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## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

March is Founder's month, and March 29, in particular, is Founder's Day. Don't forget that our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, wanted our Order to be a society of Catholic men, established in every Parish, that



would support the Priests, but also provide a financial safety net for Catholic men and their families. For 135 years, the Knights of Columbus have been doing just that. Let prospective members, especially young family men, know what the Order can provide for them. If they joined the Order because of the fraternal benefits, encourage them to join in the works of the order in support of the Church. If they joined the Knights of Columbus to participate in the works of the Order, let them know about the fraternal benefits that membership avails them, including the Order's solid insurance and financial programs. Everyone joins for a reason. We simply have to let our members and prospective members know what we have to offer!

We are now officially in the last third of the Fraternal Year and four very busy and important months remain. Kansas has always recruited new members very well in the Spring months. I expect this year to be no different. There are 13 Third Degrees currently scheduled for March, and five more scheduled for April. I'd suggest that you schedule a First Degree as close to the Third Degree in your area as soon as possible, and then get these members to a Third Degree in an area near you as soon as possible.

From time to time, a Knights member, a District Deputy, a Grand Knight, a Financial Secretary, or sometimes, even just a member, will ask why our Order puts so much emphasis on membership, and new members, in particular. As I sit and write this article, Kansas has recruited 669 new members to join since July 1, 2016. Not that that is a great or terrible number. I wish it was a lot higher, but I will take what I can get. Now while that number may sound like a decent number, consider this: Kansas has lost 189 members through suspension or withdraws, for a net of (669-189) 480. Once again, not great, but our biggest months are yet to come. However, Kansas is a 114 for

Net/Net. That means we have lost 189 members, plus another 177 to deaths and/or transfers out of State!

The importance of increasing our intake numbers to grow the Order becomes even more important when you consider that, while Kansas has one of the highest, if not, the highest percentage of Knights per Catholic population in the United States. That means that we must work even harder to grow the Order. The "easiest" members have already joined. What is left to recruit from is the guys who will join, but will require more effort. Don't be afraid to make that effort! Remember that there is not that much traffic on the extra mile!

There are few Programming reminders that I'd like to plug for in March. Don't forget the March 10 deadlines for Knight and Family of the Year contests. April 1 includes a host of forms and deadlines. Make certain that you look over the Calendar of Events to complete and submit these forms. It is never too late to gain recognition for your Council or its members.

Don't forget that the Sonogram Initiative is still building funds. If your Council has not conducted a Culture of Life drive yet this year, this fund is an excellent idea. The Pennies from Heaven fund also collects money at the State Convention. Be certain that your Council makes a Contribution to this fund. Thankfully, we have not had many chances to use this fund this year. We should always pray for the best. However, with tornado season just now beginning, we must be prepared for the worst.

When I look at the works of the Order in Kansas, and as I travel the State, I am always amazed at all that we do. Don't be afraid to share what you do with anybody who will listen. You might just find your next Grand Knight, your next District Deputy, or even your next State Deputy. Mostly, don't be afraid to "Build the Domestic Church - While Strengthening our Parish."

Vivat Jesus,  
Vincent P. Melvin III, State Deputy

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH:

- 1 40 Cans for Lent program begins
- 2 Deadline for Council Substance Abuse Poster Contest Winners to State Chairman
- 4-5 73rd Annual Men's Bowling Tourney in Topeka (Final Weekend)
- 4 Formation/Knighthood Degrees-District 12  
Host: 12437 - Location: Louisburg - CO: Grothoff
- 5 Formation/Knighthood Degrees-District 27  
Host: 8316 - Location: Clay Center - CO: Steier
- 10 Deadline for Council Family of the Year to your District Deputy
- 10 Deadline for Council Knight of the Year to your District Deputy
- 10 Any council with an item to be considered for the Pennies for Heaven Auction is asked to contact Bruce Luehring.
- 11-12 Council Church Drive
- 15 Deadline for selected Vocational Posters to winning poster in each division to District Deputy
- 16-18 Special Olympics Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament in Hays
- 18 Patriotic Degree Exemplification in Lenexa
- 19 Formation/Knighthood Degrees-District 24  
Host: 1589 - Location: Olpe - CO: Melvin
- 19 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- District 1 & 21 - Host:13087 - Location: Baileyville CO: Rottinghaus
- 19 Formation/Knighthood Degrees-District 47  
Host:3273 - Location: Larned - CO: M. Roth
- 20 Deadline for District Family of the Year to the Diocesan Judge
- 20 Deadline for District Knight of the Year to the Diocesan Judge
- 20-26 Council Admission Degree Week
- 25 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- District 9  
Host: 11126 - Location: Shawnee/Good Shepherd - CO: Grothoff
- 25 Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child
- 25 Patriotic Degree Exemplification in Parsons
- 25 Deadline for District Vocations Poster Contest Winner to the Vocations Chairman
- 26 Formation/Knighthood Degrees-District 19  
Host: 4254 - Location: Topeka/Pure of Heart - CO: Winchester
- 26 Formation/Knighthood Degrees-District 31  
Host: 9510 - Location: Colwich - CO: J. Roth
- 27-02 Council Outreach Week in honor of Father McGivney

### APRIL

- 1 Deadline for Diocesan Knight of the Year Winners to be sent to the Fraternal Chairman
- 1 Submit RSVP Refund/Plaque Applications to Supreme
- 1 Deadline for fulfill Adopt-A-Seminarian Pledge
- 1 Deadline for Scrapbook entries of best single activity in the areas of Youth, Family, Church, Council, Culture of Life and Community to be sent to the appropriate Director or Chairman
- 1 Deadline to submit Culture of Life report form to Culture of Life Chairman
- 1 Deadline to submit Evangelium Vitae Aware application
- 1 Deadline to submit essay contest winners to State Youth Chairman
- 1-2 Squires State Convention in Garden Plains, Kansas
- 2 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- Dist. 34  
Host: 10483 - Location: Wichita/ St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton - CO: Weber
- 2 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- Dist. 45  
Host: 10044 - Location: Hays- CO: Kaiser
- 8 Patriotic Degree Exemplification in Newton
- 17 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 22 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- District 5  
Host: 900 - Location: Leavenworth - CO: Winchester
- 23 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- Dist. 44  
Host: 1857 - Location: Plainville - CO: Kaiser
- 23 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- Dist. 2 -  
Host: 4219 - Location: Holton - CO: Melvin
- 23 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- Dist. 11  
Host: 1257 - Location: Leawood/ St. Michael - CO: Grothoff
- 23 Formation/Knighthood Degrees- Dist. 37  
Host: 4759 - Location: Osborne - CO: Steier

### May

- 4-7 **The 116th Annual State Convention will be held in Topeka**

### **Congratulations Knights**

The Kansas Knight of the Month is Ivan Dressman of Council #1383.

## STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Fr. Dan Gardner, State Chaplain

The great season of Lent is upon us. It is a time of fasting, abstinence, penance, prayer, and almsgiving. I trust that you have prepared yourselves for this particular season. If you recall, I mentioned in my January article that I will be learning and praying the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary this Lent. Please join me if you wish.

As you know, the Church requires those who can to fast on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. This rule is for those of the ages 21-59, (dietary limitations excepted). For a while I was counting down the years that I would no longer have to fast during Lent. At the age of 59 I remembered specifically that I would no longer have to fast on these days. I looked forward to when I was 60 and could eat to my heart's content. The irony of it all, since I've turned 60, I've actually fasted more than before on these days. Crazy, huh? As I reflect upon it, all those years of "practice" led me to be able to actually fast when it wasn't required. It's like anything else, "practice makes perfect".

At times, as I was driving down the highway, I wondered what I would say in case of car accident. Would I be screaming my head off? Would I be silent? What would I be saying, if anything at all? I thought that if in a car accident, I would want to say, "O God, forgive me (and everyone else around me)". Several times I thought of that. By golly, one wintry day after Christmas, driving down the turnpike to Emporia, the highway was little icy. People were driving slower than I wanted and felt that I could go just a little bit faster than them. So, I passed someone on the highway and further down the road, my car began to slide to the left, I hit the barrier and bounced to the right and off the road into the ditch. What was I saying? O God forgive me! I repeated that several times in these few seconds. Fortunately, I was not hurt and could drive the car home, though slower than before. That "practice" of what to say paid off.

"Practice makes perfect". That is not just true in shooting hoops, aiming a rifle, playing cards, or whatever, it is true in our spiritual life. Let us continue to "practice" being good Knights so that other men will want to join us in our ministry.

Let this Lent be a practice session for a better life. May you be a new person at Easter, deeper in your relationship with God and with others.

God bless you all, future saints of heaven!

## DISTRICT MASTER MESSAGE

Francis G. Drouhard, State District Master

### **Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund**

The Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund requested an additional \$200,000 from the KofC councils and assemblies for the 2015-16 fraternal year and that was accomplished. In July of 2016 our Supreme Knight again challenged us for another \$200,000 and thus far \$147,735 has been raised. Sir Knights and Brother Knights we are still short of our goal and our Supreme Master recently asked that all councils and assemblies donate \$25 to this fund.

The Scholarship Fund was formed in 2011 when Supreme Knight Carl Anderson charged the Fourth Degree to raise \$1 million over a 5-year period to co-sponsor the educational costs of seminarians to support of His Excellency Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop of the Military Services, USA. That challenge was met just 3 years and 4 months later, a full year and a half ahead of schedule. Upon that accomplishment the Supreme Knight again challenged the Fourth Degree to raise the bar for Kansas. I would encourage all assemblies and councils to donate to this most worthwhile cause and to give more than the \$25 if it can be afforded. The Military needs 800 chaplains to serve the men and women in uniform and currently there are only 210 available. Through this program 5 men have been ordained and 37 seminarians are currently being educated. Two more will be ordained in June and there will be two transitional deacon ordinations in May. Our funds truly are helping to bring more Military Chaplains to our men and women in uniform. Please consider a donation to this fund today. Checks may be made payable to: "Knights of Columbus" and write "Military Chaplains Fund" on the memo line.

Mail donations to: Dennis J. Stoddard, Office of the Supreme Master, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

## STATE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dale A. Weber, State Secretary

**Attention Grand Knights:** You should have received report forms for Credentials, 50 year members and Necrology from State Secretary Dale A. Weber. They should be completed immediately and sent back to Dale as the due date was **March 1, 2017**. **District Deputies**, please double check to insure these forms are submitted from all your councils.

## STATE ADVOCATE'S MESSAGE

Jamey Roth, State Advocate

Grand Knights: Don't forget that every Council needs to complete and submit the IRS Form 990 so that your Council does not lose its tax exempt status. The Supreme council has provided communication on the subject as follows:

As you know, the Knights of Columbus, including all of its subordinate councils and assemblies, is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding our tax exempt status, each council and assembly is required to file an annual informational tax return (IRS Form 990) with the IRS. In addition to our filing requirement, each council and assembly is also responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council or assembly losing its tax exempt status. Also, we suggest you visit the IRS's home page on tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council and assembly officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html?nav-menu=menu1>

Make certain that your Council does not become liable to the IRS by NOT reporting! The due date for submitting this form is May 15th!

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

John Schulz, State Membership Director

Brothers, it doesn't seem possible that it's already March. It feels like we just got the Christmas decorations down and we're preparing for the second half of the fraternal year. But time flies faster than one realizes and lo and behold we are getting ready for the wearing of the green on St. Patrick's Day.

Men, we are not doing as well as we need to this year when it comes to recruiting. We need to do a better job and we have to do it NOW. Before we know it, May will be upon us with the State Convention, Mother's Day and graduations followed then by summer vacations. If we do not recruit now, we won't get it done. Councils should be well into preparing a church drive in March. If not, get it planned this minute for later this month. Order supplies immediately from [Knightsgear.com](http://Knightsgear.com) and let's make a strong push in March.

To reach Star Council you need to make your Membership goal, your insurance goal and do four different program activities in sic different areas. None of that happens overnight. Do not wait any longer. You MUST get out there and ask men to join our Order. Look at your RCIA classes. Easter is coming up in April. Plan a degree for a week after Easter. Look at those kids who are turning 18 and becoming adults. They are our future.

Most importantly, a disturbing fact to emerge is not encouraging your sons to join. Men, how can we expect to bring in others, if we don't bring in our own families? My father did not force me to join, he encouraged me to participate. He championed the work that the Knights do and in a roundabout way spurred me on to do good things. You need to encourage your boys to do the same. Who out there is willing to foster that attitude? Teaching your children to do good for others is a major part of being a father. My father taught me well. I try to pass on that same spirit to my step children, nephews and my God-children. Have you? Have you recruited a Knight? Have you been a FISHER OF MEN?

Now gentlemen is the time to encourage all men of the Catholic faith to become part of the largest and greatest Catholic's men's organization in the world. It is up to you for our order to thrive.

## STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Tom Schmeidler, State Program Director

How is your council progressing in its quest for the coveted Star Council Award? The three requirements for the Star Council Award are 1) make the membership quota, 2) make the insurance quota, 3) complete and submit three forms to the Supreme Council office. Two reports are available now on the home page of the state website to track your council's progress and status. These reports will be updated on a regular basis, so check back often!

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (Form 1728) is one of the most important documents a council can prepare each year. The Supreme Council needs this report from **every council** in order to document our tax exempt status. A big thank you is extended to all councils who have filed this form in a timely manner. To finish out the fraternal year there is one remaining report, along with council membership and insurance quotas, that is required to qualify for the **Star Council Award**. The form is the **SP-7 form - Columbian Award Application**. Four (4)

activities are required in each of the six (6) programming areas - Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Culture of Life. Programs. You will find twenty (20) examples in each programming areas of potential activities inside the back cover of the Program & Membership Guide. Remember this year to be eligible your council MUST complete four programs that are designated by Supreme as **"Building the Domestic Church"** Programs. Please review these activities to see if any are applicable for your council in completing the form. **All councils should have Form SP-7 completed and submitted to your District Deputy prior to the Convention. DD's are requested to bring these to the Convention.**

Your council's **Knight and Family of the Year** should have been chosen by now, as these need to be submitted to your District Deputy by **March 10**. It is very important we recognize those chosen for this exemplary title. Be sure to submit your entry to your District Deputy on time. **District Deputies**, please be sure to complete the lists of Council Knights & Families of the Year and submit to the Family Life Director and Fraternal Chairman by **March 20**.

All **scrapbooks** should be in the finishing stages and need to be **received** by the appropriate State Director **before April 1**. All reports required by Directors and Chairmen with an April 1 deadline must be received **prior to April 1** to be eligible for awards at our Convention.

I also ask that you personally look at District Master Francis Drouhards message. The importance of the Military Chaplain Fund, as many families can attest, my father, myself, and my son included that we know and have seen the importance of our military chaplains at work. They provide many valuable and faith filled opportunities. Just to name a few these Chaplains are present to practice the faith wherever and whenever they can, counsel military members and family through difficult matters, and to lend support whenever they are able. Not only do Catholic followers benefit from these Chaplains but Christians of all faiths. Please consider this request at your next Knights meetings. If you have even one military member, whether active, guard or reserve then this request should be understood and easily be answered.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### *Adopt a Seminarian*

Church Activities Director Gary Wondra advises all councils to fulfill their seminarian pledges soon. All councils must report their pledges for the Adopt a Seminarian program to

Gary. There are still seminarians in need of additional financial support. If your council has pledged at least \$500 to a single seminarian, please complete the RSVP form and submit it to Supreme to receive your \$100 refund. In addition, continue to give moral and prayerful support to your adopted seminarians as we "Build the Domestic Church and Strengthen Our Parishes".

### *Vocation Poster Contest*

"Passing on the Faith" is the theme for the 2016-2017 Vocations Poster Contest. All councils should involve the youth in their community by sponsoring this contest. Winning council level posters in each division must be submitted to your District Deputy by March 15th. Guidelines for this contest may be found on page 15 in the Program and Membership Guide. All guidelines must be followed to prevent a poster from being disqualified.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### *Free Throw*

A big "Thank You" to all councils sponsoring free throw contests this year. The State Council and our youth across Kansas applaud you for your hard work! Be sure to file your report #FT-1 with Supreme, and send a copy to our State Deputy. The results need to be documented and suggestions submitted. Congratulations to those youths who captured the top spot and then participated in the district, regional and possibly the state contest. The Kansas Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship will be held on Sunday March 5, 2017, at Sacred Heart High School Gym, 230 East Cloud Street, Salina, Kansas at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend to watch some of the best shooters in Kansas compete for the state titles.

### *Columbian Squires*

The State Squires Convention is set for April 1-2 in Garden Plain Contact State Squires Chairman Bob Duffin at 620-396-8354 or [squires@kansas-kofc.org](mailto:squires@kansas-kofc.org) for information

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

"The church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches". - Pope Francis

Keep up the great works with recognizing Families of the month, completing the forms each month and submitting your families to the state and supreme.

Now is time to submit your councils Family of the Year to each District Deputy. Nominations have already started rolling in so pick a FOY from one of your monthly family nominations and submit to your DD before March 9.

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Finally, the scrapbooks need to be submitted to me by April 1, 2017. I trust that each council has worked with each of your council members and POTENTIAL members and invoked their creative thoughts as a way to document KOC memories that are cherished and passed on for each family and generations to come.

Be sure to give me a call and or email me with any questions or even better, just to say hello, Scott Nichols, Family Life Director, at [family@kansas-kofc.org](mailto:family@kansas-kofc.org) or (620)353-0458.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### *Pennies from Heaven*

**Pennies from Heaven Needs Your Help!!!** Pennies from Heaven Chairman Bruce Luehring needs your donations for the Country Store and Auction at the State Convention. Bruce would like at least one item donated from each of the 55 districts. Call him right away at 316-788-4663 or email to [Pennies@Kansas-kofc.org](mailto:Pennies@Kansas-kofc.org) to confirm an item for the auction or store. Has your council's Pennies from Heaven Fund reached its full potential? There is still time to hold a fundraiser.

**Remember:** Pennies from Heaven Money needs to be turned into the Country Store by noon on Saturday May 6.

**Forms of payment!** Items in the Country Store and sold at the auction can now be paid for using a **debit or credit card**. Checks and cash will still be accepted also.

### *Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Roll) Update*

The 2016 Tootsie Roll Drive has been completed, however, there are still some councils that have not submitted their report. Many charitable organizations depend on this money for their activities throughout the year, along with supporting the Special Olympics Basketball and Cheerleading contests. Please finalize this report today. Commitment to Humanities Chairman Barney Wolters thanks everyone who participated in the program. We are on pace to meet our goal and set a new record. Barney also invites you to join us at the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Hays March 16-18. Councils should also be working on their Community Activities scrapbook and submitting it to Community Activity Director Barney Wolters before April 1.

## CULTURE OF LIFE

Saturday, March 25th is the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. The

Supreme Council has many support materials available for your councils to show support for this very important day of prayer. Your council may consider sponsoring a prayer service or the celebration of the Mass during this weekend. Support materials can be found at the Supreme web site with the following address.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/culture-of-life/day-of-prayer-for-the-unborn-child.html#/Support%20Materials>

Also, Saturday, April 1st is the DEADLINE for sending:

- The council Culture of Life Report fully completed with a brief listing of items *donated and monetary* value of supplies/clothing and money donated.
- The Evangelium Vitae Aware Application; please review the application as many of your council activities may give your council the opportunity to win the traveling award for the Fraternal Year.
- Scrapbook on Culture of Life Events that your council participated in. This scrapbook should demonstrate your councils desire and compassion for the Culture of Life.

Should you have any questions regarding the above listing, please contact Lino S. Munoz as soon as possible. My Brother Knights, we are a living witness to the Culture of Life. A culture that respects and protects all human life from conception to natural death. A very special Thank You to all councils that have contributed to the Ultrasound Initiative and to those that continue to support this cause. Your support protects the life of the unborn, the wellbeing of the mother, inspires the heart of the father and creates hope for the Domestic Church.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### *Council Activities*

Councils are encouraged to be creative in planning council activities. Make sure your activities promote participation and the principles of unity and fraternity. Don't forget to submit a scrapbook for your best activity to Tom Hablieb Council Activities Director, by April 1, 2016

### *Athletics*

The 73rd Annual Knights of Columbus Men's Bowling Tournament will be held at the West Ridge Lanes in Topeka and hosted by the councils of District 19. The dates of the tournament are February 18-19, February 25-26 and March 4-5.

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The 2017 Sporting Clays Tournament is scheduled for May 20, 2017 at Sportsman Acres on Milford Lakes. The host Council, 1029 Junction City invites all Brother Knights to join them for great fun and fellowship. All the proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the food pantry at St. Jude's. Watch the state website for more information including start times, prices, prizes and registration.

The 2017 Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 22-23, 2017. It is hosted by Emporia Council 727 and held at the Emporia Golf Course in Emporia. More information about the tournament will be available in the near future on the Kansas State website.

### ***Fraternal***

All councils across the state should have selected a council Knight of the Year. The deadline to submit the application to your District Deputy is March 10. Don't be afraid to ask your Knight of the Year to provide you with as much information as possible and help you complete the application. The state Knight of the Year is chosen from the information provided on the application, so please be thorough and complete. Remember to keep a copy of the application for your council files. District Deputies should submit your District Knight of the Year application to the appropriate Diocesan Judge by March 20. Remember to sign the winning application. I remind all District Deputies to send the list of your Council and District winners to State Fraternal Chairman Mike Barnard in order for them to be included in the Convention Reports and for certificates to be presented. Every council should continue to select a Knight of the Month and submit his name to Mike by the 15th of each month for the opportunity of being selected as the State Knight of the Month. Please send any address changes or corrections to State Secretary Dale Weber in order to keep the State mailing list current.

### ***Publicity***

State Publicity Chairman Mike Barnard reminds councils to publicize the good works of the Knights of Columbus. Councils should send or email Mike copies of articles on activities and important news worthy events.

### ***Webmaster***

It is vital that we keep the website information as current as possible. This insures that State, Council and Assembly officers have access to the most current details. It enables us to share

events, news items and plans with our membership. The Webmaster reminds all councils, assemblies and members to send him updates as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the website, please contact Doug Wietharn at [webmaster@kansas-kofc.org](mailto:webmaster@kansas-kofc.org). We still need many of our Grand Knight's email addresses. Please send them to the webmaster as soon as possible.

### ***History***

As State Historian-Archivist, I have been able to provide information to those seeking information or verification about their council and those who have served the Order, but only with the help of the councils who file their annual history update report and other printed material. Several councils in Kansas are now making plans to celebrate their 25th, 50th, 75th, or 100th anniversary and have sought information. Now that the State Council has digitized all council history that is on file, it makes it simple to research history. The source of all council information in the Archives is submitted by the council for preservation. Our history is our heritage to the future members of your council. The report form can be found at the Kansas State Council website: [www.kansas-kofc.org](http://www.kansas-kofc.org). The history report can be submitted online. I encourage the council historian to type the report or file the report(s) by using email and retain one copy for council files. The annual History Update Report for this fraternal year is **due July, 2017.**

Tom Schmeidler  
State Program Director



## 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: Matthew Locke wrote \$2,070,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in January.

Central Kansas Agency: John Schibi wrote \$720,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in January.

Western Kansas Agency: Tyler Meyer wrote \$2,335,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in January.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$41,994,385 in life insurance during the month of January.

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 January of 2017.

Tyler Meyer  
Steve Schmidt

Josiah Keith  
John Schibi

Bill Weber  
Darin Reed

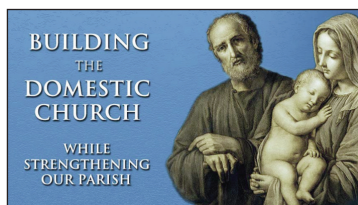
Kirby Schmelzle  
Adam Bruna

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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