KANSAS STATE COUNCIL

DISCOVER THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU

2018-2019 Program & Membership Guide

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“...A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization”

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The 10 Steps to Recruiting Success:

1. Set Council Goals and Quotas
2. Organize Church Drive Campaign
3. Set Recruitment Teams of 2 Men
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The Kansas State Council directed by State Deputy Dale A. Weber has assembled the following personnel to help your Council enjoy a successful year.

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2018-2019 Calendar of Important Dates

Most of the dates are deadlines. The actual work on the program should be done well in advance of the date shown. Always look one month ahead. Requirements for the Star Council Award are underlined.

MONTHLY
1. Hold Fundraisers for Pennies from Heaven and Culture of Life
2. Select your Family of the Month and submit to Supreme
3. Select your Knight of the Month and submit to Fraternal Chairman
4. Sign up a new member “Welcome One Another”
5. Fulfill your Adopt-A-Seminarian pledge

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JULY
14-15. Regional District Meetings Begin- DDs to distribute Applications/Reply Statements & Tickets for Religious Ed. Fund Drawing to Grand Knights at all Regional District Meetings
1. District Deputy Installation Meeting in Manhattan
2. Religious Education Fund Drawing Tickets to District Deputies

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21-22. Regional District Meetings Wichita, Garden City, Hays, Sabetha, Pratt, Aurora
1. Deadline to submit a bid to host 2019 State Golf Tournament
2. 19th Annual Golf Tournament at Dodge City

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25. Regional District Meeting Salina
28-29. Regional District Meeting Topeka, Manhattan, Kansas City, Atwood and Parsons
29. 5th Sunday Rosary Prayer Service and or Corporate Communion
30. Deadline for ordering Tootsie Challenge Kit

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AUGUST
1. Form #365—Service Program Personnel Report due at Supreme
7-9. 136th Supreme Council Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland
12-18. Knights of Columbus Family Week
14. 128th Anniversary of the death of Fr. Michael J. McGivney
15. Form #1295 Semi-Annual Audit Report due at Supreme
15. Deadline for receipt of articles for the Knight’s Lite
31. Deadline for ordering Tootsie Rolls

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SEPTEMBER
11. Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace
27. Deadline for Religious Education Fund requests
30. 5th Sunday Rosary Prayer Service and or Corporate Communion

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OCTOBER
1. Respect Life Month
8. Columbus Day Observed (National Holiday)
12-14. Conduct Tootsie Roll Campaign
25. Deadline for Grand Knights to return Religious Education Fund Drawing Donations & Extra Tickets to District Deputy

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28. Deadline to report Soccer Challenge reports to Supreme & State Council

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NOVEMBER
1. Remember Deceased Brother Knights with a Memorial Mass
1. Deadline for District Deputies to return Religious Education Fund Drawing Donations & Extra Tickets to State Religious Education Fund Chairman
1. Deadline to return Adopt a Seminarian Pledge cards
3. Deadline to order Free Throw Kits from Supreme

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DECEMBER
1. Keep Christ in Christmas. Review Programming & Membership Goals
1. Deadline to submit a bid to host the 2019 State Sporting Clays Shoot
8-9. Mid-year District Deputy meeting in Wichita
8. Drawing for prizes – Religious Education Fund
15. Deadline to submit Tootsie Roll Reports & Checks to State Treasurer
30. 5th Sunday Rosary Prayer Service and or Corporate Communion

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State Membership Program

Overview
It is written in Romans 15:7 “Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you”. We chose “WELCOME ONE ANOTHER” as our membership theme for this year because if we are to grow the Order, we must extend an invitation to all Catholic men. Every Knight of Columbus, current and new, should extend this invitation with an outstretched arm, just like Christ has done for us.

Kansas Membership Regions (By District)

Northeast: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Southeast: 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22
Northcentral: 1, 3, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30
Southcentral: 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 43
Southwest: 41, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57
Northwest: 39, 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 53, 54

Each Regional Chairman is there to work with you and help councils in recruiting new members, retaining existing members, identify opportunities to form new councils, and to establish Round Tables.

Kansas Recruiting Incentives and Awards

Councils
Hit 100% of your membership goal: GK gets a Membership Club Shirt and Hat.
Hit 125% of your membership goal: GK gets a $25 check
Hit 150% of your membership goal: GK gets another $25 for a total of $50
Century Club Award – Council achieves a net gain of 100 members - $1000 CASH!
Hold a Major Degree before 9/30/2018 with at least 10 candidates, of which 5 must be NEW members: the state will forgo the $150 fee for hosting a Major Degree.

Additional Council awards include:
- The Father McGivney Award for achievement of membership quota
- The Founder’s Award for achievement of insurance quota
  Earn all three awards mentioned above to earn STAR COUNCIL!

District Deputies
Hit 50% of your district membership goal by December 1, 2018 and have all councils membership active…Receive $200 at the Mid-Year meeting.
All councils membership active by the end of the fraternal year…Receive a Crucifix.
Hit 100% of your district membership goal: DD gets a Membership Club jacket.
Achieve 10% gross intake of your district: Receive a Caravelle gold watch.
Star District Award - 100% of the district membership, 100% of the insurance goal and at least one Star Council.
Double Star District Award - 200% of the district membership and 100% insurance goal.
All Star District Award - ALL active councils make Star Council. All Star District personalized jacket.

**Sunflower Award for Excellence**

**Requirements**

**Council:**
150% membership goal; 100% insurance goal; Seat at least one Delegate at State Convention (must show up to be credited; the one delegate cannot be State Council Staff or DD); submission of the following forms PRIOR TO June 28th, 2019:

- Form 365 (Program Personnel Report)
- History Report (State Form)
- Form 1728 (Fraternal Activity)

**District Deputy:**
125% membership goal; 100% insurance goal; Above Forms submitted by ALL active Councils; ALL non suspended Councils membership active and minimum of one Star Council.

Council and DD winners will receive a specially designed plaque.

**Membership Team**

- Regional Chairman NE: Kevin Oneslager
- Regional Chairman SE: Ed Miller
- Regional Chairman NW: Joseph Roth
- State Retention Chairman: Stephen Abels
- All Field Agents
- Regional Chairman NC: Randy Testa
- Regional Chairman SC: Thomas Schmeidler
- Regional Chairman SW: Todd Lutters
- State Ceremonials Chairman: Tom Rottinghaus, PSD

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Knights of Columbus College Councils are vital to bring in younger, college-aged men to the Order. College councils work closely with their pastor and their Newman Center or Campus Ministry Office to help contribute to Catholic life on campus through acts of charity, opportunities for faith formation, and social events.

Having experience leading a college council, I know first-hand that college councils require additional attention due to membership changing dramatically every year with an almost complete change of membership every 4-5 years. In order to adequately provide for this drastic change in membership, each council should recruit a minimum of 10 new Knights. Recruiting 10 new members each year can provide enough members to fill an entire officer slate but recruiting 20 new members each year would allow the council to sufficiently serve the needs of the campus. When recruiting remember that we must “Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.”

Each college council should send at least two delegates to the College Council Conference that is held annually in New Haven, CT. Supreme Council will be covering the travel costs and conference fee (hotel/meals) for two students, the council chaplain and the financial secretary.

The purpose of a college council is to have the vast majority of members be college students, as such college students should hold all elected offices. One requirement is that the financial secretary not be an undergraduate student, who has ties to the college itself is beneficial to this position, but it isn’t necessary. The financial secretary is the backbone of the college council and provides the stability for the council from year to year.

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PARISH ROUND TABLE PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus should be and can be readily available to every Catholic man regardless of the size of the parish or their unique ethnicity. Also every parish priest should be afforded the benefit of having the manpower of the Knights of Columbus at his disposal. The round table program allows small parishes not large enough to support a council, and parishes with diverse ethnicities to have a Knights of Columbus presence. With the approval of the parish priest a Parish Round Table Coordinator is appointed and works closely with the parish priest. For more information on roundtables please contact your district deputy or any membership team member.

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Young Adult Outreach & Recruiting

What was it that attracted you to join the Knights of Columbus? Charitable causes, expand your faith, the “cool sword?” Or, was it getting to spend time with men in your parish that you know for fellowship in a welcoming environment? Young adults are looking exactly for that same thing. A place to practice their faith, do good works and most of all build friendships with men their age that will last a life time.

For your council to recruit young men there are a few things you need to keep in mind. Let’s run through a few of these items and how you can utilize them in your recruiting efforts. Let us start with the current young adults you have in your council currently. Are they active? Do they have a leadership role? If current young men are more present and visible to the public, it will help you to bring new young Catholic men into the Order. Offer them positions especially program and membership director positions. If they want to become Grand Knight get them in there and support their efforts.

It is not only easier for younger members to approach potential new members but seeing men of the same age will spark more interest from those in their same age group. This is why getting these young men active in your current programs like Tootsie Roll Drive, a fish fry, even a council breakfast or parish picnic will help other young men see that there is a place for them in the Knights of Columbus.

Listen to new ideas and the different perspectives younger members will bring to the table. This should not stop at council activities. These young members should be encouraged to volunteer in Parish activities as well. Ushers, Lectors, Cantors, and any way they can lend their talents should be encouraged. Visibility and recognition are important to keeping and growing interest in our Order. If each council can get a core group of young members age 18-30, even if it’s one or two to start with, we will see a snowball effect of young adults in the Knights of Columbus.

Remember also, these young men are just starting their families and careers. Their time will be just as precious as you value your time. Give them the support they need. Offer open meetings so if they are on kid duty that night they can bring their kids with them and still participate in your council meetings. How about offering babysitting services once each quarter so young parents can have a date night. Or organize a council event with an evening dinner and entertainment for the young couples in your parish and provide sitters for those with kids so the parents can truly enjoy their evening without having to worry about finding sitters or being too far away from their children. Remember we are a Catholic family fraternal service organization.

The young men in our parishes are the future of our Order. Show them your support, be flexible with their ideas and most of all get them active. A little effort now can bring great rewards in the future. “Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed YOU!”

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E-Member Program

The E-Member program started on August 10, 2017 in three jurisdictions in the U.S. and Canada. Since then, the Supreme Council worked diligently on implementing the program in all U.S and Canadian jurisdictions by July 1, 2018. On April 9, 2018, the E-Member program went live in Kansas. Since then, we have had 10 members join as of June 16, 2018 with four of them having been transferred to the Admission Degree.

What is E-Member? E-Member is a program for recruiting and engaging new members. It is a web-based program for eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. When a man joins thru the E-Member program, he is put into a State Council division that houses all online members. The member stays in that division until the local Council transfers him into their Council and confers the Admission Degree upon him. The requirements for membership DO NOT change. A man must still be 18 years of age, a baptized Catholic and a practical Catholic. Prospects are also required to submit parish information during the application process. At the end, they are required to pay a $30 fee to Supreme. This fee will then transfer to the Council once transferred. If they stay in the State Division status for multiple years, they are still required to pay $30 per year to keep their membership.

What does online membership do? The program presents a huge opportunity for membership engagement and growth. The program allows for a:

**Faster way to join:** One of the most common things we hear when we ask a prospect to join is that “they don’t have enough time.” The current process can take several months, based on when recruited and when put thru an Admission Degree, now only takes minutes. The website can be accessed from a smart phone, tablet or computer. An example is at a church drive, why not have a way to join online right there at your church drive?

**Digital Experience:** This provides a new experience that is made for younger men and busier men who may want to join the Order but are not ready to commit to an actual council. This is a low-pressure, low-commitment and digital experience program that meets men where they are and helps to form them as Catholic men while enabling us to bring more men into the Order.

**Amplified Message:** The program is backed by a substantial marking campaign that will work to convert prospective members.

There are a few myths and concerns about the E-Member program. Online membership does not do the following:

**DOES NOT** change the requirements for membership.

**DOES NOT** eliminate degrees. Men who join online are non-degreed members. Once they take their Admissions Degree, they are converted to a local council.

**DOES NOT** eliminate councils.

**DOES NOT** eliminate dues. One members are required to pay $30 annual dues.

**DOES NOT** create a new class or type of member. While they are members of the Knights of Columbus, they are non-degreed members and do not belong to local councils but they are not provisional or partial members.

Those men who join as an online member will receive the following benefits:

- **Welcome Package** – Contents include membership card, *Columbia*, welcome letter and copy of *Into the Breach*.

- **Access to Online Membership Portal** – Full access to the online portal with its faith, values, insurance and charitable content. It will also have State and Supreme Council news and events.
Membership Communications – Receives weekly e-mails on topics including faith formation, public policy, charitable opportunities, financial planning, Order-wide news and membership events.

Programs & Events – Eligible to participate in or attend local, regional and national charitable and fraternal events.

Columbia Magazine - Receive the print addition of our monthly magazine, along with any special fraternal publications produced throughout the year.

Insurance - Members, spouses and dependent children are eligible to purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement products.

Accidental Death Coverage – Eligible members and spouses will be automatically enrolled into the Order’s accidental death coverage at no cost.

Annual Financial Review – Entitled to an annual review by your field agent.

In addition to these benefits, online members can also attend local Council monthly meetings. However, as an online member, he is not eligible to vote on Council matters and is not allowed to hold an office.

When you enroll for Officer’s Online as the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary, you will see a “Prospect” tab. Under that tab you will see the names of the online members who are in your area. You are then responsible to contact that online member and work with them to transfer them into your Council. It is imperative to have a timely transition once a man joins online to initiate an Admission degree.

The E-Member program is a great way to help grow the order and our State. We need to embrace the change and embrace the fact that the time for online membership is now. Use this program, make it readily available at Church drives, events, etc. Even though Supreme does not have a Council E-Member Coordinator officially listed, you can always appoint one. That person should be fully training and always be ready to help bring members in online.

If you have any questions or need any help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

My Brother Knights, developing new councils is a major focus for the Knights of Columbus. Ultimately our goal is to have a council in every parish across the state of Kansas. We want the Knights to have a strong presence within the Catholic Church and our community. To achieve this, we are striving to institute an active council in every parish. By installing new councils this will help us put our theme of “Faith in Action” into place and fulfilling the vision of our founder, Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney.

To aid with new council development we ask that you be conscious of your Catholic Community and try to discover where new councils may be needed. We should be seeking opportunities to start new councils, more Spanish speaking councils, college councils, and reactivating suspended councils. Keep yourself aware of the needs of your surrounding demographic and you will likely be able spot the areas in need of new council development. We must act and encourage the Parish by showing them the stewardship a Knights of Columbus council has to offer. An active council will undoubtedly strengthen the parish and community while also helping us to grow our fraternal order.

Follow these steps when ready to assist in forming a new council. First, download the New Council Development guidelines from the Supreme website. These will provide direction for how you will get started. Second, analyze the need for a new council and evaluate if there is sufficient manpower. If not, a Round Table may be the better option for the time being. Third, contact the State Council. The New Council Development Chairman, State Membership Director, State Deputy, Field Agent, and many others can lend assistance with starting a new council. Fourth, contact the Pastor and set up a meeting to seek his input and to gain his support. Fifth, set dates for initial membership drives and church drives. Be prepared to hand out literature at these drives and be able to explain the Knights of Columbus and what we do. Announcements in the parish bulletin are also recommended. Also, be sure to invite wives and families to recruitment meetings as the Knights strive to involve the entire family in their mission. Sixth, set the Admission Degree dates. Do not wait to get all the candidates. Set the date and then go after recruiting these new members.

New Council Development is essential to the future of our Order. This year we will focus on cultivating our new and recently reactivated councils and how to guide them to success. Our predecessors have encouraged us to assist our younger councils by providing mentorship. This will ensure that they flourish and ultimately serve to reinforce our Order. Do not hesitate to contact any of the State Officers, Membership team, Directors, and Chairmen when you need assistance. There is a vast amount of experience and knowledge available to assist where needed. We must continue to grow the Knights of Columbus in Kansas. Strive to truly “Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.” Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

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RETENTION PROGRAM

“Welcome One Another As Christ Has Welcomed You!”

The Kansas Knights of Columbus 2018-2019 retention goal is to reduce the number of suspensions. Retention of our current members is vital to the growth of our Order. We need every member in our Order to take an active role in the retention process and it should start immediately after the Admission Degree. To achieve this goal, we must do the following.

- Introduce the new members to other council members.
- Include the new members in your conversations before and after the meetings.
- Answer questions the new member has about the Order, the council, and the officer’s responsibilities.
- Call the new members to remind them of meetings and activities.
- Encourage the new member to receive the Formation and Knighthood degrees. Pick them up, take them to the degree, and observe the degree.

A council should never lose track of a member. When this happens, it means the council has not engaged that member properly and kept them interested in being a member. Set up a calling tree to contact members personally at least quarterly to remind them of upcoming events and invite them to attend and help. If a member who normally attends meetings or activities is not present, contact them to find out what may be happening. Perhaps they were travelling; invite them to come back to the next meeting. But you may also learn they or a family member are ill, there has been a death in the family, someone is unemployed, they have moved, or there is another situation with which the council may be able to help. Contact the State Retention Chairman if help is needed locating contact information for a member.

Use the “Knights in Shining Armor” program to give newly recruited Knights a goal to meet during their first year of Knighthood. These goals are: attend at least three meetings, work on three council service programs, meet with their Insurance Agent and recruit one new member.

Encourage members to keep their address, phone number, and email address updated. Good contact information is needed to receive the Columbia magazine, dues notices, and council newsletters. If a member has moved out of the area, encourage them to transfer to a council near their new location. Notify the council’s financial secretary so he can assist with the transfer. Almost every parish in the United States has a Knights of Columbus council or round table associated with it.

Follow the correct billing procedure for dues. If a member becomes delinquent in his dues, follow the retention procedures outlined in the “Proper Billing Procedure including use of the Notice of Intent to Retain” (form 1845). A council should not suspend a member who is also a member of the military and deployed.

Establish a retention committee to make personal contact with all delinquent members. Examine reasons the Knight became inactive and let their membership lapse. This is not the responsibility of the Financial Secretary. It is the job of the entire council. The retention chairman must be listed on the Form 365 Service Program Personal Report. Proposers need to see themselves as “Retention Officers” during the entire career of those men they recruit into the Order.

Vivat Jesus

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STATE CEREMONIALS PROGRAM

Through ceremonials a candidate will form his first impression of the Knights of Columbus. This impression will be a lasting one and may well determine a candidate’s eagerness to become an active or passive member of your council. Therefore, it is recommended that all ceremonials should be properly conducted from memory to ensure that the candidate is edified and will want to advance to the higher degrees of our order.

GOALS: * An active Admission Degree Team in every council.
* A Formation Degree Team in every district.
* ALL PARTS of all degrees totally memorized.

ADMISSION DEGREE: Every council should have its own Admission Degree team. A newly recruited candidate will lose interest if made to wait a long time before being initiated. The Grand Knight must appoint a council ceremonials chairman whose responsibility it is to recruit and train members to serve on the ceremonial team as well as backup personnel. Admission Degree team members are certified by the District Deputy.

FORMATION DEGREE: More emphasis needs to be placed on establishing additional FORMATION DEGREE teams throughout the state. The District Deputy has the responsibility to recruit and train Formation Degree team members plus backups. Councils within the district are urged to cooperate with their District Deputy in meeting this responsibility. There have been occasions in the past where the exemplifications of Major Degrees have been in jeopardy due to the unavailability of a Formation Degree team. We must remedy this situation. Certification of Formation Degree team members is done by the State Deputy or the State Ceremonials Chairman.

KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE: Dates and sites for exemplification of the Knighthood Degree are subject to approval of the State Deputy. Districts or councils who wish to host a Knighthood Degree should select the date and location early and request approval. It is suggested that Major Degrees be sponsored by all councils within the district with one council serving as host. The cost is then pro-rated equally between all councils thus not placing a financial burden on the council which agreed to host a Major Degree. This will enable all councils, large or small, the opportunity to serve as host council.

CEREMONIAL BOOKS, ROBES, JEWELS, and PARAPHERNALIA: All ceremonial books are serialized and assigned by the Supreme Council. Worn or tattered books can be replaced at no charge provided the old books are returned to the Supreme Council. Lost books can be replaced but a charge of $10.00 per entire book or $5.00 per particular part will be assessed prior to issuance of a replacement copy. The Financial Secretary can request an initial set of Admission Degree books at no charge for any council never having a set assigned to them. Form #132 can be found online. Requests for Formation Degree ceremonial books must be made by the District Deputy or the State Deputy respectively. Robes, Jewels and all other degree paraphernalia can be ordered directly through the Supplies Online tab on the Supreme website.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY’S RESPONSIBILITIES IN HOSTING EXEMPLIFICATION OF MAJOR DEGREES

THE HOST DISTRICT DEPUTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING A FORMATION (2nd) DEGREE TEAM IF THE DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE A CERTIFIED STAFF.

Letters to neighboring district deputies and councils should be sent at least four weeks prior to the date selected for your major degree. This letter must clearly state all charges to councils bringing candidates and for all other activities which may be planned in conjunction with the exemplification.

At least two weeks prior to the date of the exemplification, the host district deputy should contact the grand knights of his district and those of neighboring districts to determine the approximate number of candidates each are planning to bring.

The week before the ceremonials, another survey of the councils should be taken in order to determine the approximate size of the class. If it appears that there will be less than ten (10) candidates, cancellation of degree should be considered.

Ten days prior to the degree date, you the district deputy must contact the assigned Conferring Officer giving him directions and details for the day.

On the day of the degree, a member should be assigned to watch for the Conferring Officer and staff and escort them to a room where they can dress and prepare for the ceremonial.

The district deputy should ask grand knights to encourage attendance by their membership. This could be done through the council bulletin, church bulletin, or by a telephone committee.

Candidates are always impressed when a large group of members are present to observe the exemplification.

Proposers should contact their candidates well in advance of the exemplification date to confirm their availability on the scheduled date. Then on the day of the degree the proposer must personally pick up and accompany the candidate to the ceremonial. If the proposer is unable to do this, the grand knight or membership director should assign a member to act in his place.

Never let a candidate go to a degree by himself.

ALLOWABLE DEGREE CHARGES

Charges for a Knighthood Degree staff are set by the Kansas State Council. These charges are $150.00 plus $5.00 for each Third-Degree medallion given to the new member. As a courtesy, it is suggested that the Knighthood team members be provided free refreshments and lunch, if one is being served.

Host councils may charge $10.00 total per candidate. (Plus $5.00 per medallion if needed). Anything above that must be agreed upon by all councils bringing candidates prior to the degree.

Charges for a Formation Degree team coming from another district are to be set and determined by the district deputies involved. The Kansas State Council does not do this since the ideal situation is for every district to have its own Formation Degree staff. Some compensation should be considered for a Formation Degree staff from another district.

If a district has its own Formation Degree staff, councils within the district are not to be charged for bringing their candidates to the Formation Degree. Councils from outside of the district may be charged a maximum of $2.00 per candidate. If a district must bring in a Formation Degree staff outside of his district, then all councils are subject to the $2.00 per candidate charge.
The Knights of Columbus Agency Department is pleased to welcome the following men as newly appointed field agents: Jose Arias and Tyler Bruggeman from the Western Kansas Agency, Cory Burch, Cole Callaway, Scott McKinney and Dustin Rupp from the Central Kansas Agency, and from the Eastern Kansas Agency, John Beyer, Christian Holmes, John Lawrence and Samuel Robinson.

These men have completed the Knights of Columbus Quick Start Training program and are currently serving our members in their respective councils. Please join us in giving them a big welcome. Please also help them to be successful and encourage your brother Knights to visit with all of our agents.

We are proud to share the following information with you. The agencies in the State of Kansas place $303,082,000 of life insurance in force in 2017. In fact, as of June 1, 2018 we have over $4 BILLION OF LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE. We could not have accomplished this without the support of you, our fraternal leaders.

Recruitment is the lifeblood of the Order. Our agents are trained from the very beginning to recruit and to work with their councils to help them recruit new members while Building the Domestic Church. Please encourage your grand knights and membership directors to work closely with their field agent in the area of recruitment. Additionally, be sure to make your councils aware the agent needs to be informed of any degree work that is scheduled in the councils. It is also important for our financial secretaries to inform agents of a member or a member’s family death.

Thank you for your support in helping our field agents to be successful in your councils.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

“Faith in Action” is the program model for all Supreme Council-recommended programs in the categories of: Family, Community, Faith and Life. These four categories represent our main priorities as an Order. The “Faith in Action” program model reflects a strong call to action, a focus on quality faith-filled family programs, and a focus on the most direct way a council can impact its parish community and activities. This model allows us to come together to share our faith, celebrate fraternity with our families, and defend life at all stages and in every condition.

This Program and Membership Guide contains suggested programs for the 2018-2019 fraternal year. These guidelines should assist district deputies, grand knights and council chairmen in planning their programs. These programs can also be found by visiting www.kofc.org. Throughout the year, the state directors and chairmen will communicate with you and offer assistance with each program. Feel free to call the director or chairman if you have any questions.

Every council’s primary goal should be to attain the Star Council Award. To achieve this award, a council must meet both membership and insurance quotas, and complete the following programming requirements:

3. Submit Form # SP-7 - Columbian Award Application by June 28, 2019.

These forms are available online at www.kofc.org/forms. The back inside cover of this booklet lists suggestions for programs to conduct and to include on the Columbian Award Application.

Supreme Council Service Awards will be given to the best single council activity in each of the four programming areas. All scrapbook entries must be forwarded to the appropriate director by April 1, 2019. Remember, an activity may be submitted in only one category. When deciding which category to enter a scrapbook, simply ask: Who benefits from this activity? The answer to this question tells you which category to enter the scrapbook. Please refer to the next page for additional information on scrapbooks.

I invite you to join together with the state officers, directors, chairmen, and insurance team to ensure a successful year. Engaging in the “Faith in Action” model should be the goal of every Knight this year. Working together, we can achieve our goal of making Kansas #1 in programming and membership.

Fraternally submitted,

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What is a Project/Program/Activity Scrapbook?
It is a showcase to present your council’s project or activity for consideration of a State service award. A scrapbook includes ONE specific project or activity for that year from the council. The scrapbook does not cover a group of multiple activities combined. The State winner in each program area is then submitted to the Supreme Council and entered in the International level competition.

What Form does it take?
You can use whatever format of book, scrapbook, 3 ring binder, report cover or other style the council would like to use.

What do I include in the scrapbook?
Anything and everything, within reason, that will “Tell the Story” of your council’s project or activity. Elements you want to consider including are as follows:

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Don’t forget to fill out the required submission form found on the website, www.kofc.org and include it with the scrapbook. Send the scrapbook to the appropriate State Family, Community, Faith or Life Director BEFORE the deadline of April 1, 2019!!
The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization, and the family is the core of the Orders’ beliefs and ideals. “The family as a Domestic Church is central to both the work of the New Evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes — also the future sustainability of the Order. The Knights of Columbus parish-based councils today are not only places that provide invaluable support to parish life in terms of charitable and social activities, they also are a primary place to support the evangelization of family life through the mission of the domestic church. Councils can do this by more fully integrating families into the life of the parish through the many programs of parish-based councils.” - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

Put simply, programs in this category are developed for families, by families. Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be quite a challenge to continue to ground ourselves and raise our children in the faith when there is such limited exposure.

Family Director: Paul Haverkamp  
Council Activities Chairman: Tom Smith

FAMILY ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR
All councils are encouraged to prepare a scrapbook containing photos and a detailed description of a favorite family activity. The scrapbook should be submitted to the Family Director by April 1. Three scrapbooks will be chosen from the entries to be recognized at the state convention. The one judged best will be forwarded to Supreme for consideration for International awards.

For more Information about all the Supreme programs, go to www.kofc.org/faithinaction. There are guide sheets for each individual program.
FAMILY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

We, as knights, must invite all families to become involved in their parish and community, as well as encourage families to find quality time to talk and be active together.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY
(COLUMBIAN AWARD REQUIREMENT)
Councils invite families of their parish to offer the prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family through which families invoke the protection of the Holy Family. A traditional recommendation is that this take place on the feast of the Holy Family, typically the first Sunday after Christmas.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH
The Family of the Month recognition program is designed to honor a family monthly for their service to Church, community, and council. All councils need to select one of their deserving families, document their efforts on the (form 1993A), and present the family with a certificate of recognition (form 1843) at the mass they normally attend. To allow the family to be recognized by the Supreme Council, submit this form to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Service before the 15th of the following month online at www.kofc.org/forms. The council should also submit a copy of the Family of the Month form to the State Family Director. The Supreme Council will randomly select 100 families on the 15th of each month from the forms submitted to receive a Holy Family Plaque, along with a congratulatory letter from our Supreme Knight.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR
All councils should select a Family of the Year from their monthly winners, complete the form online at kofc.org, and submit it to their district deputy no later than March 10. He will select a district winner from the entries received from the councils in his district and submit the entry to the diocesan judge no later than March 20. Winners will be recognized at the state convention in May. The State Family of the Year application will be forwarded to the Supreme Council for the International Family of the Year competition.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY WEEK
The Knights of Columbus Family Week is August 12 - 18, 2018. All councils are encouraged to plan parish picnics and masses to celebrate and honor the family. The Supreme Council encourages councils celebrate corporate communions the weekends of July 29, September 30, December 30, March 31 and June 30.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES (FEATURED PROGRAM)
Councils donate and support community food pantries, community food banks, and soup kitchens. The Supreme Council will refund $100 for every $500 donated, or for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes – up to a maximum of $500 per council per fraternal year.
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
(Posada, Poster Contest, Creche Blessing/Tree Lighting, etc.)
A collection of Knights of Columbus activities that promote the season of Advent and Christmas in their proper context, centered on the nativity of Jesus. Through a wide variety of activities, councils promote the “true spirit” of Christmas in our homes, schools and communities, and they evangelize society through their faithful acts and celebrations.

FAMILY FULLY ALIVE
The family Fully Alive program provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations and family projects to help each family place God and the Catholic faith at the center of its life. Used as a devotional for all families throughout the liturgical year.

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT
Opportunity for families of council members, as well as other Catholic families, to come together for prayer, dinner, and fellowship once a month. The location can rotate as needed, where the host family leads the prayer and all bring a dish to share.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION
Councils should lead the promotion of attendance at Good Friday liturgy and education of parish families about the importance of the collection for Christians in the Holy Land.

Fraternally,

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

Council activities are vital for strong councils and the Knights of Columbus. Council activities promote Columbianism and give members a chance to experience all aspects of being a knight. This is what our founder, Father McGivney, envisioned for the members of the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAMS
Health Services are vitally important for the wellbeing of our brother knights, their families and the community. The state council encourages all councils to participate in the Health Services Program. Some examples of health services activities are; Blood Donation, Blood Pressure Clinics, CPR and First Aid Training, and Organ Donor Programs. Consider working with your parish and other organizations to promote and support health services.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
The State Golf Committee extends an invitation to all knights and their wives to join in the fraternity, fellowship and fun at our annual State K of C Golf Tournament. A current traveling/membership card is required for entry. Wives of members in good standing are eligible and encouraged to participate. The 19th Annual State Golf Tournament will be hosted by Council 2970 LaCrosse on July 21-22, 2018 at the Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City. The entry form and additional information is available on the Kansas State Knights of Columbus web site. The dates for the 2019 tournament will be announced later. Any council interested in hosting the 2019 Kansas State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament MUST MAKE their request in writing to, Tom Smith, Council Activities Chairman before July 21, 2018.

STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT
The 2019 State Bowling Tournament will be in Wichita on February 16-17, 23-24 and March 1-2, 2019. It will be held at Seneca Bowl, 1990 S. Seneca, Wichita, KS. It is hosted by Derby Council 4458. Registration and additional information will be mailed out later this year. Requirements to host the 2020 State Bowling Tournament are: a site with a minimum of 24 lanes and sufficient lodging for the participants and their families. Bowlers at this year’s event will choose the location for next year’s tournament site by popular vote at the tournament. Any council interested in hosting the 2020 tournament MUST MAKE their request in writing to, Tom Smith, Council Activities Director before January 21, 2019.

STATE SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT
The State Sporting Clays Committee extends an invitation for all knights to join in the fraternity, fellowship, and fun at our annual Sporting Clays Shoot. A current valid traveling/membership card is required for entry to the tournament. At this time no council has submitted a bid to host the 2019 event. The deadline to submit a bid to host the 2019 event is December 1, 2018. Any council interested in submitting a bid must do so in writing and send to Tom Smith, Council Activities Director. All councils are strongly encouraged to hold activities in their councils. Council activities help to promote the fraternal aspect of our Order. If your council needs any assistance in developing your activities, please contact me or any state council member. We are here to help your council have successful year.

Fraternally,

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COMMUNITY

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families or in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. Have you ever wondered, “How can I make my community better?” Individuals can do great things on their own but there is something bigger than self when Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and accomplish great things. Councils that conduct these programs are positively shaping their communities by addressing the needs of its citizens.

Community Activity Programs are designed to support and give hope to our fellow man and to our communities. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families or in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. The most important part of Community Activities is becoming a volunteer. Your council will create a greater image in your community and will create a good recruiting tool for new members. Your work and action could encourage other eligible Catholic men to join our Order.

Community Director: Doug Wietharn
Publicity/Fraternal Chairman: Heath Ohl
Pennies from Heaven Chairman: Dustin Hern
Youth Activities Chairman: Kevin Baalmann

A Community Activity Scrapbook Award will be given to the council who has the best Community Activity Project. Start saving your pictures, articles and notes and send me your project in scrapbook form NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2019. The State winner will be entered in the Supreme Service Awards Program. If you have any questions concerning any of the Community Activity Programs, feel free to contact any of the Chairmen for advice.

For more Information about all the Supreme programs, go to www.kofc.org/faithinaction. There are guide sheets for each individual program.
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Helping Hands (COLUMBIAN AWARD REQUIREMENT)
In the model of our founder, Father McGivney, councils will lead efforts to assist those most in need. The Helping Hands program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities — the homeless, the addicted, the elderly who may feel isolated and abandoned, and many others. Through this program, councils will aid the needy through the activities they feel best suit their community, such as serving at or running a soup kitchen, repairing the facilities of a local service organization or something entirely unique. The requirements for this program are very broad in order to allow councils to serve their community in whatever way is most needed. Council participation in Helping Hands is required to qualify for the Columbian award.

Global Wheelchair Mission (FEATURED PROGRAM)
The Knights of Columbus has partnered with the global wheelchair mission since 2003 with the goal of providing wheelchairs to all those who lack the freedom of mobility, changing the lives of people with disabilities worldwide. Working with the global wheelchair mission is a perfect opportunity to put your faith into action and involve the entire parish in the rewarding charitable work done by your council. Councils are encouraged to raise funds and make donations to purchase deeply discounted wheelchairs. Through partnerships, councils can also purchase a large container of 110 to 280 wheelchairs at $150 per wheelchair for their own donation sites. A featured program, global wheelchair mission counts for two credits toward the Columbian award. Today, this initiative started in the United States has expanded into Canada through partnership with the Canadian wheelchair Foundation.

Habitat for Humanity (FEATURED PROGRAM)
Knights of Columbus councils work closely with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes for families in need at substantially reduced costs. Each year, councils throughout the order donate a considerable number of volunteer hours and dollars to this worthy cause. In order to satisfy program requirements, councils are asked to donate a minimum of $1,000 or 200 service hours to Habitat for Humanity projects in their community. A featured program, Habitat for Humanity counts for two credits toward the Columbian award.

Fraternally,

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Publicity Program

Before you joined the Knights of Columbus, did you know much about what the Knights do? As Knights, we take pride in what we do. We support our parishes and communities, we contribute numerous man hours, we donate monetary gifts to those in need. But yet, there are people in our parishes and communities that do not know what we do or what we stand for. We need to get the word out! In order to do this, councils must publicize information about upcoming events to increase participation.

Each council is encouraged to appoint a Public Relation Chairman. This member is responsible for publicizing activities and good news. Here is a list of ways to publicize your event:

Diocesan Newspaper, Local Newspaper, Radio Stations, Facebook, Twitter, Parish Bulletin, Kansas KofC website, Council Newsletter, Columbian Magazine (Send to: Columbia, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326).

Please copy your fraternal chairman of all articles published. Remember to keep your articles concise and to the point, making sure the article answers these six questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, How. It’s a good practice to send your article to the State Historian. Knights of Columbus members do great work, be proud and let others know your great works!

Fraternally,

Heath Ohl
Fraternal/Publicity Chairman

State Website kansas-kofc.org

The Kansas State Council maintains a website with many resources for all members in Kansas. The goal of the website is to provide current information and to facilitate communication between the State Council and all council officers, members and guests. Information on the website includes a calendar of events (major degrees, exemplifications dates and form due dates), state programming forms, information on the Knights in Kansas, and much more. There is also an area to sign up to receive email notices from the Kansas State Council. If you have not visited the website recently, please visit it soon at kansas-kofc.org. We encourage you to take the time to explore and discover all of the information that is available there. If you have any suggestions, comments, or correction that should be made, please contact the Webmaster immediately.

Fraternally,

Douglas E. Wietharn
Webmaster
Fraternal Activities Programs

The goal of fraternal activities is to grow “Faith in Action”. To accomplish this, councils must engage all members and promote Faith, Family, Community, and Life activities. Our best tool, are brothers working together, creating a fraternal atmosphere of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Work with your council and promote activities that work best for parish and community.

**Fraternal Recognition:** Communication and recognition are important to everyone. Utilize parish bulletins, website’s, certificates, etc to promote your activities. Host family nights, award banquets, ladies appreciation night, etc to build pride and awareness among members and their families. Communicate your appreciation of your brother Knights.

**Knight of the Month: Every Council must select a Knight of the Month!** Every council has a brother knight who goes out of his way to promote church, community, council, family, and culture of life. Choose this member as your Knight of the Month! Present this member with a Certificate (Form #1476) at a council function, thanking him for promoting what the Knights believe in. On the 16th of each month, a “State Knight of the Month” will be selected from the candidates submitted to the Fraternal Chairman. Only one name per council per month will be accepted. Application can be found on the Kansas Knights of Columbus website. Each State Knight of the Month will be presented a Crucifix and Certificate by their District Deputy. Fraternal Chairman will mail the crucifix and certificate to the district deputy.

**Knight of the Year: Every Council must select a Knight of the Year!** Each council should select one of the twelve Knight of the Month winners as their Knight of the Year. Grand knights, submit your Knight of the Year entry form to your District Deputy no later than March 10, 2019. The District Deputy with judge their council winners and will submit their District Knight of the Year to the Diocesan Judge no later than March 20, 2019. The Diocesan Judges will judge the District winners and submit the Diocesan Winner to the State Deputy and Fraternal Chairman by April 1, 2019. **Diocesan Winners and the State Knight of the Year will be recognized at the State Convention.**

**State Emailing Program:** Notices are sent in the event of sickness or death of a past or present State Officer, Director, Chairman, General Agent, Field Agent, District Deputy, Grand Knight or a member of their immediate family. State personnel, including District Deputies, must notify the State Webmaster of their email address changes. Grand Knights and other members are encouraged to sign up to receive these notices by using the link on the state website.

**Memorial Mass:** Thru the month of November, each council should hold a Memorial Mass honoring their deceased Brother Knights. Consult with your parish priest before planning this event. If approved, invite the widows and/or families of the deceased Knights. This is an acceptable time to present the widows and/or families with a Resolution of Condolence signed by a committee of Knights (form #1450). This is an excellent activity to recognize the memory of the Deceased Brother Knights.

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PENNIES FROM HEAVEN PROGRAM

GOAL: $100,000

The money raised through the Pennies from Heaven program provides the revenue for the Emergency Disaster Aid Program (EDAP) by replenishing the funds used to assist those who have suffered material losses due to natural disasters such as fire, floods, and tornadoes. These funds are available to ANY family regardless of race, creed or color. Fund raising efforts to support this important program should begin immediately. A suggested goal for each council is, “A penny per member, per day.” If your council makes a donation directly to the Supreme Council, a copy of the front and back of the cancelled check must be mailed to me for the council to receive credit for the donation with the State Council.

Printed on the inside back cover of the official state directory are the procedures for obtaining up to $500.00 from the EDAP. All requests must be approved by the Charities Aid President, Past State Deputy David Leiker, before monies are disbursed. Please read the rules for obtaining funds as they may have changed from previous years.

DISASTER RESPONSE

Knights of Columbus are encouraged to help prepare and participate in community response. Councils should work with their parishes and diocese to ensure a proper plan before a disaster occurs. In the aftermath of a disaster, councils coordinate with regional and state leadership for a consolidated KofC effort to bring financial and relief resources to the affected areas.

STATE CONVENTION

Arts, Crafts, Wood working: Councils are encouraged to bring NEW or HAND MADE items to sell in the Country Store or for the live or silent auctions. All monies collected from these items will be credited to your council.

Supreme Promotional Items and Gifts will be available for purchase in the Country Store during the convention.

Council Donations: Monetary donations from councils should be turned in at the Country Store during the State Convention any time before noon on Saturday. Recognition of the council with the highest dollar amount per member in each division will be determined after all donations have been collected on Saturday.

Auction: Items will be chosen for auction at the State Convention. If your council has an item they would like considered for the auction, please let me know ASAP. Donated items will be included in the total dollars for a council. The live auction on Saturday night is an event that you won’t want to miss.

The following awards will be given:
A plaque for the council with the highest dollar per member in each division.
A plaque for the District Deputy with the highest dollar per member.
A certificate for all councils who participate in the Pennies from Heaven Program.

Plaques will be presented at the District Deputy meeting in July.
Certificates will be presented at the State Convention.

Fraternally,

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Recognizing that children are a precious gift, the Knights of Columbus have once again partnered with Praesidium, an organization that provides knowledge and tools that safeguard against sexual predators, to gain access to numerous resources including the Armatus online training, background screening, and child safety concern hotline (844-563-2723). Grand Knights, Program Directors, Family Directors, Community Directors, and Squire Counselors are required to complete the Armatus Online training found on the Supreme website – safe environment.

SUPREME COUNCIL PROGRAM FOR FINANCIAL AID TO EDUCATION

The Knights of Columbus provides financial aid to students through scholarships, fellowships and loan programs. More information may be obtained by writing to Financial Aid to Education, Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 1670, New Haven, CT, 06507-0928 or call (203) 752-4332. See the Supreme Council website for more info.

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Contests are open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Kits must be ordered by July 31st (form# SC-KIT), contests held in September and results reported to Supreme and State Council by October 28, 2018.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Contest open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Kits must be ordered by November 3rd (form# FT-Kit). Adhere to all rules exactly as outlined. Council contests should be held between Jan. 5th and 20th, followed by district contests Jan. 26th to Feb. 10th. Regionals will be February 17th (Sites are TBD) and State in Salina on March 3rd. Our goal is 100% council participation and 7000 participants. All grand knights and district deputies are needed to report their results by the set due dates to accomplish this goal.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

The contest is open to all Catholic students from grades 8-12 in any school or parish-sponsored religious-Ed program. Kits must be ordered by September 1, 2018 (form# EA-KIT). This year’s theme and more information can be found on the Supreme website.

COATS FOR KIDS (FEATURED PROGRAM)

All Knights of Columbus councils are invited to participate in Coats for Kids this winter. The minimum order is one case of 12 coats, and the cost is $220.00 per case ($18.33 per coat, freight included). The order form is available directly on the Supreme website.

Fraternally,

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Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. When we entered the Order, we were reminded to constantly form ourselves in the Catholic faith. This formation goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. Programs in this category are designed to draw us closer to god and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way — whether through helping the future shepherds of the mother Church, quiet contemplation in a spiritual reflection program, or honoring Mary, mother of God. These programs should strive to arm us for the spiritual battle that our men and families face daily.

Faith Director: John Schulz  
Religious Education Fund Chairman: Barney Wolters  
Religious Education Fund: Rev. Jarett Konrade  
Associate State Chaplain: Rev. Bernard Gorges

AWARDS: Every council in the State should enter a scrapbook for Faith Activities. When your council conducts an activity, you should create a scrapbook containing pictures, news clippings, and other information about your activity. Appoint one person at the event to take pictures, write up the information on the event and submit it directly to the State Faith Director, no later than April 1, 2019. The 1st place winner in the State goes on to the Supreme Convention to be judged internationally.

For more Information about all the Supreme programs, go to www.kofc.org/faithinaction. There are guide sheets for each individual program.
RSVP – Adopt-A-Seminarian (FEATURED PROGRAM)

This is the support of seminarians and postulants who are currently in their formation to become priests or nuns. For every $500 donated to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund $100 back to the council — up to a maximum of $400 (four individuals) per council per fraternal year. To obtain your refund, a council will need to fill out Form 2863 which is available on the Supreme website, www.kofc.org.

Financial support is not the only aspect of the RSVP program. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious with moral support and prayers for their success. Participation in this featured program will count for two of the four credits in the Faith category. Councils will receive a pledge card in their packet at the July Regional meeting. That pledge card needs to be completed and returned to the Faith Director no later than Nov. 1, 2018. Every Council and Assembly should fill out a pledge card.

Spiritual Reflection Program
(COLUMBIAN AWARD REQUIREMENT)

Spiritual Reflection Program is new and is a required program to qualify for the Columbian Award. Councils will create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity. Under the guidance of their chaplain, councils can attend a retreat or day of reflection together or perhaps organize their own event for the men of their parish. More information with action steps is available at www.kofc.org/faithinaction.

Other Programs

Marion Icon Prayer: This program is designed to spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world. As the new Marian Icon is brought on pilgrimage through each district in the state, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Icon for a prayer service at their parish. District Deputies will receive a schedule from the Faith Director as soon as it is available and it will be on the state website: www.kansas-kofc.org.

Into the Breach: In his apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. Councils will institute men’s study groups to read the apostolic exhortation Into the Breach and use copies of the Into the Breach Booklet and study guide as a resource.

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: This program helps strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. Building the Domestic Church Kiosks contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available for councils to distribute to members, parishioners, and the general public. The kiosks may be purchased from Supreme at a cost of $150 (plus shipping) and Councils should plan on book series refills at regular intervals.

Holy Hour: The chivalric character of the Knights of Columbus and the Church’s long tradition of spiritual combat resonate with men today. This newly formed program is designed to encourage Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. It is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life or membership status. Councils can organize their Holy Hours in a variety of ways and incorporate aspects such as: perpetual adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer for particular intentions and more. A Knights of Columbus Holy Hour, prepared for the men of the parish, could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Father McGivney or St. Joseph, and various other aspects as decided by the council.
Sacramental Gifts: This is a new program created by Supreme where Councils will offer gifts to those receiving the sacraments, I.E. Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony. The sacraments stand as the most significant events in the life of the domestic church. The Knights of Columbus will be there to support and embrace our parish families at these essential moments of encounter with Christ. As children and adult members become more integrated into the life of the church and their parish, they should know that members of the Knights of Columbus will always be present in a tangible and meaningful way, regardless of who else is there for them. Supreme will be offering Sacramental gifts kits available for purchase or Councils can, in consultation with their pastor, choose a gift.

Rosary Program: The Rosary Program encourages councils to schedule regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should personally invite each family of the parish and can optionally offer attending families a copy of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service’s *A Scriptural Rosary for the Family*. For more information about all the Supreme programs, go to www.kofc.org/faithinaction.

In addition to the Supreme programs, other programs include the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Each year, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Knights throughout the world participate in the annual event. This day is an opportunity for all Knights to raise awareness of the need for men and women to say yes to their vocations, especially if one is called to the priesthood or religious life.

Vocation Poster Contest: This year marks the 47th year for the State Vocation Poster Contest and the theme for the “Vocation Poster Contest” this year is:

“Come Follow Me”

Vocation posters should be drawn free hand on an 11 inch wide by 14 inch tall poster board. The poster is to be drawn vertically. The winning poster from all that are submitted will be printed on the back of the Program and Membership Guide. There will be winners from five different grade levels in each diocese. The grades are 1st&2nd, 3rd&4th, 5th&6th, 7th&8th, and Special Needs. On the back of each poster, you need to have the student’s name, address, grade, council number, district number, and diocese. Any poster not having these items listed will be disqualified. We ask that each Grand Knight make sure this information is clearly printed on the back of each poster so the child will not be disappointed by a disqualification. The local councils can conduct this contest at any time before March 10. Council winners must be sent to your district deputy no later than March 15. District deputies must send their winners to the State Faith Director no later than March 25, 2019.

Fraternally,

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The purpose of the Religious Education Fund Program is to provide parishes with financial grants for their religious education programs. Grants may be used in Parish Catholic Grade School Religion programs, A Consolidated Catholic Grade School, Parish Schools of Religion (K-8 or 9-12 or both), Adult Religious Education programs, and RCIA programs. A parish, even though it may have multiple locations for religious education, will receive only one check. A Catholic Grade School which receives funds from several supporting parishes will receive only one check. All money received from this fund **MUST** be used for the improvement in the above-mentioned areas. The decision for improvement comes from the pastor where the Catholic Grade School or Religious Education program is located.

The Catholic High Schools will automatically receive a check for their Religious Education program improvement.

The steps for participation in the Religious Education Fund Program are as follows:

1. After receiving the request form from your district deputy, if necessary, make enough copies for each parish your council represents.
2. Complete the request form fully and sign it.
3. Give the request form to each parish pastor to be signed by him. The completed form **must** include the signature of the pastor.
4. Please give the pastor a stamped envelope with the state chaplain’s address (see below) containing the request form to facilitate the mailing of the request. Copies may also be sent electronically to the email listed below.
5. Request forms should then be returned to Father Jarett Konrade, State Chaplain, **by Thursday, September 27, 2018**.

The state chaplain and state officers will review the Religious Education Fund requests and award grants during the first part of October. The amount of money to be dispersed will be determined during the mid-winter meeting December 8-9, 2018, in Wichita. Distributions will not exceed $375.00 per request form. The grand knight should receive a check by the end of December. The State Council asks, if possible, the grand knight make a formal presentation to the pastor or high school chaplain within a week of receiving the check. It is suggested that a picture of the presentation be taken for council, parish, and school publicity purposes.

In Christ’s Love and Peace,

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND PROGRAM

Fund Raising: The State Council will sell 1,900 tickets at $100.00 each, raising a total of $190,000.

Prizes: Thirty two prizes totaling $76,000 will be awarded. Grand Prize: $25,000; 1st Place Prize: $6,000; three 2nd Place Prizes of $4,000 each; six 3rd Place Prizes of $2,000, and twenty-one 4th Place prizes of $1,000 each.

Ticket Distribution: District deputies will receive tickets in July for immediate distribution to their councils. The number of tickets per council will be as follows: Divisions 1 and 2: 4 tickets; Divisions 3, 4, and 5: 6 tickets; Division 6: 8 tickets; Divisions 7 and 8: 9 tickets; Divisions 9 and 10: 10 tickets. Fourth Degree assemblies will receive 2 tickets and College Councils will receive 1 ticket.

Participation and Deadlines: Ticket sales may be solicited from any interested party and are not limited to K of C members. The donor will retain the ticket stub. The council will return the completed portion of the ticket with the funds to the district deputy by October 27, 2018. District deputies are to have the tickets and all funds to the Chairman, Barney Wolters, no later than November 1, 2018. DO NOT MAIL AFTER NOVEMBER 1. After November 1, contact Religious Education Chairman to make arrangements to get the tickets. Grand knights please deposit funds into council checking account and write only one check. DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL. SEND CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY.

Drawing: Prizes will be drawn at the Mid-Year Meeting of the district deputies in December. Grand knights and successful ticket holders will be notified immediately after the drawing. Funds will be distributed after the Mid-Year meeting.

Support for Religious Education: All net funds will be used for Religious Education. Submit all requests for funds to the State Chaplain, Rev. Jarett Konrade, before September 27, 2018. Request forms for religious education funds are included in your ticket envelope. Councils should make enough copies for each parish your council represents. Please remember, only one request per parish. The request form must be signed by the pastor. The state chaplain and state officers will evaluate requests for funds.

The State Council will send checks to all Kansas Catholic High Schools currently in operation.

Fraternally,

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The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, “Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all stages and in every condition” (St. John Paul II, 1995).

The Knights of Columbus defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Knights work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Your council should stand ready to assist any pregnant woman in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped, empower those with special needs to realize their full potential and bring attention to the injustices of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Life Director: Matthew Micek
Commitment to Humanities Chairman: Lino S. Munoz

All Culture of Life Reports, Life Scrapbooks and filing for The Evangelium Vitae Awards are due APRIL 1, 2019. Please mail ALL to the Life Director. If your council has a memorial or roadside sign, please forward a picture and the location so it can be included in the Kansas State Council Culture of Life scrapbook. If you have suggested events or activities to add to the Culture of Life program, please share them with the Director.

Awards will be presented to the council in each division reporting the highest dollar amount per member as of April 1, 2019, and to the district deputy who has the highest dollar per member with all councils reporting.

For more Information about all the Supreme programs, go to www.kofc.org/faithinaction. There are guide sheets for each individual program.
LIFE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Councils are encouraged to start early and develop a plan of activities in support of Life. Below are several activities suggested by the Supreme Council as well as some additional ideas to help councils foster a Culture of Life within their communities.

State Goals:
Raise $450,000 in donations for Culture of Life organizations and/or the Ultrasound Initiative. Continue to support the Special Olympics in Kansas as well as providers serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Increase council participation in the Christian Refugee Relief effort. Inspire 100% of councils to begin or continue fostering the Culture of Life in their programs.

Required and Featured Supreme Activities

Novena for Life (COLUMBIAN AWARD REQUIREMENT) - The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church and our Knights of Columbus councils. A council can promote 9 days of prayer for a culture of life both in the parish and in our homes. These novenas could proceed or end with major feast days or pro-life events.

Ultrasound Program (FEATURED PROGRAM) - Councils identify a pro-life pregnancy care center for placement of an ultrasound. When a state or local council raises 50% of the cost of an ultrasound machine, the Supreme Council will provide the other 50% of the cost to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound.

Christian Refugee Relief - Knights of Columbus are called to raise awareness of the plight of Middle East Christians through various parish-based programs and fundraisers. Funds raised are sent to our Christian Refugee Relief Fund. Of particular focus is the resettling families in the town of Karamles, Iraq. We also encourage councils to utilize the Solidarity Crosses as a fundraiser and prayer campaign in their parishes.

Silver Rose - Eight silver roses now take various routes across the North American continent from Canada to Mexico. Every pilgrimage stop of the rose is an occasion for prayer and spiritual renewal centered on the rosary. The events share with participants the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Kansas will host the Silver Rose from September 16th to October 14th. The Silver Rose will travel throughout the state during this time. Host councils are encouraged to schedule a prayer service and invite the public to attend.

Mass for People with Special Needs - Knights of Columbus Councils are encouraged to work with their pastor, as well as designated members of his staff, to organize an Annual Mass for people with developmental disabilities. It is an invaluable opportunity to welcome families who might not normally feel comfortable coming to a regularly scheduled Mass. Furthermore, it will assist the parish in welcoming these families to any mass.

Pregnancy Center Support - Many pregnancy centers try to help provide women and families with the often-expensive necessities to care for a newborn child. After a Mass for Life or at any time of the year councils could promote a Pro-Life Baby Shower for diapers, wipes, clothes, furniture and other necessities, in addition to hosting a reception to raise money for their local pregnancy centers. Additionally, councils can “adopt” care centers to support as needs arise.
Marches for Life (FEATURED PROGRAM) - Councils are encouraged to participate or sponsor local, diocesan, state or national marches for life. Councils coordinate at least 50 participants or who organize a local march for life will receive credit for this featured program.

Additional Council Activities

- Pray the Rosary before or after Mass at least once a month.
- Pray at council meetings for a culture of life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- Observe March 25th as the day of prayer for the unborn child.
- Host Culture of Life speakers from area pro-life, senior, disabilities and adoption agencies in your community, parish, & council.
- Help identify pregnancy centers that may benefit from the Ultrasound Initiative.
- Sponsor speakers or programs for youth education.
- Show Kansas State Council Knights of Columbus stem cell video.
- Erect memorials and Culture of Life road signs.
- Promote phone numbers for local crisis pregnancy centers.
- Host a Culture of Life Baby Shower in January.
- Conduct a Tootsie Roll drive and donate proceeds to an organization assisting those with intellectual disabilities.
- Take up a collection at masses on Mother’s Day.
- Bottles for Life; pass out baby bottles and have them filled with cash.
- Help out at local pregnancy and assisted care facilities.
- Participate and sponsor Lifesaver Sunday.
- Plan activities to observe Respect Life Sunday, October 1, 2018.
- Participate in the Annual Life Chain Sunday, October 7th.
- Sponsor a Special Olympics Team.
- Visit and participate in activities with assisted living care facilities.
- March for Life at the Capitol in Topeka or Washington D.C. in January.

Yours in Christ,

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EVANGELIUM VITAE AWARD

THE PURPOSE OF THIS AWARD IS TO RECOGNIZE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS MOST EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE.

To be eligible for this award a council must be involved in the "Pastoral Plan for Culture of Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life.” This four-part plan proposed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reaffirms the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

1. Public Information and Education.
   Required - An educational presentation of at least 45 minutes at a council or parish function on abortion, infanticide, death penalty or euthanasia. Additional Suggested Activities:
   A. Erect a Culture of Life billboard
   B. Conduct a Culture of Life essay contest for the youth.
   C. Purchase and display a set of fetal models.
   D. Promote natural family planning.

2. Pastoral Care for those who have been affected by our culture of death.
   Required - To sponsor at least one major fundraiser for pro-life. Additional Suggested Activities:
   A. Erect a memorial to the unborn.
   B. Promote Project Rachel.
   C. Visit nursing homes or elderly shut-ins.
   D. Assist mothers who have made a life-affirming decision including adoption.

3. Public Policy efforts for favorable pro-life legislation.
   Required - Support the Kansas Catholic Conference's Culture of Life legislative agenda. Council sponsored postcard/letter writing campaign or petition drive. Additional Suggested Activities:
   A. Participation in March for Life rallies, pro-life chains, etc.
   B. Conduct a voter forum, voter registration.
   C. Support efforts to end the death penalty and better understand the Church's teaching.
   D. Conduct a survey of your elected officials.

4. Prayer and Worship - that the culture of death that surrounds us today will be replaced by a culture of life and love.
   Required - A council sponsored rosary before or after Mass at least one weekend each month for the intention of ending the unnatural taking of life. Additional Suggested Activities:
   A. Sponsor a Culture of Life Living Rosary.
   B. Sponsor Culture of Life Stations of the Cross.
   C. A monthly Mass for Pro-Life Causes and conversion of those in the abortion industry.
   D. Distribute Holy Cards to students to promote prayer and understanding of Culture of Life.

Councils must submit a report of at least one required activity in each of the four areas. Additional activities are encouraged and an informational photo album is recommended to accompany the application. Send to the State Life Director by April 1, 2019.

Awards: Diocesan award winners receive a plaque. Overall state award winner will have their council's name placed on the traveling trophy.

Yours in Christ,

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COMMITMENT TO HUMANITIES PROGRAM
TOOTSI ROLL AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Goal $400,000
Date: Oct. 12, 13 and 14

ORDERING: Orders for Tootsie Rolls must be sent in before August 31, 2018. COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM AT YOUR REGIONAL MEETING. There is no shipping charge on orders of 33 cases or more. Combine orders with other councils or other districts if needed. Tootsie rolls are $19.50 per case. There are 300 tootsie rolls per case. Orders must be shipped to a business address. Send the WHITE copy to the Tootsie Roll Knights of Columbus Program as indicated on the bottom of the form; the YELLOW copy to the COMMITMENT TO HUMANITIES CHAIRMAN, Lino S. Munoz (2500 SW Lincoln St, Topeka KS, 66611-1318); keep the PINK copy for Council Files.

REPORTS: After your drive is completed, complete the Final report form. Send the WHITE copy with a CHECK of 100% of NET funds to Todd Bachamp (14420 S Cottonwood Dr. Olathe, KS 66062); YELLOW copy TO THE COMMITMENT TO HUMANITIES CHAIRMAN, Lino S. Munoz (2500 SW Lincoln St. Topeka KS, 66611) and PINK copy for your council files. You can also download this report from Kansas Council Forms page at our Kansas-kofc.org web site. Printing and mailing instructions are found at the bottom of that online form. If you have report questions, call Lino at (785) 249-2075. The funds you collect are for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Reports should be filed within 30 days of the completion of your drive, with a reporting deadline of December 15, 2018.

DIVISION OF PROCEEDS: Of your council’s net proceeds, 80% will be returned to your council for presentation to institutions of your choice. The remaining 20% will go to the State Council to sponsor the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament, and additional programs spent for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Make sure your council designates their 80% to a legitimate institution for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

PUBLICITY: A public service announcement will be sent to all radio stations in Kansas. Councils should contact their local radio stations one month before the drive to make sure the PSA will be aired. Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D. has signed a proclamation declaring Oct 12-14 as Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Days.

AWARDS: A plaque will be awarded to the Council with the highest dollar per member in each division. A plaque will be awarded to the District Deputy with the highest dollar per member with all councils reporting. Certificates will be awarded to any council that donates $8.00 per member or a 10% increase over last year. “High Roller” certificates are available to councils to give to businesses that support their drive. REPORTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 15, 2018 FOR A COUNCIL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS.

PLANNING AND HARD WORK:

1. Plan your Commitment to Humanities Drive in advance. Appoint a chairman and committee for the event.
2. Enlist fellow members and family members to be at churches, shopping malls, food stores, sports events, businesses and if possible, go door to door. Ask your members to sponsor a case.
3. Sell case lots to businesses, especially banks, restaurants, and other entities that can use them for customer appreciation. Offer any unused left-over cases for sale to Council members
4. Order enough aprons so workers will be easily identified.
5. Prepare your volunteers well. Make sure they know who the planned or typical local charity recipients are.
6. Have Fun. Be a Knight of Columbus; you are representing the K of C in Kansas so be cheerful, courteous and friendly.
7. Submit your reports early.
8. Publish results in local media & parish bulletins.

Fraternally,

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Commitment to Humanities Chairman

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Celebrating 44 years as the Prime Sponsor in Kansas, over 1,200 athletes are expected to participate in this year’s Special Olympics Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament in Hays and Topeka. Through your efforts, we can insure the tournament’s continued growth. This year’s tournament will be held **MARCH 15 and 16 in Hays; March 23 and 24 in Topeka**. All Councils (regardless of participation) must complete and return the **Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics, Form 4584**. This form can be found online at www.kofc.org and is due by **January 31, 2019**. Let us join together in our efforts to make their lives more enjoyable. It is estimated that 40 volunteers are needed for every 45 minutes of competition. Anyone who volunteers their time will be appreciated. Featured program credit is awarded for at least $2,000 in donations or 200 service hours in a fraternal year.

Fraternally,

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KNIGHT’S – LITE PROGRAM

With the cooperation of the Catholic newspapers in Kansas and with your assistance, more than 100,000 families in Kansas will be informed of the programs and activities of the Knights of Columbus through the publication of the Knight's-Lite, the state Knights of Columbus newspaper. The Knight’s-Lite will be printed three times during the fraternal year in the diocesan newspapers of Kansas. Each edition will be two full tab size pages featuring state Knights of Columbus programs, news and activities. There will be no advertising in these issues.

**Expected Publication Dates:**  
Summer  
Fall  
Winter  
July  
September  
February

~**ARTICLE GUIDELINES**~

- Columns and articles from state officers, program directors and chairman will have priority for publication in the Knight's-Lite. State sponsored events and activities will also be used. Council sponsored projects, events, or activities will only be used as space permits.
- If the publicity chairmen have any notable news items that they feel would be beneficial to ALL Knights throughout the state and would like them publicized in the Knight’s-Lite, please email the article to me. We will use as much information as space permits.
- Editing will be done as needed.
- Articles should be emailed. Photos of high quality and definition should be emailed. Pictures should be sent as an attachment with your article. Please identify all people in the pictures from left to right.
- Check presentations, pictures of council officers and council events are better publicized in your local newspapers and/or in your local Diocesan paper.

Fraternally,

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HISTORICAL PROGRAM

The objective and purpose of this program is to compile and document a biography of the Knights of Columbus, the subordinate councils and fourth degree assemblies while continuing to establish reference material relating to the Order in Kansas.

In July, each district deputy will receive a memorandum stating what fraternal year reports are on file and what reports are needed of each council and assembly in his district. The district deputy will also receive information for each council and assembly in his district encouraging them to keep their history current and a report of its fraternal year history on file. My research of the archives is also offered to those seeking information concerning Kansas Knights of Columbus history files.

In February, each Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator will receive a letter stating the council or assembly fraternal year history submitted as of the date of the letter. The council and assembly historian are asked to file the Annual History Update Report with the state historian/archivist and encouraged to file using email. Also encourage the councils and assemblies to type the reports rather than hand write them. The council and assembly history report forms can be completed and submitted online. The report form may be found at the Kansas State Council website: www.kansas-kofc.org.

The Annual History Update Report for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year is due July 1, 2019. Any activities not listed or other printed materials documenting the history of the council or assembly may be reported at any time during the year as a supplement to the report. Any Supreme Council awards such as Star council, Columbian Award, etc., will be added by the state historian/archivist once the Supreme Council announces the council winners.

The Kansas State Council has digitized its records on file with the state historian. The State Council has spent a significant amount of time and effort so as to guarantee a permanent copy of all histories of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas. Your council’s history can only be preserved if you submit your written history in a clear and readable format.

The only reward this program can offer is the satisfaction of knowing that your council or assembly has contributed to the preservation of the history of the Order in Kansas. I look forward to working with the councils and assemblies documenting their history.

Fraternally,

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FATHER McGIVNEY GUILD REPORT


The Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997 concurrently with the archdiocesan phase of the Father McGivney’s cause for canonization. Membership in the Guild, which is free, is open to all individuals and households, but not groups. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Newsletter is published bimonthly except July-August, and is sent to the Guild members.

The chronology of the events since the turn of the century are as follows:

2000- Archbishop Cronin closed the diocesan investigation. Acts describing the investigation went to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints which opened the Vatican investigation. The Diocesan investigation began reviewing a reported miracle attributed to Father McGivney’s Intercession.

2008- On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved the Decree of Heroic Virtue of Father McGivney. The Pope’s declaration significantly advances the process toward sainthood. The declaration confers upon Father McGivney the title of “VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD.” One miracle with the approval of the Pope is required for the beautification, at which time Father McGivney would be declared “BLESSED;” another miracle with the approval of the Pope is required for canonization, at which time Father McGivney would be declared a “Saint.”

2013- At the 131st Supreme Convention in San Antonio, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reported that a possible miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael McGivney is under investigation in Rome. All of the documentation was delivered in March of 2013 to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican.

All members, spouses, and families are invited to join the Father McGivney Guild in support and to further the cause of the sainthood for our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership forms can be obtained from the Father McGivney website – www.fathermcgivney.org. Each member must individually apply for membership to the Guild.

During one’s lifetime, is there a more fulfilling opportunity than to be a part of the sainthood process, especially of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney? Take the time to send a membership form and become a part of the sainthood process.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark W. Roth, PSD

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K of C Charities Aid Foundation

The Charities Aid Foundation is the non-profit corporation of the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The foundation oversees the charitable fund raising, administration of the funds collected, and distribution of these funds for the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Foundation encourages the Kansas State Council to conduct statewide solicitations for the Commitment to Humanity Program, Pennies from Heaven Program, and the Religious Education Fund. The Foundation also encourages and accepts tax-deductible donations from wills and gifts for the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus.

In addition, The Foundation also distributes monies earned from the Christopher Fund and Centennial Memorial Fund to support Catholic Education across the state.

The Emergency Disaster Aid Program (EDAP), funded by donations to the Pennies from Heaven Program, helps victims of natural disasters, regardless of race, creed, or color. Requests of up to $500 will be granted to local councils after meeting specific requirements. Although the matching funds program is no longer required to receive the maximum grant possible, additional or matching funds are certainly still encouraged of the councils making the grant request. The complete list of guidelines to request funds can be found on the inside back cover of the “Official State Directory”.

The Commitment to Humanity Program helps people with intellectual disabilities. Funds from this program are distributed to organizations that help these special people. The funds also are used to support the Kansas Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament and Cheerleading Competition. The Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus is proud to be the prime sponsor of this worthy event.

Monies raised for the Religious Education Fund benefits parishes, schools and Catholic Religious Education Programs throughout the state. These funds are also used to help support the Catholic Campus Centers in Kansas, and underwrite special Religious Education projects submitted by the Bishops of Kansas, Catholic Lay Organizations and individuals.

Your support of the above programs is appreciated and needed to continue the work of this great charitable foundation.

Fraternally,

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PATRIOTIC (FOURTH) DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DISTRICT OF KANSAS

Patriotism is the fourth principle of our Order. The Fourth Degree color guard regalia is the most publicly recognized uniform within the Knights of Columbus. Along with this public recognition comes additional responsibilities and expectations of our members that are clearly exemplified in the Patriotic Degree Ceremonial.

The first exemplification of the Patriotic Degree in Kansas was held in Topeka on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1907. That same year, J.W. Gibbons was appointed as the first Master of the Fourth Degree in Kansas and Oklahoma. This year, the Fourth Degree will mark its 111th year of service in Kansas.

I invite all Third Degree Knights to join the Patriotic Degree. The need for Patriotic Catholic American Citizens has never been greater. The potential for growth of the Patriotic Degree is tremendous when one considers that only 16% of eligible Third Degree members in Kansas are Sir Knights of the Patriotic Degree.

Qualifications: Any Third Degree member in good standing is eligible to join the Patriotic Degree. There is no waiting period.

Exemplifications: The next scheduled Exemplification is November 17, 2018 in Marysville. Other Exemplification dates are being explored. Contact me if your assembly would like to host an Exemplification. Please review the state website for additional information as dates are confirmed.

New Assemblies: The potential for new assemblies in Kansas is great. We have 57 assemblies serving 263 active councils. Many eligible Third Degree members decline to join due to the distance to assembly meetings and events. For a member to be active, they must become and stay involved. In some areas, a district or group of smaller councils could join to form an assembly. Likewise, members in a large council could easily support their own assembly. Brother or Sir Knights interested in establishing a new assembly are invited to contact the District Master for further information. I will gladly meet with any council or group of councils to assist you.

I invite all Third Degree Knights to join the Patriotic (Fourth) Degree in this 111th year of the Patriotic Degree in Kansas.

All questions regarding the Fourth Degree should be directed to the District Master.

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## Activities To Complete The Columbian Award Application

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SISTER  
Lord, please help all of our young people find their calling and complete their vocations.

PRIESTHOOD  

ANSWERING GOD’S CALL!!!  

SINGLE  
What is your vocation?

MARRIED  
Lord keep me as a good wife and good mother.

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