October is a busy month for Council Programs and Activities. Every Council should be participating in our Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. A lot of people recognize the Knights through our “Tootsie Roll Drive.” What many people don’t understand is that this is the main fundraising effort for our namesake center, the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon. The 3D drive also helps fund Special Olympics of Missouri and local organizations throughout Missouri. Please make sure your Council is involved.

Also in October, we have a fifth Sunday. I encourage all Councils to have a fifth Sunday Rosary Program. If your Parish already has a Sunday Rosary the Council should participate. If they don’t, talk to your Pastor about the Knights leading a Rosary. Many Councils also do the ministries at mass on this Sunday. Finish the day with a social, coffee and donuts, breakfast, or go out for lunch. Try to include the entire parish family. This is a great recruiting opportunity.

All councils are encouraged to submit an application for a State Service Program Award. Every Council has one or two programs which members take an extra measure of pride in conducting. It doesn’t matter how large or small your project is because every charitable program is important to those you help.

One winner will be selected in each of the following categories: Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life; and Youth. State winners are then submitted on for the Supreme Contest. We have had an International winner in five of the past 6 years. This past year St. Isidore Council #5898, Leopold, won an International Program Service Award for their program “Edgars Unforgettable Month.” They didn’t do it for the recognition. They did it because it needed to be done. Every Council has programs that they do to fill a need in their Parish or Community. Submit one for a Service Program Award.

The application form (#STSP) is available on both the Supreme Council and Missouri State Council websites:

http://www.mokofc.org/forms

Entries must be submitted to the State Program Director by March 15, 2018.

Thank you for all your hard work. Invite a Catholic gentleman to join the Knights in October.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES DIR. BRIAN ZIEGLER

Greetings Brothers Knights

It is hard to believe we are already heading into October. Where does the time go? At the end of each article for this newsletter I have issued a challenge to you my brother Knights. How many of you have actually attempted them? My guess is ZERO. And why haven’t we done these? We as Catholics tend to get in a “Comfort zone” or “Bubble” and do not want to be asked to do anything outside of this.

October gives us a chance to attend the pilgrimage at Laurie Mo. Please join me. The next pilgrimage will be in November at Branson. I have my chairman working on next year pilgrimages as well.

By now each council should have been assigned a seminarian to support through the next year. Please share this information with your council and I encourage each member to send at least 1 email or card to this gentleman and let him know you are there for them.

Each council will soon be getting their Missouri Religious Vocation Fund appeal letter from me. Please take time to read it and give it to your councils. If there are any questions please call me at 573-460-4509. Nothing would make my chairman Mr Joe Stoverink happier than having his mail box flooded with checks for this October is the month of the most holy rosary and just happens to have 5 Sundays in it as well. So here it goes my challenge to you is that each council conduct a 5th Sunday rosary in October. Get out there and get in the front of church and show them that you are proud to be a Knight Of Columbus and proud to be a Catholic man.

Email if your council conducts a 5th Sunday rosary this month @churchdirector@mokofc.org. GOD BLESS

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR JOHN MAULTON

The time for the DD Drive will soon be here and all will do well. Please call me or your State Drive Chairman (Dave Bramman-East & Roland Cerel Jr.-West) for any last minute help. At the end of the day, there are probably a lot of factors that affect a Drive. But there is only one factor that is within our control, and it is probably the most critical thing: time and men. The longer we solicit, the greater the chances for higher results. I know you are all very busy, but always remember that your dedication and hard work helps many people, especially those that rely on the services of the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital.

Financial Secretary’s will soon receive the updated packet of forms and instructions regarding how to report Drive funds and request turn-around funds. Follow the instructions carefully, and let us know if you have any questions.

The Fall Games for the Special Olympics will be held October 13-15 in Jefferson City. Please contact Chairman Lou Holmfinn for more details, or if your Council can help. Be sure to remember to have your Partnership with Special Olympic form completed and filled out this year! It is due to the State Deputy by January 31st.

The 50th Anniversary of the Missouri Catholic Conference will be celebrated October 7th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City. Check out the MCC’s webpage for more details. If you need any other information on MCC issues, please contact Chair- man Dennis Buchheit (Legislative-Publicity MCC Liaison-Newsletter).

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Did You Know…
In 2016-2017, Missouri Knights of Columbus
- through the Global Wheelchair Mission raised enough money to provide over 100 wheelchairs to people in need in Missouri and in developing countries.
- through its Food for Families program, collected over 100,000 lbs. of food over $100,000 which was donated to food pantries in Missouri.
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIR.
MIKE TESMER
Inspiring, Honoring & Uniting

October is my favorite month of the year as we get to turn off the air conditioning, open the windows and enjoy the fresh air again and start to see the leaves change. So as the season changes, now is a good time to evaluate your Council and Ladies Auxiliary activities. Make sure they are planned out, are energizing, and most of all for the Knights of Columbus to bring joy to you and your families.

On the Ladies Auxiliary side, Chris and Linda Teel and daughter Nicole have started making the rounds to the area meetings. The scheduled program meetings and times are included in the program guide and in their report. They would love to have as many Knights and Council Officers attend along with District Deputies, State Chairman, State Directors and State Officers. My wife Kathy and I are able to make the first contact and have witnessed some amazing stories that the ladies are involved with. One of the questions that we heard, and is probably common in a lot of auxiliaries, is how do we get more ladies to join us? If you have some great ideas and successes in your area on inviting, make sure to give them to Chris & Linda so we can pass them along. Our Missouri State Councils are much stronger with the Ladies working with us. If you have not considered starting an Auxiliary in your council, please look into it and call the Teel’s with questions on how to get started. A lot of information about starting an Auxiliary is on the Missouri website.

The Sporting Clay Shoot in Walnut Shade on September 16th at the Oratk Shooters Sport Center had beautiful weather and a great evening to shoot. I didn’t have to lug as many shells as last year for the State Deputy since we had a cart this time. Over 50 shooters enjoyed the event that supported the Special Olympics of Missouri Training for Life Center. Those who entered online and like the Knights of Columbus Missouri State Council page will see some great pictures of the day that were posted. We will have those and others posted to our website too, in our food pantry, interesting/funny pages of my wife, Kathy, and Chris Herbert, be sure to like it. I will be watching! Special thanks go to Our Lady of the Lake Council #6470 for hosting and State Athletics Chairman Ennis Hinkebein for all the work he does with our Athletic programs.

One more sporting activity left for the year and that is the State Bowling Tournament at the Farmington Family Fun Center hosted by Fr. Lewis Tucker Council #1321. Dates to choose from are either the weekend of October 21st or 22nd or 28th & 29th. Be sure to get your team together and join in the fun!

Knights on Bikes in cooperation with Special Olympics have completed a very successful year. In 2017 Harley Davidson Softail Slim and are raffling it off to support the Training for Life Center. Tickets are only $50 each and only 1000 will be sold. 2nd place winners will get $1,000 and 3rd off to support the Training for Life Center. Knights on Bikes and Special Olympics have made contact chairman Aaron Wood if you have questions or need more details.

At this point your council should have ordered the free post and provided the card to the State Council. Either this or next month your council will make the state essay contest information in the program directory and downloadable entry form from the state website, giving you plenty of time to plan your events. Aaron Wood can help you with the free throw contest, which will take place in your council in January. Additionally, you should have made contact with your local schools to get the poster to the school and essay contest as a part of their curriculum. Either this or next month your councils need to conduct the council level judging. Let chairman David Kovacs know if you have assistance with either of these fine programs.

If you have a case or two that you want to be defended, I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement and never to stop defending life. Until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our silent, never to be passive, and never to be forgetful of the unborn. I offer my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know that you are the Lord God, I thank you today for all the lives of the whole human race. Amen.

YOUTH DIRECTOR LUCAS VOLKMAN

Everything is in full swing with the full and I imagine many of you are quite busy now with your council’s activities – though that is a good thing! There are multiple events this month. For councils or assemblies, the Supreme Council will have a raffle at the State Convention.

There will be 1200 tickets made available for the 2017 bowling tournament. 2nd place winners will get $1,000 and 3rd place winners will win a Harley Davidson Sportster. Tickets are only $50 each and will be sold at the State Convention.

The bowling tournament will be held on Saturday November 4th at 1pm at the Country Club at Pleasant Hill. The St. Louis regional will be at the IC fields in Arnold on October 15th at 6:30pm.

The St. Charles regional will be held on Saturday November 4th at 7:30 PM Manchester - Christ Prince of Peace Council #12984

The Springfield regional will take place at 1pm on the 15th of October at the Springfield arena. Finally, the regional will take place at 12pm on Sunday October 22nd at 1pm at the Westphalia Knights hall, which will also be the site of the state finals on November 5th at 1pm. Please contact chairman Aaron Wood if you have any questions or need more details.

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Finally, you should make sure that your local school counselors, council members and ladies auxiliaries have received the information regarding the Supreme Council’s “Meet Life” program. The actual applications will be placed on the state website at Missouri.kofc.org. A letter of introduction and a description is available under the program manual. Chairman Rocky Gamba can help you if you have questions.

Please let any of the chairmen, or myself, if you have questions as now is the time to prepare your youth programs for the rest of the fraternal year and remember to like us on Facebook at MOKnofcYou.
FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR PETER NICASTRO

Participation is building in both the Supreme and State Fraternal Recognition contests. Congratulations to the two Supreme Family of the Month winners for July, Paul Beal of Bip Lillis Council #380 in Lexington and Frank Hays of St. Robert Bellarmine Council #14745 in Blue Springs. Both families will receive (50) copies of the Family Sue newspaper by letter of congratulations from the Supreme Knight. Look for profiles of our state Family, Knights, and Youth of the Month winners for the upcoming months in this edition of the Magazine. The deadline for the next state Council contest is November 30th, but Supreme entries are next due on October 15.

The Family Fully Alive theme for October is "Together as a Mission. The dedication of the month is usually from the Holy Father, but unusually this month, the dedication is from the Supreme Knight’s book, Called to Life. The recommended family project for the month is to have a family brunch then pray the rosary together as a family. You can also make sure to publicize the project for your peace in your family and for the healing of family wounds. November is the last month in the current edition of The Family Fully Alive, so I anticipate a new edition soon.

Our annual game to watch the St. Louis Cardinals September 25th versus 150 Knights and family members purchased tickets for this event. With the baseball season concluded, our attention turns back to Kansas City Grand Knight Dave Dillon has organized the second annual outing to watch the Kansas City Mavericks minor league hockey team face off against the Rapid City Rush, Saturday, January 21 at Silverstein Eye Centers Arena in Independence. A quantity 4 pregame will precede the 7:05 pm puck drop. $35 tickets include the tailgate and a $5 donation to the Vita Society, with form orders available at this link. Order now for best seating! Thanksgiving season is frequently one for food drives and other collections to help the poor. Make sure that your Council is credited with your work, including counting your food drive as a Building the Domestic Church program under Food for Families. In the last fraternal year, Councils reported collecting an incredible 107,306 pounds of food. Submit your report #00057 whenever you have a food drive or help a food charity.

And now is the time to start planning for two special events for the Christmas season, which will be here before you know it. "Degregorio: The Inn" is modeled on the Posadas, a Latin American tradition for the Advent season imitating Joseph’s & Mary’s journey to Bethlehem, and includes a procession that can be as long as or shorter than circumstances allow. 300 copies free of charge from the Supply Department and are also a no-charge item. Start planning now for these easy but fruitful Building the Domestic Church events.

Your council can order cases of coats online through Supreme via Knights Gear. The coats cost $220 per case, with each coat containing a dozen caps. You can specify either boys or girls for the coats, which will arrive in a variety of sizes. The council will then be billed on its monthly statement from Supreme if it does not pay in advance. More details are available on the Supreme website.

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R. I. B. DIR. MIKE AUCHLY

Last month we covered the quota letter that are sent out to the Councils and Auxiliaries and how you can help collect the funds in order to reach your 100% and 125% level of your Council or Auxiliary quota. Now that fall is here it is time for our first appeals for the four summer months in the latest edition of The Machine. The deadline for the next state Council contest is November 30th, but Supreme entries are next due on October 15.

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LADIES AUXILIARY CHAIRCOUPLE CHRIS AND LINDA TEEL

Welcome to all and wishing you a smooth transition from Summer into Fall. Linda and I will be attending several Area Meetings in St. Genevieve, St. Louis, Booneville, Springfield and Maplewood. We would like to Thank President Jan Stella and the Ladies of Auxiliary #5568 for their great hospitality at the Area #1 meeting. Linda and I will continue assisting all great works being done for their Auxiliary and for the Knights. Thank you to our Council Activities Director Mike Tesmer (wife Kathy) and New Council Chairman Pat Carr (wife Patty) for attending the first meeting of the year.

We want to thank the Lady Presidents for the Area Meetings scheduled this Fall. Linda and I are excited and are looking forward to visiting with and presenting information at the following Area Meetings:

Area #6
Saturday, September 30, 2017 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM St. Genevieve Council Ladies Auxiliary #1037 Brenda Stuppy, President St. Genevieve KolCIC Hall 600 Market Street, St. Genevieve, MO

Area #5
Sunday, October 1, 2017 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM DeSmet Council Ladies Auxiliary #742 - Sue Morton, President Saint Matthew Catholic Church 796 Buckley Road, St. Louis, MO

Area #2
Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Booneville Auxiliary Council #1061 - Dawn Kuster, President Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church 322 7th Street, Booneville, MO

Area #4
Saturday, October 21, 2017 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Saint Ann’s Springfield Ladies Auxiliary #698 Sarah Pittman, President Springfield Council #4 2340 West Grand Street, Springfield, MO

Area #3
Sunday, October 22, 2017 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM Desoto Council Auxiliary #903 - Kathy Lubbers, President Immaculate Conception Parish Hall 7240 Anna Ave., Maplewood, MO

State Officers, State Directors, State Chairman and District Deputies are invited to attend as many Area Meetings as their schedules will allow. Please visit with these gentlemen if you have time at your Area meeting, as they are very knowledgeable about the Knight’s programs.

2 Month Planner & Events:
• Receive R.I.B. (Religious Information Bureau) donation quotas from State Chairman in September, $3.75 per member. See P9 in Program Manual.

• Sporting Events: On the weekends of October 21st & 22nd and 26th & 29th the State Bowling Tournament hosted by Father Lewis Tucker Council #1321 at the Farmington Family Fun Center in Farmington, MO.

• Soccer Challenger: September will be Council events, and October will be District & Regional events. See P44 in Program Manual.

• Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive): October 6th, 7th & 8th. See P46 in Program Manual.

We hope you all have a safe Halloween and we will see you at the Area Meetings.

Missouri State Council Ladies Auxiliaries "Helping Knights, Help Others" Remember Knights and Ladies, we are here for you ALL, God Bless.

Coats for Kids

People in need are not nameless faces, they are people in our own communities. Much of the charitable work done by Knights of Columbus councils is done in our own backyards to benefit those who are our neighbors. An excellent way to put the prime virtue of the Order, charity, into action is through participation in the Coats for Kids initiative. Per the Supreme Council, over 1600 councils around the nation purchase new winter coats for children in need each year as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. Since the program began in 2009, more than 400,000 coats have been distributed.

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