



Knights of Columbus Newsletter



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"We are Knights of JOY - Jesus Only You!"

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STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR LUCAS VOLKMAN

I hope that your Februarys are starting well. During this month we will begin the season of Lent. During this time of spiritual reflection and penance as we look forward to the Resurrection, let us also think of ways in which our councils, assemblies or auxiliaries can better serve the spiritual needs of the people in our parish. In choosing

the motto of "We are Knights of Joy, Jesus Only You!" our state deputy, Mike Grudzinski, hopes that we can remember that Christ is our focus in what we do. Encourage potential members to join by explaining all that the Knights can do spiritually.

As we await the end of the Covid restrictions, many of these spiritual activities will be quite helpful. But regardless of your parish's situation, make sure that you are regularly meeting with your pastor and finding things to do to help him, even if they are small matters. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux reminds us, even the little things we do can have a profound impact and bring people to Christ.

Finally, towards the end of the month, we will conduct diocesan-wide meetings over Zoom. These will be opportunities to connect with other councils in your diocese and discuss spiritual things that you can do as councils and in the diocese.

Please continue to ask for the intercession of Our Lady and Bless Michael McGivney. Vivat Jesus!



STATE LIFE DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER *"Defending Life with JOY"*

Greetings Brother Knights.

Hard to believe February is upon us. I hope all had a safe New Year and are ready for great things in 2021.

We on the life team are working on a few changes to some of our programs. More on that to come in later issues. In order for your deceased brothers to be remembered at our Memorial mass at the convention please submit their name for sympathy cards to our chairman Mike Deamos.

All Councils have been contacted about donating to Meet Life Phase 2 and I want to thank those that already have. If your council hasn't, please prayerfully consider doing so. I know in these times money making events have had to be altered but let's please remember the unborn and give them as much prayers and help we can.

The Roses for Life went well with several councils taking part. Some orders were not able to be filled due to being ordered late. Please if your council plans to take part in this event next year get your orders in on time. Chairman Ed Spence done a heck of job with this even while having some serious health issues. I ask that all my brother Knights keep Ed in your daily prayers.

Brother Knights remember that none of our programs are possible without membership so I challenge each of you to recruit 1 new member. Vivat Jesus!



STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MICHAEL AUCHLY

Great news everybody, Supreme has announced they will continue with the MCGIVNEY2020 free membership through June 30, 2021! This means free membership for one year is available to all Knights who join the order as an e-member for the rest of the fraternal year. We need to make sure that we are utilizing this incentive from

Supreme to help recruit new families to join the Knights of Columbus. Now is the time to be taking advantage of this and making sure that it is promoted in your church bulletins, posted on your parish website, Facebook page and even on your own Facebook page.

Church Drives are right around the corner as this is the biggest recruiting event that we put on each year. Each Council should be putting on a Church Drive in or around March. Is your Council having a Church Drive? Place notices about the drive in your bulletin for several weeks before it occurs; have a prepared pulpit announcement given by a dynamic Knight speaker (or even better – a Knight and his wife); have Knights at each exit available to talk to potential members; have plenty of recruitment brochures, prospect cards and Form 100s available; have an Open House planned where potential members (and his wife and family) can meet council members in a relaxed atmosphere; have AT LEAST two Degrees (either live or using Supremes video degrees) scheduled to get in new members.

You can do a Delta Church Drive or a more traditional drive or you can have a virtual drive via Zoom if you so wish. The important thing is to do something! You can also work with your Field and General Agent to schedule one of your Benefits Nights as a more non-traditional method of conducting a church drive. We have to let our fellow parishioners know about our programs and the opportunities for their families to be involved in many different activities within the Knights. We have barely scratched the surface of the membership pool that is available in Missouri as a whole and now is the time to start.

Current incentives that are in place to reward the top recruiters include: The member that recruits the most new members between July 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2021 will be named as a Delegate to the 2021 Supreme Convention; Supreme Director John Appelbaum will be awarding a Gold Knights of Columbus Wrist Watch to the District Deputy in Missouri that has the highest percentage of District intake from December 1 through the Friday of our State Convention in April; The Council in each Diocese with the highest percentage of their quota met during the first quarter of the year will receive \$100; and finally for the February Super Bowl Challenge – Each Council that brings in at least 7 new members (TOUCHDOWN) in the month of February will receive a check for \$75 and each council that brings 3 new members (FIELD GOAL) will receive \$50.

We can no longer afford to side along the sidelines and watch the days and the world pass us by. We have to stay positive and look for new ways that work in your parish to continue promoting the works of the Knights of Columbus. Don't focus on what you can't do, instead, focus on finding ways to make things happen. Utilize the list of parish members you collected in December when you compared your council roster to the parish directory. Divide those names up and personally contact them and invite them to your Membership Drive. Now is the time to be preparing for your future. As always, please remember to Celebrate Everything!



STATE RIB DIRECTOR MIKE TESMER *Enriching our Faith through JOY*

The numbers are in for the end of the year and donations to RIB are down around \$3300. Certainly, this is not that bad in a Covid-19 pandemic with fundraisers down. Thanks to all of the Councils and Auxiliaries that have donated so far. Please keep your RIB donations coming and consider a

Council/Auxiliary donation in the honor of Blessed Michael McGivney!

This month I'd like to focus on a program that is being used in the Jefferson City, Springfield/Cape Girardeau and Kansas City/St. Joseph Dioceses. The program is the Franciscan at Home by the Catechetical Institute. The franciscanathome.com platform connects learners to practical workshops available on-demand. Individuals can choose from more than 120 workshops including titles like the following. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture, Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina, Unlocking the Rich Treasures of the Catechism, Our Life in Christ: Basics of Morality, Shifting to Family Centered Formation, Teaching Your Children About God's Plan for Sexuality and Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization. The goal is to support parish leaders in their existing mentoring roles and enabling leaders to form teams in effective ministry skills and mentor them toward positions of increased parish leadership. The platform also has the capacity to connect learners with mentors from their own parish. The program is affordable because it is FREE sponsored by the Missouri State Council R.I.B. grant! The training is completely online so it can take place anytime, anywhere at the learner's convenience. It is adaptable for Catholics looking to grow in their own faith and share it. The Franciscan at Home program is not the only program that these three Dioceses are doing but just one of them.

Remember that if you want to make a personal donation to RIB, you can do it on our website at www.continuetogive.com/rib. We are encouraging a donation in honor of our founder and Parish Priest Fr. Michael McGivney who gave so much for others in his parish work. Your donation will emulate the great works that our funds are doing in parishes today to the great works that he accomplished in his short years of service. Blessed Michael McGivney Pray for Us!

FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD



For more information
contact Chairman
Ed Cirar
guild@mokofc.org

2021 Cornhole Tournament

February 12-13-14, 2021

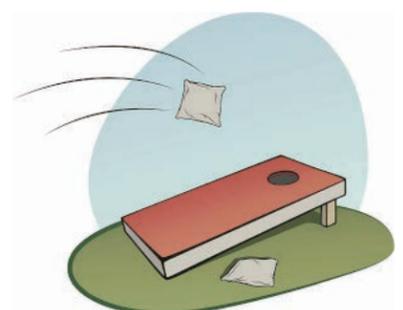
Hosted by:

St. Joseph Council #6420

Location: Scott City KC Hall,
Scott City, MO

Contact : Brian Ziegler

Phone: 1-573-450-4902





STATE FAITH DIRECTOR CHRIS TEEL

Hello All, I hope this finds everyone doing well and staying healthy. I would like to reflect again and provide information on the **Monsignor Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grant** Program, Deadline March 1st.

Father Joseph Weber is your chairman that does a fantastic job seeing that when applications are submitted, they are reviewed and grants provided to those who showed outstanding needs for their catholic schools or parish programs.

Providing a strong Catholic education for our youth has always been a priority of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus. Beginning in 1984, Msgr. Joseph Mancuso spearheaded a drive to establish a \$1,000,000 Trust Fund to support and fund Catholic education programs around the state. Since 1990 interest earned from this fund has provided over \$700,000 in grants to Catholic schools and parish-based religious programs. During the 2019-2020 fraternal year this program was able to provide grants totaling \$50,000 to almost 100 education programs throughout the four dioceses and archdiocese in Missouri.

Catholic schools, which include pre-schools, parochial schools and high schools along with K-12 religious education programs can apply for either a \$500 or \$1000 grant. Application forms are available on the State Council website under the forms section and are due, no latter then **March 1st – no late forms will be accepted**. While electronic submissions are highly preferred, if you have issues with the online form please contact Father Weber. Please follow the criteria precisely.

REMEMBER

Grant Criteria when submitting your application.

- Deal with a specific Catholic dimension of education which is in conformity with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
- How would this affect a high percentage of the potential number of students enrolled or other persons involved.
- Show promise of continuing after the initial funding is expended.
- Does not merely replace what is an expected service but offers an improved dimension (supplements basic programs, does not replace, or initiates a needed program).
- Could be replicated in other Catholic educational settings.
- Show clearly the basis of need for this project.
- Show clearly the inability of the local setting to meet this need.
- Would be implemented by personnel with appropriate background and expertise.
- Is accompanied by a budget which meets requirements and includes no request for overhead expenses unless it is a new project.
- Offers matching effort (not necessarily financial) on the local level to the extent possible.

When submitting your grant application, please send to Father Joseph Weber, **before March 1, 2021** at:

Father Joseph Weber, Jr.
 Msgr. Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grants
 Saint John Bosco Rectory
 12934 Marine Avenue – St. Louis, MO 63146

Don't forget about a personal donation to the State Council - Missouri Knights of Columbus using the new online system at <https://www.continuetogive.com/>. Please consider a donation to the many Knights Programs we have here in Missouri. It is very easy to join, please try!!

The Team members with Faith Activities are always here to serve you. **“Strengthening Our Faith, Journeying with Our Families”**. I pray for All to be safe and healthy. Thank You All and God Bless



STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR PETER NICASTRO

Knights and families: winter is here. It's supposed to snow an inch at my house tonight. (I believe snow forecasts when I see them fulfilled.) Despite the skepticism, I hope that you and your family have avoided the downside of the K-shaped recovery western economics have experienced. If you didn't, I know your brother Knights' families are helping you. Do you know a family that's cold or hungry in your community?

Has your Council held a **blood drive** as part of **Leave No Neighbor Behind**, or does your Council have Knights family members who donated elsewhere? Chairman Matt Gray needs to know. (Donating blood is also a great way to get tested for Covid antibodies, which are usually part of post-donation testing. Ask your agency.) One of the few, and a free, negligible risk way you can save a life, is by donating blood.

We're wrapping up the very last submissions for **Coats for Kids**, and even more so, the **Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities**. There's still time, but not much, to order coats from Supreme and distribute them to the needy in your community. Additionally, if your Council gets coats from any other source, please let Chairman John Myers know how many non-Supreme coats your Council distributed. Non-Supreme coat distributions are still eligible as a Community program for the SP-7 Columbian Award application.

The **Essay Contest** entries were due on January 31 to Chairman Bill Lueckenhoff, and his astute team of volunteer former teacher-judges. The topic this year is "What is Our Duty to the Poor?," and I'm excited to read the winning entries. We usually pick a different topic from the Supreme Essay Contest, because their topic announcement is after the deadline for our program directory.

Appeal letters were mailed in December for the **Wheelchair Mission** and for **Prison Concern**. Finally, perhaps you were able to listen to Supreme's Wheelchair Mission training on December 10. If not, that training has been archived on the Supreme Fraternal Webinars page. Your support is needed to for these two programs. Meanwhile, we have wheelchairs to distribute to Missourians in need, Knights family and not, so please notify Chairman Matt Gray with any need.

Finally, the deadline for the next issue of the **Mariner** is March 5. Please send photos of your Council activities to Chairman Ken Wehmeyer so we can recognize excellent activities across Missouri. We'd also like to have your post on our Facebook page, *Knights of Columbus Missouri State Council*.



STATE LADIES AUXILIARY CHAIRCOUPLE RON & AMY MATHIAS

Auxiliary Members,
 Amy and I hope all were able to attend your District Deputy's area

meetings, through this cold weather. We are sure they were able to provide some very informational material gathered at the Mid-Year meeting held in Branson by our Worthy State Deputy Michael Grudzinski, State Directors and State Chairmen. District Deputies, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Auxiliary Presidents we would like to thank each of you for your great support for each other. During our time as State Chairpersons we hear of the strong support from everyone that is thoughtfully given in order to do these wonderful services. These could not be accomplished without you all working together and knowing there is a greater purpose for us all. Please continue to do these awe-inspiring acts of Charity.

• **Auxiliary Reports:** End of Year Ladies Auxiliary Report, Due. Newsletter Award submittal, Lady of the Year submittal, all Due in March.

We would like to highlight an award especially for the K of C Councils, Ladies Auxiliaries here in Missouri. This would be the Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary/Assembly Award, fraternal year 2020-2021. Please see below the award guidelines for the Lady Auxiliaries.

Missouri State Council Ladies Auxiliaries/Assemblies "Helping Knights, Help Others"

- Hot Pink Sheet mailed/postmark by June 1, 2020
- RSVP and attend a Ladies Auxiliary Area Meeting
- Participate in the Missouri Religious Information Bureau (RIB) State Program (Minimum \$35 donation)
- Participate in two Pro-Life Activities
- Participate in the Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
- Participate in the Missouri Religious Vocations Fund, (100% participation, \$0.50 per member)
- Plus, two activities in **each** of the following five categories:
 - Church • Community • Auxiliary • Family • Youth

These activities are to be submitted on the **End-of-the-Year Report** due to the State Auxiliary Chairpersons by March 15, 2021.

Ladies there are no additional submittals needed for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Year Award once the End-of-the-Year Report has been submitted.

Remember Knights and Ladies, we are here for you ALL, God Bless.



FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Help a brother out!

Every Grand Knight needs to get this Information to your members and help a brother out! 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 2020- 2021 application form, available from the state website, and required certification forms must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2021. Questions may be sent to Chairman Rocky Gambon. Email scholarships@mokofc.org

Bill Lee Jr. State Food for Families Chairman is proud of you for stepping up during this pandemic and finding ways to donate for our Food for Families program this past year. We need to keep this going through 2021 this program is very easy to do and can be done during this pandemic. If your council has not been a part of this program, I encourage you to climb on board. The more food we can provide means fewer families that go hungry on any given day. Next year will be another challenging year as we hopefully climb out of the Covid restrictions many families will be in need. For information go to our supreme website: <http://kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/food-for-families.html> or email Bill Lee Jr at foodforfamilies@mokofc.org

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Statewide Fraternal Benefit Night
- Tom Hegna -
Best selling retirement speaker and Author

**Pay Checks to Play Checks! with Tom Hegna
Retirement Solutions for Life!!**

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZYtciuivpzovGdEvEt_HuHzs44AunE5inpCG
(Click link to Register)

March 10th, 2021 7pm

- **Must pre-register! SIGN UP TODAY! Only sign up if you can attend.**
- **Limited to only 1,000, last one went over this number, get your councils registered early.**
- **All are welcome, members, non-members, wives, family and friends – forward the pre-register link and encourage all to attend.**
- **Once you pre-register, please do save that link in your follow up email in your calendar.**

Presentation description:

If you ask 50 different financial advisors how to plan for a secure retirement, you will get 50 different opinions. Their opinions are likely to be sub-optimal.

"Paychecks and Paychecks": Retirement Solutions for Life" is a guide for retirement that is built for uncertain markets like the one we are in today. The strategies in this presentation are based on a mathematically and scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live. You will learn how to retire with enough guaranteed lifetime income to cover your basic expenses and how to optimize the rest of your portfolio to make sure you receive your "paychecks."

**The One-Hundred-Twentieth Annual
Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus
Convention Friday, Saturday and Sunday
April 23, 24, 25, 2021**

**2021 Missouri Knights of Columbus
State Bowling
Tournament
Tournament hosted by
O'Fallon Council #2269**

Tournament Dates: March 13-14, 2021
Locations: O'Fallon Bowl and Frontier Bowl
Three Separate Events
Singles, Doubles (Saturday at O'Fallon Bowl)
Team (Sunday at Frontier Bowl)
Cost: \$17 per event per member, \$85 for 5 person team
Tournament open to ALL Knights of Columbus Members and their immediate families. This includes wives, adult children (including step-children), and in-laws.
No league or USBC membership required, open to ALL skill levels
For more information, contact Tournament Director Kevin Hudnut at 636-978-3639, or visit us Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mokofcbowling>.
Lanes Sponsorships for your Council or other businesses are available for only \$100, with proceeds going to Special Olympics and local charities!!

**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**



District Contest - February 1-15, 2021
Children ages 9-14 can compete at the Council and District.

ATHLETICS
2020-21 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Participating in the sporting events sanctioned by the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus is a wonderful way to re-ignite old friendships and start new ones. It's a great family get away for a weekend not to mention the bragging rights for placing in the event.

The Following Is A List Of Scheduled Events, Dates and Locations:

<p>2021 Golf Tournament July 17, 2021 Hosted by: Good Shepherd Council #907 Location: Norwoods Golf Club Hannibal, Mo. Contact: Ryan Fisher Phone: 1-573-822-5730</p>	<p>2021 Horseshoe Tournament August 20 - 21 & 22, 2021 Hosted by: Bishop Timon Council #6405 Location: Jackson, MO Contact: Tim Beussink Phone: 1-573-450-6466</p>	<p>2021 Sporting Clay Shoot September 11, 2021 Hosted by: Our Lady of the Lake Council # 6470 Contact: Ed Johnsonbaugh Phone: 1-417-337-0785 Location: Ozark Shooters Sports Complex – Walnut Shade, Mo.</p>
<p>2021 State Bowling Tournament March 13 & 14, 2021 Hosted by: O'Fallon Council #2269 Location: O'Fallon Bowl Frontier Lanes Contact: Kevin Hudnut : 1-636-978-3639</p>	<p>2021 State Softball Tournament June. 26 – (27 if needed for rain delays) TBD Hosted by: State Softball Board Contact: Todd Milner : 1-636-586-5723 Location: Ozzie Smith Sports Complex O'Fallon, Mo.</p>	

Entry Forms Due Approximately 30 Days Before Most Tournaments

Call Host Chairman for Details

For Information or Questions about Hosting a Tournament Contact:

Ennis Wm. Hinkebein II – State Athletics Chairman
342 Hidden Meadows Drive, Jackson, MO 63755

Phone: (home) 573-243-3367 or (cell) 573-450-4719. E-mail: eenie9@yahoo.com

10 Years Of Getting Sauced!!

**10th ANNUAL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ COOKOFF**



**July 30 & 31
2021**

**St. Vincent de Paul
Parish Picnic Grounds
Seminary Picnic Grounds
Perryville, MO**

Friday Night
Registration
Margarita Contest
Live Music, Food & Drinks
Burger Competition

Saturday
Bloody Mary Competition
Grand Champion Cookoff Consisting of
Chicken-Ribs-Pork-Brisket

Open to all teams with at least one K of C member in good standing.



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