STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

MICHAEL AUCHLY

March is here, Lent has begun and Spring is just around the corner! That means our State Convention is just around the next corner which also means we have several deadlines coming up this month and next. Please pay close attention to mailings and emails that you receive along with this newsletter and make a note in your calendar of all the deadline requirements so that you don’t miss out on any deadline or much deserved credit for your hard work this fraternal year.

I have mentioned the application for the State Program Service Awards in just about every newsletter article this year. The time is now here for you to make your council’s application for March 15, 2020 is the deadline for applications for State Program Service Awards. I would like each Council to submit one of their outstanding programs for a Program Service Award.Application are available on the State website, www.mokofc.org, and can be submitted in the following categories: Faith, Community, Family, and Life. To date a handful of applications have been submitted. These awards are handed out at the State Convention banquet in April.

When you are reviewing your programs to find your submission for the Service Award you should be looking at your Star Council requirements. While they are fresh in your mind go ahead and add them to your SP-7 Columbian Award Application now before waiting until the end of the fraternal year. Now is the time to review the requirements especially those programs which are required to be completed in each category in order to be eligible for the Star Council Award. Please remember to complete and submit the following forms if you have not done so already. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728; March for Life – Report Form #10697; Special Olympics – Report Form #4584. Submit a form is an important factor of gauging the success of our programs as well as a prominent way that councils obtain the credit you deserve for all that you do in our communities.

It is essential that Supreme receives these forms in order to continue to support all of your efforts in the field. Forms can be submitted via email to HYPERLINK “mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org”

Consider planning a Lenten Day of Reflection for your council and parish. This is a great opportunity to enter into the desert with Christ as we journey for 40 days to the glory of His resurrection. Work with your chaplain to set up a day of reflection as early in the season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Family Prayer Night is also a great program to introduce or re-introduce prayer into the home. All of these inspiring programs can be used to help your Council successfully earn the credit you deserve for all that you do in our communities. It is essential that Supreme receives these forms in order to continue supporting all your efforts in the field. Forms can be submitted via email to HYPERLINK “mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org”

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

DOUG KISSINGER

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If you haven’t already planned your Councils recruiting event, start now. This recruiting event can take many different forms. It can be a Traditional Church Drive or a new Delta Church Drive. Your local Field Agent can help you hold a benefit night. If a church drive doesn’t work in your Parish, try a nontraditional approach. How about a family ice cream social? Whatever works in your Parish start planning it now. Every Council must participate.

We also encourage you to schedule an Admissions Degree or the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to coincide with your recruiting event. Invite the entire parish to join you and learn more about the Knights of Columbus. We need to include everyone if we are to continue our growth.

Keep in mind the challenge put forth by State Deputy Bob Hawkins. He challenged the Knights in the State to earn Circle of Honor for Supreme Director and past State Deputy Michael Gilliam. Mick is finishing his final term on the Supreme Board of Directors. Mick has served in almost every position on the local and state level. Now he is serving the Order on the highest level. Lets send him out in style at his last Supreme Convention while serving on the Board of Directors.

Mick is also offering an incentive to all Brother Knights to recruit a new member. Any Knight that recruits a new member from February 14th through the April Convention will be entered in a drawing to win a rosary blessed by Pope Francis and presented to Mick at a private audience with Pope Francis and the Supreme Director of the Magisterial Province of the Holy Land, Cardinal Pietro Parolin. To be eligible please email us with your name, Council number and the new member you proposed.

EVERY PROGRAM IS A MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR

LUCAS VOLKMAN

I hope that your Lent has started well. As we come through Lent and look forward to Easter, remember at the Easter Vigil new converts will be joining the Church after participating in the R.CIA program. I encourage you to reach out to these men and help them to build on their faith through membership in the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, the spring will likely witness First Confirmations and Confirmations at your parish. The Sacramental Gifts Program, a part of the Faith in Action initiative from Supreme, can help you support parish families during these important events.

Remember the Missouri Religious Vocations Fund as well, which seeks to help the four dioceses in Missouri promote vocations among the young. Keep in mind that this fund is different than the RSVF program, which provides support to religious vocations of diocesan priests. We are asking fifty cents a parish, which is about $50 from everyone that is thoughtfully giving. Every Council in the State of Missouri is challenged to hold a recruiting event in the Months of March and April leading up to the State Convention. To help with these recruiting events the Supreme Council in conjunction with the Missouri State Council is offering a $15 online membership for the month of March. We will be advertising this special offer in every issue of the Diocesan Newspapers in the month of March. We are also asking every Council to advertise this special membership incentive in their parish bulletins.

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2020 Knights of Columbus Western Missouri 5th Annual Tailgate & Baseball Game
Saturday, June 27
10:30 am Tailgate – 1:15 pm First Pitch
Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City
Royals vs Indians
$35 Ticket includes General Admission, Sec. 421, $5 donation to Special Olympics Training Center and sumptuous pre-game tailgate buffet (water provided, BYOB)
STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR CHRIS TEEL
Welcome to Missouri’s KofC Community Activities Newsletter. KofC Community Activities (CCA) Chairman who is your contact who keeps us informed about what is happening for Missourians and Catholics at the legislative level. Please contact Jim so he can get you signed up too receive updates on what is happening in Jefferson City with our Representatives and how issues are being fought for and protected. You will be signed up to receive updates from MCC will keep you better informed. For questions please contact James (Jim) (573) 578-4980 Email: legisspecial@mokofc.org

Anthony (Tony) Dohmen, our State Historian Chairman is your contact that takes care of our historical artifacts from years past. Tony oversees the State Museum that is housed in the lower level at Father Helas Council #1054 in Jefferson City. He also maintains the records and historical value that he sorts, catalogs, photographs and puts on display for visitors to see when in the area. Please take time to visit and see how the Knights have a made a difference. For questions please contact Anthony Tony Dohmen Email: anthonydohmen@msn.com

A wonderful Lenten Season to all Brothers and Ladies who are part of the Order, the State and outside Missouri.

The team members here with our Community Activities are here to serve you. “One Community, Serving Our Family” God Bless

STATE LIFE DIRECTOR MIKE TESMER
Our Mission, Defending Life

I am pleased to announce that we are now at $1,152,619.21 on our $1.2 million pledge for the Special Olympics Training for Life Cam

An alternate, Ryan Bax, who is a seminarian from the Diocese of Jefferson City at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

Monday, March 1
7:00 PM Chillicothe – St. Columban Council #4697
7:00 PM St. Patrick’s – Pope Pius XII Parish
7:00 PM Hermitage – St. Francis Powers Council #13786

Monday, March 2
6:30 PM Rich Fountain – Fr. Robert A Arnold Council #1000
6:30 PM Parkville – Pope John Paul I Council #79

Monday, March 8
7:00 PM Wentzville – St. Gianna Council #1084

Monday, March 9
7:00 PM St. Louis – Msgr. C. J. Hornsey Council #8920
7:00 PM Troy – Bellarmine Council #5401
7:00 PM Martinsburg – Bellarmine Council #1270
7:00 PM Martinsburg – Conception Council #13681
7:00 PM Strafford – St. Mary’s Council #9892
7:00 PM St. Roberts – Fr. Wenceslaus Klaric Council #11656
7:00 PM Springfield – Immaculate Conception Council #13681

Mar/ Apr Degree Schedule

Monday, March 16
7:00 PM Cape Coze Cape River Council #5600

Tuesday, March 17
6:00 PM Smithville – Good Shepherd Council #9272
6:15 PM Kansas City Holy Family Council #13426

Wednesday, March 18
7:00 PM Bethany Pope John XIX Council #5858

Sunday, March 22
6:30 PM Springfield – Immediate Conception Council #13681

Tuesday, April 14
6:00 PM Joplin – St. Mary Matrix Council #1084
6:00 PM Pilot Grove – Good Shepherd Council #9272

Tuesday, April 21
6:00 PM Troy Sacred Heart Council #6525

Saturday, April 18
Patrons – 9:30 AM Archangel Council #1084
Sunday, April 19
2:00 PM Cape

Monday, April 20
6:00 PM Verona

Tuesday, April 21
7:00 PM Bidwell

Wednesday, April 22
6:30 PM Ponte Vedra Beach

Thursday, April 23
7:30 PM Montrose

Friday, April 25
7:00 PM St. Louis Prime Council #1472
7:00 PM St. Leo the Great Council #9170
6:30 PM St. Charles – St. Charles Bellarmine Council #14745
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FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR PETER NICASTRO

Last month, Saturday, February 8, Brian Ziegler and the Scott City Council 6420 held the inaugural Missouri Cornwall Tournament at their Council Hall. I did not throw cornhole that day, but some spectacular cornhole was played and funds raised by the Knights. The tournament was co-hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 6405 in Jackson. Congratulations to all the players and — all the rest, please plan for a repeat of next year’s event in the form of the second annual tournament. February 7 – also at Scott City.

Scholarship applications were due February 20, and we’ll be meeting shortly to determine the winners of the eleven scholarships, and applicants. Good luck to all who applied. Our our two seminary winners from this fraternal year are from the seminary in spring semester, and accordingly a scholarship award will go to the Vocations Scholarship Alternate, Ryan Bax, who is a seminarian from the Diocese of Jefferson City at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

The State Bowling Tournament is the next pending event, at O’Fallon and Frontier Lanes in O’Fallon, March

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