



## MISSOURI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING ASSOCIATION



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Worthy Grand Knight, Ladies Auxiliary President, Bowling Captains, and Brother Knights All:

As Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus Bowling Association, it is my pleasure and privilege to pass along information regarding the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual 2021 Missouri Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament.

The 2020 tournament was an amazing success, being the largest tournament in over 15 years!!

The 2021 tournament will be held on the weekend of **March 13-14, 2021**, and it is again being hosted by the O'Fallon Council #2269.

The competition will take place at two different facilities, as follows:

- Saturday March 13, 2021 – Singles / Doubles - O'Fallon Bowl
- Sunday March 14, 2021 – Team - Frontier Bowl

As a reminder, this tournament is open to members in good standing, and any immediate family member of the member. This includes wives, parents, children, grandchildren, and father / mother in-laws. Here are some other unique rules to the tournament:

- Any family members must bowl with the member. Example, they must be on the same team for singles / doubles or team event. A family member may only shoot singles if the member is also shooting singles
- You are no longer required to bowl BOTH singles and doubles. If you so choose, you can only enter into one of those events (see rules for more information regarding this change)
- Mixed teams and doubles will now be available
- Depending on the number of entries, a separate women's or mixed division may be created, at the discretion of the tournament committee

Enclosed you will find an Entry Blank, (make photo-copies if needed) for the tournament, with the updated rules printed on the backside. Please review these changes. Also, for your convenience, a flyer from Council 2269 with the local Mass schedule has been provided. The packet also contains some sponsorship opportunities for your council, members who own businesses, or businesses. These forms are also available on the State Council website ([www.mokofc.org](http://www.mokofc.org)), as well as a link to submit your entry online and to pay your entry fees online if you wish to go paperless.

Keep in mind that this tournament is intended to be a fun-filled fraternal weekend. Let me stress that you DO NOT need to be a league bowler to participate. This is a handicap tournament to keep it fun for both the novice and seasoned bowlers. It is a handicap based tournament to keep it fun and fair. Also, this tournament allows you to combine members from various councils to fill spots.

Remember to get those entry forms filled out and mailed in early. As your Association Secretary and active participant, I look forward to seeing and serving you in O'Fallon, and for the years to come. **Note the reserve entry deadline to have the entries in my hand (mail or online) is March 1, 2021.**

Fraternally,

*Kevin Hudnut*, Secretary-Treasurer

**Suggested Guidelines to follow for Councils submitting Proposal to Host  
2022 State K. of C. Bowling Tournament – Mail Proposal to Assn. Secretary Kevin Hudnut No  
Later than June 1, 2021**

1. Obtain, in writing, commitment from Bowling Center for dates (Second weekend of March 2022).
2. Obtain, in writing, from Bowling Center a guaranteed lineage rate that will be charged for each three game event. (i.e. If the Center charges 2.25 per game, the 3 game rate would be 6.75.)
  - a. Remember the expenses are constant. The Prize Money and the Lineage Fees are adjusted per tournament. The lower the line bowling fees, the more prize money for the bowlers.
3. Commitment from your local bowling center as to the allocation of space and office facilities for the Association Secretary on the weekend of the 2022 tournament.
4. Send in the number of teams your Council has entered in the 2021 State K. of C. Tournament.
5. Send in the number of teams your Council plans to enter in the 2022 State Tournament.
6. Send in a brief description of your community, hotel availability, the bowling center you are going to run the tournament thru (number of lanes, center location area, distance from Council Hall), Hotels, Catholic Churches, etc.)
7. A letter from Grand Knight of Council submitting bid.

**SPONSORING COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. To name a Brother Knight, or Knights, who will act as the Coordinator between the Council, Bowling Center, and the State Association
2. Above mentioned coordinator, or authorized replacement, will act as a "Guide" to Association Secretary for "inspection" of bowling center to be used, if Council awarded the Tournament.
3. Above mentioned coordinator to also be qualified to answer any questions Association Secretary may have as tournament draws nearer to actual date.
4. Extend the courtesies of your Council, and of our great Order, to Association officer as he visits your community in "finalizing" the tournament.
5. All publicity, such as printed posters, promotional materials, postage for letters to Councils to promote the 2022 tournament, etc., are the responsibility of the Council.
  - Entry forms, and tournament final score-sheets are the Association's responsibility
6. **Council must submit a deposit check of \$300.00 to the Missouri K. of C. Bowling Association as "earnest money" to guarantee a successful tournament, consisting of at least 30 teams of 5-bowlers each. If 30 or more teams bowl in the tournament, the deposit will be refunded to the Council entirely on completion of the tournament. If less than 30 teams are entered, expense fee of \$10.00 per team under the 30 will be deducted from the deposit check, and the balance returned to the host Council.**

**BENEFITS TO CONSIDER WHEN HOSTING A TOURNAMENT:**

1. Council receives nothing from the actual bowling entry fee. However, any souvenirs, raffles, dinners served at the Council Hall, activities at the Council Hall on the tournament weekend, program advertising booklets, and all donations made by individuals or organizations of the community go 100% to the Council. (There is no reason why a "hard-working" Council can't make several thousand dollars profit on this event.)
2. Brother Knights from all across the State of Missouri would be coming into your community for two week-ends, and your Council would hold "bragging rights" for hosting a great State Council Activity for the GREATEST FRATERNAL ORDER IN THE WORLD!