

Community Activities

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY WITH JOY

We're called as Knights families to serve our communities and the most marginalized among us. We protect the unborn, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, educate the young and keep them fit and healthy, act in unity with our bishops and priests, bring mobility to the disabled and save lives, spread the good news in traditional and alternative media, and remember where we've been as predicate toward looking to the future. Community Programs do all of these. Because we are our brothers' keeper, invite your Council to join in Community activities as we build our cities and towns and parishes to help each other.

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Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

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49th Annual Drive Goal = \$655,000

October 9 – 11, 2020

Councils are asked to conduct their DD Drive the weekend of October 9 – 11, however, the insurance purchased by the State Council to cover the DD Drive is effective every weekend in October, so any dates within October are permitted.

Thanks to every Knight's family's hard work, generosity, and dedication to the DD Drive, the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center moved out of the hospital and into the second floor of the Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation building in May 2013. This new facility more than doubles the size of the center from 4,200 sq. ft. to 10,500 sq. ft. It also has its own parking lot located just steps away from the door. When the Center opened back in 1982, it was served by a staff of just 3. Now the Center can boast of a staff of 20 dedicated staff members, including neurologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, a family resource specialist and education coordinator, social workers, and an active research team. In 2007, the Knights Center was designated as a Missouri Center for Autism by the state Department of Mental Health.

As members of the Missouri Knights of Columbus we are committed to supporting organizations who are dedicated to the health, education, and welfare of persons with developmental disabilities. This is highlighted each year by our "Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" (formerly known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive," or more recently as the "MR Drive".)

Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

50% of all proceeds collected in the annual DD Drive go to support the Developmental Center, which was started by the Missouri Knights in 1982. The Center specializes in diagnosing and treating thousands of children afflicted with autism spectrum disorders, developmental delays, learning disabilities, dyslexia, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, PraderWilli syndrome, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. This is done by a staff of child psychologists, educational diagnosticians, social workers, pediatric nurse practitioners, special family therapists, and a goldendoodle therapy dog. Other programs in place include parent education, developmental screening, professional training, and developmental education.

Turnaround Funds

The other half of the proceeds collected goes back to each Council to use to support local programs for persons with developmental disabilities. Over 230 different agencies across the state received support through these funds last year. Councils who do not have a specific agency in their area which works with the Developmentally Disabled are encouraged to request that their turn-around funds be donated to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center or to Special Olympics Missouri. Indicate the Council's preference on the Developmental Disabilities Drive Disbursement Request Form.

Turnaround fund request forms must be completed no later than June 30, 2021.

Grand Knight's Checklist for 49th Annual DD Drive

July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appoint a Chairman for the DD Drive. Provide this chairman with all the materials and data necessary to complete the job: a current membership roster, previous year's information, and order forms. ○ Contact Developmental Disabilities Chairman (East or West) and report the Council DD Drive Chairman's name, phone number and email address. ○ Set a Council goal for the DD Drive. ○ Contact the pastor to discuss parish DD Drive bulletin announcements and parish solicitation. ○ Select desired collection sites for the Council DD Drive and obtain permission and/or permits as needed to collect from local businesses and cities.
Aug.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decide how many cases of Tootsie Rolls to order. A minimum order of 33 cases required for free shipping, but Councils can combine orders. The Council's District Deputy will help facilitate. ○ Order Tootsie Rolls by August 20. A fillable, email-able PDF order form is available on the state website. Send a copy of the Tootsie Roll Order Form to the State Community Director. ○ Check aprons and order new ones if necessary by September 1 to ensure delivery. ○ DD Drive Chairmen & Grand Knights should attend the DD Drive Kickoff Event in the Council's area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ District Deputies will have specific information on the time and place of the event. ○ Arrange for promotion of the local drive through local media. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is the 49th annual "Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" in Missouri. ○ Knights of Columbus Councils from all over the state will be collecting on this weekend. ○ All proceeds collected (less costs) are distributed; none are retained for administrative costs. ○ 50% of all net funds collected will go to help the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. The other 50% goes to Councils to use to support local organizations who assist people with developmental disabilities. Last year more than 230 different agencies in Missouri were supported through these funds.
Sep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn about the <u>Continue to Give</u> facility for online donations. ○ Coordinate with other Councils in the Council's area through the District Deputy to maximize efforts. ○ Recruit and assign members to work at a specific collection site. ○ Contact Special Olympics or other agencies for their assistance at the collection locations. ○ Assign one person to monitor on collection sites, collect proceeds regularly, and restock workers with Tootsie Rolls on the day of the Drive. ○ Write businesses and ask that they make or match a contribution for the DD Drive. ○ Appoint a committee to account for the proceeds of the DD Drive. ○ The Financial Secretary will receive all necessary DD Drive forms via mail.
Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verify that everything is ready and participate in the DD Drive! ○ Publish information & a solicitation for DD Drive contributions in the parish bulletin. ○ Deposit the funds from the DD Drive into the Council account, and then forward a Council check made payable to <i>Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc.</i> directly to the Columbian Charities Treasurer, as soon as possible following the DD Drive.
Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inform the local media and parish membership of the achievements and successes. ○ Complete all reports and mail to the Columbian Charities Treasurer and the Community Director. ○ Request turnaround funds from Columbian Charities. ○ Complete Final Report by December 1 for awards at the State Convention.

Please visit the State Website at www.mokofc.org and look in the "Community Activities" area for copies of all forms needed for the drive: Tootsie Roll and Collection Apron Order Forms, Final Report, and Turnaround Fund Request Forms. There is also a Sample News Release and Sample Business Appeal Letter.

Council #: _____ Council Name: _____ City: _____
Grand Knight: _____ Gross Goal: \$ _____ Net Goal: \$ _____
Chairman's Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Please mail or email this information to the Developmental Disabilities Chairman (East or West) depending on the Council location.

NOTE: USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH SUPPORTED PROGRAM. PRINT ADDITIONAL FORMS AS NEEDED.

Missouri Knights of Columbus
Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc.
Persons with Developmental Disabilities
Disbursement Request Form



1. Council # _____ requests to contribute \$ _____ to the following program:
- a) ☐ Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) – Council gets credit, but the donation is included in a Columbian Charities check. (Skip to line 7)
Note: If Council has a pre-existing relationship with a local SOMO agency or team, please list the name here: _____ . SOMO will coordinate check presentation with the _____ Council.
- b) ☐ Knights of Columbus Developmental Center, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Council gets credit but the donation is included in a Columbian Charities check. (Skip to line 7)
- c) ☐ Other Program
Name of Program _____
Address _____
City _____ , MO Zip _____
Telephone # _____ Web Address _____
- d) Donation must be to a not-for-profit or non-profit organization that supports people with developmental disabilities.
☐ IRS 501(c)(3) or Missouri Non-Profit Letter Attached (Continue to line d.2.)
☐ IRS 501(c)(3) letter on file at Columbian Charities. No letter needed. (Skip to Line 6)

2. Ownership:

- a) ☐ Public ☐ Private ☐ Other _____
- b) ☐ Church ☐ Governmental (Skip to Line 6)

3. Is the program restricted to any group? (e.g., Religious, Economic, Race, etc.) If so, please list: _____

4. Are fees charged for this program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, how much are they and how are they determined?

5. Explain how the funds requested will be used: _____

6. Name and address of Council officer to send disbursement check:

☐ Grand Knight ☐ Financial Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ , MO Zip _____

7. Signatures

a) _____
(Grand Knight) (Date)

b) _____
(Developmental Disabilities Drive Chairman) (Date)

Mail to Ralph Cupelli, Columbian Charities Treasurer, 6 Circle Drive, Kirksville 63501

For Columbian Charities Treasurer's Use Only:

Approved: _____ Check No: _____ Date: _____ Paid: _____

Coats for Kids

CHAIRMAN JOHN MYERS, D (573) 883-3838 / N (573) 483-3189, COATSFORKIDS@MOKOFC.ORG

The Knights of Columbus developed the Coats for Kids program which allows Missouri Councils the opportunity to purchase new winter coats for children at a discounted rate and distribute them to children in need in the Council's local community. Since Coats for Kids began in 2009, over a half of million coats have been distributed. Every Knights of Columbus Council is encouraged to participate in the Coats for Kids program. (Case pricing is not available at press time.) All coats will need to be ordered through **Supplies Online** on the Supreme website. If a case of coats is outside the Council's budget, please work with the Council's District Deputy or Chapter to partner with a nearby Council to be a part of this wonderful program. Immediately after the Council's event is finished, complete the Coats for Kids Report Form (#10675).



Featured Program Requirements:

Type of Coat	Coats / Case	Cases Req.	Total Coats
Youth	12	6	72
Teen	12	4	48
Light	24	4	96

Life Services

CHAIRMAN MATT GRAY, (314) 952-8400, LIFE@MOKOFC.ORG



Blood Drives

In 1938 the Knights of Columbus was the first national organization to establish a blood donor program to be implemented throughout the Order. Knights families continue to support this life-giving program today, but we need the Council's help in reporting blood donations. As part of our coronavirus response, **Leave No Neighbor Behind**, please schedule a drive of the Council's own, or support one scheduled in the Council's area, and then send in a report on the number of units collected using the report form on the state website.

Wheelchair Mission

An important part of our Life Services program is our partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, which provides brand new wheelchairs to people in need of Hope, Mobility, Freedom, and Independence. Due to the generosity of Knights families throughout the U.S., thousands of wheelchairs have been donated around the globe. A donation of \$150 will help deliver one wheelchair to someone in need. Purchase of a large container of 110 – 280 wheelchairs, depending on size, is required to receive Featured Program credit. Please consider holding a **Wheelchair Sunday** drive this year! Make checks payable to Columbian Charities and note *Wheelchair* on the memo line.



Agape House & Prison Concern

The Agape House (pronounced agapē) provides families of prisoners a place to stay overnight when they are visiting family members who are incarcerated. Agape, which translated means “Christian Love,” treats all of their guests with respect, love, and caring. Each Council, Assembly, and Auxiliary is asked to donate \$50 to this worthwhile cause. Make checks payable to Columbian Charities and note *Prison Concern* on the memo line.

Habitat for Humanity



While Habitat has not been a typical partner for Missouri Knights, Knights families in other areas have strong relationships with their local Habitats to provide homes for the homeless and at risk. Knights of Columbus Councils work closely with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes for families in need at substantially reduced costs. Each year, Councils throughout the Order donate a considerable number of volunteer hours and dollars to this worthy cause. In order to satisfy program requirements, Councils may donate a minimum of \$1,000 or 200 service hours to Habitat for Humanity projects in their community to receive credit for the Featured Program. Contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the Council's area for information on upcoming projects at www.habitat.org or by e-mailing volunteer@habitat.org.

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands Program is designed to recognize the important work many Councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities – the homeless, the addicted, the elderly who may feel isolated and abandoned, and many others. Through this program, Councils will aid the needy through the activities they feel best suit their community, such as serving at or running a soup kitchen, repairing the facilities of a local service organization or something entirely unique. The requirements for this program are very broad in order to allow Councils to serve their community in whatever way is most needed. Supporting our communities is the third pillar of our coronavirus response, **Leave No Neighbor Behind**. As a result of quarantine measures, many find themselves cut off and isolated – especially those without family and community support systems. Some needs may be physical, while others are social, emotional or spiritual. Whatever the need, Councils are encouraged to assess and creatively support their broader community.

Disaster Preparedness

Communities can be brought to a halt when disaster occurs – from large natural disasters to local crises. As community leaders, Knights of Columbus will ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared through a campaign that promotes planning and education. This program motivates Councils to take a holistic approach to emergency situations by promoting readiness in times of crisis, assessing response capabilities, and learning how to properly respond well ahead of a disaster. Councils can also fundraise and teach (where able) in anticipation of larger efforts to assist brothers in need. To begin, contact the Council's local department of emergency management or police to inquire about the procedures in place in the Council's community in a disaster situation. Remember the Council's parish: meet with the Council's parish priest on an annual basis to identify specific needs of the parish in the event of a disaster and determine how the Knights families can assist.

Essay Contest

CHAIRMAN BILL LUECKENHOFF, (573) 619-8969, ESSAY@MOKOFC.ORG

The Missouri State Council is conducting its own essay competition and will change topics from year to year. Please note that this contest is separate from the Supreme Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, for which the topic is announced later. Please do not send essays for the Missouri state contest to Supreme. The State Essay Contest is open to all students attending Catholic Schools in grades 6 through 8 and Catholic students in the same years attending public or other private schools. Essays will be judged for each individual grade level.

The topic for the 2020 – 2021 fraternal year is “**What is My Duty to the Poor?**”

During August and early September, Councils, and Assemblies should contact schools to encourage participation. October through January, student essays may be written, judged at local level, and submitted. Essays must be submitted by mail to the Essay Chairman, 13310 Route B, St. Thomas 65076, or online at the Missouri State Council website, and be received by **January 31** to be judged.

DO NOT SEND ESSAYS FOR THE MISSOURI STATE CONTEST TO SUPREME.

Essays must be 350 – 500 words; a student’s original work; reflect the assigned theme and topic; be typed on one side of 8½” by 11” paper, double spaced, with one-inch margins. Councils must judge local entries and submit only their top three selections per grade for state judging prior to the state January 31 deadline. All entries become the property of the Missouri Knights of Columbus and will not be returned. A plaque will be awarded to each grade level winner at the State level.

Youth Sports

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Our soccer and basketball free throw contests are each long-standing programs, and Councils are encouraged to contact their local schools and sports teams early to organize their participation. In addition, a hockey contest is under consideration. Children ages 9 – 14 can compete at the Council, District, Regional and State levels. District Deputies must order medals for their District contests from **Supplies Online** on the Supreme website. Provide plenty of lead time for shipping.

	Soccer	Basketball - Free Throw
Order Kits (Supreme)	SC-KIT	FT-KIT
Ages 9 to 14 as of	September 1, 2020	January 1, 2021
Council Contest	September	January
Council Awards	Council’s choice: Trophies or Plaques (No Bonds or Cash)	
District Contest	October 1 – 15	February 1 – 15
District Awards	Medallions	
Regional Contest	October 16 – 31	February 16 – 29
State Contest	November	March
Regional & State Awards	Plaques	
International Awards	Trophies	



Times, dates, and places for the regional and state levels will be posted on the State Council website. Score sheets are not returned to the participants, and each winner’s sheets forwarded to the next level of competition along with a report of the total number of participants. The international competition is not in-person, rather, each state winner’s scores are compared.

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Many of our leaders, members, families, and prospects are on the web, and the coronavirus pandemic has made it even more important, as people use web resources to shop, make connections with friends and family, find information, and hold meetings and classes of all sorts. Our State Council technology team is leveraging the state website and our social media presence on Facebook to spread our message of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

The State Council is undertaking a search for a new website platform for 2020 – 2021, to make the content on the website more accessible and the facility to search and make revisions easier for everyone. Look for these changes soon, and meanwhile, LIKE our **Facebook** site, under *Knights of Columbus Missouri State Council*. Visitor posts to the Facebook site showing local Knights of Columbus events are welcomed but will be reviewed by a moderator.

Regular communications are sent to fraternal leaders via **Constant Contact**. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries with an email account should send their name, email address, Council number, and office to technology@mokofc.org with the header “State Directory – [Council Number].” This information will be strictly confidential and only used for Knights of Columbus business.

Missouri Catholic Conference



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Catholic and Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Tip O’Neill was well known for his aphorism, “All politics is local.” We are fortunate to live in a democratic republic, and as Knights families exemplifying our charism of patriotism, it is important that we take part in our government consistent with our Catholic-formed conscience. The Missouri Catholic Conference represents the priorities of our state bishops. To receive the Missouri Catholic Conference newsletter and action alerts, log on to mocatholic.org.

State Museum

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After many years, the Missouri Knights of Columbus has our own museum. The State Council archive is located at Father Helias Council #1054 in Jefferson City. Over the last few years, many items dealing with the Missouri State Council have been collected in this amazing historical archive of more than a century of Knights’ history in Missouri. Councils are welcomed to consult with the historian to determine if any materials they might want to donate are of a statewide historical nature worthy of being retained in the State Archive.

The *Mariner*

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The *Mariner* is the Missouri Knights of Columbus state newspaper, received by mail by every Knights family and by Knights widows by request. It contains news of what Knights families, Councils, Assemblies, Auxiliaries, Agencies, Districts, Chapters, and the State Council are doing all around the state. Publication deadlines are the **5th of September, November, March, and May.**

Copy

Mariner material should be in the office of the *Mariner* Editor, 23 South West St., Perryville 63775, ON OR BEFORE each deadline date. A common error made by persons submitting copy for publication is that of writing or mailing the material on the deadline date. This means the material will not reach the editor in time for publication. Please allow two or three days prior to the actual deadline for the articles or photos to reach the editor's desk if sending via regular mail. If submitting by fax, or by email, material may arrive up to the deadline to send. Our address, phone and fax number, and email address is listed above.

For all articles sent by regular mail, or by fax, typewritten is preferred, and in sentence case, in order to avoid as much misspelling of proper names as possible. However, if unable to type, please write or hand-print copy as legible as possible to avoid typographical errors. With this latter thought in mind, many district deputies and chairmen fell into that category of not being able to type, but they still did a fantastic job of making their copy legible. If sending via fax, please take precautions to make sure that your transmission is received in good condition. If the fax machine "alarms," re-send. If submitting via email, please do so in Microsoft Word format (.doc, .docx), or just type the article in the form of an email for conversion. Confirmation of receipt will be provided if requested.

Photos

Pictures submitted should be in positive form if by regular mail. It can be a colored print; it can be a Polaroid or instamatic print; it can be a digital print. But please remember WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET! IF USING A CAMERA PHONE OR DIGITAL CAMERA, MAKE SURE TO TAKE THE PHOTO OF THE SUBJECT AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE. THE LARGER THE ENLARGEMENT, THE GRAINIER THE SUBJECT. A PHOTO CANNOT BE SENT VIA FAX, NOR MAY A COPY-MACHINE PRINT OR PHOTO COPY FROM A DIGITAL PRINTER BE USED.

If submitting a photo via email, please provide it in jpeg format, and limit the size to no larger than 8"x10" or 1536 x 1024 pixels. It is most important that all photos be properly identified, and please try to answer the basic 5-"W" questions in your copy: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and WHY. Again, please avoid a larger size than 8x10. Images can be enlarged or reduced to fit proper spacing. Regardless of how submitted photos PLEASE try to submit a good photo for publication. In several cases where a member will cut a photo out of a local newspaper and try to submit it for publication. Some of these are just so badly reproduced in the local newspaper that they cannot be used.

Articles or photos should be submitted via a district deputy, a state Council officer, director, or chairman. Councils who do not see their submitted articles in the next issue may contact the editor.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO THE MARINER.

The address list for the *Mariner* editor is generated from Supreme Council's Missouri roster only. Changes of address are entered through Member Management.

Columbian Charities

TREASURER RALPH CUPELLI, H (660) 665-1927 / C (660) 341-5897, CUPELLI@MOKOFC.ORG

Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc., is the charitable IRS 501(c)(3) arm of the Missouri State Council. Its treasurer, Ralph Cupelli, is the point of contact for donations that involve the Missouri Knights of Columbus. Ralph will be receiving and distributing checks to the Councils for the following Programs:

- Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
- American Wheelchair Mission
- Agape House/Prison Concerns
- Missouri Religious Vocation Fund
- Sympathy Card/Memorial Board Donation
- Family Involvement Events – KC Royals & St. Louis Baseball Games
- Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO)
- Meet Life Campaign
- Roses for Life
- Knight of Columbus License Plates

When submitting the Council checks to Columbian Charities please make note on the check's memo line which program the check supports. This will expedite the processing for the Council and Ralph.

Columbian Charities of Missouri Donation & Payment Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Council No: _____ Council Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fund	Goal	Amount
Agape House	\$50 / Council	
American Wheelchair Mission	\$150 / Chair	
Emergency Charity		
KofC License Plates	\$25 / Yr.	
Mancuso Catholic Education Fund		
Meet Life / Ultrasound Initiative	\$5 / Member	
Memorial Board	\$25 / Name	
Religious Vocations Fund	50¢ / Member	
Roses for Life	\$15 / 100	
Special Olympics Annual Support	\$2 / Member	
Total		

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