

Life Activity Programs

“Defending Life With Joy”

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Welcome Grand Knights, Ladies Auxiliary Presidents and District Deputies to the Life Activities State Programs! Please read through this guide as our hope is that our programs will assist your Councils in Respecting and Protecting all Life from conception to death. Our theme for this year is “Defending Life With Joy”.

- Our Meet Life Campaign will continue with Phase II after achieving our 5-year goal of 2 million and reducing abortions by half in Missouri by the year 2016 which was a great accomplishment.
- Special Olympics is now a Life Activities program in line with the Supreme Faith in Action Model.
- State Sympathy Card program is also now a Life Activities. This is a great chance to honor our fallen Knights with a card to the family from our State Deputy & State Chaplain.
- The Silver Rose is currently suspended due to COVID-19. We will notify you when it resumes.
- Marian Hour for Life program will continue through the state with the aid of the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christian's icon to pray to Mary for Life.
- Roses for Life Program will continue as we draw awareness to our Church's and also to our State Legislators in Missouri for the dignity of life.
- Additional Supreme programs are: Pregnancy Center Support, Marches for Life Council Support, Ultrasound Program, Novena for Life, Mass's for People with Special Needs, and support to the Christian Refuge Relief.

The “**Featured**” programs for Life Activities is Marches for Life, Special Olympics and the Ultrasound Program. Participating in Featured programs will count for 2 credits out of 4 for your Life Activities requirement for your Columbian Award. Be sure to see the requirements for each Featured and Required program to make sure you qualify!

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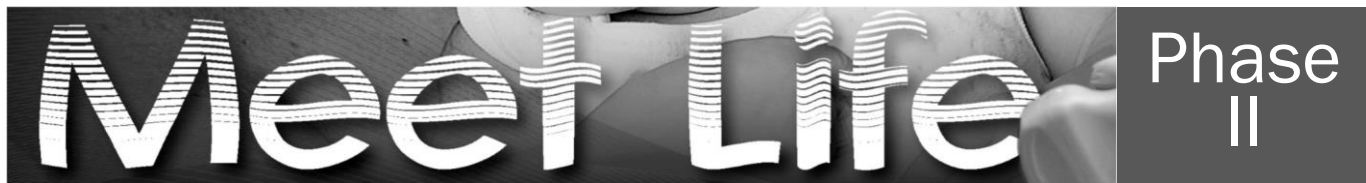
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Meet Life Campaign - The History Phase I

On July 16, 2011, the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus announced the establishment of their “Meet Life” campaign. The goal of the campaign is to reduce the number of abortions performed in the State of Missouri by 50% by the end of the year 2016. The campaign was coordinated by the Knights of Columbus and included Vitae Foundation and In His Image Ultrasound.

The mission of the “Meet Life” campaign is to reduce abortion in Missouri through the placement of ultrasound technology in local Pregnancy Centers along with mass media advertising to direct women to those centers. These efforts would provide opportunities for mothers experiencing unplanned pregnancies to bond with their unborn babies and encourage them to carry their babies to term.

The Results

By the end of 2016, the goal of \$2,000,000 was reached by donations over the 5-year campaign. An endowment with a beginning amount of \$500,000 was established with a private donor donation. The year before Meet Life began, there were 9,796 abortions in Missouri. In 2017, the last year abortions were tabulated by the state, abortions were down to 6,790—the lowest number of abortions since it became legal in 1973. **Meet Life has been highly effective, and we must keep moving forward!** By the end of 2018-2019 fraternal year, we will have placed 44 ultrasounds in pregnancy resource centers and one coming online this new fraternal year.

Meet Life Campaign - Phase II

As the U.S. Supreme Court changes, and the abortion issue possibly reverses back to the states, we must be ready. Pro-life leaders expect the abortion issue to measurably change with abortion advocates aggressively pushing “Do It Yourself” abortions, including home kits and how to use abortion pills available online. This presents new challenges. All this is an effort to keep abortion legal.

Marketing will be the key to continual reduction of abortion along with the assistance of Pregnancy Help Centers. Obviously, the need continues for updated ultrasound equipment and resources for women to give life to their children. The Meet Life strategy in Phase II needs to enthusiastically proceed as it did when it began. The battle is not over, but simply changed.

The number of lives saved will be determined by the number of women reached during her moment of decision-making. Getting her connected with a PHC where she can meet her baby via ultrasound is critical. We are going up against Planned Parenthood, that has government support and tax-payer funding. The online strategies are far superior when compared to Planned Parenthood’s. We simply must keep these strategies in place, so women don’t end up at Planned Parenthood’s door.

It will take a massive amount of money to sustain our Meet Life efforts in the coming years. An endowment will be a key new source of revenue. Until that is in place, every Knights Council will be instrumental in maintaining Meet Life.

When you combine Knights of Columbus funding for marketing and ultrasound equipment, the marketing expertise of the Vitae Foundation and the authentic care given to women at Pregnancy Help Centers, abortion numbers drop.


Meet Life saves lives!

The goal that we need each year going forward is around \$200,000. We are working on endowments now so the goal might decrease over the years to come.

The funds that are collected today, assist with placing ultrasounds in any new pregnancy center that qualifies with our partnership with Alliance for Life along with our donation to Vitae and other grants.

The easiest way to gather funds is with a Baby Bottle campaign. Some tips to do this is on the following page. Another way is to have a fundraising event like a dinner, mouse race etc. You can also do a second collection with the Pastor’s permission. We have some envelopes available that will help you with this.

There is much more to come on the Meet Life campaign Phase II in the future. The hope is that you can help make the future an age were life is respected and honored!



Mother’s Day - May 9th, 2021

What a better day to celebrate Life but Mother’s Day! Many Councils do something special on this day, like a special breakfast or passing out flowers to the Mothers of the Parish. This would be an ideal time to include information about the Meet Life Campaign and to have a fundraiser. All around our State, on the same day, celebrating Life! So, mark your calendars now for Mother’s Day while you plan out the Fraternal Year!

Contact Chairman Greg Elsey at meetlife@mokofc.org if you have any questions!

Missouri Knights of Columbus “MEET LIFE” Baby Bottle Campaign

The Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus have always been leaders in respecting the lives of the unborn. The Baby Bottle Campaign is an easy and effective way to raise funds for the Meet Life Campaign. We need every Council and Auxiliary to join us on this “MEET LIFE Baby Bottle Campaign.

Guidelines for a successful fundraiser:

- First, meet with your pastor to gain his approval and to set a tentative date for the campaign and share with him everything the Knights have done in the campaign and how successful we have been.
- Request Baby Bottles if you do not have any. Contact Greg Elsey, meet life chairman to see where bottles are located and who the diocesan coordinator is that has them. If you would like to purchase your own bottles, contact Greg. At this time, a case of 120 bottles is \$110.40. **Be sure to request or buy bottles early!**
- Select a Knight who is comfortable with public speaking to make a pulpit presentation.
- Place a full page ad in the church bulletin the week before the presentation. Make sure you have several Knights to hand out bottles after Mass.
- Distribute bottles to your church organizations (the Parish school, PSR, scouts, etc. and don't forget the Ladies Auxiliary to assist!).
- Use your bulletin for reminders to bring their bottles back on a designated date (around four weeks and have Knights in the back of church to receive the bottles.)
- When the Campaign is over please return the bottles to your diocesan coordinator. Keep in mind bottles will continue to trickle in so make a plan to get remaining funds turned in.
- Make your check payable to “**Columbian Charities**” and mail to Columbian Charities treasurer Ralph Cupelli at 6 Circle Lane, Kirksville, MO 63501. Be sure to mention what Council, Assembly or Auxiliary the monies are coming from and designate funds go to the **Meet Life Campaign**. Be sure to email Greg Elsey at meetlife@mokofc.org that you are sending in funds and let him know your Council, Assembly or Auxiliary number and information.

If you have any questions or need help with your campaign, please contact Meet Life Chairman Greg Elsey at 417-861-1444 or e-mail meetlife@mokofc.org.

Statements from Meet Life Pregnancy Help Center Directors for motivation!

“We have been incredibly blessed by the most recent Meet Life Campaign. This Campaign has been so effective in reaching the abortion-minded women and getting them in our clinic door” Sony Ride, Executive Director, Parkville Women's Center

“The research-based website you put together for us has really increased the number of abortion-minded calls. We've seen a great increase in the number of abortion-minded clients that are texting, calling and emailing” Gary Smith, Executive Director, Hand 'N Hand in Barnhart



Roses for Life Weekend

January 9-10th 2021

Looking for another way to help the Abortion Issue? Join the Knights in the Roses for Life Program. Order your Roses and have the Parishioner sign the label and have them keep the Rose. Orders for Roses need to be submitted to your DD by **September 13, 2020**. All orders must be in multiples of 100. Roses can be bought with or without the KC emblem. Make check payable to **MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**.

Roses must be paid for at time of ordering with check accompanying order form! Late orders add \$25 for shipping!

Roses will be distributed at the December State Meeting to your District Deputy.

Council Order Form

Council Name and Number _____

Number of Roses (In multiples of 100) With Emblem _____ Without Emblem _____

Total Number of Roses: _____ @ \$15.00 per 100 = \$ _____

Event Chairman Information:

Name and Address _____

Phone Number Daytime _____ Night time _____

Email: _____

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District Deputy Order Form

DD # _____	Number of Roses	Number of Roses	Amount
Council Number	With Logo	With-out Logo	
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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If a council participates in the Pro-Life Weekend, but does not order Roses through this program list their Council number: _____

District Deputies, please send this report and the Council checks to: Ed Spence 2375 Wedgwood Dr. W, Florissant MO 63033, BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2019



Special Olympics Missouri

Whose Mission is . . .

to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Since 1968, Special Olympics has grown to be recognized as the leader in supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities- creating Unified activities for family participation, hosting Young Athlete Programs to get athletes ages 2-7 introduced to sports, teaching public speaking and job skills training through its Athlete Leadership Program, and serving as the world's largest public health organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities through its Healthy Athlete Program. The competition begins locally, and extends to Area, District, Regional and State every year. Every 4 years there are USA Games and World Games.

Training for Life Campus CHALLENGE

The Missouri State Knights of Columbus accepted a challenge in 2014 to raise **\$1,200,000.00** over a six-year period that will conclude on **June 30, 2020**. CONGRATULATIONS Brother Knights as we reached our goal for this great facility

Statewide Sponsor of SOMO COMMITMENT

Every year the Missouri Knights of Columbus have a **\$75,000** annual commitment to serve as an Official Statewide Sponsor of SOMO - this goes to fund SOMO's Indoor, Summer and Outdoor State Games. Councils are recognized for their volunteer hours and donations by being designated a Gold, Silver or Bronze level supporter. Please remember that your council can designate its turnaround funds from your Persons with Developmental Disabilities Drive (3D Tootsie Roll Drive) to go directly to Special Olympics Missouri.

Supreme Offer

The Supreme Council is offering each state a chance to receive up to **\$8,000** in matching funds that will be given based on the money and volunteer time donated by that particular jurisdiction. It is measured by filling out Form 4584 Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics. ***Please complete and return the Form 4584 even if your council did not support SOMO this year!*** This form is given to every council and can also be filled out online at www.mokofc.org. This matching money will give us additional funds we can use to support SOMO.

Special Olympics Medal Awards

The top three Councils who financially contribute the most to SOMO/TLC (per member) will be recognized at the State Convention through receipt of a Gold, Silver or Bronze Olympic Medal award. If you would like to have a check presentation with SOMO Athletes in your area, please contact Chairman Lou Holtmann, somo@mokofc.org, and he can assist in coordinating to have them at your meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to show your community where and how your Tootsie Roll funds are used. **Use this link to donate - <https://somo.org/kofctlc>**

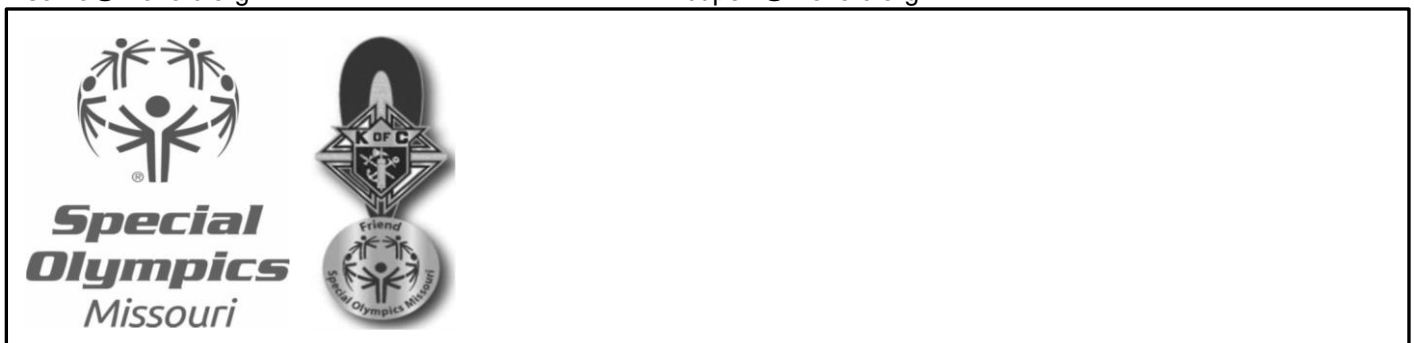
“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” - Athlete Oath

For more information please contact:

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Please mail all donations for Special Olympics to:

Ralph Cupelli, Columbian Charities-Treasurer
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Phone: (D & N) 660-665-1927 (C) 660-341-5897
cupelli@mokofc.org



State Sympathy Card

Remembering the Brother Knights that have died is very important to the State Council. By filling out the form below and sending it to the Sympathy Card Chairman, a sympathy card signed by the State Deputy and the State Chaplain will be sent to the family. Be aware that by sending in the deceased Knights information on the Form #100 to Supreme Council will not be passed on to the State Council by the Supreme Council. So please remember to send the information to us as well.

Also, if you would like to place his name on the memorial board that is at all of the state conventions and meetings, include a check made out to **Columbian Charities** and include it with this request. The monies donated for the memorial board fund the Msgr. Mancuso Catholic Education fund.

Michael Deamos
Sympathy Card Chairman
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sympathycard@mokofc.org

SYMPATHY CARD REQUEST FORM

Note: Form must be printed clearly or use all capital letters!

Name of Deceased Member: _____

Council Name and Number: _____

Highest K of C Office Held: _____

Date of Death: _____



Send Sympathy Card to: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

We would like to honor our Brother Knight with a contribution to Catholic Education and ask that you place his name on the memorial board. Our \$25 check payable to **Columbian Charities** is enclosed.

Mail to: Michael Deamos, Sympathy Card Chairman
1904 Pine Street, Higginsville, MO 64037

Please duplicate as needed or submit information online at the mokofc.org website

Novena for Life **Required Supreme Program**

The Knights will come together through both public and private acts of prayer to lead their communities in the spiritual battle to establish a culture of life in our nations. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church and, in particular, of the Knights of Columbus. At set times of the year, a council can promote a novena, which is nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, in our homes, and in the wider community via communal gatherings and promotional efforts. These novenas could precede or end major feast days or pro-life events.

As a State Program, we are encouraging you to do your Novena for Life sometime in conjunction with your Rosaries for Life in October. Novena examples can be found on the Supreme or Catholic websites or as simple as reciting the Rosary.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run ***One Life, One Rose***

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 58 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.

In recent years the program has expanded to eight silver roses traveling the western, central, and eastern corridors of North America, with Knights of Columbus from Canada to Mexico carrying the roses from destination to destination, and finally to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

Every stop along the route of the Silver Rose Pilgrimage is an occasion for prayer and spiritual renewal centered on the rosary. English, French and Spanish booklets containing recommended prayers, scripture readings and a litany accompany the Silver Rose. The Silver Rose for our area will start September 10th and leave October 7th.

Silver Rose Chairman John Clarke has the schedule and will be alerting the District Deputies on the dates and times that they will be having the Silver Rose available for Council events. Contact John Clarke by email at silverrose@mokofc.org.

Marian Hour Devotion for Life

The Supreme Council would like every Council to hold a Marian Hour of Prayer Service for Life this year. Here are the suggested steps involved in setting one up. 1.) Contact your Council chaplain or pastor to schedule the prayer service. 2.) Pick a place to hold it (a church is preferred but you may use your Council hall or meeting area). 3.) Select a date and time that is convenient for the chaplain and for most members. 4.) Plan a companion event (a breakfast, picnic, banquet, membership drive etc.) to be held in conjunction with the service. 5.) Promote your event through your council newsletter, parish bulletin, diocesan newspaper, etc. 6.) After holding your prayer service, please make a report on the event and send it to Chairman John Clarke.

The Supreme office has provided us with three icons, Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, including Marian prayer books, that will help assist you. The icons are currently moving around Missouri now. Your District Deputy will be acquiring the icon and notifying each Council when they will have it available for a parish or Council service. Contact Chairman John Clarke or your District Deputy with questions.

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Mass for People with Special Needs

Culture of Life is not simply about the beginning stages of Life; it is a commitment to affirm and defend life in all its stages and in every condition. A Knights of Columbus sponsored Mass, conducted annually for people with special needs, is an opportunity to welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable attending regularly scheduled Mass.

Those with special needs are living icons of the love of Christ in the world and must be welcomed fully into a parish community. Physical or social barriers may dissuade some people from attending Mass. Family member anxiety may keep them from bringing a loved one out of concerns of disrupting the Mass or, unfortunately, even because they may not feel welcome.

A dedicated Mass may be the first of many steps toward integrating people with special needs into weekly or even daily Mass as well as sacraments and other aspects of parish life. Holding this Mass sends the message that all of God's children are welcome under the parish roof and that every person is an integral part of the parish family.

Christian Refuge Relief

"Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights. It is the tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and "missionary discipleship" to which Pope Francis has called us." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

The message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is clear that we need to look at ways to help all over the world that are in need. Prayers and financial support is needed for many Christian relief programs that the Supreme Council is supporting. Please try to do your part as a Council, Auxiliary or Assembly. Details are available on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org.

Marches for Life **Featured Supreme Program**

This program is one of the Featured programs that will get you two credits on the Columbian Award. Many Councils throughout Missouri support the March for Life. Either by attending a March for Life, providing financial support for transportation or supervising a group for a March for Life. Your Diocesan Office will be able to give you lots of areas to help in if you are not already supporting a March. Be sure to check the Supreme guidelines to make sure you qualify for the double credit.

Ultrasound Program **Featured Supreme Program**

This program is also one of the Featured programs that will get you two credits on the Columbian Award. The Supreme Ultrasound initiative, where Supreme pays half of a ultrasound is critical in our Meet Life program. All of our ultrasounds in Missouri are qualified by Alliance for Life and have to pass a strict criteria by them and the Diocese. Make sure you contact me at lifedirector@mokofc.org to verify your pregnancy resource center qualifies. Be sure to check the Supreme guidelines to make sure you qualify for the double credit.

Pregnancy Center Support

This program is also one that a lot of Councils in Missouri participate in already. If you need help finding a Pregnancy Center in your area, contact either myself at lifedirector@mokofc.org or the Meet Life Chairman at meetlife@mokofc.org and we will find one in your area. There are many ways you can help support the center. Just ask and they will tell you! A lot of them need baby supplies and probably volunteer time. Some need help with updating equipment like computers and phones. Most have a Walk for Life as well and welcome the Knights participation and financial support.