

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER



Sir Knights assisting at weekly Stations of the Cross as Candle and Cross bearer's. Pictured Sir Knight Bruce Wilcox, WFN Chuck Spurr, Sir Knight Tom O'Hagan, Worthy Friar Fr Richard Meredith



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 happy for a reason 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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KY State Council Newsletter

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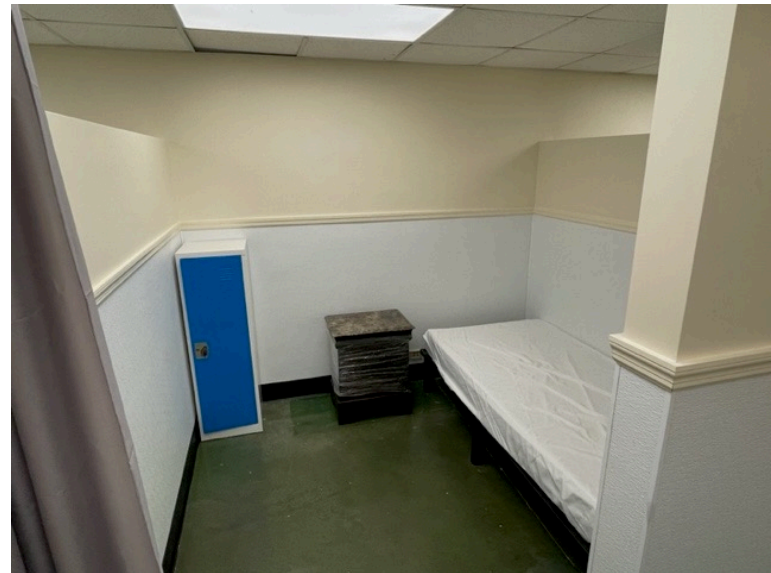


THE DIGNITY PROJECT

Our brother Knights at the St. Peter's Council #18058 In Lexington were delighted to work at the Catholic Action Center helping Ginny furnish eight rooms for the elderly homeless (The Dignity Project). Our role was to assemble and mount a locker in each room where the community member could store clothing and personal belongings. I am attaching some photos of the work we did.

We hope to get back to CAC soon to help with spring painting and resurfacing tables in their general dining area.

Submitted by: Dave Buckles, GK



PLANTING TREES FOR A PARISH

Christ The King Council #14130 in Lexington traveled to Holy Trinity in Harlan on April 5th to plant 21 trees for Fr Terrence and the Parish. Pictured are Chris Luketich, Brendan Vesey, Fr Terrence, Bruce Keenon, and Damon Sexton.



BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 recently furnished breakfast to Hosea House Soup Kitchen.
Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



(L-R) Greg Ziegler, Paul Kremer, Deacon Joe Wiedeman, Carl Luersen, John Cunningham, Deacon Bill Theis, Wilma Luersen

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STATUE DONATION

On March 16, 2023, Msgr. James H. Willett Council 7847 and Fr. George P. Boehmicke Assembly 2753 donated this beautiful statue and prayer of St. Michael the Archangel and mounted it on the Veterans' Memorial Wall at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville. This was a combined effort of the members of Council 7847 and Assembly 2573. Fr. Richard Meredith (Pastor, Worthy Chaplain, and Faithful Friar) displayed the statue in the church while the mounting pad was being prepared. The project was completed on March 16, 2023.

(Submitted by Grand Knight Richard Hornbeak and Faithful Navigator Chuck Spurr)



TOOTSIE ROLL DONATION

Grand Knight Carl Biery of Fr. Kehoe Council #1764 recently presented the proceeds from its Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign to Beth Moore of Easterseals Redwood School in Ft. Mitchell.



THE PAROCHIAL ORDER OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Father Richard Meredith, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Worthy Chaplain of Council 7847, and Faithful Friar of Assembly 2753 in Hopkinsville presented the Knights of Columbus Council 7847 and Assembly 2753 with the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Medallion. This inducts the Council and Assembly into "The Parochial Order of Saints Peter and Paul." The inscription reads: "Parish Witnesses to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism." Grand Knight Richard Hornbeak and Faithful Navigator Chuck Spurr graciously accepted the medallion on behalf of the members. The beautiful medallion is now proudly displayed in their meeting room at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Annex.

(Submitted by Grand Knight Richard Hornbeak)



FN Spurr, Fr. Meredith, and GK Hornbeak

KNIGHTS HOLD BLOOD DRIVE

Bishop Mulloy Council #1301 in cooperation with Hoxworth Blood Center recently held a blood drive. Shown here (l-r) are Bruce Mirrieless, Grand Knight Bob Hassman, and Carl Luersen. Thanks to Deacon Joe Wiedeman for organizing the event.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



FISH FRY ON CAMPUS

The brother knights from JH Newman Council #15452 on the University of Kentucky Campus survey up a delicious Fish Fry this season.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2023 Salute to Summer Games

We are one month into the 2023 Knights of Columbus Salute to Summer Games. We are currently about 25% of the way to our goal of raising at least \$10,000 to be recognized as a Gold Sponsor of the 2023 Special Olympics State Summer Games and a little shorter of our ultimate goal of raising \$12,000 or about \$1 for every Knight in the state.

Special thanks so far to Paul Tadatada of Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390 who has raised more than \$620, Fr. William Diersen Council #13304 and Msgr. Newman Council #4665 which have each contributed \$500, St. Michael Council #15525 which contributed \$480 and Mt. Mercy Council #14604 which has raised more than \$430.

There is still plenty of time for you or your Council to participate. The campaign is easy, takes very little time to take part in and shouldn't interfere with any of your Council's other fundraising programs.

Here is the easiest 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.

We will continue to communicate with Grand Knights throughout the next two months. 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 22 – Area 8 Track and Field Meet – Great Crossing High School, Georgetown

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

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

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

April 30 – Grant County Regional Soccer Tournament – Memorial Soccer Fields, Williamstown

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



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

Knights Raise Nearly \$10,000 at Polar Plunges Across the State

Kentucky Knights from five Councils combined to raise \$9,808 at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge events across the State this year. Members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Council #12774 and Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 combined to raise \$4,481 at the Lexington Plunge on Feb. 18. At the Louisville Polar Plunge on Feb. 25 Robert Lescinski, jumping on behalf of Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390 raised \$1,271, and St. Gregory Council #1290 and friends combined to raise \$3,031. And longtime Polar Plunger Troy Anderson of Christ the King Council #16232 in Scottsville raised \$410 for his effort at the Lake Cumberland Plunge in Nancy, Ky., on March 18. Thank you to all who participated and got Freezin for a Reason!



BUSY EXEMPLIFICATION WEEKEND

Congratulations to Frankfort Council 1483, Georgetown Council 11470 and Lexington Council 14130 for making the last weekend of March an AWESOME weekend. Between the three councils they Exemplified 14 new Brother Knights and one Brother Knight advanced to the 3rd Degree.



Frankfort Council 1483



Christ the King Council 14130 -
Lexington



St. John St Francis Council 11470 -
Georgetown



St. John St Francis Council 11470 –
Georgetown

The Frankfort Council has achieved the membership goal of 10 new members. The Georgetown Council has achieved their membership goal of 9 new members and Christ the King Council 14130 has surpassed their membership goal & is shooting for “Triple Star”!
CONGRATS TO ALL!

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville requested Council 7847 to judge the nine finalists in their Science Fair for grades 5, 6, and 7. Knights Tony Esposito, Joe Mezzoni, Fr. Richard Meredith (Pastor and Worthy Chaplain), Richard Hornbeak, and Richard Narkevic were selected as judges. Each judge reviewed the nine finalists and scored them individually. The results were then given to the school's science teacher to compute the winners. Winners were announced the next day.



TODAY I FEEL LIKE PETER

Today I Feel Like Peter

Written by CTK Council 14130 GK Damon Sexton

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Today I feel like Peter. It happens from time to time but not in the sense of the Peter appointed the first Pope. I feel like Peter not in the bold, charismatic, and “rock” way we often think about. Today I feel like Peter for the weak traits we share. Peter often spoke before he thought (like me). He fell asleep when he was supposed to be on watch in the Garden (like me). He walked on the water until he took his eyes off the Lord (like me although I have never walked on water). I think you get the point. I don’t fault Peter for his lapses, as I should not be so hard on myself for my own shortcomings. Both Peter and I could be looked at as hasty and guilty of not thinking things through. And like Peter, I as a Protestant preacher, have been guilty of preaching God’s love for all, calling all to repentance, then sitting in judgement of those outside my own denomination of faith. Satan knew exactly what to do and how to do it.

You see today I feel like Peter because we both have had life-altering faith failures. At the Last Supper in Luke 22, Jesus warned the disciples Satan had asked permission to sift them like wheat. The enemy wanted to shake Peter’s faith hard in hopes that he’d fall away from Jesus like chaff. The question is, has this happened to you? Maybe through observation of another parishioner’s behavior? Maybe through the disappointment in a ministry you are part of? Maybe due to a homily from a deacon or priest? Peter, like me early in my Christian life, boldly announced in Mark 14 “even though all may fall away I will not.”

When Satan sifts believers, his goal is to damage our faith so much we are useless to God. He wants us as far from God’s kingdom as possible. Satan goes for our strengths; areas where we are invincible and protected. And if he succeeds, we are disappointed,

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demoralized, and rendered ineffective. We do not have to stay that way. How do we respond?

Today I feel like Peter for the way he answered a very important question asked of him by Christ. In all my fear, doubt, and weakness I find trust, confidence, and strength by a question to a question. For me, the turning point in the relationship between Jesus and His disciples comes in John 6. They had seen miracles. They had heard His words. Just two chapters earlier, the Samaritan woman at the well had an encounter with Christ that led her to proclaim, “come see a man who told me everything I have done.” In John 5 Jesus tells a man “Take up your bed and walk.” In John 6 He fed the 5000.

As the disciples continue to follow Christ introduces them to the idea of what we hold to be true of the Eucharist. While so many that heard “whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” they murmured saying this is too hard. They walked no more with Him. Friends, so many of our Catholic family say the same thing. They deny the Eucharist. They deny to assemble themselves in Holy places. But Jesus turned to the twelve and asked, “Do you also want to leave?” Today I feel like Peter! It was Peter who answered His question with a question. “Master, to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” I ask you today, will you join me and feel like Peter?



STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

Happy Easter!

I hope everyone had a Happy & Blessed Easter! The arrival and celebration of Easter is a sure sign that warmer weather is here. Just as Christ died and rose from the dead, we see the renewal of life all around us. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the grass is greening and the smell of spring is in the air. Make sure you take time to thank God for all that He has done for you and to thank Him for all that He may do for you?

State Deputy's Report:

The Lenten season has passed and the weekly fish fries have come to an end. It's time to put the fryers away and refocus our efforts on the final quarter of the Fraternal Year.

- If you are a GK, you should be asking yourself if you have accomplished everything you set out to do or could you have done more.
- If you are a council officer, you should be asking yourself if you did everything you could have done to support the GK and grow the council.
- If you are a member, you should be asking yourself if you did everything you could do to support your council and brother knights.
- And all of us as Catholic Gentlemen and Brother Knights, should be asking ourselves if we did everything that Our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to do. He died for our sins and was crushed by our inequities. He freed us from eternal death so that we might live with Him in Eternal Glory.

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My Brother Knights it's no simpler than that. If you truly understand how much God loves each of you, why would you not want to return that love to Him. He is asking us to help grow His Kingdom which is the Church. I believe Fr. McGivney knew this and understood this and that is why we are here today.

You're not recruiting someone for a job, or to help on a project, or to join an army or to be an actor in a play. You're ASKING Catholic men to be men of faith. To do the works of our Lord. To protect their wives and children from the ravishes of sin and to walk this journey of faith in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

If you do this, you will find happiness and peace knowing that you are doing God's Will. As of this writing, there are 25 councils within the KY Jurisdiction that have yet to recruit a member. That's roughly 1/4th of our active councils. Why? Why are we so hesitant to speak with Catholic men about joining the greatest fraternal organization in the world. If someone had the secret to everlasting wealth would you not want to know it? While the Knights of Columbus itself is no secret, you have a secret that's worth sharing. You have the opportunity to show & teach Catholic men how to protect their families spiritually and financially. Please share what you have.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Your councils should be gearing up for all of the upcoming activities over the next several months.

- May 1st – May 31st Hold Council Elections
- May 5th Bishop John Stowe was installed as Bishop of Lexington in 2015
- May 14th is Mother's Day
- May 20th & 21st - State Convention in Frankfort at the Capital Plaza Hotel
- May 29th is Memorial Day.

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

Upcoming Council Elections:

June still seems like a ways off but it will be here before you know. If your council only meets once a month, then you're looking at next month's meeting to nominate and hold your elections. I would suggest that you solicit nominations at your April meeting and hold your election at your May meeting. That way your council will be ready to hit the ground running as the new fraternal year begins in July.

Upcoming State Convention:

Work is still underway to ensure that this year's State Convention is a celebration of this past year's accomplishments, a review of the past and a look into the future. We will start gathering and registering on Friday afternoon, with meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

Room reservations can be made by contacting the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort. Make sure you turn your Delegate Registration form into the State Secretary so that your council will have both Voice & Vote.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in May!

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

Brother Knights, Christ is risen! He is risen as he said!

Children love to run. They run when they play. They run home from school, around the supermarket and up and down the aisles at church. They run when they see someone they love. There is something beautifully joyful and innocent about the way children run.

Jesus once said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of God.” On Easter morning, the Gospel is full of running. Mary Magdalene runs to the apostles. Peter & John run to the tomb. There is something childlike about this running. The new creation is inaugurated. The long, dreary reign of sin and death is ended. Mary Magdalene, Peter and John experience the wonder of restored hope while they are, at the same time, mystified by the unfolding of the Resurrection. They come to know that they are part of something new, something that is changing their lives forever. They are childlike in opening their hearts and minds to what they cannot understand. They are entering the kingdom of heaven.

The Risen Christ restores our childlike innocence as well, if we embrace the wonder and the possibilities of Resurrection glory. We can live differently because the grace of the Resurrection denies to death the final word. To be Christian is to share in Christ’s Resurrection now, to live unbounded by our apparent mortality, to be filled with childlike joy as we run to our heavenly Father.

Christus Vivat!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

Easter Greetings!

Kentucky State Per Capita Billing Update

The 2023 KY Knights of Columbus State Per Capita bills were emailed to local councils on January 7, 2023. As of April 1st, I have received payment from 79 of 99 Councils (80%). Reminders have been sent 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 – Please send in your Council's From Delegate Certification Forms for the 2023 State Convention to be held May 19th, 20th & 21st in Frankfort, KY were sent to Grand Knights and District Deputies recently. "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 has sufficient time to complete and return the forms by the established deadline. The forms must be completed and distributed as specified in Article 1 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!

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

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if you wish to attend the Convention and we will make sure you have the information needed.

KY State Convention Annual Report

If you are a District Deputy, State Officer, Service Program Chairman, or a Director, please submit your 2023 reports to me by May 12th at the latest.

2023 KY KofC State Free Throw Championship at Bardstown

Congratulations to all participants and winners this past March 26th at Bethlehem High School in Bardstown. Thanks to State Free Throw Chair, George Hayes, Council 1290 and all the volunteers who made this a successful program this year.

He is Risen!

Pam and I wish a Happy & Blessed Easter to all.

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,
Memento Mori!

Last month I had a Tempus Fugit! Section, so it's natural to follow it up with Memento Mori!

I recently attended the funeral of SK Donnie Potts of St Edward Council 15841 in Jeffersontown, a good man and a prodigious recruiter. He will be missed. I was proud of the turnout of Knights, including several of us from outside his council, for his viewing and mass. I also visited my wife Suzanne's cousin (and fellow Knight) in the hospital after a recent cancer diagnosis. Fortunately, his prognosis is good. We "know neither the day nor the hour"

I hope you successfully used the Lenten season as an opportunity to prepare yourself for the hour and that you have a joyous Easter season confident of your own resurrection and the promise of eternal life with the Lord.

He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

At that visit to the hospital we were still required to wear masks, and it reminded me of the almost forgotten pandemic. It's good to be able to attend Mass in person, and I pray that we'll never have to go back to that period of separation from the Eucharist and each other.

I'm looking forward to joining other Knights directing parking Easter morning. We're planning Masses in Church and the gym (or "St. James" as a previous pastor

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humorously nicknamed it) again, and using busses for spillover parking in the Mall parking lot across the street for the C&E Catholics and visiting families. We didn't quite need the extra parking at Christmas but I hope we will return to the old days. (And I'm confident that I won't have a bad fall on the ice like I did at Christmas!).

2023 State Convention

We're planning for the state convention the weekend of May 19-21 in Frankfort. Information packages have been sent to the Grand Knights. I hope I get to see many of you and refresh our fraternal bonds as we carry out the business of the Order in Kentucky.

Year End Checklist

There's still time to make sure your councils qualify for the Star Council award. District Deputies should be helping you make sure you meet the requirements.

And it's time to start planning for next year, starting with election of new officers by June 15th.

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

You can't make Star Council if you don't make your new member quota, which was lowered this year to make it more easily attainable.

Congratulations to Councils

- Frankfort Council 1483
- Annunciation/Guadalupe Council 1955 in Paris
- Fr. Malloy Council 6317 in Danville
- Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council 14372 in Lexington
- Ave Maria Council 15931, and
- Fr. O'Donnell Council 17606 in Beaver Dam/Morganton

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for getting off the “Councils not yet recruiting a new member” list! If you don’t recruit, the council will not last.

However, we still have over a quarter of our councils, 26, who still haven’t recruited a new member.

Ask them, they will join. 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

Worthy Brothers, Happy and Blessed Easter!!

Wishing you and your Family a Happy and blessed Easter! With the arrival and celebrating of Holy Week is sign that Spring is coming. As Christ has died and rose from the dead, the renewal of life is all around us. Farmers are getting ready to plant crops and flowers are blooming. Grass is growing and trees are budding out. It is time to thank God for all he has done for us.

Council Elections are Upcoming!

June will soon be here and with councils meeting once a month you will need to have next slate of Officers. Your nominations committee should be soliciting candidates so you can hold your election. You should hold your election at your May council meeting. This way your new officers can hit the ground running in July. Also, it is a great idea at this time to fill out your "Form 185 Report of Officers chosen for the Year".

State Convention!

The State Deputy and Convention Chairmen are working to make sure that this year's State conventions is the best Convention. May 19-21 is the Kentucky State Convention. Registration will start Friday afternoon, and meetings will be on Saturday and Sunday. The Convention will be at the Capital Plaza Hotel again, in Frankfort See You there!!

Safe Environment Training

The "Safe Environment Training" is at 34 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.

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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 closing in on our Fraternal Year, and still need New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. There still is FREE MEMBERSHIP. for a New Member and he can join on his iPhone, cell phone by going 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 or you can read the ceremony . 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 Great New Ideas and can help with our projects the Council has. Please welcome former members to come back to the order. Ask any Affiliate Member to come back.

May you and your Family have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Dykhuis
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN MIKE KUCHENBROD

Worthy Brothers,

Happy and Blessed Easter!! Our Savior, Jesus Christ has risen. We celebrate his Resurrection, as the Greatest Feast. It is the promise of our eternal life with Christ. This is our time to celebrate with family and our brothers and sisters. Make sure you take time to thank God for all He has done for you and your Family.

Basketball Slam!!!

The NCAA Tournament was held and the \$2600 in winners are being distributed to the 12 lucky winners. The winners are below, Congratulations,

Place	Name	City	Council	Ticket	Teams	Score	
1st	Mike Mattingly	Versailles		1323	VILL GONZ MIST TEX	1246	\$700.00
2nd	Seton Knights	Lexington	12774	4063	HOU VILL GONZ TEX	1231	\$500.00
3rd	Michael Kidwell	Springfield	4270	678	CRE VILL GONZ UCLA	1225	\$300.00
4th	Steve Bennett	Louisville	15699	1825	CRE HOU VILL GONZ	1214	\$200.00
5th - tie	St. Michael	Louisville	15525	1762	CRE VILL KAN TEX	1179	\$125.00
5th - tie	Don Rickert	Lexington	15613	1779	VILL GONZ KAN TEX	1179	\$125.00
7th	Greg Clark	Owensboro		101	CRE VILL BAYL TEX	1162	\$90.00
8th - tie	Mike Sliter	Louisville	10682	892	CRE VILL MIST UCLA	1160	\$75.00
8th - tie	John McGill	Ashland	1487	508	VILL GONZ MIST UCLA	1160	\$75.00
1st Low	Bill Glenn	Owensboro	14290	1449	OSU PUR ILL TTU	221	\$250.00
2nd Low	Gabe Cabral	Bowling Green	1315	4151	IOWA ILL TTU MICH	262	\$100.00
3rd Low	John Bates	Louisville	15841	1847	OSU UNC ILL TTU	281	\$60.00

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A BIG Thank You for the Councils that participated in supporting and sold Basketball Slam Tickets. Also Thank you for turning tickets and checks in on time. This is the Fundraiser is solely used for Disaster Relief. Councils will receive \$2.98 back for each ticket sold.

Again, councils that sold 25 tickets qualify for the coveted State Deputy Award. 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 fund at <https://kykofc.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Knights of Columbus – Family Fraternal Benefits

Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of spring, we celebrate Easter with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Savior's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. The dreariness of winter and Lent fade away with April rains that seem to have their own scent. All nature seems in bloom. Trees barren not long ago are now budding and flowers begin to poke through the warming soil. For many, it's their favorite season of the year.

Along with everything else going on in April, it is also Autism Awareness month. The Autism Speaks website (www.autismspeaks.org) contains much more information that I can give you here. Autism has been more widely discussed and better understood in recent years. Although the TV show "The Good Doctor" portrays a doctor who has autism, those with Autism Spectrum Disorder exhibit a broad range of characteristics. Many have much less functionality than the doctor portrayed on the show. I mention this because many of us know of someone who is on this autism spectrum. If diagnosed early in childhood and intervention begun, those with autism may still live a relatively normal life. However, many with autism struggle and have other complicating medical or psychological issues and need much support during their lives.

That's where the Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefits may be able to help. The Family Fraternal Benefits cover several situations. One benefit addresses the child who is older than 60 days and younger than 18 and is uninsurable according to our ordinary underwriting practices. Many children with autism as a primary or secondary diagnosis fall into this category...uninsurable. For those children, the Order has a special

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family fraternal benefit that allows the issuing of an ordinary permanent life insurance policy on this uninsurable child. Some members may be unaware of this benefit, but it's great news for any parent with a child who does not qualify for life insurance. There are some other qualifiers for the parents and any other children in the family, including that the father must be a member in good standing in his council. Your Field Agent can review this information with the family.

If you know of a Catholic family that may have a child with autism or any family with a child who is uninsurable, please reach out to your Field Agent. The K of C Field Agent will be happy to contact them and explain this valuable protection that is available. If you prefer, give the parent the name and contact information of your Field Agent so they can contact him at their convenience. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a consultation about this benefit may bring them some small comfort. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, our members. Enjoy your spring!

Vivat Jesus!

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