



Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus

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Newsletter

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“WE ARE KNIGHTS FOR LIFE”

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STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR – JOHN KOLISCH

The District Deputies area meeting schedules are in full swing. Grand Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents please attend and encourage your officers to attend your local area meeting. Your District Deputy has lots of information you can use. Knowledge alone is not enough. However, knowledge plus application equals success.

An update on the Job Bank, in the first ten months of this new program we have been able to place 115 Brother Knights, spouses and or widows of a Knight with employment. We currently have 107 applicants, 50 jobs in the bank. We have just added some 1,500 jobs in the south St. Louis area (River Front Casino). In addition, we are looking forward to adding more from Kansas City in the future. If you know of employment opportunities, please e-mail the information to our webmaster.

Worthy Grand Knights, with the permission of members in good standing in your council, such as, but not inclusive to, Tradesmen, Small Business owners and Professionals, would you consider posting a list of names with contact information (phone number) so Brother Knights could possibly use the services of another Brother Knight. This group also needs help in this difficult time. For legal reasons, post a disclaimer at the bottom of your listing. Such as (neither this council nor the Knights of Columbus assumes any responsibilities for goods or services).

If you have a Kohl's Department Store in your area, Kohl's is offering a program called, THE A-TEAM. Councils can get help with fund raising efforts that benefit Children plus a check for \$500.00 for each such benefit. Contact your District Deputy for more information. There maybe other companies offering similar programs, if you know of any contact me so we can get the word out to our members.

My Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members, The Missouri Jurisdiction of The Knights of Columbus are flourishing due to your acts of Columbianism at the Council levels. We at the State level could do nothing without your cooperation and support. We thank you.

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – KEITH MILSON

At the Mid-Year State Council meeting we rolled out the new 2100/32/56 campaign. Our goal this year is 2100 new members in Missouri. The Missouri State Council is shooting for a 32nd consecutive year of positive membership growth, a record nearly unmatched across the entire Order! We all recognize and acknowledge the important and valuable role that our 56 District Deputies have to play in making those goals! As announced at that meeting, any District Deputy who makes Star Council will be given a Knights of Columbus ring. As witness to their commitment each of the DD's and State Membership Chairman have promised to personally recruit one new member in between now and June 30th.

Let's start the New Year off right by recruiting at least one new member into your council. Council officers are encouraged to follow the lead of the DD's and State Chairman in a big recruiting push during January. Doing this can set the example for the rest of your members. Consider forming the council officers into teams and to help meet your goals. Using the two-on-one recruiting method brings twice the energy, enthusiasm, knowledge and persistence to your effort and doubles the chance of success. Begin by setting a goal, such as having the best recruitment month ever for your council or achieving your membership quota by the end of the month. Once your goal is set, organize the two-man recruitment teams from council officers, chairman and additional recruiters. Train the recruiters. Ask your council's field agent to offer advice on recruitment techniques. Show your recruitment teams the recruitment videos that are available from the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services. Get copies of the "How to..." Recruitment Guide (Item 2769), Pocket Flip Chart (Item 2041) "The Greatness of a Man" pamphlet (Item 4496) and have plenty of the new Form 100's on hand for each two-man team. Set a date for a First Degree or coordinate with another nearby council to hold a joint event. Either way, establish a date and let the teams know that they have to get to work to have candidates for the exemplification.

Once your recruiters are ready to go, divide your parish directory or other prospect list among the teams and let them get to work! The teams should make telephone calls to prospects to schedule a visit with them and their wives. During these personal visits to the prospects home, team members should talk about local council activities and the benefits that Knights of Columbus membership brings not only to the member but also to his entire family. Have the team review the promotional material that you ordered from Supreme with the prospect and his wife. At the end of the visit the team should ask the prospect to join and assist him in completing the Form 100. A team member should offer to pick him up to meet with the Admissions Committee and to the First Degree and his first council meeting following his initiation. The recruiter should introduce the new Knight to council members and find out what events and activities interest him most. Inform the member of the soonest opportunity to take his Second and Third Degrees.

Once again in 2010, any District Deputy that every one of his councils recruits at least one new member, will have his name entered into a drawing for a special Knights of Columbus "wristwatch" graciously purchased by PSD Lou Mautino. Make sure your name is in the entered into the drawing!

The State Membership Team is here to assist you in having a successful membership month in January. Please call upon any of us; we are here to serve you! Remember, it is not too early to start planning for the Spring Blitz, which has been set for March!

2nd & 3rd Degree Dates

January 10, 2010 Council 3760 Mexico, 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am
January 24, 2010 Council 4679, 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am
January 31, 2010 Council 13750 Conception Seminary, 1:30 pm
January 31, 2010 Council 823 St. Charles, 1:00 pm
February 14, 2010 Council 1187 Desoto 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am
February 21, 2010 Council 6435 House Springs 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am
February 28, 2010 Council 1121 Washington 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am
March 14, 2010 Council 8920 Cuba 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am
March 28, 2010 Council 9272 Smithville 1:00 pm
April 11, 2010 Council 1263 Perryville 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am
April 18, 2010 Council 13178 Vienna 1:00 pm, 1st Degree 10:30 am

4th Degree Dates

March 6, 2010 St. Louis
April 10, 2010 Kansas City

RELIGIOUS INFORMATION BUREAU – JOE ROSENTHAL

There has been a good response from the Fall Appeal letter to the members. On behalf of Fr. Lukefahr, Greg Stratman – State Deputy, Bill Lukas – Secretary-Treasurer RIB, and myself, we thank you for the generosity the members have shown. This money will be put to good use for the evangelization across Missouri.

Do you honor your Priests on the anniversary of his ordination? What better way than to make a donation in his honor to the Religious Information Bureau! This honorary donation would help spread the Gospel of our Lord across Missouri. Wouldn't that make our Priests really believe that we truly support their efforts.

Bill Lukas earlier this fall mailed out the quotas for each Council and Ladies Auxiliaries. The response has been slow but we know that the Councils and Auxiliaries will come through as they always do. Please don't wait too long after you collect your dues for the coming year to mail in your RIB donations. Want to be in the Circle of Honor? Don't forget to send in your 100% Council donation by March 31st. Even better give a 125% and earn the RIB Apostolate Cross.

As we start the New Year remember that the \$7.50 donation per member goes a long way to support the evangelization in Missouri. The advertisement for the Catholic Home Study Service in the local papers keep increasing in costs. Therefore more dollars are needed to continue this extraordinary service offered by the Missouri Knights of Columbus. As your Council or Auxiliary makes its yearly donation, take the time, pray about your donation and increase your usual 100% to 125% of quota.

M.R. PROMOTIONS – ED COLUMBUS

The M.R. Drive/Tootsie Roll Drive, has been over for a couple of months. I want to Thank everyone who helped in this drive. Final figures are coming in and we are close to matching last year's totals. It is time to finish all of the paper work. Money is counted and decisions need to be made as to who will receive the turnaround funds in your area. Please send in your disbursement form with the final report to Frank Kempker.

If for some reason, your council has not sent in your final report, please do so soon. If you have not sent your money to the Hawthorn Bank, that also needs to be done soon.

If your council did not do a drive, please send in a final report stating that your council did not do a drive. One of the Diocesan Chairmen will be in touch with you to determine why you did not do a drive and possibly help devise a plan to have a drive next year. If your council did not do a drive and you would still like to help financially, please consider donating to the MR Program from your councils general funds. If your collections were down this year, one way of helping increase the amount raised is for the council to cover the cost of the tootsie rolls, every little bit helps. There has been a conscience effort by the MR team to clear up long standing turnaround funds. At this printing only 15 councils have available funds from the past two years. Our hope is to have all funds disbursed by the end of the fraternal year.

As we clean up a few loose ends with the MR Drive, focus for the rest of the fraternal year is turned toward the Contest of Concern for Special Olympics. Each year the State Council pledges at least \$30,000 to the Special Olympics. Our goal this year is \$35,000. One way to help reach this

goal is by participating in the sale of raffle tickets. This year we are going electric. There will be three prizes: a 40 inch Samsung HD LCD TV, a 17 inch HP Laptop Computer and a 4.3 inch Tom-Tom GPS. Each Council, Assembly and Auxiliary President has been sent several books of raffle tickets. Cost is \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. Diocesan Chairmen have more tickets, if needed.

Ticket stubs and money should be mailed to Ed Columbus, 4807 Appleton, Kansas City, MO 64133. Make checks payable to Columbian Charities of Missouri. Proceeds after expense, will go to Contest of Concern for Special Olympics.

There are several councils that donate directly to the Special Olympics in their area. For that the Special Olympics of Missouri is most grateful. Please don't stop doing that, they need the money. I would like to encourage Councils, Assemblies and Auxiliaries that in the past who have donated directly to a local Special Olympics program, and who intend this year to donate to the Special Olympics to consider sending your donation to Frank Kempker Jr., Treasurer for Columbian Charities and ask for the money to be deposited in Contest of Concern for Special Olympics and attach a letter with the check, requesting a check, for the same amount to be sent back to the local council made out to the Special Olympics in your local area. In doing your donation this way, both local Special Olympics Organizations and Contest of Concern benefits.

There will be special plaques available to councils that contribute directly to the Contest of Concern for Special Olympics. Awards are Bronze for \$250-\$499, Silver for \$500-\$999, and Gold for \$1000 and over. There is the possibility the State Council could receive an additional amount up to \$8,000 from Supreme for the Special Olympics. To be eligible to receive this money a Council must fill out Form #4584, Partnership Profile Report with the Supreme. This form can be filled out online and is done by the Grand Knight. Money is awarded by the Supreme to a Jurisdiction based on involvement in their Jurisdiction in Special Olympic activities by councils. If you have done anything to assist the Special Olympics, please let your Grand Knight know so he can include your involvement on his form. Let's all work together to make our Jurisdiction number one.

“Knights & Ladies - A Winning Team - Helping God's Special People”.

Vivat Jesus

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – PAUL QUIRK, DIRECTOR

With the Christmas Season behind us, I'm certain that every Council is busy making plans for their Membership Drives. The Missouri Knights of Columbus have shown positive membership growth for thirty-two years in a row. Let's all do our part to make it thirty-three years in a row.

It is not too early to get your scrapbooks in order for the State Convention this April. Contact Marvin Armistead should you have any questions. Also, don't forget to mail Marvin a copy of your Council Newsletter. Let's make an effort to get at least one Knight of the Month application from each District. Contact Steve Sallwasser he is willing to assist.

If you have not completed your District Deputy Second Quarter Report now is the time. Please sit down with your District Deputy and complete your Council Quarterly Check sheet. If you cannot locate this check sheet please email at dannetquirk@sbcglobal.net I would gladly send you one.

I look forward to visiting you at your District Meetings.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – RALPH CUPELLI

“Strengthening Our Faith by Our Actions”

I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas. With our fraternal year half over it is the time to develop a plan to accomplish your remaining Church Activities programs and goals. Your District Deputy should have shared with you the things we discussed and emphasized at the December District Deputies Meeting. The first is to have your parish, Catholic school, and/or religious education program apply for a \$500 or \$1,000 **Monsignor Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grant**. Catholic Education Chairman Fr. Joseph Weber has updated the grant information and application form – which is due by March 1, 2010 - on our State KOC website at: [HYPERLINK “http://www.mokofc.org/AdobeFiles/KOFCEducationGrantApplication2010.pdf”](http://www.mokofc.org/AdobeFiles/KOFCEducationGrantApplication2010.pdf) www.mokofc.org/AdobeFiles/KOFCEducationGrantApplication2010.pdf

Recipients of 2009 grants also need to complete the evaluation form that is located on the website and submit it with your application. Please remember that the programs we fund are for the YOUTH of our parishes.

You can contribute to the **Catholic Education Fund** by purchasing a Knights of Columbus license plate (\$25 for one year and \$50 for two years), by honoring someone either living or deceased with a Memorial Plaque, or just sending a contribution. Forms for both of these programs can be found on our State K of C website under Online Forms. Contact Catholic Education Fund Chairman Adrian Greenburg if you have any questions or want to make a contribution.

It isn't too late to sponsor a seminarian, novice or postulant. The names of seminarians were distributed to your District Deputies or can be obtained from your Vocations Chairmen: Kurt Sommerhauser for the St. Louis Archdiocese, Dale Fick for the Kansas City – St. Joseph Diocese; me for the Jefferson City Diocese; Marcus Schaefer for the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese (East); and, Richard McNerney for the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese (West). You can also contact your Diocese's Vocations Office. Our councils have been very generous supporting seminarians, novices and postulants. Ensure if you contribute \$500 or more you complete the RSVP form found in your forms book. You will receive \$100 back from Supreme that you can donate to the **Missouri State Council Religious Vocations Fund**.

Our **Religious Vocations Fund** goal this year is \$15,000. To achieve this goal we need every council, auxiliary and assembly to contribute at least 50 cents per member to the Fund with a dollar or more per member the preferred amount. The money we collect for the Vocations Fund is sent to the four dioceses equally. Vocations Fund donations are beginning to trickle in, but we need a flood especially in this Year of the Priest!! Send your checks now to Chairman Jeff Slama at 2806 Insbrook Lane, Joplin, Missouri 64804.

Also please order from Jeff some of religious items we have for sale to benefit the **Religious Vocations Fund** at: [HYPERLINK “http://www.mokofc.org/Directory/Church/ReligiousItemsOrderForm.pdf”](http://www.mokofc.org/Directory/Church/ReligiousItemsOrderForm.pdf) <http://www.mokofc.org/Directory/Church/ReligiousItemsOrderForm.pdf>

Decency and Marian Devotion Chairman George Deutschmann has created a new Decency card to place on our TV's and computers. Sample cards were distributed to each District Deputy for distribution to each council and auxiliary. Please let George or me know how many cards you would like and we will get them to printed and to you.

My Chairmen and I are looking forward to a great 2010 and helping you be successful in all our Church Activities.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES S DIRECTOR –TOM MANOS

My Brother Knights,

Well we have made it to the halfway point in this fraternal year. How is your Council doing for toward the Supreme Council “Columbia Award?”

Life, the right to be born and live has become a matter of debate in our culture. Abortion has demoralized our society. The Vitae Caring Foundation uses mass media to educate the public. The research shows this is having a substantial impact in reducing abortions in Missouri. We ask your Council to contribute to the great program. Please make your checks to Columbian Charities/Vitae Caring Foundation, and mail them to Chairman Reynolds Blackburn. You can visit their web site at www.vitaecaringfoundation.org.

The Prison Concern/Agape House also needs your help. We are well below the average at this time of the fraternal year. We really need you Council’s donation of \$50.00. Every Council who does donate will receive a certificate. This year the Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary who donates the most will receive an Awards Plaque by March 31, 2010. Chairman Rick Boyle will be looking for your check.

Chairman Jerry Rouse announced a change in the wheelchair program. We have new application forms for the Councils and individuals. This Supreme program is working in the same way. Your District Deputy has details, or contact Jerry.

Everyday you hear something about the Heath Care Bill going through Congress. The Missouri Catholic Conference is our watchdog on all Bills like the Heath Care Bill. Chairman Bruce Gardiner Jr. asked what can you do? Simple. Check out the web site at www.mcc.org. With 42,000+ Knights and their families in the State, we can have a voice. Also now is the time to get your brother Knights in your Council and Assemblies ready for this year’s elections. Be prepared, be educated, let your neighbors know. Our culture and society is at stake. Let every vote count. You the members of the Knights of Columbus can make a difference.

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. McGivney is on his way in becoming a Saint. Who would guess about 128 years ago this small Catholic Priest who got 30 men from his Parish together in the basement of St. Mary’s Church would be the Greatest Catholic Family Organization in the world. Do your part and become a member of the Fr. McGivney Guild. There is no cost, and application forms are in the State Directory or contact Chairman Richard Weiberg.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR – DAVID DILLON

Jim O’Fallon is proud to announce that the soccer challenge is completed for the year. Jim also appreciates all the help he received from everyone. It is time now to get everything ready for the Basketball Free throw Contest. The council level contest begins in January.

J.Y. Miller would like to remind everyone to read the eligibility requirements for the scholarship awards. The information concerning these scholarship applications needs to be made available to your parish high schools and if your parish does not have a high school to the youth group within your parish.

Bill Breeding is wanting to help start up a new troop or help to get an old re-energized.

Michael Auchly keeps saying the youth want an organization that has their interests in mind and the Squires or Columbus Girls fits that role. For information on how to get a Columbian Squires or Columbus Girls started contact Michael and he will help you get the process started. It is easier than you might think.

Tom Wildhaber wants to remind everyone that the State Essay Contest is in full swing and that the entries are due to him by the 28th of February 2010. The topics this year: Grades 5 through 8: “Strong Families Build Strong Communities”. Grades 9 through 12: “IS Modern Society Pro-family or Anti-family?” If you have any questions Tom is more than ready to answer them for you.

Gene Hofstetter wants to remind everyone that the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is fast approaching its conclusion. Remember to make sure the rules on the size and content of the posters are followed. The winning entries are due to Gene by 28th of February 2010.

Our youth deserve recognition for all they do and the Youth of the Month is a way to do just that. There are many young men and women that deserve to receive this award. Just take a look around your parish, community, school and at those Knights of Columbus events to see how the young men and women donate their time to help where they can.

The Youth Activities team would like to wish to our Knights of Columbus family a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. REMEMBER TO KEEP **CHRIST** IN CHRISTMAS.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR – MIKE GRAYSON

My Brothers;

I hope all had a very joyous and blessed Christmas!

The Children’s Christmas Party at the Mid-Year Meeting went very well. A lot of credit needs to go to Charles Kirchner and his wonderful wife. They did a very good job! Also, I have to offer my thanks to Mike Auchly and his Squires and Columbus Girls for their assistance. Also to our Clown Clubs! The group, working together, gave these kids a very nice party.

Soon, Chairman Jim Cooper will be sending out details for next years Family Day at the Ball Park. Many people waited too long last year for tickets. They sold out quick! As soon as you hear about them, make your plans!

As the Christmas Season ends, I’m sure you have noticed a family that has gone above and beyond in your Councils, not just in the Council activities, but also in the Parish, community, and their own families. Why not honor them with an application for Family of the Month? See Charles Bexten for applications, or they may be put in at our state website.

THINK SPRING!