08	277	41,770
Greg W. Stratman	6-30-09	280	42,180
Greg W. Stratman	6-30-10	280	42,135
John S. Appelbaum	6-30-11	283	42,671
John S. Appelbaum	6-30-12	289	42,972
Brad Grill	6-30-13	289	42,976
Brad Grill	6-30-14	292	42,843
Keith Milson	6-30-15	292	42,796
Keith Milson	6-30-16	298	43,050
Joe Rosenthal	6-30-17	300	43,012
Joe Rosenthal	6-30-18	301	43,319

JURISDICTION OF MISSOURI – MEMBERSHIP STATUS – 7/1/2018

Coun.	Total	Coun.	Total
453 - St. Louis	108	1263 - Perryville	911
527 - Kansas City	139	1270 - Martinsburg	237
571 - St. Joseph	322	1321 - Fredericktown	108
606 - St. Louis	0	1335 - Pacific	113
686 - St. Louis	15	1339 - Maryville	193
698 - Springfield	265	1360 - Tipton	239
742 - St. Louis	87	1376 - St. Louis	120
756 - Brookfield	61	1529 - Columbia	364
795 - St. Louis	101	1572 - Glennonville	112
800 - St. Louis	82	1576 - Union	368
823 - St. Charles	852	1587 - St. Peters	257
828 - St. Louis	3	1593 - Portageville	57
831 - Sedalia	138	1698 - Kansas City	161
846 - Edina	72	1706 - Poplar Bluff	138
855 - Nevada	87	1752 - Glasgow	147
876 - Marshall	241	1848 - Bloomsdale	374
903 - Maplewood	65	1893 - Carrollton	90
907 - Hannibal	257	1896 - Clinton	105
979 - Joplin	146	1914 - Hermann	153
981 - St. Louis	10	1927 - Dutzow	286
995 - Moberly	227	1928 - St. Clement	266
1037 - Ste. Genevieve	944	1931 - Conception Junction	153
1054 - Jefferson City	580	1937 - Palmyra	84
1061 - Boonville	225	1971 - Indian Creek	97
1075 - Monett	131	1983 - Morrison	41
1084 - Chillicothe	179	2009 - Millwood	171
1088 - Bonne Terre	103	2027 - Bonnots Mill	160
1110 - Cameron	99	2044 - Montgomery	95
1111 - Cape Girardeau	367	2047 - Argyle	159
1121 - Washington	1462	2117 - Kirkwood	192
1125 - Montrose	99	2119 - Webster Groves	148
1165 - Monroe City	216	2149 - St. Thomas	218
1171 - Westphalia	229	2241 - Shelbyna	112
1185 - DeSoto	441	2244 - Higginsville	48
1196 - St. Louis	68	2261 - Clear Creek	224
1215 - Bellefontaine Neighbors	118	2265 - Verona	82
1230 - Festus	476	2269 - O'Fallon	368

Coun.	Total	Coun.	Total
2273 - Dardenne	414	4838 - Linn	163
2333 - Kimmswick	249	4858 - Sullivan	136
2341 - Warrenton	221	4962 - Raytown	190
2353 - Kansas City	59	5067 - St. Joseph	345
2440 - Fenton	113	5359 - Oakville	146
2457 - Kansas City	39	5401 - St. Roberts	90
2526 - St. Patrick	114	5553 - St. Louis	22
2547 - Owensville	70	5554 - Kansas City	0
2619 - St. Louis	104	5586 - Belton	138
2627 - Rolla	200	5898 - Leopold	383
2951 - Florissant	470	5936 - Washington County	205
3151 - Sikeston	135	6018 - Arnold	161
3267 - Eugene	249	6215 - Excelsior Springs	65
3282 - Charleston	106	6244 - Savannah	40
3375 - Kirksville	158	6365 - Camdenton	130
3414 - N. Kansas City	266	6401 - Hillsboro	143
3430 - Independence	69	6405 - Jackson	503
3511 - Eureka	115	6415 - St. Paul	324
3586 - Affton	156	6420 - Scott City	554
3616 - St. Louis	24	6430 - Taos	330
3760 - Mexico	205	6435 - House Springs	208
3769 - Macon	90	6470 - Branson	108
3882 - Rosati	56	6471 - Herculaneum	2
3977 - St. Ann	132	6473 - Louisiana	54
4061 - Ferguson	56	6500 - Creve Coeur	127
4099 - St. Louis	107	6506 - Blue Springs	195
4187 - Neosho	50	6515 - Dexter	72
4300 - Lexington	48	6525 - Troy	180
4311 - Oran	361	6550 - Harrisonville	161
4387 - Kansas City	131	6640 - St. Elizabeth	138
4388 - Stanberry	81	6644 - Hawk Point	13
4429 - Hazelwood	213	6722 - Holden	82
4454 - Fulton	127	6780 - Liberty	196
4561 - St. Louis	50	6794 - Independence	185
4613 - Kansas City	104	6819 - Lee's Summit	244
4667 - St. Clair	141	6871 - Lebanon	86
4679 - Salisbury	135	6971 - St. Louis	25
4751 - St. Louis	29	6983 - Bethany	17

Coun.	Total	Coun.	Total
7055 - Independence	42	9023 - Flint Hill	153
7063 - Advance	67	9147 - St. Louis	47
7064 - Kansas City	125	9170 - Ava	30
7119 - Ellisville	105	9190 - Carthage	96
7130 - Pierce City	106	9208 - Marceline	102
7133 - Eldon	109	9271 - California	89
7194 - St. Martins	307	9272 - Smithville	158
7198 - Cottleville	471	9273 - Lake Ozark	110
7199 - Parkville	295	9401 - Plattsburg	46
7218 - New Madrid	67	9465 - Gerald	79
7231 - Columbia	54	9478 - Brunswick	50
7296 - Ewing	55	9522 - Manchester	171
7307 - Webb City	112	9533 - Springfield	176
7442 - Willow Springs	60	9625 - St. Peters	206
7475 - New Haven	58	9700 - Freeburg	84
7501 - Salem	64	9725 - Fayette	31
7516 - Mount Vernon	68	9855 - Caruthersville	29
7588 - Kimberling City	116	9892 - West Plains	59
7605 - Richmond	275	9981 - Chesterfield	195
7678 - Lamar	27	10136 - Oakville	227
7680 - Forsyth	32	10144 - Old Monroe	243
7781 - Odessa	40	10154 - Wentzville	399
7841 - Centralia	106	10200 - Ozark	111
8040 - Butler	40	10381 - Laurie	144
8063 - Hamilton	22	10490 - St. Louis	279
8073 - Villa Ridge	192	10521 - South St. Louis	43
8334 - Lee's Summit	227	10690 - Rich Fountain	193
8399 - Wardsville/Osage Bend	342	10746 - Independence	89
8400 - Holts Summit	144	10794 - Ballwin	195
8588 - High Ridge	138	10844 - Marshfield	80
8620 - Warsaw	75	11139 - Chesterfield	297
8865 - Pulaskifield	58	11146 - St. Louis	117
8887 - Valley Park	134	11182 - Springfield	72
8915 - Kearney	192	11205 - Cape Girardeau	171
8916 - Russellville	78	11382 - St. Charles	214
8920 - Cuba	84	11437 - Richmond Heights	53
8931 - Bolivar	89	11556 - Brentwood	45
8970 - Kansas City	61	11635 - Florissant	72

Coun.	Total
11656 - New Melle	175
11778 - Florissant	72
11794 - Richmond Heights	65
11882 - Park Hills	58
11928 - Elsberry	67
12022 - Wildwood	188
12037 - St. Charles	79
12242 - Iberia	43
12288 - Weston	74
12323 - Sappington	121
12332 - Farmington	166
12463 - St. Joseph	47
12631 - Warrensburg/Knob	159
12650 - Houston	53
12655 - Gladstone	110
12676 - Normandy	43
12682 - Versailles	3
12934 - Apple Creek/Biehle	72
12986 - Manchester	200
12992 - Jefferson City	374
13113 - Pleasant Hill	90
13178 - Vienna	63
13270 - Overland	53
13399 - St. Louis	20
13474 - Stockton	27
13492 - Billings	21
13604 - Des Peres	225
13671 - Kansas City	110
13681 - Springfield	123
13682 - Springfield	87
13748 - Nixa	109
13750 - Conception	97
13762 - Imperial	40
13786 - Hermitage	31
13814 - Springfield	39
13823 - Sunset Hills	103
13901 - Ft. Leonard Wood	91
13908 - Lee's Summit	145
13975 - Shell Knob	32

Coun.	Total
13988 - Kansas City	152
14067 - St. Louis	62
14096 - Joplin	78
14097 - Oak Grove	37
14163 - Kansas City	161
14264 - St. Louis	65
14266 - Kansas City	100
14270 - Kansas City	156
14330 - St. Louis	36
14402 - Festus	121
14414 - Columbia	90
14489 - Kansas City	107
14561 - Wentzville	93
14575 - St. Louis	37
14719 - St. Louis	105
14745 - Blue Springs	95
14750 - Kansas City	45
14906 - Jefferson City	104
14972 - Grandview	52
15126 - St. Joseph	70
15287 - Kansas City	106
15294 - Cape Girardeau	63
15433 - Josephville	61
15505 - Ferguson	37
15775 - Warson Woods	26
15851 - St. Charles	24
15878 - Mansfield	36
15881 - Kansas City	38
15935 - Potosi	47
16189 - Platte City	74
16213 - Krakow	121
16273 - Clayton	23
16619 - Shrewbury	25
16869 - St. Louis	45
17106 - St. Charles	0
98024 - Missouri	19
TOTAL	43,319

RECEIPTS FROM THE DRIVE FOR THE PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

<u>YR ENDING</u>	<u>STATE DEPUTY</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
6-30-1974	George Sweeney	\$123,000.00
6-30-1975	Hilary Schmittzehe	\$163,000.00
6-30-1976	Hilary Schmittzehe	\$177,157.00
6-30-1977	Robert Erb	\$210,000.00
6-30-1978	Robert Erb	\$225,000.00
6-30-1979	Louis Mautino	\$251,848.00
6-30-1980	Louis Mautino	\$255,185.00
6-30-1981	Frank H. Kempker	\$292,370.00
6-30-1982	Frank H. Kempker	\$319,620.00
6-30-1983	John E. Casey	\$337,290.00
6-30-1984	John E. Casey	\$375,767.00
6-30-1985	Leo A. Bieser	\$402,833.00
6-30-1986	Leo A. Bieser	\$403,767.72
6-30-1987	William A. Boitnott	\$425,609.91
6-30-1988	William A. Boitnott	\$445,751.99
6-30-1989	Robert L. Melsheimer	\$472,446.44
6-30-1990	Robert L. Melsheimer	\$502,789.21
6-30-1991	Kenneth S. Scherer	\$519,003.18
6-30-1992	Kenneth S. Scherer	\$525,097.90
6-30-1993	William J. Kirchner	\$541,533.89
6-30-1994	William J. Kirchner	\$539,993.43
6-30-1995	Charles B. Bernskoetter	\$553,738.44
6-30-1996	Charles B. Bernskoetter	\$574,086.81
6-30-1997	Lawrence R. Pearce	\$558,052.59
6-30-1998	Lawrence R. Pearce	\$608,817.74
6-30-1999	Francis A. (Tony) Braun	\$648,100.84
6-30-2000	Francis A. (Tony) Braun	\$667,111.25
6-30-2001	Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	\$641,290.86
6-30-2002	Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	\$654,778.78
6-30-2003	James T. Doggendorf	\$635,124.04
6-30-2004	James T. Doggendorf	\$630,901.31
6-30-2005	Ronald L. Wood	\$676,749.63
6-30-2006	Ronald L. Wood	\$568,457.19
6-30-2007	Mick T. Gilliam	\$640,013.46
6-30-2008	Mick T. Gilliam	\$640,026.75
6-30-2009	Greg W. Stratman	\$628,978.51
6-30-2010	Greg W. Stratman	\$613,119.52
6-30-2011	John S. Appelbaum	\$626,194.63
6-30-2012	John S. Appelbaum	\$627,811.69
6-30-2013	Brad Grill	\$604,982.63
6-30-2014	Brad Grill	\$625,268.12
6-30-2015	Keith Milson	\$612,509.63
6-30-2016	Keith Milson	\$700,986.70
6-30-2017	Joe Rosenthal	\$674,625.00
6-30-2018	Joe Rosenthal	\$658,022.72

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

<u>YR ENDING</u>	<u>STATE DEPUTY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6-30-85	Leo A. Bieser	
6-30-86	Leo A. Bieser	1,570.49
6-30-87	William A. Boitnott	7,457.37
6-30-88	William A. Boitnott	8,572.50
6-30-89	Robert L. Melsheimer	19,826.14
6-30-90	Robert L. Melsheimer	21,738.02
6-30-91	Kenneth S. Scherer	24,899.00
6-30-92	Kenneth S. Scherer	50,190.09
6-30-93	William J. Kirchner	21,942.68
6-30-94	William J. Kirchner	46,993.62
6-30-95	Charles B. Bernskoetter	30,680.86
6-30-96	Charles B. Bernskoetter	63,165.03
6-30-97	Lawrence R. Pearce	44,516.07
6-30-98	Lawrence R. Pearce	49,182.88
6-30-99	Francis A. (Tony) Braun	47,086.81
6-30-00	Francis A. (Tony) Braun	74,238.64
6-30-01	Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	82,950.67
6-30-02	Robert H. Jecklin, Sr.	83,313.98
6-30-03	James T. Daggendorf	72,903.02
6-30-04	James T. Daggendorf	79,076.83
6-30-05	Ronald L. Wood	59,354.80
6-30-06	Ronald L. Wood (Goal Achieved)	18,950.20
6-30-07	Mick T. Gilliam	5,407.93
6-30-08	Mick T. Gilliam	4,935.00
6-30-09	Greg W. Stratman	4,250.00
6-30-10	Greg W. Stratman	4,815.00
6-30-11	John S. Appelbaum	3,230.00
6-30-12	John S. Appelbaum	2,418.79
6-30-13	Brad Grill	1,985.00
6-30-14	Brad Grill	2,204.50
6-30-15	Keith Milson	2,025.00
6-30-16	Keith Milson	1,830.00
6-30-17	Joe Rosenthal	3,290.00
6-30-18	Joe Rosenthal	3,255.00



**BY-LAWS OF THE MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
As of 2016**

PREAMBLE: In the Name of God, Amen.

ARTICLE 1 - STATE COUNCIL COMPOSITION AND POWERS

Section 1. Composition. The Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus consists of those members listed in secs. 12 and 15 of the Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus ("Constitution and Laws"). Chairman of standing committees of the Missouri State Council in a number not to exceed the maximum permitted by sec. 12(b) shall be permitted the privileges of membership with the right to speak on questions pertaining to the functions of their particular committees but without the right to vote therein.

Section 2. Powers. The State Council shall have all powers allowed to it and all duties assigned by the Constitution and Laws, including but not limited to those described in secs. 11-13 and 56-59, and by the rules and regulations of the Supreme Council and Board of Directors ("Supreme rules and regulations"). The State Council shall have full authority over its own funds and property as allowed under secs. 13, 35.2, and 56 of the Constitution and Laws.

Section 3. When Laws Take Effect. No law or regulation adopted by the State Council shall take effect until either (1) the State Deputy submits it to the Supreme Board of Directors and said board approves it under sec. 56(a) of the Constitution and Laws, or (2) the Supreme Council approves it under sec. 13 of the Constitution and Laws.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS OF STATE COUNCIL

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The State Council shall meet at least annually. The Annual State Meeting held between April 1 and June 1 shall be the annual meeting mentioned in the Constitution and Laws. The Annual State Meeting shall be convened by the State Deputy on the date fixed at the preceding Annual State Meeting by the State Council. If the State Council does not fix such date, then the state officers shall do so under sec. 13 of the Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus ("Constitution and Laws").

Section 2. Annual State Meeting Site.

(a) There will be established a permanent committee for selection of the site for the Annual State Meeting. Said committee shall consist of the State Deputy and three Past State Deputies.

(b) The Administrative Assistant (if any) shall report to the committee available sites for the Annual State Meetings after investigating same.

(c) The committee shall select sites compatible with the needs of the Order in Missouri and with the financial status of the State Council no later than six months prior to each Annual State Meeting.

(d) The State Deputy shall advise all subordinate councils of the site selected as soon as possible after selection, however, no later than January 10th of each year.

Section 3. Special Meetings. The Supreme Knight, by and with the consent of a majority of the supreme officers, may call a special session of the

State Council under sec. 13 of the Constitution and Laws.

Section 4. Credentials, State Secretary to Furnish Blanks. The State Secretary shall prepare and furnish Credential Blanks to the Grand Knight of each Council on or before February 15th of each year.

Section 5. Credentials, Recorder to Certify. The Recorder of each Council shall prepare and certify two copies of credentials of delegates on the blanks so furnished and shall forward one copy thereof to the State Secretary at least five weeks before the State Council meets and retain one copy for the Council records.

Section 6. List of Delegates, State Secretary to Furnish. The State Secretary shall prepare a printed list of the delegates and alternates to the State Council meeting and of the State Officers and shall mail one copy thereof to each delegate and State Officer, at least five days before the meeting of the State Council.

Section 7. Temporary Roll of Delegates. Prior to the calling to order of the meeting of the State Council, the State Secretary shall prepare a roll of the names of all delegates and alternates from the credentials forwarded to him by the subordinate Councils, and said roll shall be the roll of the State Council until the Committee on Credentials has been appointed, its report has been submitted and the permanent roll determined by the action of the State Council on said report.

Section 8. Hearings Before Committee on Credentials. In case of a contest on the credentials of any representative or alternate, one member on each side may appear and present evidence and arguments before the Committee, each being allowed not to exceed five minutes for arguments, except by special permission of the Committee.

Section 9. Councils Failing to Pay Assessment Not Entitled to Representation. Councils in arrears to the State Council or Supreme Council for any duly levied assessments shall not have the names of their delegates or alternates on either the temporary or permanent roll of the State Council until all such arrearages are paid in full.

Section 10. State Deputy to Preside - State Secretary to Record. The State Deputy shall preside at all meetings performing the usual duties of Chairman, and the State Secretary shall record all proceedings of the State Council; in the absence or inability of the State Deputy, the State Secretary shall execute all of the duties of the State Deputy; in the absence or inability of the State Deputy and State Secretary the obligation of executing the duties of the State Deputy shall devolve on the other State Officers in the order in which they are named in Section 12(c) of the Constitution and Laws.

Section 11. Meetings-In What Section-Who Present. All sessions of the State Council shall be conducted in the third section. The State Warden shall check membership cards of said section at the openings of the meeting and shall admit none but delegates and alternates, District Deputies, State Directors and State Chairmen, except by permission of the State Council.

Section 12. Quorum. A majority of the members of the State Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a majority may adjourn from day to day or may adjourn sine die after the completion of the regular order of business.

Section 13. Resolutions-Amendments-Publications-Procedure.

(a) All proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the By-laws of the State Council to be considered at the Annual State Meeting shall be submitted in writing to the State Secretary on or before the first day of March of each year.

(b) Said proposals may be submitted to the State Secretary by any Council, any State Committee or the State Deputy.

(c) The State Secretary shall submit said proposals to the State Advocate for his consideration and approval as to form.

(d) On or before the 31st of March of each year the State Secretary shall mail a copy of all proposed resolutions and amendments to the Grand Knights and delegates to the Annual State Meeting of each subordinate Council.

(e) The Standing Committee on Laws and Resolutions shall examine all resolutions and proposed amendments to these By-Laws which have been filed with the State Secretary and shall report thereon to the State Council.

(f) In the event the State Deputy determines a proposed resolution, other than an amendment to the By-Laws of the State Council, which has not been published hereunder, presents an emergency and should have immediate consideration voiced in open session of the Annual State Meeting, waive the provisions hereof.

Section 14. Limitations on Speaking. When a member is about to speak he shall rise and address the Chair and give his name and the name of his Council. The presiding Officer shall announce the name of the member entitled to the floor, and the member shall then confine his remarks to the subject under consideration. No member shall speak longer than five minutes without permission of the Chair, nor more than once upon any question until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

Section 15. Roll Call, When Desired. The roll call shall not be called upon a demand for the yeas and nays requested by a majority of the members present.

Section 16. Committee Reports to be in Writing. All reports of the Committees shall be in writing and signed by the members presenting same.

Section 17. Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order, wherever applicable, shall govern all matters not covered by these By-Laws and shall be controlling in the parliamentary procedure of the State Council meeting.

Section 18. Proceedings to be Reported. The State Secretary shall employ, with the approval of the State Deputy, a competent stenographer, who is a Third Degree member of the Order, to report proceedings of the annual meeting and to furnish the State Deputy and Secretary each with a typewritten copy of same.

Section 19. Printing of Proceedings. The State Secretary shall prepare and have printed and distributed forthwith a report of the proceedings of the State Council meeting. One copy of the report shall be furnished to each of the State Officers, Delegates to the State Convention and Grand Knight of each Council in actual attendance at said meeting. Said report shall include any amendments to the By-laws passed by Resolution at the Annual State Meeting. The State Secretary shall provide that the By-laws of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus are printed each year, reflecting any amendments so approved.

ARTICLE III-ELECTIONS

Section 1. Order of Elections. All elections of State Officers, Supreme Representatives shall be elected separately in the following order: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Delegate at Large to Columbian Charities Board of Directors, Supreme Delegates and Alternates.

Section 2. Form of Ballot. A ballot with the name or names of the candidates voted for, written or printed thereon, shall be used. Any ballot for delegates which shall contain a greater or less number of names of nominees than the full number of delegates to be elected shall be invalid.

Section 3. Tellers. Three Tellers shall be appointed by the Chair to canvass the ballot and report the results of their canvass.

Section 4. Manner of Balloting. When more than one candidate is presented for a State Office, or more candidates for delegates or alternates to the Supreme Council are presented than the number to be elected, the procedure shall be as follows: The Secretary shall call from the permanent roll the names of those entitled to vote, and as each name is called the member will step forward and deposit his ballot.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

A. Duties and Incidental Expenses.

Section 1. State Deputy: Duties and Allowance. The State Deputy shall be the chief executive officer of the Order in Missouri and the representative of the Supreme Board of Directors and the Supreme Knight. He shall have all rights, powers and duties assigned to him under the Constitution and laws of the Knights of Columbus ("Constitution and Laws") including but not limited to sections 60, 58, 92(b), 97, etc. He shall perform all other duties as directed by the State Council in these By-laws or by resolutions, upon such time as they are made effective by the approval of the Supreme Board of Directors or Supreme Council under the Constitution and Laws. An allowance of \$1,800.00 per year shall be made to the State Deputy to defray the incidental expenses of this office.

Section 2. State Secretary: Duties and Allowance. The State Secretary shall keep a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the State Council and such decisions of the State Officers as are theirs to make under the Constitution and Laws, e.g., sections 12(c), 13, and 58, or under these By-laws. He shall safely maintain such records and the records of his predecessors, or he shall designate a person to maintain them under his supervision. He shall have charge of the seal of the State Council and affix it to documents issued by State Council as appropriate. He shall give notice of meetings of the State Council and State Officers as provided by these By-laws. He shall handle all money due and payable to the State Council as provided in section 5 of the Article on Finances of these By-laws. An allowance of \$900.00 per year shall be made to the State Secretary to defray the incidental expenses of his office.

Section 3. State Treasurer: Duties. The State Treasurer shall take charge of all money of the State Council and shall deposit and pay the same as provided in section 6 of the Article on Finances of these By-laws. He shall keep true and accurate records of the finances of the State Council, and he shall safely maintain the same and the records of his predecessors, or he shall

designate a person to maintain them under his supervision. An allowance of \$600.00 per year shall be made to the State Treasurer to defray the incidental expenses of his office.

Section 4. State Advocate: Duties. The State Advocate shall render advice concerning the interpretation and application of the Constitution and Laws and these By-laws to all officers, directors, chairmen, and trustees of the State Council and subordinate councils in the Missouri Jurisdiction, except he shall give aid or advice to the defense before or during any proceedings to impose discipline and/or penalties for violations of the Constitution and Laws or of these By-laws. If the Advocate is a member of the Bar in good standing, and to the extent his civil legal practice reasonably allows, he shall give advice on the application of the civil law to the affairs of the Order and its affiliated groups in the Missouri Jurisdiction. He shall perform all other functions assigned to him pursuant to the Constitution and Laws (e.g., under Sec. 177) and by these By-laws.

Section 5. State Warden: Duties. The State Warden shall guard the doors of the State Council meetings, check membership cards, preserve order and perform such other duties as the State Deputy or State Council may require.

Section 6. State Chaplain: Duties. The State Chaplain shall have the supervision over all religious ceremonies incident to the activities of the State Council throughout the year, and shall perform other duties corresponding to those of the Supreme Chaplain. He shall be the guest of the State Council at each annual meeting of the Supreme Council while serving in the office of the State Chaplain, and for this purpose he shall receive an allowance for his actual expenses for attending the Supreme Council Meeting, and the same be paid out of the State Treasury in the usual manner.

B. Miscellaneous Duties and Powers.

Section 7. The State Officers shall hold their offices for the term described in section 12(c) of the Constitution and Laws.

Section 8. The State Officers shall collectively exercise the powers and perform the duties set forth in the Constitution and Laws, including but not limited to those under sections 12(c), 13, and 58.

Section 9. Any vacancy in an office of the Missouri State Council shall be filled as prescribed in section 58 of the Constitution and Laws.

Section 10. The State Treasurer shall give bond in the sum of \$30,000 and the State Secretary shall give bond in the sum of \$10,000, with an approved corporate surety company as surety thereon, for the faithful performance of his duties. The expense of said bond shall be paid by the State Council and the bond shall be deposited with the State Deputy.

Section 11. The State Deputy shall be authorized to send another State officer, State director or State chairman as his personal representative when it becomes impossible for the State Deputy to accept a particular invitation to attend a duly recognized activity of the Knights of Columbus, and said representative shall be paid mileage and per diem at the rates authorized by these By-laws. The State Deputy shall also be authorized to pay mileage to District Deputies when they are requested by the State Deputy to go out of their district to attend regional meetings. Such mileage will not be in addition to mileage paid by the Supreme Council.

Section 12. Each year the State Deputy shall encourage the continued financial support of the work of the Catholic Chaplain at the Missouri State Penitentiary by contacting all councils within the Missouri Jurisdiction, and seeking the same.

ARTICLE V-MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Reports of Financial Secretaries. The Financial Secretary of each subordinate Council shall immediately following the election at the first meeting in June each year, report to the State Deputy at name and address of the Grand Knight chosen by the Council at that election and shall also report the name and address of the Financial Secretary appointed by the Supreme Knight to serve the Council. In the event of any changes in the office of the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary of any Council, the Financial Secretary shall immediately report the name of the new officer to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. No act or failure to act by the State Council or any office or member thereof shall create any liability on the part of the order.

Section 3. By-Laws-How Amended. These By-laws or any other part thereof may be amended or repealed at any annual meeting of the State Council by a majority vote of the delegates present and said amendment or repeal shall be effective upon the approval thereof by the Supreme Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Missouri State Council shall oppose any attempt by any person, party or organization to remove the words “Under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance.

Section 5. An amount, to be determined each year by the Budget Committee, shall be appropriated each year from the funds of the Missouri State Council for use at the annual Supreme Convention to assist in defraying the costs of a meeting headquarters for Missouri delegates and Missouri Knights all in furtherance of promoting the reputation of the Missouri State Council.

The State Deputy shall each year appoint a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing, who is not otherwise a delegate to the Supreme Convention, to attend the Supreme Convention for the purpose of managing and operating the meeting headquarters, and upon satisfactory completion of these duties, he shall receive a mileage and per diem allowance payable to him at the same rate and for the same number of days as that paid to the delegates attending that same Supreme Convention. This payment shall be paid from the State Council funds and shall be in addition to the funds referred to in the first sentence of this section.

Section 6. There shall be established an annual Missouri State Knights of Columbus Essay Contest opened to both parochial and public schools throughout the State, and that the State Deputy each year shall appoint the Director of Youth Activities to further develop the Essay Contest and the rules for the same, and that there be established a list of prizes for the successful participants in such contest and that said prizes shall be presented to the various Grand Knights of the councils sponsoring the successful participants at the annual State Convention.

Section 7. Membership Rosters. No membership roster of either the State Council or Subordinate Council shall be given out to any person or group

without the prior written consent of the State Deputy or Grand Knight as the case may be. The use of such list shall be for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church.

ARTICLE VI-COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees. Appointment of. Unless otherwise determined by the State Council, all Committees shall be appointed by the State Deputy or presiding officer, and he shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees. In the interval, between annual sessions, when the exigency of circumstances demands it, the State Deputy is empowered to appoint special committees who shall report at the next stated meeting. All proper expenses incurred by any such Committee shall, after approval thereof by the State Deputy be paid by the State Council.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Legislation, whose duty it shall be to consider all existing or proposed laws which in any way affect the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Church or the interest of Catholics as a body; and they shall, with the advice and consent of the State Officers, initiate any appropriate united action regarding such existing or proposed laws.

The Committee shall be appointed by the State Deputy and he may change its personnel from time to time at his option.

Section 3.

(a) There shall be a Standing Committee to be known as the Religious Information Bureau Committee whose duty it shall be to conduct a program of circulating the truth of the Catholic Church to all citizens of Missouri through paid advertisements in the media, distribution of religious pamphlets, and maintenance of booths at the Missouri State Fair, and generally to carry on the activities of such Committee as it has operated since its inception in 1944, developing and promoting the objects and principles of such Apostolic work; and the said Committee shall initiate appropriate action to carry out the objects and principles of the Committee.

(b) The Committee shall be comprised of the State Officers and Past State Deputies and the R.I.B. Director.

(c) It shall be the further duty of the Religious Information Bureau Committee to hold at least two meetings during the fraternal year; furthermore, said Committee shall submit to the Grand Knights of each council in the Jurisdiction of Missouri a semi-annual financial report to be made available to the general membership.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee of the State Officers to be known as the Committee for the State Paper and said Committee and is hereby empowered to arrange for the publication of the State Paper, which shall contain items of interest to the members of the Order, official notices, communications and other matter proper to be published in such a paper, under the control and supervision as may be determined by said committee. Said committee is authorized to draw upon the State Treasurer for the expenses necessarily incident to such work.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Laws and Resolution which shall report to the State Council on proposed resolutions pursuant to section 13 of the Article on Meetings of State Council of these By-laws, together with any amendments or repeals of existing laws deemed by said committee to

be expedient for the progress and welfare of the State Council or necessary to make these By-laws concise or consistent. The committee shall be appointed by the State Deputy, except for the State Advocate who shall serve as chairman, and the State Deputy may change its personnel from time to time at his option.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee of the budget consisting of the State Officers with the Immediate Past State Deputy serving as chairman. This committee shall prepare and submit to the State Council at the annual meeting a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1 following the annual meeting at which the proposed budget is presented. The budget as presented must not provide for deficit spending. Upon approval by the State Council by a majority vote of the members present, the budget as approved shall be followed during the year for which it is adopted, provided however that if during the year circumstances arise which cause the State Deputy to believe that the approved budget should be amended, then upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the Budget Committee, the budget shall be amended in the manner requested by the State Deputy, and all local councils shall be notified. Furthermore, yearly at the annual meeting of the State Council a detailed audit report shall be given by the Budget Committee setting out the financial condition of the State Council, including a list of all income and expenditures of the current fiscal year as of the last day of the month preceding the annual meeting, including the relationship of the fiscal condition as of the date of the report to the budget for the current year.

Finally upon completion of the fiscal year a complete financial audit and report detailing all items of income and expenditure of the fiscal year just completed, including the relationship of the actual income and expenditures to the approved budget, shall be mailed to all local councils in the state.

Section 7. (1) There shall be a standing Committee to be known as the Committee on Catholic Education whose responsibility and obligation shall be to conduct a program of promoting Catholic education throughout the State of Missouri by honoring those grade school, high school and CCD Programs in the State that have shown superior effort in promoting Catholic education and also to, from time to time, provide funds for parishes and schools to develop programs which are designed to promote Catholic ideals and principles.

(2) The Committee shall consist of six total members. The State Deputy shall appoint four members, one each from each Diocese in the State of Missouri, and the State Deputy and the State General Program Director shall serve as the other two members. The appointed members shall serve staggered terms beginning with the 2006-2007 fraternal year, with two members serving one year terms, one member serving a two year term, and one member serving a three year term. After the expiration of each of these initial terms, the term for each position shall be three years. In the event of an appointed member's resignation, death, or inability to serve, the State Deputy shall appoint a replacement member to serve for the remainder of the term.

(3) The Committee shall initiate appropriate action to carry out the object, the purpose and principles of the Committee.

Be it further resolved that each Council in Missouri agrees to contribute whenever funds are available, the sum of \$5.00 per member as a goal toward the work of the Committee on Catholic Education.

Section 8. There shall be a standing committee to be known as the

Historian Committee whose duty it shall be to preserve documents, memorabilia and artifacts deemed to be of historical value and to make provisions for the safekeeping and archiving of those items. The State Deputy with the consent of the State Officers shall appoint a State Historian who shall be chairman of such committee. Other members of the committee shall be appointed by the State Deputy.

ARTICLE VII-FINANCES

Section 1. Assessments-How Made-When Payable. For the purpose of defraying the expenses and obligations of the State Council, there shall be levied against and collected from all subordinate Councils annually, a per capita assessment of \$6.00, based on the number of members, except Honorary Life Members, of the respective Councils as of the first day of May of the current year, as shown by the records of the Supreme Secretary.

Section 2. Assessments, When Payable. All assessments by the State Council shall be due and payable within 60 days after the adjournment of the meeting at which the same are levied.

Section 3. Discount for Prompt Payments. All subordinate councils in Missouri shall be entitled to a discount of ten cents per member on the amount of their State Council per capita assessment for the current year if paid on or before the first day of August of said year, and if not paid on or before that date no discount shall be allowed.

Section 4. Notice of Assessment. Within 30 days after adjournment of the meeting of the State Council, the State Secretary shall send to Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each subordinate council a notice showing the amount of its assessment and he shall append to said notice Section 2 and 3 of this Article and an extract from Sections 57 and 157 of the Constitution of the Knights of Columbus, setting forth the penalties for failure to pay said assessment.

Section 5. To Whom and How Money Paid. All money owing to the State Council by subordinate Councils and members, shall be paid to the State Secretary by draft, check or money order, payable only to Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus. Immediately upon receipt of any payment the State Secretary shall make an entry thereof on his records in a well-bound book kept for that purpose, issue a receipt thereof and forward the payment to the State Treasurer.

Section 6. How Money Shall be Paid. All funds of the State Council shall be deposited by the State Treasurer in a bank, or banks, to the account of the State Treasurer as such. The State Treasurer shall pay out funds on warrants drawn on him by the State Secretary and countersigned by the State Deputy. Upon receiving any such warrant, the State Treasurer shall issue his check in payment of the item or items authorized by such warrant to be paid, or at the option of the State Treasurer, the warrants may be in the form of a voucher check against the bank account of the State Treasurer.

Section 7. Mileage and Per Diem: Annual State Meeting.

(a) Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and State Chairmen, and Past Deputies residing in the Missouri Jurisdiction and in attendance at the Annual State Meeting shall receive, in lieu of all expenses, the following compensation:

(1) Mileage at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) per mile, one way, from the place or residence to the place of meeting;

(2) Per diem of \$40.00 for each day actually spent in attendance at the Annual State Meeting.

Section 8. Mileage and Per Diem Not For Annual Meeting. State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and State Chairmen, Past State Deputies residing in the Missouri Jurisdiction, and any other Missouri Knights of Columbus shall, when attending any State Council meeting, other than the annual meeting, at the request of the State Deputy, and when performing any State Council business as directed by the State Deputy, shall receive the funds of State Council, as the rate approved by the Supreme Council for District Deputies at each year's Supreme Convention, mileage to be measured by the shortest practical route from the locations of the respective council to the place of the meeting or business and \$40.00 per diem for each day's attendance.

Section 9. State Transportation Fund.

(a) The mileage expense provided for the Annual Meeting of the State Council shall be drawn from the State Transportation Fund. Said fund shall be established by the State Treasurer by allocating thereto 50 cents of per capita assessment provided for in section 1 above. Said fund shall not be otherwise utilized without a majority vote of the State Council at any regular annual meeting.

(b) In the event the State Transportation Fund has a balance insufficient to pay the mileage expense as set forth above, the State Secretary shall authorize payment for mileage pro rata, the rate per mile to be determined by computing the total miles one way travelled by all those in attendance at the Annual State Meeting eligible to receive the mileage allowance, and then dividing that figure into the remaining balance of the State Transportation Fund. Every individual authorized to receive mileage shall be paid at that rate based on the number of miles traveled one way by the shortest practical route.

ARTICLE VIII-EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Section 1. There is hereby created in the Missouri State Council the office of Executive Secretary to the State Deputy.

Section 2. The position of Executive Secretary shall be appointed by a committee consisting of the State Deputy and the State Officers. The Executive Secretary shall hold office at the pleasure of the State Deputy and the State Officers.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary shall do and perform such duties as shall be required to be performed on behalf of the Missouri State Council and the same shall be performed as prescribed by the State Deputy of Missouri.

Section 4. The position of Executive Secretary shall be compensated in such manner as shall be decided by the State Deputy and the State Officers of the Missouri State Council, but said compensation shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) annually plus necessary expenses when engaged in official business.

Section 5. The State Deputy and the State Officers of the Missouri State Council are hereby authorized and empowered to do any and all things to facilitate the functioning of the office of Executive Secretary by provision of supplies and assistance as may from time to time be required in the discretion

of the State Deputy and the State Officers.

Section 6. Under the general supervision and direction of the State Deputy of the Missouri State Council, the Executive Secretary shall be responsible for but not limited to, the following duties:

Responsible for all preparations related to the installation of state officers and district deputies; all preparations for the meeting of state officers and district deputies including room reservations, meals, and assisting State Chaplain in arranging for religious services.

Responsible for preparation of the State Manual and Directory including the gathering of information from the councils, assemblies, state officers, district deputies, state directors and chairmen; gathering information from required sources on council audits and Supreme Council questionnaires; handling correspondence as directed by the State Deputy; assisting program directors, state chairmen in circular mailings; assisting state officers and directors in implementing their programs.

Responsible for all arrangements related to the annual state convention, conferences, workshops and meetings including room reservations for state officers, Supreme Council representatives, state directors and chairmen, delegates and special guests; meals, meeting rooms, public address systems, seating arrangement, entertainment, programs, and program printing, equipment for recording convention proceedings, proof reading of the manuscript of the proceedings and distribution of the final printed copies; assisting the State Chaplain in arranging for all religious services including music and choir.

Responsible for all State Council property (excluding funds and documents for which State Treasurer is responsible) including maintenance and upkeep of office equipment, films and training devices, awards, reusable convention materials and displays; maintain a listing of all State Council property.

Responsible for purchasing of materials, awards, supplies and equipment as approved by the State Deputy and/or State Council; maintain a stock inventory of supplies and materials that are regularly used items.

Responsible for sales of all meal tickets for all meetings and collecting payment for them and forwarding all such funds to the proper State Officer with pertinent information as their source.

Responsible as the financial administrator of degree teams following such procedures as may be determined by the State Deputy.

Assist the State Deputy in any other way which he may determine is necessary in carrying out his duties and responsibilities as the State Deputy of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus.

Section 7: The State Deputy, at this discretion, may appoint, with the approval of the State Officers, such person(s) as he deems necessary to fulfill the duties of Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE IX-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Missouri State Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program.

1. The name of the scholarship program shall be "The Missouri State Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program".

2. The program shall include four (4) Luke E. Hart Memorial Scholarships, three (3) Missouri State Scholarships, one (1) Missouri State Council Scholar

ship, two (2) Vocation Scholarships, and one (1) Vocational Trade School Scholarship. A total of eleven (11) scholarships.

3. Each scholarship shall be worth \$1000.00 per year, payable one-half at the beginning of the first semester and one-half at the beginning of the second semester provided the recipient enrolls successfully for the second semester.

4. A recipient is eligible to apply for a scholarship for succeeding years and compete with others who are applying, on the basis of quality of his or her college work.

5. It is the intention of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus to provide a sum of not less than eleven thousand, dollars (\$11,000.00) per year to continue the scholarship program. However, in any year that the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus does not supply eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) scholarships will be available only in the amount which is supplied by the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus. The funding is to be approved each year by presentation of a Resolution at the Annual Convention of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus.

6. If, in any year, less than eleven (11) full scholarships are awarded the Scholarship Committee will have the option of awarding an additional scholarship the following year.

7. The Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus shall provide appropriate scholarship application forms and forms for verification of supporting information for the use of the selection committee. The selection committee shall consist of the State Deputy, the State Chaplain, the State Scholarship Chairman, and four (4) members of the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus to be selected by the State Deputy.

8. Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of Catholic citizenship, community service, scholarship, and financial need.

9. The applications for these scholarships and supporting documents shall be submitted to the Scholarship Committee no later than February 15 for any year, and the winners of the scholarships shall be notified in writing no later than April 30.

10. The Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus reserves the right to suggest any responsible changes in this scholarship program from time to time so long as the original intent and purpose is maintained.

11. The announcement of these scholarships and the names of the recipients are to be published in THE MARINER.

B. Luke E. Hart Memorial Scholarships.

1. Recipients of the four (4) Hart Scholarships must attend the University of Missouri or one of the branches of the University of Missouri, to include the current branches at Columbia, St. Louis, Rolla, or Kansas City and any future created branches.

2. In the event that there are fewer than four (4) suitable applicants for the Hart Scholarship, the selection committee may award the scholarship(s) to other suitable applicants for any of the other scholarships.

3. To be eligible for the Luke E. Hart Memorial Scholarships, the applicant must be: A member of the Knights of Columbus OR the son, daughter, or wife of a member of the Knights of Columbus OR the son, daughter, or wife of a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus

(provided that the wife has not remarried to a nonmember) OR a Squire or Columbus Girl in good standing, attested to by the Chief Counselor and Grand Knight OR a minor child whose legal guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus or wife of a deceased member as defined above.

4. The applicant must obtain the certification of the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary of the local Council to verify membership. Member is defined as a member in good standing of a Council within the Missouri Jurisdiction.

C. Missouri State Scholarships.

1. Recipients of the three (3) Missouri State Scholarships may attend any accredited University College, or Technical School beyond High School Level located in the State of Missouri.

2. In the event that there are fewer than three (3) suitable applicants for the Missouri State Scholarship, the selection committee may award the scholarship(s) to other suitable applicants.

3. To be eligible for the Missouri State Scholarships, the applicant must be: A member of the Knights of Columbus OR the son, daughter, or wife of a member of the Knights of Columbus OR the son, daughter, or wife of a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus (provided that the wife has not remarried to a nonmember) OR a Squire or Columbus Girl in good standing, attested to by the Chief Counselor and Grand Knight OR a minor child whose legal guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus or wife of a deceased member as defined above.

4. The applicant must obtain the certification of the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary of the local Council to verify membership. Member is defined as a member in good standing of a Council within the Missouri Jurisdiction.

D. Missouri State Council Scholarships.

1. There is a total of three (3) vocation scholarships, one (1) of which is to be designated as the Missouri State Council Scholarship. Recipients of these three (3) scholarships must attend an accredited Seminary, University, or College of their choice to study for a vocation to the Catholic religious life. The institution is not required to be located in Missouri.

2. Applicants must be approved by one of the Missouri Dioceses or by a religious order located in Missouri. The Knights of Columbus membership requirements do NOT apply and any Catholic person who is a Missouri resident is eligible.

3. In the event that fewer than three (3) suitable vocation scholarship applications are received, the selection committee will have the option of awarding the scholarship(s) to other suitable applicants for any of the other scholarships, with preference being given to those who will attend a Catholic institution.

E. Vocational Trade School Scholarship.

1. Recipients must attend any Technical or Trade School located in Missouri.

2. Applicants must be in good standing, Missouri Knights member or child, or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

