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State Deputy Welcomes You to Lawrence!

Brother Knights and Ladies:

On behalf of the State Officers, it is my privilege to welcome you to Lawrence for our 108th Annual State Convention.



We are pleased to have as our guests, Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Bishop Paul S. Coakley, Bishop Michael O. Jackels, Bishop Emeritus George K. Fitzsimons, Bishop Emeritus Eugene J. Gerber and other members of the clergy.

With the gathering of Knights of Columbus from every corner of the state, we will celebrate our 108th meeting. We meet to renew old acquaintances, to make new friends and to recognize the accomplishments of our Order in Kansas during the past fraternal year. Our hope is that you will enjoy these days of convention and you will leave with a renewed commitment to our Faith and Order as we answer the call of Pope Benedict XVI to "Follow Me, Help Us Build Up The Church".

The activities planned for the convention begin with a Golf Tournament on Friday and conclude with the Final Business Session on Monday. The hours between will be filled with social activities, hospitality and business meetings. The highlights of the Convention will be the Sunday Convention Mass and the Monday Memorial Mass. Please plan to attend as many of the scheduled events as possible.

I thank Convention Co-Chairmen John Callewaert and Paul Haverkamp, the Convention Committee and Host Councils 1372-Lawrence, 11352-Tonganoxie, 11853-Baldwin and 12960- Lawrence for planning this weekend for our enjoyment. Special recognition goes to Lawrence Council #1372 in celebrating its 100th year of Columbianism.

In conclusion, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you this past year as your State Deputy. On behalf of the State Officers, we pray your participation in the 108th Annual State Convention in Lawrence will be memorable.

Fraternally,

Francis G. Drouhard

State Deputy

Archbishop Naumann Welcomes Knights

Dear Brother Knights of Columbus,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2009 Kansas State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Lawrence, the home of Kansas University, in the great Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas!



It is an honor to host the Knights of Columbus Convention and to be a part of the good work that you do. Each year you support many valuable programs through your religious, charitable and fraternal activities. I am especially appreciative of your untiring support of our priests and religious vocations so that our Church may continue to give the wonderful gift of the Eucharist to our people.

Your support of Pro-Life and Pro-Family initiatives across the country is very commendable and I applaud your efforts. This dedication to Pro-Life and Pro-Family assists the bishops in our responsibilities to shepherd and protect all God's children.

May your travels to and from the convention be safe and may the time spent in fraternity with brother Knights be filled with unity, charity, enjoyment and the love of God. I look forward to spending time with you at the convention.

May God bless the Knights of Columbus and prosper your works!

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

+Joseph F. Naumann

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas



Welcome from the Convention Chairmen

Councils #1372 and #12960 Lawrence #11853 Baldwin City and #11352 Tonganoxie welcome you to the 108th Knights of Columbus State Convention in Lawrence. The convention committee has put in many hours to help make your stay an enjoyable one. So enjoy all the activities we have planned for our fellow Knights and the ladies attending. If you have any questions committee members will be wearing blue or white shirts with the words 2009 Convention Committee on the shirt. They will be happy to assist you. Again welcome and enjoy your stay in Lawrence.

John Callewaert & Paul Haverkamp
Convention Co- Chairmen

Vocation Poster Contest Winners

Grade	Name	Dist.	Council
1-2	Sean Robben	51	2773 Grinnell
3-4	Christine Moran	34	10483 Wichita
5-6	Brandon Gerleve	21	1743 Washington
7-8	Rachel Henderson	34	10483 Wichita
Spec	Ed Dalton Kroboth	38	3400 Wilson

The overall state winner is Rachel Henderson.

Knights Are Honored to Have Past Supreme Knight Dechant and Wife Ann as Guests

The Kansas Knights of Columbus are honored to have our native son, Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant and his wife Ann join us as we celebrate our 108th Annual State Convention in Lawrence. Since stepping down from the leadership of the Knights of Columbus in 2000, Brother Dechant has offered his services to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Brother Dechant has been involved in overseeing the Knights Museum in New Haven as well as representing the Knights of Columbus at other functions. We welcome Virgil and Ann.

Program and Membership Directors and Chairmen Meeting

A meeting of all Programming and Membership Directors and Chairmen will be today at 11:00 am in Regency B. We will discuss and review the workshops, awards sessions and the information booth. Your attendance as a chairman or director is important.

District Deputy Meeting

A meeting for all District Deputies will be today in Regency B at 12:00 noon. The meeting will cover how to pay per capita, credentials, procedures, resolutions, caucusing of districts and floor privileges. State Deputy Francis Drouhard will chair the meeting with assistance by other State Officers and programming personnel.



Kansas Knight of the Year

Greg Lix, Publicity & Fraternal Chairman reports the names of the four finalists for the State Knight of the Year contest and congratulates them on their devotion of time and talents to the families, parishes, communities and councils. The four finalists were selected from 130 entries submitted by councils across the state. The diocesan winners are



Dodge City	Maurice Schaller	3273	Larned
Kansas City	Jim Stuke	11352	Tonganoxie
Salina	Bruce L. Heier	3034	Russell
Wichita	David F. Close	12049	Wichita

Each of these men will be recognized and given a plaque during the Sunday morning Awards Presentation. The Kansas State Knight of the Year will be announced at the convention banquet tonight. Congratulations to all Knights who participated.

Today's Schedule — Saturday, May 2

8:00 am—5:00 pm	Registration	Convention Center Lobby	12:00 pm	District Deputies Meeting	Regency B
8:00 am	Opening Mass	Regency A	12:30 pm	Lunch Break	
9:00 am	Perpetual Adoration Opens	Room 408	1:30 pm	Workshops	Regency B & C
9:00 am	Country Store Opens	Brazilian A	3:30 pm	Committee Meetings	Brazilian B, C & D, Regency B, State Officers Meeting Room
9:00 am	State Officers Breakfast	State officer Meeting Room	6:30 pm	Convention Banquet	Regency Ballroom
11:00 am	Directors & Chairmen Meeting	Regency B	9:00 pm—midnight	Hospitality Rooms	Poolside
11:30 am	State Officers & Past State Deputies Wives Lunch	Brazilian C	11:30 pm	State Officers Meeting	State Officer Meeting Room

Convention Workshops

The convention workshops will be held today in the Regency B & C rooms of the Convention Center. Districts 1 - 28 will meet in Regency B, and Districts 29 - 55 will meet in Regency C. The following topics will be covered in two 50-minute sessions. **All delegates and District Deputies are expected to attend.** Wives are invited to attend with them.

- Scott Maurath, State Program Director - Forms and "In God We Trust" license plates.
- Mike Baxa, State Advocate - Taxes and form 990N.
- Jim Pritchard, Pro-Life Chairman - Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Relay.
- Chris Hahn, Executive Director of the Special Olympics in Kansas - Partnership between the K of C and Special Olympics.
- Membership Team & Virgil Dechant - Membership update.

Kansas Family of the Year



Dennis Schrick, Family Life Director, has released the names of the winning families of the diocesan Family of the Year contest. The diocesan winners are

Kansas City	Bill & Ruth Butler	10834 Lansing
Dodge City	Steve & Lori Billinger	1187 Ellinwood
Wichita	Tom & Bonnie Baalman, Sr	3114 Clonmel-Schulte
Salina	Tim and Cindy Donohoue	1832 Manhattan

These families will be awarded a plaque which will be presented to them or their representative during the Sunday morning Awards Presentation. The winning State Family of the Year will be announced at the Convention Banquet tonight. Congratulations to all the families!

Convention Masses

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated each day of the convention.

The opening Mass is at 8:00 am in Regency A of the Convention Center. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley, Bishop of the Salina Diocese.

The official Convention Mass will be at 4:30 pm at Corpus Christi Church. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of the Kansas City Archdiocese. Concelebrants are Most Reverend Eugene J. Gerber, Bishop Emeritus of the Wichita Diocese and Most Reverend George K. Fitzsimons, Bishop Emeritus of the Salina Diocese.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for all deceased K of C members at 8:00 am in Regency A, B, C & D of the Convention Center. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend Michael O. Jackels, Bishop of the Wichita Diocese. The Concelebrant will be Most Reverend Eugene J. Gerber, Bishop Emeritus of the Wichita Diocese.

Adopt-a-Seminarian

This fraternal year we adopted 81 diocesan seminarians and 35 other religious receiving pledges of \$209,907.00. We had 100% participation from every active council and every assembly across the state. Thank you to all the councils and assemblies for your support of religious vocations.

Committee Meetings

State Deputy Francis Drouhard has appointed Grand Knights and State Personnel to chair several standing committees. Committees, their chairmen and room assignments are shown below.



All committees are to meet after the workshops today at the Convention Center in the designated location at 3:30 pm. All designated members are expected to attend and receive instructions and information about their committee.

Committee	Chairman	Room
Aids to the Warden	Mike McClain State Warden	Regency B
Distribution	Mike McClain State Warden	Regency B
Mileage & Per Diem	Mike McClain State Warden	Regency B
Audit	Mark Stolz 10483 Wichita	Brazilian B
Credentials	John Knipp 7279 Hutchinson	Brazilian D
Necrology	Glenn Herman 2340 Liebenthal	Brazilian D
Elections	Gilbert Kaiser 1269 Kingman	Brazilian D
Good of the Order	Thomas Negrete 7909 Olathe	State Officers Meeting Room
Resolutions	Mike Baxa State Advocate	Brazilian C
Publicity	Greg Lix State Publicity Chairman	Press Room (The Board Room)

Convention Banquet

The convention banquet begins at 6:30 pm in the Regency Rooms of the Convention Center. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will be the main speaker.

We are honored to welcome Immediate Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant and his wife Ann. Brother Dechant is the personal representative of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. We also welcome State Regent of the Daughters of Isabella Helen Schnittker and her husband Mark.

During the banquet, the State Family of the Year, State Knight of the Year, State Squire of the Year and State Circle of the Year honorees will be announced and recognized. A short history of 100 years of Columbianism at Lawrence Council 1372 will also be given.



Promote Membership Benefits in May

During May encourage each of your councils to designate a mass at its parish to sponsor a family corporate communion. Be sure they invite prospects and their families to this event. Following the mass, the council should hold an informal open house where Knights and their families can tell prospects and their families about the many benefits membership offers to them.

Don't forget about the **Membership Madness** tournament now being played both at the Supreme level between jurisdictions and between districts and councils within the state. Even if your "team" didn't win the first round you are still in the running. Check out the home page of state website at www.kansas-kofc.org for more information.

The Top Recruiter contest is still going on and everyone is eligible to win! The Kansas Knight who recruits the most new members this fraternal year will win a 3-stack, 17 drawer, tool tower tool box on casters. Visit the state website at www.kansas-kofc.org to see a picture.

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Convention Hospitality Rooms

All the hospitality rooms will be located in the Holiday Inn adjacent to the pool area. They will be open tonight and tomorrow at 9:00 pm and must close at midnight.



Be advised that Lawrence has a no tolerance policy with regard to alcohol related driving violations, so you and all council members are strongly advised to not drive if you have been drinking. A DUI offence can result in immediate jail time, a substantial fine, embarrassment and loss of your driver's license. Please act like the **CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN** we are called to be.

Pennies Country Store

Visit the Country Store in the Brazilian A Room. The proceeds collected from this effort are contributed to the Pennies from Heaven Fund. Take time to browse and come back again and again. There are a number of different items available. Your patronage is appreciated.

Don't forget the auction at 10:00 pm Sunday adjacent to the pool with auctioneer Fr. Bernie Gorges. One item to be auctioned is a beautiful painting of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, painted by Shirley Carrick of Derby, KS. Shirley is the wife of Brother Paul Carrick of Derby Council #4458. She has participated and won many awards in national and local exhibits for her work.

There will be two items included in a raffle ticket drawing.

The first is a Lil' Tex. It has a classic smoker design, 418sq in of cooking surface, Pellet feed by a High Tech Auger-fed burner, Electronic auto start, Solid State Control System, and EZ-Drain grease system. The suggested retail value is at \$699.00.

The other raffle item is a 14k yellow gold and freshwater chocolate pearl necklace. It's suggested retail value is \$228.00

What's Happening Tomorrow?

6:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Brazilian B, C, D	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Convention Mass	Corpus Christi Church
7:30 am	Pennies from Heaven Parade	Poolside	6:00 pm	Chaplains Social & Dinner	Corpus Christi Church
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Registration	Convention Center Lobby	6:30 pm	Sunday Dinner	Knights of Columbus Hall
8:00 am	Opening Prayer Service	Regency Ballroom	9:00 pm	Perpetual Adoration Closes	
8:30 am	Awards Presentation	Regency Ballroom	9:00 pm – midnight	Hospitality Rooms	Poolside
9:00 am	Country Store	Brazilian A	10:00 pm	Pennies from Heaven Auction	Poolside
12:00 pm	Ladies Lunch	Brazilian B, C, D	11:30 pm	State Officers Meeting	State Officer Meeting Room
12:30 pm	Business Session	Regency Ballroom			