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## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

I had the privilege of recently attending the State Deputy Training and Installation Meeting in New Haven, Connecticut. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson gave the opening presentation.



In his presentation, he stated that the Knights of Columbus did not have to rewrite or revise our mission statement every few years. Our mission statement was the intent of the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney 135 years ago when he founded the Order. Our four principles, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism and the ceremonies involved in each of these degrees, state simply and clearly what our mission, our purpose is.

The Supreme Knight laid out the Action Plan for organizational success: For Supreme, for Kansas and for each council in our jurisdiction. These keys are important and I think they are worth repeating in this column:

- “We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus.” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. **Be membership growth oriented 24/7/365 days a year.**

Too often, we start our membership efforts in the late Fall. We must start recruiting now!

- We have implemented the Sunflower Award for Excellence. The requirements to achieve this award are above and beyond the Star Council Award.

- Last November our Insurance Department surpassed \$105 billion of life insurance in force. Work with your Field Agents, for recruitment and insurance needs.

- The State Council has sent up a five-year Action Plan, which has been approved by our Supreme Council. This plan will push Kansas into the Circle of Honor when followed. Each council should set up a three to five-year growth plan for membership and programming.

- Building the Domestic Church - While Strengthening our Parishes. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson stated this is “not an optional” program. All councils will implement this into every aspect of the Knights of Columbus.

- Promote all your activities, before an event and after the conclusion of your event. The more people know the good works we do, the more likely they will want to join our family.

- Dedication - we must have every Knight in Kansas dedicated to fulfilling Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney’s dream. A council in every Parish, or at least a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish.

- Be open to change, try a new idea or function.

- Utilize your Leadership Team. The State Officers, State Membership and Program Directors, Directors, Chairman, District Deputies are here to help and assist you.

It is an honor and privilege to serve the State of Kansas as your State Deputy. I look forward to working and assisting each council in the state, and I hope that together, we can build on the success that Kansas has had and maintained and we will continue to grow the Order in both Kansas and worldwide.

Vivat Jesus,  
Vincent P. Melvin III - State Deputy

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONTHLY

Hold Fundraisers for Pennies from Heaven and Culture of Life

Select your Family of the Month and submit to Supreme

Select your Knight of the Month and submit to Fraternal Chairman

Sign up a new member "BECOME THE CORNERSTONE"

Fulfill your Adopt-A-Seminarian pledge

### JULY:

Regional District Meetings - Last two weekends in July - more info to follow

- 1 **Deadline** for receipt of **Report of Officers (Form 185)** at Supreme
- 1 **Deadline** to submit council History Reports to State Historian
- 14-16 State Officers & District Deputy Installation Meeting in Wichita
- 15 Distribution of Tickets for Religious Education Fund Drive Drawing to District Deputies
- 20 **District Deputies: MUST HAVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND TICKETS TO COUNCILS.**
- 21-23 18th Annual Golf Tournament at Emporia
- 29-30 5th Sunday Rosary Prayer Service and/or Corporate Communion
- 31 Deadline for ordering Soccer Challenge Kit
- 31 **Service Program Personnel Report (# 365) due at Supreme**

### AUGUST

- 1-3 135rd Supreme Council Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri
- 1 **Form #365—Service Program Personnel Report due at Supreme (REQUIRED FOR STAR COUNCIL AWARD)**
- 4 Columbian Squires 92nd Anniversary
- 7-13 Knights of Columbus Family Week
- 13 Form #1295 Semi-Annual Audit Report due at Supreme
- 14 127th Anniversary of the death of Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- 15-21 Orderwide First Degree Week
- 17 **Deadline** for receipt of articles for the Knight's Lite
- 31 **Deadline** for ordering Tootsie Rolls Order Coats for Kids

The Kansas State Family of the Month - Family of the Month - Information concerning the Family of the Month winners was not received in time for inclusion in this edition. It will be included next month.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas Knight of the Month for May is Eric Nichol of Council #8411 - Topeka Christ the King.

### STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Fr. Dan Garner

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make a sacrifice 'O Jesus, this is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary'". These words of our Mother Mary were said to the three children of Fatima during her third apparition on July 13, 1917.

In reviewing this instruction, I asked myself two questions: How does one sacrifice oneself, and what would reparation accomplish? Checking out the Merriam-Webster dictionary, I came across these two definitions: Sacrifice - the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else, and Reparation - the act of making amends, offering expiation, or giving satisfaction for a wrong or injury.

Now, as I write this, I don't want you to think that I never knew this, but it is good to go back to the basics for reassurance of knowledge and practice already known and experienced. In both words, we find the importance of the person thinking beyond, to think of others first, and serve others before self. In this way, we imitate our Lord, his Mother Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints.

It is important that we help people to understand the value and power of sacrifice and reparation. In this time in which we live, there are many people preoccupied with self-absorption. *It is all about me. I come first. I am the center of my life. You are here to serve me, not me to serve you.* With this thought process, the

person is unable to understand the importance and value of sacrifice - *why should I do something for you that doesn't benefit me?* You and I are well aware that whenever we do something for another, we benefit in ways known and unknown, but the self-absorbed person cannot. Thus, we do acts of reparation to heal hurts caused by us or by others - even in the simple saying "I'm sorry" to someone who is hurting, although we may be innocent of any wrong-doing. Sacrifice and reparation take us out of ourselves and into the life of Jesus and the people of God - all people.

For this new fraternal year, I encourage you to make some act (or acts) of sacrifice to ask for the grace of God to lead men into the fraternity of the Knights of Columbus. Let us call upon his grace to move their hearts.

For this new fraternal year, let us make reparation for those who have been hurt by a fellow Knight, for whatever reason, real or perceived. Let us call upon the mercy of God to change their hearts.

Let us continue to call upon our Lady of Fatima to guide us, reassure us, and love us as we know she truly does.

### **STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Brother Knights,

The start of a new year is always exciting and bright. It is the dawn after the darkness of the end of the year. It's time to begin anew and start recruiting right away. Our membership theme for this year is "BECOME THE CORNERSTONE". Psalm 118 gives thanks to the Lord for his goodness. Verse 22 states "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

Gentlemen, while most buildings have only one cornerstone, the Knights of Columbus has almost two million. Every member is a cornerstone in their own way. We could not do the charitable work we do with the men out there raising the money to aid our brothers and sisters. The District Deputies are cornerstones of their District as a source of information,

guidance and support. The State Council staff is a cornerstone for recruiting and for expert information on their various programs. The Insurance Department Agents make sure that our families are protected. Finally the State Council officers and Supreme Officers make sure the Order is running in an efficient and productive manner.

Now, the cornerstones we have will begin to fade and crumble if we do not have support for them soon. The Knight you recruit today may be one of those leaders in the future. The man who is brought into our Order now can be the basis for enriching his Church or community tomorrow. We must search for those new cornerstones every day. The future of our Order depends on the work we do now.

Go out there. Search for that new cornerstone. Find that new member who will BECOME THE CORNERSTONE! God bless and here's to a new year of making Star Council, the Sunflower Award for Excellence, Star District and Circle of Honor!

John W. Schulz  
State Membership Director

### **STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

We are embarking on a new fraternal year while continuing to focus our efforts on the "Building the Domestic Church" initiative. Knights of Columbus has always placed great importance on the Catholic Family Life. This initiative will foster successful families by having them participate in a variety of activities that promote the New Evangelization, strengthen our parishes and grow the Order. Some of the new programs will concentrate on building on our Missionary Service, Growth of parish-based councils, and furthering our integration into Parish life. At your regional meetings and through the coming fraternal year we intend to engage every Knight and their families in this new and exciting initiative. To quote Pope Francis, "The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches."

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As we dedicate our attention to the “Building the Domestic Church” initiative this coming year we also want to encourage EVERY council to plan and work towards attaining the highest award for a council - the **Star Council Award**. There are **three requirements** for the Star Council Award: 1) attain the membership goal, 2) attain the insurance goal, 3) file three reports (**ONLY THREE**). The first of the three reports is Form 365 Service Program Personnel Report that is due prior to August 1, 2017. Send the report in even if your council only has one or two chairmen. Every council should have a Chaplain, so put his name on the report and send it to the Supreme Council office. An amended form can be filed at any time during the year as new service personnel are appointed. If your council elected a new Grand Knight, it is the new Grand Knight’s responsibility to appoint the directors and chairmen and submit the report. Do not confuse Form 365 Service Program Personnel Report with Form 185 Report of Council Officers which was due July 1, 2017.

Bob Duffin, Youth Activities Director, invites all councils to participate in this year’s Soccer Challenge. Grand Knights are asked to reserve a date for their event in September or October. All kits need to be ordered before July 31. While they are ordering the Soccer Challenge kits, they can also order the kits for the Free Throw contest and essay contest. Another activity to promote relationships between current Knights and future Knights is for Councils to hold a Teens vs. Knights softball game and picnic. If you have other ideas to share for Youth Activities, send photos and stories to Bob at [youth@kansas-kofc.org](mailto:youth@kansas-kofc.org).

Regional District Meetings are now scheduled for July. These meetings are important for a successful kickoff to our new Fraternal Year. Every council should plan to have the following members in attendance: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and the Program & Membership Directors. All other members are invited to attend as well. Please refer to the following schedule for the meeting in your region.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date Time</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>	<b>Districts Attending</b>
Aurora	7/18 7:00 pm	180 E. Main Aurora	5
Salina	7/19 7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church 1000 Burr Oak Ln.	28
Wichita	7/22 1:00 pm	St. Mary Catholic Church 2400 Meadowlark, Derby	29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36
Hays	7/23 1:00 pm	Saint Nicholas of Myra 2901 E. 13th St. Hays	37, 38, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 & 48
Kansas City	7/23 1:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church 2646 S. 34th St, Kansas City	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
Garden City	7/22 1:00 pm	St. Dominic Parish Hall 615 J C St., Garden City	49, 50, 53, 54 & 55
Sabetha	7/23 1:00 pm	Parish Hall 1031 S. 12th St.	1, 2, 4, 21 & 22
Pratt	7/23 1:00 pm	Meeting Hall, 1223 N Main	39, 40, 41 & 47
Atwood	7/23 1:00 pm	Meeting Hall, 201 Vine	51 & 52
Topeka	7/29 9:30 am	Christ the King Catholic Church 5973 SW 25th St	3, 18, 19, 20, 23 & 24
Manhattan	7/29 1:00 pm	St. Thomas More Church 2900 Kimball Ave	25 & 26
Parsons	7/30 1:00 pm	Meeting Hall, 1723 Main	14, 15, 16 & 17

Tom Schmeidler  
State Program Director

### **Religious Education Raffle**

It is time for Religious Education Program Raffle for 2017! Your council's financial support of this raffle is vital to the continued success of this program. Without each council's and assembly's support, the Kansas Knights would not have been able to raise \$180,000 and fill grants to over 288 Catholic education programs across the entire state. Councils and assemblies will soon receive their Religious Education tickets. Please start soliciting donations for this very important fund immediately. There are many ways you can promote and participate in this program. You can advertise in your parish bulletins and council newsletters, speak to other organizations about sharing the purchase of a ticket, advertise at parish events and share the good this program does with friends and family. What better investment can each one make then helping educate and share the Catholic faith with our future?

Steve Abels  
Religious Education Fund Chairman

### **State Golf Tournament**

2017 Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament is being held July 21-22 and 23rd in Emporia Kansas. The host is Leo Council #727 at Sacred Heart Church. The council is providing a complementary round of golf on Friday, July 21 for teams with a social hour Friday evening. Entry fee includes three rounds of golf, cart rentals, lunch each day at the course and a social Saturday night at the parish hall following mass @ 5:45. New this year will be an optional catered prime rib dinner at the parish hall Saturday evening, with drawings and awards for hole prizes. Teams interested in playing please email [gohlman49@gmail.com](mailto:gohlman49@gmail.com) or call the council at 620-794-2460. Open to all currently paid up members of KofC and spouses. Current membership cards will be checked. Prizes are awarded based on flights. Entry forms are available at <http://www.kofcemporia.org>

### **INSURANCE AGENCY MESSAGE**

The Knights of Columbus agency department is proud to congratulate the following men for achieving the honor of Field Agent of the Month for their respective agencies:

Eastern Kansas Agency: David Soukup wrote \$3,850,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

Central Kansas Agency: Adam Bruna wrote \$1,250,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

Western Kansas Agency: Darin Reed wrote \$1,700,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$39,893,950 in life insurance during the month of May.

Please join us in congratulating the following men for their outstanding performance. These men lead the state or the Knights of Columbus insurance program in May of 2017.

Darin Reed  
Adam Bruna  
Tyler Meyer

David Soukup  
Kirby Schmelzle  
J. J. Deges

John Schibi  
Steve Schmidt  
Luke Baker

Bill Weber

If you or someone you know would like to join our winning team of Field Agents please call 1-866-391-8781 for more information.



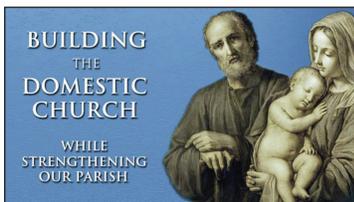
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