STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
LUCAS VOLKMAN
Brother Knights and Ladies,
I hope that this newsletter finds you well. We enter October, which begins the second quarter of the fraternal year. At this point in the year, we’re trying to find active members for our local Council or auxiliary is doing. Are you meeting your goals? Did you set goals in the first place? If you find yourself in the latter, it is still plenty of time to get some goals established so you can be successful this fraternal year. Now, if you have goals and did not make them, there is still a lot of time to do so this year. Reassess what you did, look not only at what went wrong, but what went right and build on your successes. Regardless, use the resources put out by the State Council and Supreme to grow your council. Plenty of help can be found in this newsletter and the recent edition of the Mariner.

Later this month we will see the beatification of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Certainly, this is an event that many of us have hoped for a long time. While the mass will take place on October 31st at St. Joseph’s Cathedral in Hartford, CT, it will be broadcast so you will be able to see it. Fortunately, Supreme is coming out with a new website so you can find out more about the beatification and Fr. McGivney. But use this event to promote devotion to our founder and pray for his intercession with your councils and auxiliaries. What a perfect way to recruit during the month we normally have Church/Drive Days.

STATE LIFE DIRECTOR
BRIAN ZIEGLER
“Defending Life with JOY”
Greetings Brother Knights from the LIFE team along with the LIFE team! The Silver Rose started up Sept 21st after a brief hold by Supreme. The Roses for Life orders are to have been turned in and our Sympathy Card Chair has been busy as well. Update on Special Olympics—We still have raffle tickets for that new automobile to sell. For more information contact either myself or our Special Olympics Chair, Brother Mike Tesmer. Also, on Special Olympics, unfortunately our Knights of Columbus liaison with Missouri Special Olympics, Mary Niwongter has decided to resign and be a stay at home mom now that she has 3 little ones. I want to thank Mary and wish her the best in the future. When we find our new liaison I will share with all. It is going to be difficult to find someone that has the same drive and passion for the program that Mary possessed.

Meet Life—To clarify on this program the Meet Life Program is still in place. We have entered into Phase 2.

Phase 1 was a huge success as we received many donations and significantly reduced the number of abortions in the State.

Phase 2 we are raising money to start an endowment so we have the resources to continue to update the ultrasound machines we have in place and also to work with help from Vitae to promote ouritters and strive to eliminate abortions in Missouri.

To help with Phase 2 each Council will be receiving pledges cards asking for their assistance in this project. As well, we are working on other ideas and projects to help raise funds for this endowment. One of which I ask all councils to hold a Baby Bottle Campaign either in person or virtually and to run it either from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day or start the month prior to and end on Mother’s Day. If any questions or other suggestions for this program, please contact me.

STATE RIB DIRECTOR
MIKE TESMER
Enriching our Faith through JOY
Did you ever wonder about the history of the Religious Information Bureau and how it got started and why? Here is a very brief summary of events in the life of the Religious Information Bureau!

In May of 1944, under the term of then State Deputy Robert M. Guion, the Catholic Advertising plan was proposed to then Archbishop Glennon in St. Louis and was approved as funds were much needed in evangelization. Partnering with Confraternity Home Study Service which was founded by the Vincentians in 1935, ads were placed in secular magazines reaching most households in the USA. From 1948 to 1971 over six million people responded to the ads, requesting pamphlets or enrolling in the instruction course to continue their study. One of which I have previously mentioned all of the incentives that are being offered. The Council in each Diocese has reached the highest percentage of their membership goal by far thanks to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus Chasuble and Stole to present their pastor as a Christmas present. The top proposer for the quarter of July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020 will be named a delegate for the 2021 Supreme Convention. The State life Director will be named a delegate for the 2021 Supreme Convention. The Council that recruits the second largest percentage of their membership goal in the second quarter will receive $300. The Council that recruits the second largest percentage of their membership goal in the second quarter will receive $200. The Council that recruits the third largest percentage of their membership goal in the second quarter will receive $100. As a reminder the member who recruits the most members this coming year will be a delegate to the Supreme Convention.

Lastly, but most important, we need to start scheduling more Masses. Even though Supreme is still offering virtual degrees and you have access to the on-demand degree that doesn’t replace the personalized impression that a local degree team can have on a new member. These teams can either function as virtual or in person depending on your local regulations. We have a large community of eligible Catholic men that should belong to the order and we need to not let this pandemic deny them of the opportunity. Have we become complacent letting them just sit and wait for that new automobile to sell. For more information contact either myself or our Special Olympics Chair, Brother Mike Tesmer. As always, please Remember to Celebrate Everything!

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