



# 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

This fraternal year our Worthy State Deputy has chosen the slogan "We are Knights of JOY – Jesus Only You!" For us as Knights of Columbus, we must always keep Christ at the center of all that we do. Our relationship with Jesus must guide all our programs in our councils, auxiliaries, and assemblies

"for the joy of the Lord is our strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). We must as Knights and Ladies strengthen our faith and build up our families. Hence, we should make Supreme's Faith in Action program a priority this fraternal year as it will help us further the Catholic Faith.

While a lot has taken place helping our parishes and communities recover from Covid, we may find that there are lingering problems in our councils, parishes, and communities. Supreme has designed the Covid Recovery Program to help your council in these areas. Please see the resources on the Supreme website and talk to your district deputy if you need help. The state directors can assist you as well.

Thank you for all that you have done for your Councils this fraternal year! May the intercession of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney be upon your councils. In this Year of St. Joseph, may we always heed the injunction to this powerful intercessor, *Ite ad Joseph – Go to Joseph!*



### FAMILY DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE

Family activities chairman for the upcoming 2021-2022 fraternal year are as follows:

Dave Dillon Family Involvement West [familyw@mokofc.org](mailto:familyw@mokofc.org), Mike Koehler Family Involvement East [familye@mokofc.org](mailto:familye@mokofc.org), Bill Lee, Jr. Food

for Families [foodforfamilies@mokofc.org](mailto:foodforfamilies@mokofc.org), Ron and Amy Mathias Ladies Auxiliary [auxiliary@mokofc.org](mailto:auxiliary@mokofc.org), Ennis Hinkebein II, Athletics Activities and Events [athletics@mokofc.org](mailto:athletics@mokofc.org), and we have two new members of our group, Michael Hartig Knight, Family and Youth of the month [familyr@mokofc.org](mailto:familyr@mokofc.org) and Tom Gray Scholarships [scholarships@mokofc.org](mailto:scholarships@mokofc.org). I thank them all for their willingness and dedication.

Activities coming up really fast is the dead line for the Cardinals Royals game Mike Koehler need all reservations for the game by July 12th. Check the State website for more information or email Mike. Also 10th Annual BBQ cookoff will be July 30-31 hosted by Barnwell Council #1263 in Perryville. The ever-exciting Horse-shoes tossing August 20-23 hosted by Bishop Timon #6405 in Jackson. Sporting Clays on September 11th hosted by Our Lady of the Lake #6470.

It's time to get the family together and get out and have some fun, do something different this year get out! Come out and visit your brother Knights at any of these fun filled events.

To all District Deputies, please visit the supreme website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) follow it to "What We Do" Then to "Programs" then "Family" here you will find programs for councils that will help bring them back together. Family Week is a great one to plan for this summer.



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

Happy New Year

Sounds strange to say that in July but yet our new fraternal year starts July 1st. I again will be your Life Director this year and me and my team are ready to help you and our order have a great year.

I have a challenge for each Missouri Knight this year. And that is to bring in 1 new member to our order. Everybody has somebody they can ask.

These first few articles I will spend highlighting a different program under the LIFE umbrella and I will start off with our Sympathy card program.

Mike Deamos is once again chairman for this project and is ready to help you in recognizing a fallen brother. When a brother Knight passes away in addition to the documentation submitted to supreme submit to Mike a sympathy card request form so he can send the family a sympathy card signed by our State Deputy and our State Chaplain. And to have your fallen brothers name placed on the Memorial Board that is displayed at every State mass simply check mark the box and enclose a donation for \$25.00 which goes to Catholic education and this brothers' name will be permanently displayed on these boards.

### STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MICHAEL AUCHLY



Welcome to the 2021-2022 fraternal year as we open this chapter under better social conditions than a year ago. We have come a long way in figuring out how to invite new members to join the

order even though we were not able to see most of them very often. We have learned to adapt our meeting formats and how we handle the inclusion of those not able to be with us physically in person. We have stepped up in the last several months with an increase in new members and now is not the time to start relaxing our efforts. No matter if you are a new member yourself, a council officer, a District Deputy, State Chairman, or even a State Officer we all need to be membership active as it is all of our responsibility.

Helping to lead in these efforts are a great group of chairmen, whom I hope you turn to often: New Council Development & Reactivation – Patrick Carr; F.S. Trainer – Tom Caffrey; Regional Growth Coordinators – Jay Pflugradt (Northwest); Josh Neuweg (Kansas City); Les Erwin (Southwest); Ronald Mackenberg (Central West); Charlie Schuster (Central East); Jason Kehl (North-east); Marvin Doerhoff (St. Louis North); Richard Kobylski (St. Louis South) and also serving as Online Membership Chairman; Bill Davis (St. Louis West); and Gary Beussink (South-east); College Councils – Bernie Panther; Hispanic Coordinator – Jorge Orozco; Round Tables – Alan Meyer; Retention – Bill Stump; Awards/Star Councils – Kenneth Yunker, Jr.; Ceremonials – Brian Thomson and our General Insurance Agents – Ryan Lister (East); George Spinelli (Central); and John Mahon (West). Here are the quick start incentives for Missouri to start the year off:

**State Incentives for Councils:** the top council in each Diocese which has the highest percentage of their membership quota met in the first quarter will each receive \$100.

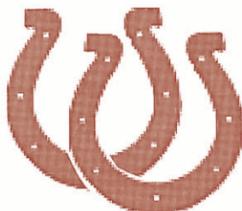
**In Solidarity with our Clergy -** The Council in each Diocese who has reached the highest percentage of their membership quota by December 1 will receive a Knights of Columbus Chasuble and Stole to present to their pastor as a Christmas present.

**State Incentives for Individuals:** For those who recruit a member in July we will draw 5 names for \$100 each. To be eligible you must recruit a new member in July. For every member you recruit you will receive one entry into the July incentive contest. The more members you recruit the better chance you have to win. Good Luck and recruit a new member in July!

**Yearlong:** The top proposer for the period of July 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 will be named a delegate for the 2022 Supreme Convention.

I know that everyone is racing to squeeze in some sort of a vacation or just trying to figure a way to escape for a little bit before the summer eludes us. This is the time now for us to be reaching out to the men of our parishes offering them the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus. What better way to help their community than to work through the Knights as we "Leave No Neighbor Behind"? Explain to families the unified degree in which they can all participate thus keeping the family together on such an important occasion. It is vitally important that we get more degrees scheduled on a regular basis in every district. We need to schedule one degree per district per month.

Our membership theme for this fraternal year is still "Join us for J.O.Y. (Jesus Only You)" which we have carried over from last year. Each Council is requested to immediately put into place membership growth events for the months of July, August and September. The membership team is here to help you, and we will be happy to help you in whatever ways we can. Please don't hesitate to ask us for help. Your Regional Growth Coordinator will be reaching out to you in the near future to help you get the new fraternal year started off in the right direction. As always, please remember to Celebrate Everything.



## Horseshoe Tournament

August 20-23, 2021

Bishop Timon #6405

Jackson, MO

Tim Beussink

(573) 450-6466

### FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

Please Pray for a Second Miracle  
toward Sainthood



For more information contact  
Chairman Ed Cirar  
[guild@mokofc.org](mailto:guild@mokofc.org)



**STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR  
PETER NICASTRO**

Welcome to all the new Council Community Directors, Program Directors and Grand Knights, I am grateful to State Deputy Mike Grudzinski and for my amazing team to lead another year of Community Activities, where in general are the charitable activities Knights families perform for our neighbors.

Like the other program areas, four Community Activities are usually required for a Council to earn the Columbian Award and Star Council.

Normally, the two activities a Council might do for fall are the **Drive for Developmental Disabilities**, and the Coats for Kids drive. This is the 49th year for the Drive for Developmental Disabilities, sometimes known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, October 8 – 10, normally the weekend closest to Columbus Day.

Councils who want to collect at Schnucks in St. Louis need to apply by July 10, and although we don't know of any other places that request such early application, we want to know, and encourage

Councils to start talking to places where they usually or want to collect, be it storefronts or street intersections. In addition or instead of street corner or storefront collections, Councils are encouraged to collect in the parishes they support on the Sunday of the Drive, and solicit their local businesses for corporate donations, either before the official weekend or after the main drive, providing a box or more of Tootsie Rolls for corporate donors to share with their customers. Tootsie Roll orders are due Friday, August 20, and copies of our supplemental liability policy are available especially for any stores that might want to see it or be included as an insured at the collection location. Every Council should do something, hopefully big but possibly small, to participate in supporting the Center through the Drive.

Coats for Kids kicks off in force after the Drive, but some places have fundraisers for **Coats for Kids** as early as summer. Nominally, each Council must order a case of coats from Supreme and work with a local partner to distribute the coats, but there are many variations on that theme throughout Missouri.

Some Councils obtain their coats from a third party at a discount, especially in spring after winter sales have ended; Springfield and Kansas City Chapters have regional efforts where they each pool funds and have regional distribution

partners; in St. Louis, the Knights of Columbus Center at Cardinal Glennon will gladly take coats for distribution which it provides to patient families as the need (unfortunately, frequently) arises. Many Councils have their own local distribution partners. Supplies Online requests 30 days for delivery, but has frequently been much faster once it has the coats in hand for the season.

In the last half of the year, Councils can fulfill their two-activity Columbian Award obligations by hosting or participating en masse in a **Blood Drive**; holding a drive to raise or donating funds for the **Wheelchair Mission**; donating to support the **Prison Ministry**, or participating in our **Essay Contest**. This year's Essay Contest is on the theme, “Who is My Neighbor?,” and essays from grades 6 – 8 are due by January 31. The time before school begins is the right time to talk to parish school teachers to include the essay contest in their curriculum planning. Finally, we need photos of all your Council activities to post or share to **Knights of Columbus Missouri State Council Facebook** page. I just posted tonight photos from last night's hall opening for Fr. Weis Council in Centralia, and we know that dozens of charitable, fun, family-supporting activities will take place all across Missouri Councils this summer. Please share them with us.



**STATE LADIES AUXILIARY CHAIRCOUPLE  
RON & AMY MATHIAS**

Hello Brother Knights and Lovely Ladies. As we are getting to the heat of summer, we hope you all are having a great time. With the District Deputy Meeting scheduled for July 10th & 11th, this means that information will be coming back to pass out to the Auxiliaries. Your District Deputy will have your New 2021-2022 Program Directory for you to share with your Ladies and Auxiliaries. We have all of the Area Meetings scheduled. The Auxiliaries ready to provide a great afternoon to share a great lunch and review information for the upcoming year. These are scheduled and will have invitations sent to the Auxiliary Presidents requesting the Ladies to RSVP for the meeting. Please provide this information back to the host Auxiliary so they can plan for the event.

**“HOT PINK REMINDER”**

If you have not yet submitted your Hot Pink Sheet, this will still be accepted and are valuable for the upcoming Area Meetings this fall. Please fill out and submit your report after your election of officers. This report can be mailed or e-mailed to us at the following locations.

Ron & Amy Mathias  
252 S Grand Ave  
Maryville, Mo. 64468

E-Mail: [auxiliary@mokofc.org](mailto:auxiliary@mokofc.org)

Amy and I are looking forward to attending the District Deputy Meeting and bringing back information for the Area Meetings. Please be safe this summer and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon.

**Mark Your Calendars  
For The 10th Annual  
Knights Of Columbus BBQ  
Cookoff  
July 30 & 31, 2021**



**Sporting Clays**

September 11, 2021  
Our Lady of the Lakes #6470  
Ozark Shooter Complex  
Walnut Shade, MO

Contact: Ed Johnsonbaugh - 417-337-0785

**State Family Involvement  
Knights of Columbus**



St. Louis Cardinals  
vs Kansas City Royals



August 7, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m.

Your \$27 ticket includes game admission and a \$5 donation to KofC Developmental Diagnostic Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

Contact: Mike Koehler -280 Deane Ct., Sunset Hills, MO 63127

**Memorial Board**

Offering prayers for the faithfully departed is one of our traditions that we have as Catholic Christians. While we continue daily pray for the departed souls of your deceased Brother Knights, Lady Auxiliary members and family members in your Councils, Assemblies, Auxiliaries and Parishes, the Missouri State Memorial Board provides another opportunity for this continued recognized honor for prayers. For more info contact:

Michael Demos - Sympathy Card/Memorial Board Chairman  
[sympathycard@mokofc.org](mailto:sympathycard@mokofc.org)

**STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON**



Changes and Prayers.

Many people start off a new year with resolutions. It's a common practice that even I've partaken in myself. Usually this a January event and coincides with the start of a new year. However, as many of you know, the new year for the Knights of Columbus typically occurs during the summer as July 1st marks the beginning of a new fraternal year and for many council's and their leadership, it marks some personal resolutions to make their councils even better.

This summer, I find myself making new resolutions. As many of you might, or might not know, I am John “Rocky” Gambon. I was asked by State Deputy Mike Grudzinski to take over both the R.I.B. and Faith Director's positions. After much consideration and talking with my wife Karen not to mention some serious prayer, I agreed. The job before me is a challenging one and I begin by asking for your prayers. I humbly ask that you pray for the Holy Spirit to give me the strength, courage, and conviction to carry out this task. I will be learning much and probably making a mistake or two along the way but with your prayers and God's help, I hope great things will become of this.

For the coming year, it is my plan to make councils aware of what their generosity towards the R.I.B. or Religious Information Bureau goes to. The same can be said for the work of the Faith Development portion of the Missouri Knights of Columbus. Many accuse the Knights of being card players, beer drinkers, and having the occasional breakfast or fish fry. We know that the Knights are so much more than that as we practice our faith in so many ways. As an example, let me share our plans to hold a pilgrimage this August. This is scheduled for Perryville on Sunday August 15th at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. Perryville is located between Cape Girardeau and St. Louis and if you've never been to the Shrine, you really should think about attending. We will attend mass, say the rosary as we walk and tour the grounds and finish with a lunch at the local Knights Hall. A second pilgrimage is scheduled for Laurie, Missouri on the first weekend in October. Details are forthcoming.

Finally, let me finish by thanking my predecessors, Chris Teel and Mike Tesmer. In taking over this task, both have offered me their guidance. I've already approached each on a topic or two and they have been nothing but kind. Please keep Chris and Mike and their families in your prayers as well and prepare yourselves for an amazing year!