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Worthy Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Members:

In this section, you will find information on the programs sponsored and supported by the Missouri State Council. Some are run in conjunction with programs from Supreme, while others are unique to Missouri. Please look through these pages and note all of the opportunities we have for your council/assembly/auxiliary to become more active in your parish and community. If you would like additional information on any program, please ask your District Deputy, or simply contact the Chairman assigned to that area.

Remember, an active council is much more likely to retain current members and attract new ones than a council which doesn't offer its members the chance to put into practice our first principle - Charity.

Building the Domestic Church:

"Who is making an effort to strengthen marriages, to help married couples overcome their problems, to assist them in the work of raising children and, in general, to encourage the stability of the marriage bond?"

Pope Francis – The Joy of Love

The Knights of Columbus seeks to strengthen family life through its **Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish** initiative. This initiative promotes programs that support Christian family life while encouraging Councils and families to more fully integrate with the sacramental and social life of their parish. Every Council must participate in this initiative. Activities include: Family Fully Alive, Consecration to the Holy Family, Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows, Holy Family Prayer Program, 5th Sunday Rosary Program, Journey to the Inn and Food for Families. Please meet with your parish priest and take advantage of these programs. Invite all members of your parish to participate with your Council, Auxiliaries, and families.

Membership:

- Fall Church Drive (October 8-9 or 15-16) / First Degree Week (October 10-16 or 17-23)
- Spring Church Drive (March 10-11) / First Degree Week (March 12-18)

You will note that these dates are scheduled to occur in conjunction with the Charitable Service Outreach weeks. Ask any non-members who have helped with any of your programs to join our Order!

Featured Programs:

The goal of your council should be to achieve the coveted Star Council award, and one of the requirements is to submit the Columbian Award application (#SP-7). Supreme has selected 8 programs, and if you complete all of the requirements, it will fulfill ALL of the four activities needed for completion of an area.

On the back of this page is listing of the Featured Programs, and the requirements for their completion.

Service Program Awards:

All councils are encouraged to submit an application for a State Service Program Award. Every council has one or two programs which members take an extra measure of pride in conducting. It doesn't matter how large or small you may feel your project is because every charitable program is important to those you help.

One winner will be selected in each of the following categories: Church; Community; Council; Family; Culture of Life; and Youth. State winners are then submitted on for the Supreme Contest. The application form (#STSP) is available on both the Supreme Council and Missouri State Council websites:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html> <http://www.mokofc.org/forms>

Or you may contact me and I will send one to you.

Entries must be submitted to the State Program Director by March 15, 2017

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FEATURED PROGRAMS

GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR COLUMBIAN AWARD CREDIT

Completing the activity detailed below will fulfill all of the requirements needed for that section in your Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

CHURCH ACTIVITIES - RSVP

Qualify for the RSVP refund **and** plaque by providing financial and moral support to one or more seminarians or postulants. Report activity using the RSVP Refund/Plaque Application (#2863) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Activity must be in a council sponsored project with a minimum of 200 man-hours of service from the council, parish or community **and** a minimum of \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity. Report activity using the Habitat for Humanity Report Form (#10092) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). By working on a Habitat for Humanity project, members can show prospects that there is a place for them in the Knights of Columbus

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The council must purchase a minimum of one case of 100 wheelchairs by raising the funds through council, parish or community activities. Report activity using the Global Wheelchair Mission Report Form (#10071) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Seeing their efforts bearing fruit around the world will reinforce the global impact of the Knights of Columbus

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Council members must contribute a minimum of 200 man-hours in support of state/local Special Olympics activities, **and** must raise - through council or parish activities - a minimum of \$2,000 for Special Olympics. Report activity using the Partnership Profile with Special Olympics form (#4584) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Working together in support of Special Olympics presents members with an excellent opportunity to ask prospective members to join the council.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - FOOD FOR FAMILIES

A council must sponsor events with the parish community to collect a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food to be donated to a parish food pantry or community food bank. In addition, council members must contribute a minimum of 100 man-hours in the preparation/distribution/service of meals to needy people. Report activity using the Food for Families report form (#10057) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Knights are always willing to "roll up their sleeves" to help others; parishioners and other eligible Catholic men who participate in Food for Families programs make excellent membership recruitment prospects.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES - MARCHES FOR LIFE

As part of an organized program of the council, with parish and community participation, a minimum of 100 marchers must participate in a local, regional or national March for Life. Report activity using the March for Life report form and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). The time spent traveling to and from a March for Life gives members the opportunity to explain to prospects the many ways in which the Knights of Columbus is working to build a Culture of Life.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES - ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

The council must identify a Pregnancy Care Center that is medically certified to utilize and maintain an ultrasound machine, and comply with all of the regulations of the Ultrasound Initiative to place an ultrasound machine at the facility. The council must raise - through council, parish or community activities - sufficient funds to cover one half of the purchase price of an ultrasound machine, and follow the published guidelines for obtaining the remaining half of the purchase price from the Supreme Council. Report activity using the "Ultrasound Application" and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - COATS FOR KIDS

A council must purchase and donate to needy children a minimum of 8 cases of coats. A case contains 12 coats. Report activity using the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). The publicity generated by a Coats for Kids distribution will present the Knights of Columbus in a very positive light to prospective members. The days following the distribution are an excellent time to ask those prospects to join the council.

SUPREME MUST RECEIVE YOUR COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION BY JUNE 30, 2017

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