

Family Activities

Our Faith, Your Family

Brother Knights,

As with all of our programming, family activities are changing along with the transition to Faith in Action. Moreover, the formerly-known-as youth activities and their chairmen are now also Family Programs.

Our goal is the same: ours is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service Order, and my team focuses on the family part of that slogan, providing activities and recognition for families to pray, serve, play and grow together, now including through programs that engage our youth and build and reward academic and athletic skills. Family activities are how we support families, how we strengthen and build better families, how we teach and engage our families, how we encourage families to be alive and live the Catholic faith with joy and love for one another. They are how we attract young men with new families to our Order. Men of all ages who work long hours and come home don't want to leave their families again to be with the Knights, they want to bring their families and be with the Knights. Bring your family with you to Knights' activities and see how we make you a better husband and a better father, then join us, and we provide even more — the example of the many, many other friendly, faithful Catholic families across our state I've met as a consequence of being a Knight.

Please contact me or any Family Chairman for more information on any of these activities:

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Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus developed the Coats for Kids program, which allows councils in Missouri the opportunity to purchase new winter coats for children at a discount and to distribute them to children in need in their local communities. Since Coats for Kids began in 2009, nearly 400,000 coats have been distributed.

Every Knights of Columbus council is eligible to participate in Coats for Kids. Coats can be purchased at a cost of \$220 per 12-coat case, including shipping. All Coats should be ordered on [Knightsgear](#). Where \$220 is too much for a single Council, or where a Council might want to purchase a fractional case, Councils are asked to pool resources within their District or Region.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, November 23, 2018, is a common day for coat distributions, and it is encouraged for Councils and Council groups to use that day for their events. Councils and groups may collaborate with a local community agency to identify and invite families with youth who might need to a new coat. Consult with church, school, and community officials as you prepare your drive and be sure to publicize everything.

As a featured program, a council's drive will fulfill all four **Community** Activity requirements for the Columbian Award by ordering and distributing a minimum of eight cases of coats. More information can be obtained by contacting [Chairman John Myers](#).

Essay Contest

This year the State Council will be overseeing its own essay competition following the plan to rotate topics year to year. This contest is separate from the Supreme Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The State Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students and those attending Catholic institutions in grades 8 – 12. Essays will be judged at each individual grade level.

The topic for the 2018 – 2019 school year asks students to consider the saint they selected at confirmation, or to select a saint if confirmation saints are not chosen at a particular school, and describe: "What did you learn about this saint and how did this saint inspire you?"

More information, including an essay entry form to be included with each submission, will be placed on the state website, which will also be the channel for essay submissions. Do not send Council, Assembly, or District winners to Supreme. Questions should be sent to [Chairman Dave Govero](#).

Submissions must be received via the online portal by 11:59 pm on Thursday, February 28, 2019. Essays must be a student's original work; reflect the assigned theme and topic; be typed on 8½" × 11" paper, one sided, double spaced, with one-inch margins; be 500 – 750 words; and be submitted by the February 28 deadline. Only one entry per grade, per District will be accepted for State-level judging. All entries become the property of the Missouri Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.



The Knights of Columbus is committed to ending hunger in local communities by asking local councils to participate in the [Orderwide Food for Families](#) Program. In the last fraternal year, 49 Missouri Councils

collected 53.7 tons of food, donated \$77,519, and volunteered 15,388 hours at food agencies. For councils or assemblies, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 for every \$500 donated, or for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen - up to a maximum of \$500 per council/assembly per fraternal year. Reported contributions of food and/or monetary donations are cumulative for the fraternal year. Units must submit the Food for Families Reimbursement Program form #10057 to receive the refund, and will also receive an attractive plaque recognizing their participation. Councils received \$14,200 from Supreme Council in 2016.

Food for Families is the Featured Program for Family Activities. A Council that donates a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food and volunteers a minimum of 100 man-hours to the food agency fulfills all four of the Family Activity requirements for the Columbian Award. In 2017, 13 Councils received credit for completing the Featured Program. Questions about Food for Families? Contact Chairman Clancey Duttlinger.

Family Involvement



The west side event was a game at Kauffman Stadium to watch our royals defeat the Detroit Tigers 4 – 2 on a beautiful, 83° Sunday afternoon, May 6. Attendees enjoyed the second annual pre-game tailgate. Tickets were \$36 including the tailgate and a donation to Missouri Special Olympics training center. 110 Knights and family members attended. Earlier in the year, the Kansas City Mavericks defeated the Toledo Walleye 3 – 1 after another amazing cookout. \$35 tickets again included the pre-game buffet and a donation to the Vitae Society. Stay tuned for details of both a 2019 Mavericks and Royals game, from Chairman Dave Dillon.

The east side baseball game is Saturday, September 16 to see the St. Louis Cardinals, when first pitch will be at 1:15 pm to watch the Redbirds challenge the LA Dodgers. Tickets in the fully-shaded left field section, currently priced at \$39.90, can be yours for only \$25, including \$5 donated to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Cardinal fans will also take home a Mark McGwire bobble-head. Ticket orders must be received by Chairman Mike Koehler by, and no refunds after, August 18. A convenient order form is below. Tickets will be mailed to you one week before the game. Earlier in the year, 41 Knights and family saw the eventual Stanley Cup winners, the Washington Capitals, defeat the Blues 4 – 2, for a mere \$37.50 per ticket.



Name: _____ Council: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tickets: _____ × \$25 = Total Due: \$ _____

Checks payable to Columbian Charities of Missouri
 Mail to: Mike Koehler, 280 Deane Ct, Sunset Hills, Mo. 63127
 Ticket order must be received by August 18

Recognition Programs

Every other month, State Directors select a Knight, Family and Youth for recognition. For State awards, please submit the online application for Knight, Family, or Youth of the Month. Winners receive a plaque or certificate recognizing their achievement. Applications are due on the 15th day of odd months (July, September, November, January, March and May) and are selected the following month. Annual winners are selected from the March 2018 – January 2019 bimonthly winners. Questions and completed applications are intended for Chairman Cliff Miller

The **Knight of the Month** can be awarded to any Knight in good standing, except that State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen; District Deputies; and Grand Knights are not eligible. Consider using the Knight of the Month certificate #1476, and Knight of the Year certificate #1545.

A **Family of the Month**, and Year, includes the Knight and at least one more immediate family member. This includes children, and/or a spouse, or perhaps a parent. Again, State Officers', Directors', and Chairmen's; District Deputies'; and Grand Knights' families are not eligible.

Councils are encouraged to submit their Family of the Month winners to the **Supreme Family of the Month** contest. 100 families are selected at random every month by the Supreme Office to receive a beautiful Holy Family gift and certificate signed by the Supreme Knight. Submit form #1993A by the 15th of each month.

Any child under age 18, either the child of a Knight or a Columbian Squire or Columbus Girl, who remains a practical Catholic and is of good academic standing at his or her school, is eligible to be named **Youth of the month**.

Scholarships

The Missouri State Council awards a total of eleven (11) scholarships each year. Each scholarship has an annual award of \$1500, payable in installments of \$750 per semester.

- Four Luke E. Hart Memorial Scholarships. The recipients must attend one of the branches of the University of Missouri: Columbia, St. Louis, Rolla, or Kansas City. If fewer than four qualified applicants apply, then these scholarships may be awarded as specified for Missouri State Scholarships.
- Three Missouri State Scholarships. The recipients may attend any accredited University or College within the state of Missouri.
- Three Vocation Scholarships. The recipients may attend any accredited seminary or college of their choice to study for a vocation to the religious life. If no applications are received from applicants desiring to study for a vocation to the priesthood or to serve in a religious community, then these scholarships may be awarded to other applicants with preference given to those attending Catholic institutions.
- One Tech School Scholarship. The recipient may attend any accredited Technical School. These are normally two-year programs.

The student must be a member of the Knights of Columbus; the son, daughter, or wife of a member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing; the son, daughter, or non-remarried wife of a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of a Ladies Auxiliary of a Missouri Knights Council ; a Squire or Columbus Girl in good standing attested to by the Chief Counselor and GK; or a minor child

whose legal guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus. The membership requirements do not apply to Vocation applicants.

Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of Catholic citizenship, community service, scholarship, and financial need, by a committee appointed by the State Deputy. All scholarships are for Missouri residents. Payments are made directly to the institution. Completed applications using only the 2019-2020 application form, available from [the state website](#), and required certification forms must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2019. Questions may be sent to [Chairman Rocky Gambon](#).

Soccer & Basketball Free Throw Contests

Our soccer and basketball free throw contests are each long-standing competitions, and Councils are encouraged to contact their local schools and sports teams early to organize their participation. Children ages 9– 14 compete at the Council, District, Regional and State levels.

	Soccer	Basketball
Order	SC-KIT	FT-KIT
9 – 14 as of	September 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
Council Contest	September	January
Council Awards	Council’s choice: Trophies, Plaques, No Bonds or Cash	
District Contest	October 1 – 15	February 1 – 15
District Awards	Medallions	
Regional Contest	October 16 – 31	February 16 – 28
State Contest	November	March
Regional & State Awards	Plaques	
International Awards	Trophies	

Times, dates, and places will be posted on the [state website](#). Score sheets are not returned to the participants, and each winner’s sheets forwarded to the next level of competition. The international competition is not in-person, rather, each state winner’s score sheets are compared. An estimated number of participants should be kept at each level and forwarded to State Chairman [Aaron Wood](#), who is also available for any questions.

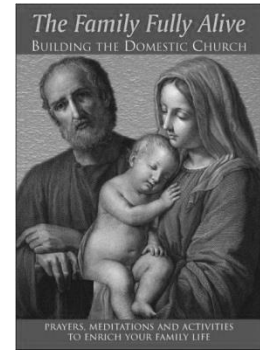
Faith in Action

Starting in 2014, the Supreme Council started a concentrated suite of family programs to strengthen the family. Transferred to the new Faith in Action program, these programs continue to assist Councils to build programming that attracts, supports, and builds families by creating a place where each member of the family has an important role.

The Family Fully Alive

The Family Fully Alive includes monthly themes, meditations, projects and Scripture verses that can help you place God and the Catholic faith at the center of your family's lives. These

are contained in The Family Fully Alive program book #10162, for which the first 300 copies are free from the Supply Department. Additional materials are available on the web.



Family Week

Knights of Columbus Family Week is commemorated during the week that includes the birth (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14) of Father McGivney. In 2018, this is August 12 – August 18. Councils should plan a family Mass, a picnic, a dinner, a prayer service or other activities that will promote and highlight both family interaction and the family focus of the Order. Open your program to nonmembers, prospects, parishioners, friends, priests, religious and everyone else in your community.



La Posada or Journey to the Inn

The Posada or Journey to the Inn is a traditional Christmas celebration that Franciscan missionaries developed in America with the goal of introducing the faith. It continues to be popular throughout the southwestern United States and all of Latin America and is a rich tradition for Knights and their families to share. If your Council is not familiar with the Christmas Posada, the Supreme Council invites you to join this ancient observance that will open for you the deeper meaning of a joyful season. *The Posada: An Advent & Christmas Celebration* #9898, or in digital format at kofc.org, is available to help Councils understand the tradition. This booklet provides all that is needed to conduct a Christmas Posada with Councils or your family.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To help families live out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a new prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. Every Council should invite families of their parish to offer this prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family at all Masses on the first Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family.

The Consecration to the Holy Family prayer card #10371 is also available free of charge in reasonable quantities. This is also a perfect program to do in coordination with the Fifth Sunday Rosary.

Family Prayer Night

It can be a challenge to raise children in the faith without the support and companionship of other Catholic families. Family Prayer Night provides an opportunity for council members, their spouses and children, as well as other Catholic families, to come together regularly for prayer, dinner and fellowship.

Good Friday Family Promotion

Our Christian faith centers on Christ's passion, death and resurrection, but attendance at Good Friday and Easter is declining. Now, through this promotion, Knights and their families will work with their pastor to create a campaign promoting the importance of Good Friday services. Knights will also take this opportunity to educate parish families about the plight of Christians living in the Holy Land today.