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State Deputy Welcomes You to Topeka!



Brother Knights and Ladies,
On behalf of the State Officers, it is my privilege to welcome you to Topeka for our 116th Annual State Convention.

We are pleased to have as our guests, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Bishop John B. Brungardt, Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop Carl A. Kemme and other members of the clergy.

With the gathering of Knights of Columbus from every corner of the state, we will celebrate our 116th 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 that you will leave with a renewed commitment to our Faith and Order as you step forward to spread Columbianism and to continue to support the Priests in their vocation and mission.

The activities planned for the convention begin with a Golf Tournament on Thursday and conclude with the Final Business Session on Sunday. The hours between will be filled with social activities, hospitality and business meetings. The highlights of the Convention will be the Friday Convention Mass and the Sunday Memorial Mass. Please plan to attend as many of the scheduled events as possible. I thank Convention Chairman Eric Nichol, the Convention Committee and our Host Council, #8411 Topeka, for planning this weekend for our enjoyment.

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 for your participation in the 116th Annual State Convention in Topeka will be memorable.

Faternally,

State Deputy-Kansas State Council

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann Welcomes Knights

Dear Brother Knights,

A warm welcome to all of the Knights of Columbus and their spouses and families. It is a joy and a privilege for the Archdiocese of Kansas City to host the Kansas State Convention.

Please allow me to take this occasion to thank all of you for all that you do to support the Church's efforts to protect the sanctity of

life, to encourage those discerning a priestly vocation, to support our priests in their pastoral ministries, to strengthen marriage and family life and to keep Catholic education affordable and accessible to all of our families. The Knights of Columbus are the right hand for a Bishop. Thank you for your love for Jesus and His Church and your willingness to be strong witnesses of our Catholic Faith, even in the midst of a sometimes hostile culture.

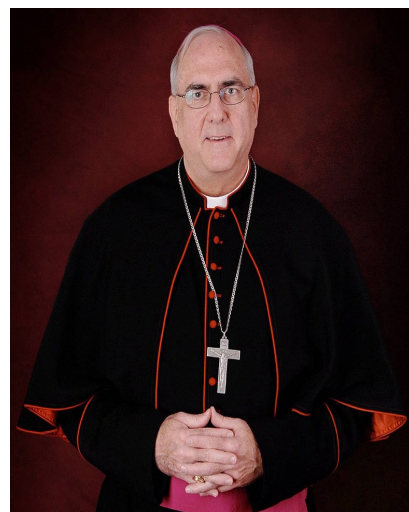
I hope the Convention is a time of grace and blessing for all those who participate. I pray that the convention will be fruitful in all the ways that our Lord Jesus desires.

During this year in the Archdiocese of Kansas, we have made one of our "super priorities" the strengthening of marriage and family life. I have challenged every married couple in the Archdiocese to do something to strengthen their marriage. I pray for all our Knights and your spouses that Our Lord will help you in the coming year to grow more deeply in the love with each other.

With gratitude for your love for your Catholic faith, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, The Lord of Life

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann



Greetings from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



In my own name, and on behalf of the Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I offer greetings to you and all my brother Knights as the Kansas State Council gathers for its annual convention. Your meeting is a valuable opportunity to review and honor the achievements of the past fraternal year, and to plan for still greater success in the year ahead.

You come together as our Order celebrates its 135th anniversary. Much has changed, yet the vision of Father Michael McGivney endures and the need for the Knights of Columbus has never been greater — to strengthen the faith of Catholic men; to build up our families as domestic churches and safeguard them from financial ruin; to stand in solidarity with our priests and bishops; to serve our brothers and sisters in need, whether they are a hungry child next door or a persecuted Christian in the Middle East.

Membership growth must be a perennial priority for every state council, since with every new brother Knight, our Order can offer even more charitable and volunteer service to our communities and parishes. We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to become a Knight, and give him the opportunity to protect his family through our extraordinary insurance program.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you, to the state officers and program directors, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and each and every brother Knight who has helped bring to life the vision of Father McGivney in Kansas.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and guide your convention, and may Venerable Father Michael McGivney intercede for us all.

Faternally,

Carl A. Anderson

District Deputy Meeting

A meeting for all District Deputies will be held today in the Grand Ballroom at 11:00 am. The meeting will cover how to pay per capita, credentials, procedures, resolutions, caucusing of Districts and floor privileges. State Deputy Vincent Melvin III will chair the meeting with assistance from other State Officers and Programming Personnel.

Welcome Supreme Representative Francis G. Drouhard



The Kansas Knights of Columbus are honored to have Supreme Warden Francis G. Drouhard join us as we celebrate our 116th Annual State Convention in Topeka.

Francis and his wife Lori reside near Danville Kansas. The Drouhards have two daughters: Lindsay (husband Alex) Neises and Cori Drouhard.

Francis has served in many capacities within the Kansas Jurisdiction as Chairman, Director and has held elective offices including State Deputy. After serving as State Deputy he was elected President of the Kansas Knights of Columbus Charities Aid Foundation. Mr. Drouhard currently serves as District Master of the Fourth Degree for Kansas and in October of 2016, was elected Supreme Warden by the Order's Board of Directors.

We welcome Supreme Warden Francis G. Drouhard.



Kansas Knight of the Year

Michael Barnard, 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 their families, parishes, communities and councils. The Diocesan winners are as follows:

Dodge City	Melvin Lickteig	5212	Scott City
Kansas City	Marvin Hammersmith	834	Horton
Salina	Michael Waite	4113	WaKeeney
Wichita	Ronald Helten	4118	Wichita

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

Today's Schedule — Friday, May 5th

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Atrium	1:00 pm	Workshops	Grand Ballroom
8:00 am	State Officers Breakfast	Mansion Dining Room	3:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Details on page 3 of this newsletter.
9:00 am	Country Store Opens Pennies Collection	Fountain Rooms	5:00 pm	Convention Mass	Christ the King Church 5973 SW 25th St. Topeka
10:00 am	Directors & Chairmen Meeting	Grand Ballroom	6:30 pm	Delegates and Guest Dinner	Christ the King Gymnasium
11:00 am	New Delegate Meeting	Mansion Dining Room	6:30 pm	Chaplains' Dinner and Social	Christ the King Yadrich Hall
11:00 am	District Deputies Meeting	Grand Ballroom	9:00 pm - Midnight	Hospitality Rooms	2nd Floor
11:30 am	State Officer and PSD Wives' Luncheon	Madison Street West	11:30 pm	State Officers Meeting	Mansion Dining Room
12:00 noon	Lunch Break	On Your Own			



Welcome from the Convention Chairman

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

The Brother Knights of Council 8411 are grateful that you have "Said Yes" and have joined us at the Kansas Knights of Columbus 116th Annual State Convention. We have been working diligently to ensure your stay is memorable.

The convention started off with a bang yesterday with the shotgun start of the Golf Tournament at Cypress Ridge Golf Course. Today's workshops are sure to get you excited and ignite in you Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney's passion for the Knights of Columbus. Business meetings will round out the convention on Saturday and Sunday. The highlights of the convention will be the Convention Mass this evening, the Banquet on Saturday and the May Crowning and Memorial Mass on Sunday Morning. Memories will be made when we gather with our friends in the hospitality rooms and our charitable good works will be encouraged during the Pennies from Heaven Auction. On Saturday, during the Ladies Luncheon, two great speakers will share their experiences with Mary's abundant love for us all.

I hope that the theme of this year's convention "Say Yes to God" will resonate with you throughout this next fraternal year and that you will be ready to answer God's calling.

Vivat Jesus!

Eric Nichol
2017 Convention Chairman

Convention Banquet

The Convention Banquet begins at 6:30 pm Saturday in the Regency Ballroom. Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann will give the key note address. Remarks will also be given by Supreme Warden Francis Drouhard and Past State Regent of the Daughters of Isabella Patricia O'Brien.

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.



Kansas Family of the Year

Scott Nichols, Family Life Director, has released the names of the four finalists for the State Family of the Year contest. The Diocesan winners are as follows:

Dodge City	John & Michelle Moshier	1521	Hoisington
Kansas City	Robert & Margie Tastove	1052	Westphalia
Salina	Leon & Elsie Huser	1867	Victoria
Wichita	Bob & Davi Stuhlsatz	4458	Derby

These families will be awarded a plaque that will be presented to them, or their representative, during the Saturday morning Awards Presentation. The winning State Family of the Year will be announced at the Convention Banquet Saturday night. Congratulation to all the families!

Committee Meetings

State Deputy Vincent P. Melvin III has appointed Grand Knights and state personnel to chair several standing committees. Room assignments along with the chairman are shown below.



All committees are to meet after the workshops today at the convention center in the designated location at 3:00 pm. All designated members are expected to attend and receive instructions and information about their committee

Committee	Chairman	Room
Aides to the Warden	Ken Hammerbacher	Grand Ballroom
Distribution	Ken Hammerbacher	Grand Ballroom
Mileage & Per Diem	Ken Hammerbacher	Grand Ballroom
Audit	Larry Winter	Mansion Dining Room
Credentials	Raymond Dashnaw	Fountain Area
Necrology	Cesar Nolla	Fountain Area
Elections	Raymond Rodriguez	Fountain Area
Good of the Order	Steve Abels	Suite 433
Resolutions	Jamey Roth	Mansion Gold Room
Publicity	Mike Barnard Doug Weithern	Fountain Room 4 Press Room

Program and Membership Directors and Chairmen Meeting

A meeting of all Programming and Membership Directors and Chairmen will be held today at 10:00 am in the Grand Ballroom. We will discuss and review the workshops, awards sessions and the information booth.

Convention Workshops

The Kansas Knights of Columbus Convention Workshops will be held at the Grand Ballroom from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All Knights members, wives and guests are encouraged to attend and get the latest information on Knights of Columbus programs, membership, insurance and the fourth degree.

Convention Masses

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated each day of the convention. The official Convention Mass is at 5:00 pm Friday at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th St. Topeka. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend John B. Brungardt. Concelebrants will be Reverend Dan L. Gardner-State Chaplain, and other priests.

Saturday's mass will be at 8:00 am in the Regency Ballroom. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger. Concelebrants will be Reverend Dan L. Gardner- State Chaplain, and other priests.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for all deceased K of C members at 8:00 am Sunday in the Regency Ballroom. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann. Concelebrants will be Reverend Dan L. Gardner-State Chaplain, and other priests.



Convention Hospitality Rooms

All the hospitality rooms will be located on the 2nd floor of the Hotel. They will be open tonight and tomorrow at 9:00 pm and must close at midnight.

Fishers Of Men

Welcome Brother Knights, Ladies and Guests to the 116th State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas.

We are going to have a great time here in Topeka! The State Council has put together some great functions for the convention. It also is a time to rekindle friendships with Brother Knights and their families that we too often don't get to visit with.

This year, our membership theme is "FISHERS OF MEN". The theme was chosen from St. Matthew's Gospel to reinforce how we need to not only evangelize for our Church but for the Knights of Columbus as well. So far through the year we have been doing a good job of being Fishers of Men. Our numbers are good but they are not where we need to be. The focus for each council should be highly sought after Star Council Award. If our councils work to achieve this top award, they must reach their goals in membership, programming and insurance that is set forth by the Supreme Council. As Knights of Columbus members, we need to seek out every eligible Catholic man and give him the opportunity to join us in our mission. The life line of any organization is recruitment of new members and for the Knights of Columbus that does not end at convention. There are still two months left in this fraternal year in which we can recruit new members and grow the Order in Kansas.

This year the State Council added another award as well: The Sunflower Award for Excellence. This award is designed to give distinction to those Councils that go above and beyond the standards set by Supreme and attain 150% of their membership goal along with their insurance and programming goals. We created a special plaque for this award and every Council that wins it, will also receive a \$100 Amazon.com gift card to use how they wish. There are only two months left to earn Star Council and the Sunflower Award, time is slipping away fast. Be thinking right now on how you can achieve your goals and obtain these top awards from Supreme and the State Council.

As if obtaining the Star Council Award or Sunflower Award wasn't incentive enough, the Supreme Council will offer a \$4.50 credit for each billable member on a council's roster as of July 1, 2017 again this year. This alone should have every council striving to achieve Star Council.

The next two months hold great opportunities for us to reach out to those non-members and ask them to become members of

the Knights of Columbus.

We have made great progress in membership in the past ten months of the year bringing in nearly 1,000 new members of our goal of 1,300 into the Order. We have two months left in this fraternal year to bring in those 300 plus new members for the State Council to achieve its goal set forth by Supreme. Let's take the fraternity that we share at convention back to our councils and keep recruiting new members. By getting our councils on board with membership and recruiting those prospects, you will continue to be "FISHERS OF MEN".

John W. Schulz—State Membership Director

Pennies Country Store

The Country Store will open Friday and Saturday at 9:00 am for your shopping convenience. Make sure to stop in often as new items arrive throughout the convention. The Country Store will accept credit cards, debit cards, checks and cash for all of your purchases. The Country Store is also the place to pick up your Pennies From Heaven raffle tickets. This year's prizes are: a 48 inch Samsung Smart TV, a 40 inch Samsung Smart TV, and a Keurig K425 plus coffee system plus accessories.

You won't want to miss the Annual Pennies From Heaven Auction and raffle drawing on Saturday evening at 10:00 pm in the Atrium of the Convention Center. Join us for an entertaining and fun evening. Visit the Country Store to view some of the items that will be available and to bid on silent auction items.



Remember to bring your Pennies From Heaven council donations to the Country Store anytime up till noon on Saturday to have them collected and recorded.

What's Happening Tomorrow - Saturday, May 6th

6:00 am — 8:00 am	Breakfast	On Your Own	12:30 — Busses Leave at 12:10	Ladies Lunch- eon and Entertainment	Christ the King Church Yadrich Hall
8:00 am	Mass	Regency Ballroom	1:00 pm	Business Ses- sion	Regency Ballroom
8:00 am — 1:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Atrium	6:30 pm	Convention Banquet	Regency Ballroom
9:00 am	Awards Presentation	Regency Ballroom	9:00 pm — midnight	Hospitality Rooms	2nd Floor
9:00 am	Country Store Opens	Fountain Rooms	10:00 pm	Pennies from Heaven Auction	Hotel Atrium
11:00 am	Men's Lunch Break	On Your Own	11:30 pm	State Officers Meeting	Mansion Dining Room