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**STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
LUCAS VOLKMAN**

Brother Knights and Ladies:

As we move into November, it is month when we particularly commemorate the faithful departed. Hence, an activity that every council, auxiliary or assembly should undertake at some point this month is to pray for the eternal rest of those who have gone before us. Whether this be a memorial

mass, or some other sort of commemoration to pray for their eternal souls, please consider this worthwhile endeavor.

In November our Supreme Regional Trainer, Jon Olson, will be coming to Missouri for a series of regional sessions. In part, they will be listening sessions, and opportunities for councils to continue to expand their good work this year. Grand Knights and financial secretaries for sure, deputy grand knights and key officers as well, but any interested members are welcomed.

Here is the schedule (all sessions will tentatively start with dinner at 6:30pm with the actual session starting at 7pm):

Monday 11/15/21 Cape Girardeau

Council 1111 Southeast Region

Tuesday 11/16/21 Chesterfield

Council 9981 St. Louis & St. Charles Regions

Wednesday 11/17/21 Jefferson City

Council 1054 Central East & West Regions

Thursday 11/18/21 Springfield

Council 9533 Southwest Region

Friday 11/19/21 Harrisonville

Council 6550 KC Region

As you work your programs, remember to keep Christ central in all that you do. 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!*



**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
MICHAEL AUCHLY**

With all of the October Membership Drives we should see a lot of Degrees scheduled for November! I'm not sure this is the case thus we need to get more active on the membership front. We have so many program opportunities coming up in the next few months that we should be able to take advantage of by inviting men and their families to join the Knights. If you haven't conducted your Membership Drive you need to get one scheduled now. These can be the more traditional membership drives or the Delta Church Drive just as long as you hold one. Supreme has extended the MCGIVNEY2020 free online

membership discount through the end of the year in order to help make it easier financially for men to join. To become a Knight, instruct the prospects to visit www.kofc.org/joinus and enter the following promo code: MCGIVNEY2020.

As I said last month, this a huge opportunity for new members and a great time to aggressively promote the works of the Knights of Columbus. We ask that you place ads and announcements in your local parish bulletins and in your local newspapers with this information. Ask your priest if you can do pulpit announcements. The Missouri State Council has been placing ads in the Diocesan publications referencing the free membership, take advantage of this! This would also be the perfect time to schedule one of your benefits nights required for Star Council this year.

A proper Drive needs to be a coordinated effort of promotion beforehand, having Knights and materials available following Masses where prospect cards and council flyers can be handed out. Then there needs to be a proper follow through such as an Open House, host a fish fry, invite them to attend a Monday Night Football party or have a family day that involves games and activities for the whole family to participate in. Get with your DD or any member of the Membership Team and we can help. The important thing is to do something!!!

Current incentives:

Any Council that has achieved 100% of their membership goal by December 31 will receive \$100. The member that recruits the most members October 1 thru December 31 will receive \$100.

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.

The Council that recruits the largest percentage of their membership goal in the second quarter will receive \$300. Second largest percentage will receive \$200. Third largest percentage will receive \$100. The top proposer for the period of July 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 will be named a delegate for the 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville.

In November we begin the month by remembering those who have gone before us, and end the month by giving thanks for all of the things our heavenly Father has given to us. There is no greater blessing a man can have than good health, a loving family and/or close friends, and security. Show your thankfulness for your Knights membership by asking a Catholic gentleman to join us. Complacency has taken its toll and it will take a lot of effort to get members to think more about recruiting family, friends and neighbors. The Knights are not looking for perfect men to join us. We are looking for good men that will become better men, better fathers, and better husbands because of their involvement in our Order. As always, please Remember to Celebrate Everything!



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

Greetings to all. Amy and I hope you are having a wonderful fall,

and finding way to stay busy. We also hope this finds you all doing well, and staying healthy. We have finishing up all of the area meetings for the State. We have now had the privilege of attending the area meetings. It was good to talk to old friends and to meet some new ones. We are continually amazed at all of the great work the Ladies of the State of Missouri do. Amy and are very appreciative for all of the warmth and hospitality which was shown to us during all of the meetings. You all have gone out of your way to make us feel we are a part of your area. There are so many great programs and activities the Ladies are involved in. You all should be very proud of the great things you do and are accomplishing. We would also like to thank all of the State Officers, Chairman, District Deputies, and fellow Knights who also attended the meetings. You were able to help bring even more information and support to the great efforts the Ladies Auxiliaries accomplish.

Remember we are offering an incentive for the highest percentage growth in membership for the year. Please also make a great effort to increase your membership with the new rules for membership. Together I know we can reach the goal of a 5 percent increase in membership across the State.

We hope you all have a safe, blessed, and enjoyable fall. We hope to be able to see you all in person in the very near future.

FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

Please Pray for a Second Miracle
toward Sainthood



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Degree Schedule November 2021 - May 2022



Thursday, November 4

6:30 PM Hermitage – Parish Center
Fr. Donald Powers Council #13786

Saturday, November 6

6:45 PM Wentzville
St. Gianna – Council #14561

Saturday, November 6

6:00 PM Cottleville – Council #7198

Sunday, November 7

9:00 AM Belson – Council #5586

Tuesday, November 9

6:30 PM St. Clement Bowling Green
St. Clement Council #1928

Sunday, November 14

9:00 AM Maryville – Council #1339

Wednesday, November 17

6:30 PM Holts Summit
St. Andrew Parish Council #8400

Monday, December 6

7:00 PM Montrose
Montrose Community Bldg
St. Henry's Council 1125

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 PM Jefferson City
Helias Council #1054

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 PM Elsberry
Sacred Heart Council #11928

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

6:30 PM St. Clement – Bowling Green
St. Clement Council #1928

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

7:00 PM Clinton – Holy Rosary Cafeteria
Holy Rosary Council #1896

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

5:30 PM Warsaw – KC Hall Wildcat Drive
Jay Harris Council #8620

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

7:00 PM Silex – Millwood/Silex Council #2009

Thursday, March 3, 2022

6:30 PM Hermitage
Parish Center

Fr. Donald Powers Council #13786

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

6:30 PM Hermitage
Parish Center

Fr. Donald Powers Council #13786

Thursday, May 5, 2022

7:00 PM Montrose
Montrose Community Bldg
St. Henry's Council 1125

Thursday, May 12, 2022

7:00 PM Clinton – Holy Rosary Cafeteria
Holy Rosary Council #1896



**STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
PETER NICASTRO**

Thank you to everyone who helped collect in our 49th annual **Drive for Developmental Disabilities**. Whether you were on a street corner, in front of a grocery, pitching local businesses to become partners, or manning a church drive with other Knights families, your support for the Knights of Columbus Center and our local charities supporting the developmentally disabled.

Any card donations through continuetogive.com were reported separately to Council’s financial secretaries of record. Final report and turn around disbursement forms are available on the state website forms page and on our state Facebook page. Please use the current year’s forms only.

With the end of the Drive, we need to pivot quickly to our **Coats for Kids Drive**. One of the best Christmas gift a child can receive is a warm coat so that he can wait for the bus, go outside to play, or walk to a friend’s house this winter. It’s cold outside!! There’s lots of regional diversity in how Councils statewide obtain coats and distribute them. Last year we purchased statewide 188 cases of coats, compared to 317 cases in 2019, so we really want to keep kids warm and - at least get back to our 2019 total.

Coats are available from Knights gear this year at \$237 - \$335 per case of 12, shipping

included, and will ship to your Council for delivery in about 2 weeks. Coats are available for boys and girls; child, youth, teen, and, new this year, adult sizes, because some older kids are adult sized. A credit or debit card is required to order from Knightsgear; this change was enabled to allow Coats chairmen to take care of the order, rather than restricting ordering to a Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.

If your Council gets coats from some other third-party such as a retailer, at a discount late in the season, or if your Council has a coat drive, that also counts for this program. Kansas City and Springfield have well-developed Chapter programs to help Councils in those areas participate. In St. Louis, the Knights of Columbus Center gladly accepts donations which it distributes to patient families throughout the winter as they are needed. Some other Councils want their coats to stay local, find local partners, such as their parish St. Vincent DePaul conferences, and distribute coats at a single day event or as needed. Please lead your Council in ordering or collecting *at least one case* of coats and pick a manner of distribution that best fits your community.

Meanwhile, whenever your Council or Assembly has a charitable event, fraternal activity, fundraiser, family night, blood drive, whatever, let your brother Knights know by snapping a picture or two, “liking,” and placing a visitors post on our **Facebook** page: *Knights of Columbus Missouri State Council*. We want to tell the story of the great work that Knights do all throughout our state, but need your help to answer the eternal prospect question, what do Knights families do?



**STATE LIFE DIRECTOR
BRIAN ZIEGLER**
“Defending Life with JOY”

November is upon us Brothers! That means everyone will be thinking of the holidays and food and family. But I ask you to add 1 more to that list. The babies that were never allowed to be born. Our Roses for Life orders have been submitted and councils are planning their rose Sunday. I ask that we do more.

I ask that each council try to support someone who is attending the March for Life. I would also ask that councils hold their own March for Life in their parish and community as not everyone can make the trip to Washington D.C. Most importantly I ask that we as brother Knights all pray. Pray for the marchers, Pray for Roe vs Wade to be overturned, Pray for those babies that were aborted but most importantly pray for those mothers and fathers that had their baby aborted as they are suffering.

We are living in a very anti prolife time and now is when we as Brother Knights need to rise up and be seen and be heard praying for the unborn, those who can’t speak or pray for themselves.

**Pray Three
Hail Marys
To
End Abortion**



**FAMILY DIRECTOR
CHUCK PAQUETTE**

It’s time to start spreading the news about Missouri State Council 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. The scholarships are designated in the

following categories:

Four (4) **LUKEE. 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 (3) **MISSOURI STATE** Scholarships. The recipients may attend any accredited University or College within the state of Missouri other than those mentioned in the Luke E Hart scholarship program. Three (3) **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 (1) **Tech School** Scholarship. The recipient may attend any accredited tech school or community college as long as they are a part of a Technical Program within that community college. Associates of Arts and other General Education degrees do not qualify for the Technical Education scholarship. (Normally a two-year program). **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for the Hart, Missouri State, or Tech School scholarships,

A member of the Knights of Columbus; OR The son, daughter, or wife of a member of the Knights of Columbus; OR The son, daughter, or non-remarried wife of a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus; OR a member of a Ladies Auxiliary of a Missouri Knights Council OR 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE Completed applications using only the 2021-2022 application form, and required certification forms must be postmarked no later than **FEBRUARY 20, 2022** in order to be considered. Applications will be available on the **MOKOFC** web page at www.MOKOFC.ORG. If you have questions contact **Tom Gray at scholarships@mokofc.org**.

Family Prayer Night

Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for children to meet and be around regular people living their faith in a casual setting. Families of council members, as well as other Catholic families within the parish and community, will gather for prayer, dinner and fellowship. Multiple groups can be formed and families are encouraged to rotate between these groups. This program is easy to do, and is detailed out on the Supreme website <http://kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family>.

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOHN “ROCKY” GAMBON



Ah, fall has arrived. Many Councils who have instituted new programs and new changes are seeing the fruits of their labor and if not yet, they soon will be. Then there are those councils who have well established programs and might be looking for something new. Never fear because the Faith and RIB programs have some ideas.

First, please note that the Religious Information Bureau or RIB has hit a small snag as envelopes join the list of things in short supply. If you and your Council have received documentation concerning your RIB donation, great! If not, know that it soon will arrive. In the meantime, you can make a donation online at

www.continuetogive.com/rib

Second, we have finished a short video explaining what your RIB donation goes to. Each of the state’s four Bishops have recorded a video thanking the Knights throughout Missouri for their donations. In the video, each Bishop gives an explanation of what the money goes to in their diocese. Look for the video on the Missouri Knights of Columbus website at www.MoKofC.org. The total video is about 8-10 minutes and well worth watching.

Speaking of envelope shortages, I have been working to mail out to all the Councils information regarding the Missouri Religious Vocation Fund (MRVF). Some of you may have received a letter from me asking to donate so that the four diocese have funds to help in recruiting our youth to consider a religious vocation. Unfortunately, I too have also run out of envelopes and hope to get some more soon. If you would like to donation, please send your check to Joe Stoverink, Chairman of the MRVF. His address is 2341 Burns Avenue, Overland MO 63114.

I’m happy to hear that councils throughout the state are putting together Holy Hours. From Eucharistic Adoration on Friday afternoons or Wednesday evening after mass, or even Perpetual Adoration, these opportunities are wonderful for Knights Councils and church parishioners to have an encounter with Christ through silent prayer and quiet meditation. If your church is not holding one, talk with your priest and recommend a Holy Hour. Even 60 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity for a communal rosary or quiet reflection.

Finally, our Diocesan chairman have been working hard to share the list of seminarians within the state to all of Missouri Knights’ Councils. Please remember to sponsor at least one seminarian through the **RSVP** or **Refund Support Vocations Program** fund. Your financial support of a seminarian is greatly appreciated but I ask that you also remember to send a letter or card occasionally reminding them that they are in your prayers. For more information regarding the **RSVP** program simply go to the Supreme website at www.KofC.org and type in **RSVP** in the information field. You’ll be glad knowing that you are helping a young man in his journey to the priesthood.

