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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

As we begin the 2nd half of the Fraternal Year, I would like to thank those of you that have stepped Into the Breach and are fighting the good fight. For those of you that have yet to join us, be not afraid to step out of your comfort zones to serve the Lord our God. For He will give you strength.

Tom Johnson SD

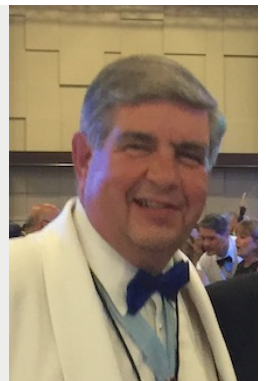


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OK Dick Barner of Fr. William Dierker Council 13304 in La Grange, KY presents LittleWay Executive Director, Ellen Wichmann, with a \$4,266.50 donation raised from the recent Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive at Immaculate Conception Church. Ellen & Dick thank the many and generous Parishioners at IC who have donated to this worthy effort which helps to allow LittleWay to continue their life saving work, e.g. Free pregnancy services, baby closet supplies, post-abortion healing, purity program in 40+ schools, etc.



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new fraternal year. This will be an exciting one, as we emerge from the darkness of Covid restrictions and the absence of church and social activities and return to the light which is the mission given to us by our founder Blessed Michael McGroarty. It is our duty to assist our Church in winning our brothers and sisters to the Sacraments. Let us strive in all we do to complete this mission. Families are hungry for a means to live their faith with like minded people. Kentucky Knights of Columbus, let us prove that we are indeed the "Strong Right Arm of the Church". Let us go forth and do good works, increase our numbers, and continue the work of our founder!

Steve Zanon

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KENTUCKY'S NEWEST COUNCIL'S FIRST EXEMPLIFICATION

February 26, 2023

Saint Peter Council 18058 in Lexington, Kentucky

Four new Knights were inducted as third-degree members with several family members in attendance. Grand Knight Dave Buckles and the degree team did an excellent job conducting the ceremony. I am honored to have this group of dedicated Catholic men serving in District 19. Submitted by: Jim Wharton, DD 19



ST. LUKE CARD PARTY 2023

On Sunday, February 5th, more than 350 people attended the annual St. Luke Catholic Church Card Party. This event is the largest fund raiser for St. Luke Catholic Church each year. In support of this event the Knights from St. John XXIII Council #5634 sold more than 6,500 pull tabs with all proceeds benefiting St. Luke Catholic Church in Louisville.



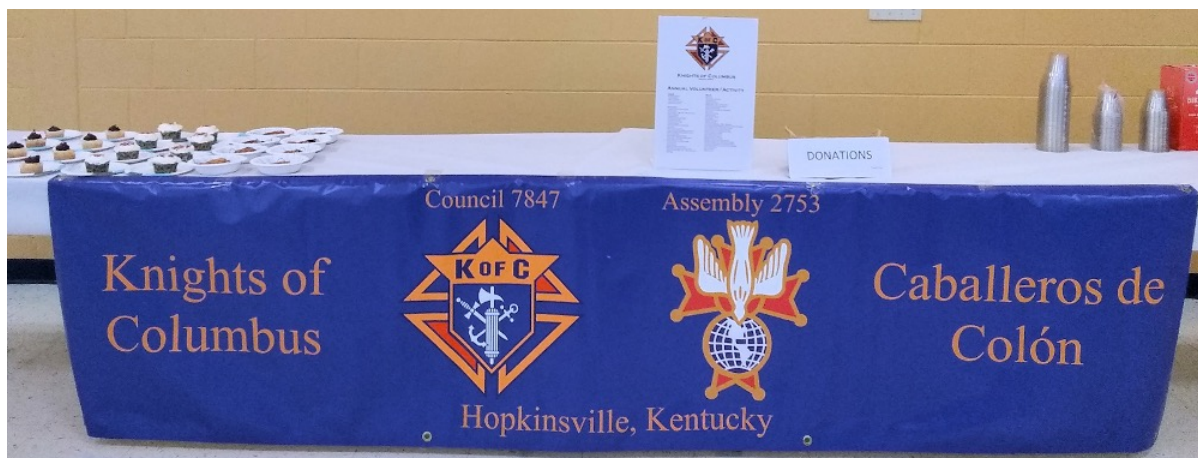
FUNDRAISER FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

On Sunday February 19th, Council 1487, in Ashland, held a Spaghetti Dinner at Holy Family Church as a fundraiser for repair of the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Ironton, Ohio. Council 1487 held a “Donations Only” fundraiser to support the Ironton Knights of Columbus Council 1405 in their endeavors to repair the shrine and grounds. All funds raised will be transferred to Council 1405.



COUNCIL #7847 FISH FRY

Msgr. James H. Willett Council 7847 (Hopkinsville) held its first Fish Fry for the 2023 Lenten season on Friday, February 24. Twenty Knights and five volunteers worked hard to provide a wonderful meal of catfish, white beans, hushpuppies, fries, and cole slaw. Many Council wives donated delicious desserts for this event. 160 meals were served before the food ran out. The Knights of Council 7847 are looking for to serving many more for "Fish Fry #2." Submitted by: Grand Knight Richard Hornbeak



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville celebrated World Marriage Day on February 12, 2023 with a beautiful evening Mass and reception. Of the 23 couples that participated in this event 15 of the husbands are Knights of Msgr. James H. Willett Council 7847. Council 7847 provided drinks and helped serve cake at the reception. Four potential Knights were recruited.

Submitted by: Grand Knight Richard Hornbeak



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2023 Salute to Summer Games

The Knights of Columbus Salute to Summer Games is underway! Once again, with the support of the State Deputy, the Salute to Summer Games has returned as a Knights of Columbus-specific campaign. From now through the 2023 State Summer Games (scheduled for June 2-4 at Eastern Kentucky University), individual Knights and Councils across the state will have an opportunity to raise money to support Special Olympics with the goal being to add the Knights of Columbus as an official State Summer Games sponsor.

The Salute web site – sokysalute.com – is live now and ready to accept registrations and donations. A couple of Councils have already gotten started.

Worthy Grand Knights should have received an e-mail on March 1 from the State Deputy that outlines a plan for success:

1. Identify one or more volunteers to participate
2. Set up a team for your Council at sokysalute.com
3. Have your participants register as part of your team
4. Have participants [connect their Salute pages to their Facebook pages](#)

This is a great opportunity for Councils and individual Knights to easily help us support Special Olympics without Councils making direct donations. However, if your Council does decide to make a donation, it can be sent to:

Special Olympics Kentucky
Attn: Salute to Summer Games
105 Lakeview Court
Frankfort, KY 40601

Council donations will appear on the Kentucky Knights of Columbus page on the Salute Web site.

Our goal is to raise \$12,000 (or about \$1 for every Knight in the state). If we are able to raise at least \$10,000 the Knights will be recognized as a Gold Sponsor for the State Summer Games. Last year we were able to raise a little over \$5,000 statewide to support the Games.

More communications about the Salute will be coming to Grand Knights soon. If you have any questions, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.



Volunteers Needed for Spring Sports Season

The Special Olympics Kentucky Spring Sport Season is one of the program's busiest times of the year. Nearly every Special Olympics athlete in the state will be in action from now through the State Summer Games in one or more sport. As we prepare for area and regional competitions, Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to help those events go smoothly. There is a track and field meet in every part of the state and soccer tournaments in Louisville and Versailles (trained soccer referees are a particular need). You can volunteer as an

individual or as part of a group. For information or to register visit soky.org/volunteernow. Remember to register using Knights of Columbus and your Council number so we can help you track your volunteer hours.

2023 Spring Sports Volunteer Opportunities

April 15 – Area 3 & 9 Track and Field Meet – Johnson Central High School, Paintsville

April 15 – Area 5 Track and Field Meet – Bowling Green High School

April 22 – Area 1 Track and Field Meet – Calloway County High School, Murray

April 22 – Area 2 Track and Field Meet – Owensboro Middle School

April 23 – Versailles Regional Soccer Tournament – WCYSA Fields, Versailles

April 29 – Area 8 Track and Field Meet – Great Crossing High School, Georgetown

April 29 – Area 6 Track and Field Meet – Southwestern High School, Somerset

April 29 – Area 7 Track and Field Meet – Ryle High School, Union

May 13 – Area 4 Track and Field Meet – Mercy High School, Louisville

May 14 – Louisville Regional Soccer Tournament – Lynn Family Training Center,



EAGLE AMBASSADOR'S BREAKFAST

Military Affairs Committee, Eagle Ambassador's Breakfast, March 1st, 2023.

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly # 2753 and their members. The knights were recognized with the "MAC Service Award" for their dedication and commitment to area military.

In addition, Tom O'Hagan received the "Soaring Eagle Award." This award is given to an individual who is new to the Eagle Ambassador program shows great individual commitment.

Lana Bastin presented Bill Chaudoin with the "Outstanding MAC Member" and he was also commissioned a Kentucky Colonel at the breakfast for his 20+ year commitment to MAC.

We are happy to have so many connections to our military, especially to our friends at Ft. Campbell. We continue to pray for all ...

Submitted by: Chuck Spurr



TURKEY PULL TO FEED PEOPLE AT CATHOLIC ACTION CENTER

Council #14130 & Assembly #3929 teamed up to smoke 9 20lb turkeys, pull the meat and donate it to Catholic Action Center, a homeless shelter in Lexington. The center requested the meat be pulled to serve a community meal. Costs were absorbed by Knights. The result was we fed 90+ at the Catholic Action Center. Submitted by: Chris Luketich





STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

State Deputy's Report:

Brother's we've made some strong moves in our UPHILL battle. Eight months have passed with 4 months to go. So where do we stand...

Membership – 222 members against a target of 420 or 52.86% . We've had a good February and gained a little ground. We're still 198 members behind. That means we need 50 members per month for each of the four remaining months.

Under 50 intake – 89 against a target of 110 or 80.91%. That shows that 40% of our new members are under 50.

Online Membership – 114 against a target of 167 or 68.26%. That number will increase once the Feb numbers are sent by Supreme

Founders Award – I have a hard time believing that only 2 councils have been credited for attending a Fraternal Benefit Night. Guys you have several opportunities to attend a FBN over the next several months.

Faith Formation – 2 against a target of 3. This will be completed at the upcoming State Convention.

JOHNSON CONT.

New Council Development – 2 against a target of 2, plus we have the potential for at least one more this fraternal year.

Membership Drives – 18 against a target of 68. While I feel that number should be higher, without a form 450 it's difficult to tell.

Council Engagement or rather Every Council recruiting at least 1 member – 57 against a target of 81 or 70.37%. If the other 33 councils recruited one member, we would be right on track.

Charitable Giving - \$1,536,087 against a target of \$989,703 or 155.21%. Wow! We blew that goal out of the water. Many thanks!

Volunteer Hours – 193,173 against a target of 230,581 or 83.78%. We have a shot at this goal if all councils would turn in their Annual Survey Report 1728.

Upcoming Dates to Remember: Your councils should be gearing up for all the upcoming activities over the next several months.

MARCH:

- March 2nd Diocese of Lexington was established by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1988.
- March 13th Daylight Saving time begins.
- March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May.
- March 17th St Patrick's Day
- March 30th Archbishop Shelton Fabre was installed as the Archbishop of Louisville 1 year ago.

JOHNSON CONT.

APRIL

- April 10th is the deadline for all past due bills to be paid if a council wishes to have voting rights at the State Convention
- April 15th Good Friday
- April 17th Easter Sunday
- April 18th Federal Income Tax Day

MAY

- May 5th Bishop John Stowe was installed as Bishop of Lexington in 2015
- May 21st & 22nd – State Convention in Frankfort

These are just a few that quickly come to mind. I'm sure there are many more.

**Take Care & God Bless,
Tom Johnson
State Deputy**



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

*Father, look on us, Your children.
Through the discipline of Lent,
help us to grow in our desire for You.*

We often are told that Lent is a penitential season. But what does that mean? Surely it is more than spiritually motivated masochism, surely it goes beyond a mere exercise in self control. If the only intended good was an internal improvement, then it could not truly be called a spiritual good, because a spiritual good must lead us more deeply into a relationship with the ultimate Good, i.e. God, and any expansion or deepening of our relationship with God must be expressed in a greater love of our neighbor. This is why the traditional practices of Lent are not confined to prayer and fasting. Almsgiving, in one form or another, is where “the rubber meets the road.” Think of it as the third leg of the tripod of grace.

The Second Vatican Council, in its pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world (*Gaudium et spes*, nos. 9 & 10), presents a dynamic picture of our reality and the necessity of grace: “The world of today reveals itself as at once powerful and weak, capable of achieving the best or the worst. There lies open before it the way to freedom or slavery, progress or regression, brotherhood or hatred. In addition, man is becoming aware that it is for himself to give the right direction to the forces that he has himself awakened, forces that can be his master or his servant. He therefore puts questions to himself...

FR. JOHN CONT.

“But in the face of the way the world is developing today, there is an ever increasing number of people who are asking the most fundamental questions or are seeing them with a keener awareness: What is man? What is the meaning of pain, of evil, of death, which still persist in spite of such great progress? What is the use of those successes, achieved at such a cost? What can man contribute to society, what can he expect from society? What will come after this life on earth?

“The Church believes that Christ died and rose for all, and can give man light and strength through his Spirit to fulfill his highest calling.”

Prayer helps us to enter into conversation with God as we ponder those questions. Fasting, of one sort or another, frees us from impulsive answers to the questions. Almsgiving, whether of time, talent or treasure, or some combination thereof, engages us in answering the questions in partnership with the Passion of Jesus.

May your Lenten penance bear a fruitful celebration of the Resurrection.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. John List

State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

January 2023-Kentucky State Per Capita Billing Update

The January 2023 KY Knights of Columbus State Per Capita bills were emailed to local councils on January 7, 2023. As of February 28th, I have received payment from 66 of 99 Councils (67%). I will be sending reminders again to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies of those Councils who have not responded with payment or acknowledgement that the statement was received by their council. If any council feels they need help with anything, please contact the State Deputy or any State Officer. The assessment must be paid by April 10 to avoid being denied delegate representation at the May 2023 KY State Convention. If for some reason you feel your Council has not received the most recent Per Capita statement, let me know so I can send it to the proper contact(s).

KY State Convention Delegate Certification

Delegate Certification Forms for the 2023 State Convention to be held May 19th, 20th & 21st in Frankfort, KY will be sent to Grand Knights and District Deputies in the coming weeks. "Certified" Delegates have voting rights on resolutions and Elections at the convention.

It is the District Deputy's responsibility to ensure that each of his councils have sufficient time to complete and return the forms by the established deadline. The forms must be completed and distributed as specified in Article I of the KY State Bylaws. Each Council is to submit one copy of the completed Delegate Certification Form to the District Deputy, retain one copy for their records and send one form to the State Secretary to arrive no later than **May 13th, 2023**.

In the event duly elected Delegates are unable to attend meetings; Alternates whose names are stated hereon will be recognized. I look forward to seeing many of you in May!

WILLIAMS CONT.

NOTE: You do not have to be a delegate to attend the State Convention proceedings but do have to have a valid Membership Card to enter the business meetings. Let me know if you wish to attend the Convention and we will make sure you have the information needed.

KY State Convention Annual Report (COMING SOON)

I am in the process of putting together the “Kentucky State Council 2022-2023 Annual Report” for the upcoming State Convention. This report includes documents and reports presented at the 2022 State Convention that was held May 20-22, 2022. The Annual Report will also include 2023 Reports from State Committees, current State Officers, District Deputies, Service Program Chairmen, and Directors. The Resolutions to be considered at the 2023 State Convention and the Candidate for State Officers that the State Advocate sends out before April 15, 2023, will be included in this Annual Report which will be distributed at the May 2023 State Convention.

I want to bring up 4 (Four) important tasks needed for upcoming deadlines dealing with the State Convention meeting in May....

1. The local Council Delegate selection/certification process should begin immediately and return the completed document to the State Secretary. If anyone has a question about this process, please contact me.
2. Resolutions from local Councils must be filed with the State Advocate by March 15th. The State Advocate will send those Resolutions deemed constitutional, to each council of the jurisdiction not later than April 15th.
3. Per Capita statements that are not paid before the State Convention mean the local Councils delegates will not have a vote at the Convention or will be reimbursed for meeting expenses.
4. The request will be sent in the next couple of weeks to District Deputies, State Officers, Service Program Chairmen and Directors asking them to submit their 2023 reports by May the 12th at the latest. Please make sure your District Deputy has an accurate description of all the great activities your council has done (or is on your

WILLIAMS CONT.

schedule and will do before June 30, 2023). The success of the Kentucky State Council 2022-2023 Annual Report depends on the input I receive so start on your reports early and answer the call for reports when it goes out.

KY KofC State Convention “Program” Advertisement

I humbly ask anyone with a Business or Business contact to please consider placing an Ad in this year’s 2023 KY KofC State Convention Program that will be distributed at the Convention. All money raised from the Ads pays for the printing and any remaining funds help offset all costs of the Convention which includes meeting, banquet, and hospitality spaces. If you need more information, please contact the KY KofC Convention Chairman Steve O’Bryan at his email contact. obky13@gmail.com

Upcoming KofC Activities to Highlight!

Please honor those who have served and worked in your Council this fraternal year. Write up and send a submittal in to the State Deputy as consideration for Chaplain of The Year, Knight of the Year, and Family of the Year Awards. Please start now, these submittals are due by April 1st.

Please honor those who worked hard for and during a Council sponsored Faith Program Project, Family Program Project, Community Program Project, or Life Program Project. These submittals are also due by April 1st. Please pick one or all of your "Faith In Action" projects from the present Fraternal Year, submit to the State Deputy by April 1st.

The KY State KofC Regional and State Free Throw Championships are being held this month. Congratulations to all participants and winners.

Applications for \$100 refunds for Councils giving at least \$500 in support of a seminarian or novice are due at Supreme between April 1st and Jun 30th.

WILLIAMS CONT.

Nomination committees are to be appointed for upcoming Council Elections which will be held soon. PLEASE volunteer for a Council position based on what you can contribute. Don't worry about what you know or feel you "lack". Your help is needed, and this is your opportunity for your qualities to shine.

I request that you Please ask your local council about donating to the State "Culture of Life Fund". Donations have dropped off significantly from previous years and if we don't increase our efforts we will not be able to fully fund requests made to the State Council. I ask you to consider a personal donation to your Council so they can help your KY State Council Diocese Culture of Life fund.

Every Catholic gentleman should have the opportunity to learn and be a part of the Knights of Columbus. The number one reason men don't join our order is they haven't been asked. Please ask them to join us. If you need some scripted things to say when you approach someone to invite, go to the kykofc.com (KY State Council) website and the kofc.org (KofC Supreme Council) website and do a bit of surfing and get a taste of what it is all about. Remember that every Council function is an opportunity to invite men and their family to be a part of your Council. Keep the faith and invite your brother and his family to join us!

If help is needed in ANY of these highlights or other KofC activities, Please ask your District Deputy or any State Officer.

And finally...

A couple of years ago as a Lenten Spiritual addition, the Daily Mass readings were added to my routine. This practice has remained part of my day and it is a very welcome component! Pam and I have also added "The Bible in A Year" and "The Catechism in A Year" to our daily routines. I am very thankful to be able to spend this time together with her and the many others who are now 60 days into this year's readings on these popular podcasts ... I pray that your Lenten experience this year helps you and your family to be closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
KY State Secretary**



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,

Tempus Fugit!

Wow, two thirds of the way through the Fraternal Year! Doesn't seem that long since the last convention when the delegates gave me the honor of serving you as your State Treasurer. I've learned a lot, and I'm getting a feel for how much more I have to learn about the business of the State.

The State Officers met last weekend to review the Resolutions for this year's State Convention in Frankfort. They were the standard boiler plate resolutions that we make every year: Annual Budget, In Support of, and In Memory of. We haven't received any resolutions from the Councils yet. You have until March 15th to get them to State Advocate Gary Dykuis.

Recruit! and Retain! (or else...)

The number of active councils which haven't recruited a new member yet this fraternal year is down to 32, but that's still too many.

Last month I asked everyone who hasn't asked a Catholic friend or fellow parishioner to join the Knights. I asked a man after Mass on Ash Wednesday. I got turned down, but I'll keep trying. That makes me 1 for 4 this year. I'm still working with 2 of those and believe I'll get them in before the end of the year. I have a couple of others I'm going to ask, too.

BURNS CONT.

That's all you have to do. If you don't ask them, they won't join.

If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says yes, you'll still double the size of your council. If you don't ask, you don't grow!

**Vivat Jesus,
Dick Burns
State Treasurer**

Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18



STATE ADVOCATE GARY DYKHUIS

2023 Resolutions

We are getting close to the date, March 15th, that a Council can submit a resolution to be considered at the State Convention. If you have a resolution, please get it in All Resolutions have to be submitted by March 15th, to the State Advocate, with copies to the State Deputy and State Secretary. At the State Convention, delegates assigned to the Resolution Committee will review them and make recommendations to all the Delegates at the Business Meeting. Each Resolution will be open for discussion and voted upon. The Resolutions that deal with matters beyond our Jurisdiction will be submitted to the Supreme Advocate for consideration at the Supreme Convention.

Council Forms!!

If you have not submitted "Form 1295 Semiannual Council Audit Report," Please take the time to get it done. This is for the period ending December 31st and is due February 15th.

Time to complete "Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity." This is for the calendar year 2022 and is due January 31st. this help publicize the considerable contributions of your councils and also helps the Knights of Columbus, maintain their status as a charitable organization.

Safe Environment Training

The "Safe Environment Training" is at 30 councils are fully Compliant. Many Councils have just one more Brother to be Compliant. If you need help, please call me or e-mail me.

DYKHUIS CONT.

We need to achieve our “Safe Environment Training” goals, which is 36 councils. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training. If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is on line training and takes about an hour to complete. Please watch for an e-mail from “Armatus” for this training, also watch your spam folder. Once you have completed this training, make sure you print the certificate. This is a requirement for Star Council.

The Councils that sponsor youth events like Free Throw Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, etc. “Safe Environment Training” (SET) is a must. You must have at least two SET Knights at these events (one must have a background check). If you cannot meet this requirement, you should not conduct this event. The same requirement is for youth helping you in your events (Fish fries, pancake breakfast, chicken cooks).

Recruit and Retain

We are three-quarters of the way through our Fraternal year and some councils still have not recruited a new member. With Fish Fries for Lent, and with Lent, there is an opportunity to ask a Family to join us. A new member can join on his iPhone and transfer into your council. Just go to www.KofC.Org. The new Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

Please remember, Supreme has the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on line. You can also hold a degree ceremony after church and invite the congregation to be a part. This is a Great way to have a New Third-Degree member, with some new ideas and can help with our projects the Council has.

DYKHUIS CONT.

Please welcome former members to come back to the order. Ask any Affiliate Member to come back.

May you and your Family have a Blessed Lent.

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Dykhuis
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN MIKE KUCHENBROD

Worthy Brothers,

We are in to the last haft fraternal year, and we need to keep our goals in our sights. With our fish fries happening, this is great time to recruit new members. Have your Membership director or Chancellor work on having extra volunteers around for these events, it is a good chance to socialize with parishioners and have that conversation about what it means to be a knight and how easy it is to join.

We also have opportunities for Fraternal Benefits nights coming up over the next several months:

March 7 at 7:00 PM CST - [Ed Slott “Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning”](#)

April 13 at 7:00 PM CST - [Jim Effner “The Importance of Whole Life as part of a Retirement Plan”](#)

May 23 at 7:00 PM CST - [Tom Hegna “Who Wants to be a Millionaire”](#)

June 27 at 7:00 PM CST - [Jim Effner “The Importance of Whole Life as part of a Retirement Plan”](#)

I am sure more information will be available as we get closer to these events, remember your councils need to attend 2 of these (with sufficient numbers). This is the easiest part of the Star Council requirements, plan ahead so you have enough attendance. Earn points early to qualify for more awards at the State Convention in May.

By this time, councils should be wrapping up their ticket sales and writing that check for any cash that was collected during ticket sales. Use this Friday to sell those last tickets and get them turned in to your council chairman running the program so they can get the sold tickets and funds collected.

KUCHENBROD CONT.

Please make checks payable to “**Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities**”. Please Do Not Send Cash. I will need Tickets sold, unsold and Checks by March 10, 2023. You can check results at www.basketballsweeps.com, starting April 5, 2022.

State Charity Recipients – Recipients of Grants from the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Charity are not restricted to Catholics or religious based needs. The Charity is financially sound, and councils and individuals are encouraged to submit for a grant for a worthy cause.

You can find the grant request information in the program guide on pages 39-40 which is available at <http://kykofc.wpengine.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Knights of Columbus – A Time of Renewal and Preparation

March this year, to me, means Spring and Spring cleaning, Lent and preparing for Easter, and the day when we're all a little bit Irish, St. Patrick's Day. Let me start with St. Patrick's Day. It's a nice break from the doldrums of winter and a brief respite from Lenten preparation. To all of our members, Irish or not, I say "Sláinte!"

This year we're immersed in Lent for the entire month as we look forward to Easter on April 9. This is a time of renewal and preparation for Holy Week, Christ's Passion, and his conquest over death in the Resurrection. May your focus be on generous giving and spreading peace to everyone you encounter.

Spring...we've been through the toughest part of winter, and we begin to think about Spring. And Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal: trees may begin to bud, and flowers begin to poke through in search of warmer temperatures. The Spring equinox means that daylight lasts as long as night with the earth spinning toward that summer solstice. Maybe, just maybe, winter is behind us. While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and doing the annual spring cleaning, now is a great time to take a fresh look at your family's financial security.

With a wide range of products—life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, our Field Agent, can help you look at your family's financial situation now and for the years to come. All this while you deal with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church social teaching.

SCHACHLE CONT.

Our Knights of Columbus Field Agent have been trained to help you through this important process. Sit down for a short meeting with your Field Agent and he can use our newest and most advanced financial needs analysis platform that the Order has ever had. He will take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those. As always, you're under no obligation.

Please feel free to contact your K of C Field Agent. I know he will be contacting you.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

Reverend Father Richard Powers

Former State Chaplain

October 6, 1932 – February 13, 2023

Father Richard was a Knight for 52 years. He took his First Degree on March 1, 1971 and was exemplified into the Fourth Degree on October 1, 1976. He was a member of Father Connor Council 6101 Sorgho and Saint Vincent Assembly 1576 Henderson. Father Richard was State Chaplain for eight years serving the spiritual needs of the jurisdiction at the request of four State Deputies. He first served from 1990 – 1994 for State Deputies Robert N. Hood and Charles (Carl) J. Biery, Sr. Following a two-year break, he served again from 1996 – 1998 for State Deputy Phillip L. Carr. His final term of service was from 2004 – 2006 for State Deputy Gerald T. Roof.

I want to share one experience I shared with Father Richard when he inspired me to action. I was serving as Executive Secretary. He and I were standing in the back of meeting room during the election of state officers. Father said to me that the delegates voting for our next state officers came to the Convention knowing little or nothing about the qualifications of our future officers. The outcome of his observation is the current requirement for a perspective officer to have his council submit a resolution on his behalf listing his qualifications. This resolution is sent to all councils for review.

Father Richard was a Priest for sixty-three years. May his soul and the soul of all the faithful departed through the mercy of GOD rest in peace. Amen.

HANCOCK CONT.

1 Attachment: Father Richard's obituary

Submitted for the March 2023 Newsletter by:
Billy R. Hancock, PSD
State Historian

Rev. Richard Powers

Rev. Richard Powers, 90, of Owensboro, passed away Monday, February 13, 2023, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was born October 6, 1932, in Curdsville, to the late Joseph Hubert and Teresa M. (McCarty) Powers.

Rev. Richard Powers was ordained on May 1, 1959. He received his early education at St. Elizabeth Church and School in Curdsville. Rev. Powers attended St. Meinrad College in St. Meinrad, IN, and St. Maur's Seminary in South Union, KY, before being ordained by Bishop Cotton. He has the distinction of being the third son in his family of twelve children to become a priest. After his ordination he was the associate pastor at St. Stephen Cathedral for one year, then the associate pastor of St. Francis DeSales Church in Paducah for one year. In 1961, he was made the associate pastor of Holy Name Church in Henderson where he remained for four years. Rev. Powers then became the associate pastor of Sts. Joseph and Paul in 1965, where he served for two years. From 1967 until 1970, he served as pastor of St. Pius X Church in Calvert City, then in 1970 became pastor of St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green. In 1972, he became pastor of St. Sebastian Church in Calhoun, until 1974 when he became pastor of St. Peters Church in Stanley. Rev. Powers was also the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Owensboro



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from 1972 until 1976. In 1976, Rev. Powers became the pastor of Precious Blood Church where he remained for six years.

In 1982 he entered the United States Navy as a Chaplain and served in the position until 1989. In 1990, he became the pastor of Immaculate Church in Owensboro for five years, and in 1995 was made the pastor of St. Mary of the Woods Church in Whitesville. Rev. Powers became the pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sorgho, then retired from active ministry in 2007. He lived at St. Alphonsus Parish and served the Diocese of Owensboro when requested.

Rev. Powers enjoyed nature, especially flowers and spending time in his log cabin that was tucked away in the woods. He loved boating in his younger years and visiting Rough River, KY Lake, and Barren River. The Mission in Haiti was near to his heart, and he had traveled there through the years and donated often. Rev. Powers especially loved his family, and celebrating Christmas in July with his siblings. Throughout his time in the Diocese, he helped so many and made a difference in many lives. He will be sorely missed by his family, his parishioners, and all of the people he touched the lives of throughout his ministry.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Powers was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Agnes Powers, Patricia Garvin, Elizabeth M. Lattus, and Celine M. Kahalley; and his brothers, Joseph H. Powers Jr., Rev. Aloysius F. Powers, and Robert A. Powers. He is survived by his siblings, Msgr. Bernard A. Powers, Martha M. Taylor, Mary Teresa Hayden (Don), and Maddalena Leach.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be 10am Monday, February 20th, at St. Stephen Cathedral with Rev. Freddie Byrd as principal celebrant. Burial will follow in Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12pm until 4pm Sunday at the Carmel Home, and from 5pm until 7pm Sunday at St. Stephen Cathedral, with a prayer service

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beginning at 6pm. Visitation will also be held 8:30am until 10am Monday at the Cathedral. Care by Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Carmel Home, 2501 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY, 42303. Envelopes will be provided.

Memories and messages of condolence for the family of Rev. Richard Powers may be offered online at www.glenncares.com.

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