

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

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## STATE DEPUTY’S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year! We ended the past Fraternal Year on a positive note, and I am looking to continue that forward momentum. We have similar goals this fraternal year as we had last fraternal year. They are what they are. The important thing that I want you to focus on is the “spirituality” of your councils, and your efforts to bring families back into the Catholic Faith through your good works and witness. If you focus on those two things, we’ll have a great fraternal year. Take Care & God Bless.



*Tom Johnson SD*

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NEWSLETTER



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 distress 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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# KOFC MOTORCYCLE RUN FOR WEDNESDAY'S CHILD

WOW!!! What a Great Chicken Dinner Sunday. Served 534 dinners. Most dinners sold since before the pandemic. All the proceeds went to The Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Run for Wednesday's Child Christmas Program "Clyde's Ride". We raised \$2889.00 from the dinner and another \$2300.00 from sales of t-shirts, peanuts, raffle tickets and donations. Over \$5000.00 to make sure these Awesome Kids in the State of Kentucky have a Great Christmas. I want to personally Thank Everyone who helped with the dinner and worked the table selling shirts and raising money for the kids. I am so very proud of all My Brother Knights and their Families for all they have done to possibly make this year's Motorcycle Run the Biggest Ever. Thanks to all my Brother Knights in councils throughout the state that have helped get the word out and who have donated time and money to help this year. Thanks to the councils that have matched the \$100.00 challenge. Words can't express how much I appreciate all of you. I know Brother Clyde Hayes is looking down with a Huge Smile on his face seeing that what he started 21 years ago is going strong. Brother Clyde, we wish you were here to be part of this, but I know you are here in spirit. The Ride is September 10th which will be here before you know it. We will be taking donations up to December 1, 2023 if you want to donate. Send checks made out to Knights of Columbus Newman Council and put Wednesday's Child in memo line and send to P.O.Box 16122, Louisville Ky. 40256. Again, Thanks for all the support.  
Submitted by: Steve Arnold DD



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# KOFC APPALACHIAN MISSION 2023

## Vine Grove-Owensboro Knights of Columbus Appalachian Mission 2023

### Home Repair Volunteers – Your Donations at Work

These pictures show what we are doing to help the elderly and needy of Appalachia. We also installed windows, doors and siding, and made plumbing and electrical repairs

**Submitted by: Squack Jones PSD**





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Knights of Councils 7847 (Hopkinsville) and 15181 (Princeton/ Dawson Springs/ Eddyville serve hot food and cold drinks at the music fest.



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# BLUEGRASS CONT.

The Pickin' Life Project, a charitable organization founded in 2021 through the generous bequest of long time Saints Peter and Paul (Hopkinsville) parishioner (and Sir Knight) Ron Todd, hosts the fundraiser. Many Knights of Columbus councils have co-sponsored the event since its beginning in 2014 by providing food, funding and all manner of event support. This year, it is likely that eight third-degree councils, covering a wide swath of western Kentucky, and the State Council will be involved. The councils represent Hopkinsville, Madisonville, Dawson Springs/ Eddyville/ Princeton, Calvert City, Hardin/ Aurora, Murray, Oak Grove and Ft Campbell. Other local churches, businesses and individuals also provide monetary donations and contribute items for a popular raffle.

The Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus has assembled a film crew and will provide a still photographer to record and report on this year's music fest. The 2022/23 Kentucky State Knight of the Year, Mike Marsili, will deliver this year's invocation and Barry Whitledge, Grand Knight of Council 15181, will sing the opening song.

During its 9 years, "Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear" has raised \$153,535 for 4 life-affirming pregnancy care centers in western Kentucky. Alpha PCC in



Knights of Council 11132 (Madisonville)  
Prep a barbequed whole hog for  
"Bluegrass on Beshear"

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# BLUEGRASS CONT.

Hopkinsville, Door of Hope in Madisonville and H.O.P.E. Clinic in Benton and Eddyville receive each year's funds. The one-day music fest raised an event-record \$38,592 last year. In addition, the involvement of six Knights of Columbus councils netted an additional \$7200 for the pregnancy centers through a new program called Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). The pregnancy centers are faith-based and depend on private donations to remain open. They receive no government funding because the centers will never refer clients for abortion.

"Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear" will happen, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 7. It is at 307 Island Cove Lane Dawson Springs, Kentucky. The grounds open at 11 AM. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and are welcome to bring coolers. Knights and volunteers will help people park and get to the venue and back to their cars. Bluegrass, country, gospel, rock and blues music begins at Noon and will run until 6 PM. Admission is free. Hot food and cold drinks served by Knights will be available for purchase all day. There will be a raffle with multiple chances to win. Two \$500 prizes and a pair of UK/Louisville football tickets head the prize list.

The Pickin' Life Project raises money through sponsorships, donations, food, drinks, raffle and merchandise sales. For the third consecutive year, a benefactor will match total donations up to \$12,000 - so every donation or purchase will be doubled. More information about the event and ways to donate can be found on [www.bluegrassonbeshear.com](http://www.bluegrassonbeshear.com), [facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear](https://facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear) or (C) 270-399-5018. 100% of money donated goes to the pregnancy care centers and all donations are tax deductible. As the event's motto says, "Together in Christ – We are Pickin' Life."



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# MIDSUMMERS KNIGHT GLO RUN

On August 4th, the Knights of Columbus Council 1487 held what evolved into the 2nd Annual Midsummers Knight 5K Glo Run fundraiser. The race was held after dark, starting at 10:00 PM at the Ashland Town Center Mall. Everything turned out fantastic. The weather was good, there were 130 plus runners signed up to run in one of the best fundraisers the council has ever sponsored. After the race was finished, everyone met back at Holy Family School for an hour of Awards, Prizes, and refreshments.

All and all the fundraiser was deemed a huge success. The Council would like to thank all of our great sponsors, and Holy Family School and Church for all the assistance they provided to make this happen.



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# HOLY DONUT DONATION



PGK Ray Rechtin (L) of Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 in Burlington, KY, presents Brother Bill Voss (R) of Bikers Against Child Abuse with a check for \$1,000 to assist in their efforts to help children who have been victims of abuse. It furthers our mission to defend Life in all its stages.

Proceeds from the council's Holy Donut sales, support parishes, youth groups and Scouts, retreats, pregnancy centers, outreach missions, St. Vincent de Paul and kitchens feeding those in need in northern Kentucky.

As of August 14th, Bishop Ackerman Council has given \$25,246 in donations so far this year with additional events in September and October to close out the season.

Bishop Ackerman Council's Holy Donuts have been helping the community for over 56 years.

Submitted by: David White FDD



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# DIOCESE OF COVINGTON CLERGY DINNER

The 20th Annual Diocese of Covington Clergy Dinner sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus was recently held at the beautiful grounds of Fr. DeJaco Council in Alexandria. The venue began with a social time, followed by a salad bar and then a steak or chicken dinner. It is the Knights of Columbus way of thanking our clergy. A good time was had by all.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## **Volunteer Opportunities Abound in Coming Months**

There are plenty of great volunteer opportunities coming up around the state from now through October. While the Special Olympics summer sports season is winding down, we still have the State Softball Tournament ahead in Bowling Green. Volunteers work as scorekeepers, announcers and - if certified – umpires.

Few things go together better than Knights and bowling and October is a busy month for Special Olympics bowlers. With eight Area Bowling Tournaments stretching across the state, there is sure to be one close to your council. Bowling volunteers serve as lane workers, making sure bowlers bowl in order and recording scores (you do not need to know how to keep score). Bowling tournaments are a tremendous opportunity for Councils to volunteer as a group.

There are also ways to volunteer for our State Artistic Gymnastics Competition, State Equestrian Competition and through our flag football season. For more information visit [soky.org/volunteernow](http://soky.org/volunteernow).

## **Upcoming Competition Dates**

**Oct. 7-8** – Area 4 Bowling Tournament, Louisville

**Oct. 14** – Area 6 Bowling Tournament, Richmond

**Oct. 14-15** – Area 1 Bowling Tournament, Paducah

**Oct. 10-22** – Area 8 Bowling Tournament, Lexington

**Oct. 21** – Area 5 Bowling Tournament, Bowling Green

**Oct. 21** – Area 7 Bowling Tournament, Newport

**Oct. 28** – Area 2 Bowling Tournament, Owensboro

**Oct. 28** – Area 3&9 Bowling Tournament, Prestonsburg



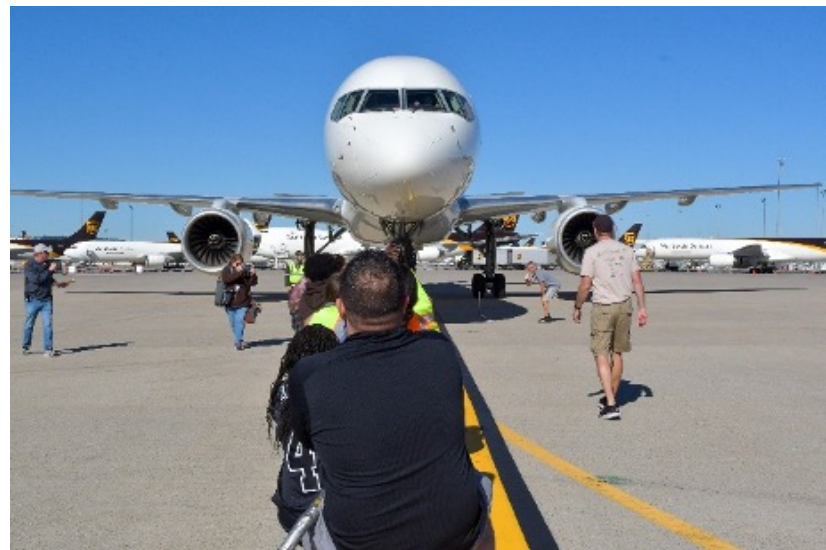


# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

## **Pull for a Purpose at a Truck or Plane Pull Near You**

Does your Council have what it takes to tackle some of the biggest challenges in Kentucky? A great way for Councils to support Special Olympics athletes is at one of the two Pull events left this fall. The Paducah Big Brown Truck Pull will be held September 16. The UPS Plane Pull will take place on Saturday October 14 at UPS Worldport in Louisville. Teams raise at least the minimum amount to compete and then see who can pull either a loaded UPS 18-wheeler, or a UPS Boeing 757 cargo jet 12 feet in the fastest time. Teams can have up to 15 people for the Truck Pull and up to 20 for the UPS Plane Pull. And if your Council can't muster enough people to pull, family members can participate or you could join forces with other Councils in your area.

For more information, contact Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or [lexbuerger@gmail.com](mailto:lexbuerger@gmail.com).



# HAPPY FEET FOR BUTLER COUNTY STUDENTS

The Father Joseph O'Donnell Council #17606 of Beaver Dam and Morgantown, Kentucky was chartered less than three years ago, but they have wasted no time in serving their community in the spirit of Fr. McGivney. Each year since their formation, Council #17606 has partnered with the Butler County Schools Family Resource Center in providing shoes for school children whose families are unable to do so.



Pictured from left: Kyle Coleman (#17606 Grand Knight); Amanda Crowell (Shoe Sensation Regional Manager); Bernie Hayes (#17606 Treasurer); Melissa Glass (Family Resource Center Director); Brandie Smith (Butler County FRC Assistant ); and Dave Ashley (#17606 Financial Secretary).

This year, the Knights provided \$1,000 for the purchase of new shoes for the “Happy Feet” Program. On August 2, one hundred pairs of shoes were distributed to students from Morgantown Elementary, North Butler Elementary, Butler County Middle and Butler County High School who descended upon Morgantown Elementary School to



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# HAPPY FEET CONT.

pick out the shoes they wanted from a large stock of shoes, which were provided at a discounted price by Shoe Sensation, because of the School's partnership with the Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet Organization.

Family Resource Center director Melissa Glass said "Parents and Caregivers bring the children to their appointment and they wait in the hall while the children get the chance to enter the gym where we have the shoe store set up. Each child has their foot professionally measured by Shoe Sensation staff. Then they each get to pick out a new pair of Bombas socks, select their new shoes and leave with Happy Feet ready to start back to school. It is one of our favorite programs and we truly appreciate the Knights of Columbus Father Joseph O'Donnell Council!!! They are our local heroes and their consistent financial support of this program provides a lot of shoes for some very deserving kids."

The joy in the faces of these young ones is heart-warming. Serving God by serving others is our mission, and we enjoy it!

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# PARISH PRIEST MUSICAL PLAY

“Parish Priest” Blessed Michael J McGivney was written by Fr Al DeGiacomo (Cathedral of Christ The King) with music by Fr Jeff Estacio (St Lawrence) and Nancy Douglass was



performed as a 2-night event Friday, August 11th/12th at the Cathedral of Christ the King fellowship hall. The script told the story of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney from his first day at St Mary’s Church in New Haven to the founding of the Knights of Columbus.



# PLAY CONT.

Total attendance for both shows was 650, including Bishop John Stowe, State Officers, Culture of Life Director, and several priests from the Diocese. The cast was made up of Knights from 14130 and parishioners through open auditions. There was no cost for admission, but donations were collected and concessions sold with proceeds going to the Don Bosco Afterschool Learning Center (Fr Jeff's home parish) and Assurance Women's Health Clinic (ASAP) The proceeds were divided 50/50, with each beneficiary keeping any checks written specifically for them.

The total collected was \$7,642, with \$5,121 going to Assurance Women's Health Clinic (ASAP) and \$2,521 going to Don Bosco.



*Fr Jeff Estacio Left, Fr Al DeGiacomo Right*



*Greg Rhineheimer as Fr McGivney on Friday night*



*Jordan Dennis as Fr McGivney Saturday night*



# STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

It's September...The kids are back in school, after school activities, fall sports and family reunions are in full or almost full swing. Regardless of what lies ahead, "Fall" is right around the corner. It's time to start taking care of those outdoor chores and projects that you've wanted to get done this summer and it's time to focus on your council and the charitable works that make a difference in the lives of so many.

Based on extensive research by Supreme:

Men want to...

1. Grow in their faith.
2. Become better Catholic men by performing Charitable works.
3. Have the opportunity to be with their families and share their Christian values with their children and neighbors.

Men are expected to be "equal" to their wives and share in all family responsibilities. And their wives must believe that involvement in the Knights of Columbus is beneficial to the family.

Bring them in slowly. Get them involved, let them move at their own pace and always extend a helping hand. I strongly encourage every council and every member to watch the 12-part series of Into the Breach. There is a link on the Supreme website: go to [www.kofc.org/intothebreach](http://www.kofc.org/intothebreach) to view the videos.



# JOHNSON CONT.

## **State Deputy's Report:**

Let me begin by saying THANK YOU!

The ongoing support for the victims of the Maui Wildfires and the floods in Mayfield has been awesome, and your support of the ASAP program has been inspiring.

Our membership numbers continue to grow, though not as quickly as last fraternal year. As of August 30th, 48 new Knights had joined our ranks. Many these men are in their 30's, 40's & 50's which confirms what our Worthy Membership Director Fr. Phil DeVous said at the July Organizational Meeting...We/you, the Knights of Columbus, have what men are looking for! Don't keep it to yourselves...SHARE IT! And remember, Recruiting is Evangelizing & Evangelizing is Recruiting!

If you look at your membership in the Knights of Columbus as your opportunity to serve God and to do HIS will, why would you not want to share this good news. Make sharing the beauty of being a Knight of Columbus and a servant of God a positive attribute in you & your family's lives.

In the past, September brought about the four Regional Meetings. These meetings were established to help DDs, GKs & FSs that were not able to attend the July Org meeting get up to speed and ask questions. Since we generally had more presenters than attendees, my goal last year was to do away with those meetings by using monthly online meetings with the District Deputies and Grand Knights. I will say that while the online meeting attendance could be better, for those that are in attendance the online meeting format has proven to be very helpful and educational.

September the 29th is the Feast Day of God's Holy Archangels, St. Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael. Pray that they may continue to watch over you & your loved ones.

# JOHNSON CONT.

## **Council Happenings:**

Congratulations to St Gabriel the Archangel Council 15699 on achieving Star Council. When GK Phil Miller realized that his council did not receive the Star Council award, he contacted Program Director Fred Meade to inquire as to why the council did not receive the Star Council award. After some investigation and communications with Supreme, it was determined that one of the “activities” on the SP-7 was deemed to be participatory as opposed to being a “program” sponsored and supported by the Knights, but because the council’s SP-7 was turned in on time, Supreme allowed the council to substitute another program that the council had done in place of the participatory activity.

Congratulations to Christ the King Council 14130 and Fr Al DeGiacomo on a very successful production of Fr. McGivney: Parish Priest. Attendance for both Friday & Saturday performances were at full capacity.

The Holy Donut crew from Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 are finishing up a very busy August in which they have been help neighboring parishes in NKY raise funds for the Churches & schools.

Congratulations to the NKY team that has been working on establishing a new council at Blessed Sacrament in Fort Mitchell. The new council which has taken the name St. Michael the Archangel Council should be receiving their council number within the next few weeks. And congratulations to the 20 new Knights of Columbus members and the 17 transfers.

Thank you to St Joseph Council 12354 in Mt Washington for reaching out to Fr Carrico and the men of St Aloysius Catholic Church on establishing a Roundtable and possibly reactivating council 7029 which has been dormant for too long.



# JOHNSON CONT.

Sept 1st thru the 3rd will be a very busy time for Fr McGivney Council 12502 as it will be all hands-on deck for their annual St Cecilia fall festival. They say it's the largest in NKY. I've been there. It's big.

September the 10th will be another milestone event for Msgr Newman Council 4665 when they host the 21st Wednesday's Child motorcycle run and fund raiser. Bardstown Council 1290 and Fr DeJaco Council 5220 both held Clergy Appreciation dinners last month.

As you can see, our councils are very active. I'm sure that I've only touched the tip of the iceberg. In addition, I'm receiving form 450s from our DDs letting me know about exemplification in their districts. This is a good sign that our councils are recruiting.

## **COR Initiative:**

More to come on this. State Chaplain Fr John and Family Director Dave Ledonne just returned from Supreme. Both are excited about the program and what it can mean for our parishes. I will be meeting with Fr John & Dave to discuss the rollout of this new initiative. I have already heard from six councils wanting to participate. Information on the COR initiative can be found on the Supreme website.

## **Please Pray:**

Two years ago, I wrote about the hatred that exist towards Christians as a whole and Catholics in particular. Unless you have been in a coma or have buried your head in the sand, you can't help but see the hatred and animosity toward people of faith. Pick up

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## JOHNSON CONT.

your Rosaries and pray. Pray that through the intercession of Mary the United States of America may once again turn from our sins of abortion, hatred, jealousy, anger, and envy. For without God, we are nothing.

Let's continue to praise God and thank Him for all that He does and to guide us in His way. We can make the 2023-2024 fraternal year a year in which we allowed God to lead us to Him.

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





# STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“Do not conform yourselves to this present age  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...”

Romans 12:2

(From the Mass for the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Back on August 11, I joined with several other state officers to view an original play on the life of ,the King. It was a very enjoyable evening and I thought Fr. Al did a particularly good job of portraying the harsh realities of life in the time of Fr. McGivney, especially for Irish Catholics. It was, of course, those realities that prompted the development of what would become the Knights of Columbus insurance program.

Since attending the play, I have been reminded of another, no less crucial, dimension to Blessed Fr. McGivney’s response to the challenges of his time, challenges which have become, if anything, even more dire in our time than the financial “wolves at the door” which threatened the livelihood of his immigrant parishioners. For while the loss of a sole provider made the plight of a widow and her children desperate indeed, the loss of young men to anti-Catholic societies threatened not only the souls of the young men themselves but also the vitality, perhaps even the viability, of the parish itself. The aforementioned play also picked up on this theme, that other demographics created for themselves assemblages for mutual support, and that Irish Catholics should do the same.

# FR. JOHN CONT.

I would suggest that while the danger of membership in anti-Catholic groups may not be as overt as in Fr. McGivney's time, the danger of cultural depredation from the faith is no less menacing, and especially for young people. Surely, you've heard of the prevalence of the "nones" among today's youth.

You will be hearing more about this in the near future, but the Knights of Columbus are rolling out an evangelization and faith formation initiative, called Cor, designed to respond to this contemporary challenge to the faith. Cor has two goals: to help men develop a stronger relationship with God and to give them ongoing formation within a dynamic brotherhood. As Damien O'Connor, Supreme's vice-president of evangelization and faith formation, noted in a recent training which I was privileged to attend, "These goals were inherent in Blessed Michael McGivney's [original] vision for the Order. This is not new. We are simply being more intentional now."

Stay tuned for more details...

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Fr. John List**

**State Chaplain**





# STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

**James E. (Gene) Roberts, PSD** – Farewell, Good and Faithful Servant.

I met Gene while he was the Kentucky State Deputy. Gene's leadership was instrumental in helping start Council #12923 in Campbellsville back in 2001. He had a calmness about him that you felt when you were around him. It has been my honor to be a part of the Knights of Columbus because of men like Gene.

**Midyear Organizational Meeting – December 2, 2023, in Lebanon**

It is not too early to start planning for the upcoming Midyear Meeting that will be hosted by Council #1264 in Lebanon. This meeting is primarily for District Deputies and State Program Directors/Chairmen. Council members are welcome to attend.

**Council #18284 – St. Micheal the Archangel, Ft. Mitchell, KY**

Congratulations to the members of the newest council in Kentucky. Through the efforts of the members, new Grand Knight John Carey, District Deputy Keith Cahill, Field Agent Greg White, David White, Fred Meade and many more Knights, the St. Micheal the Archangel council will receive their Charter soon. Welcome to the Kentucky Jurisdiction.

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



# STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

## Brothers Knights, **Prayer Requests**

We lost a good Knight this month. Gene Roberts served the Jurisdiction as State Deputy from 2000-2002. Gene continued to serve the Order and the community after his term and his retirement and was a friend and a mentor to many of us. Please put Gene and his family, including his son-in-law District Deputy Tim Molnar, in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

The Louisville Serra Club sent out a communication yesterday that our two-time Former State Chaplain Fr. Pat Dolan was struck by a vehicle yesterday while riding his bicycle. I don't have any other details yet. Please pray for a full and rapid recovery. Bl. Fr. McGivney, please intercede for him.

## **Recruit! and Retain!**

In August 19 more Councils recruited at least one new member. Congratulations and thank you to

- Fr. Dentinger Council 390 in Louisville
- Owensboro Council 817
- Maysville Council 1377
- Elizabethtown Council 1455
- Frankfort Council 1483
- St. Louis Bertrand Council 10682 in Louisville
- Fr. McGivney Council 12502 in Independence
- Holy Innocents Council 12562 in Louisville
- St. Mark Council 12852 in Richmond
- Fr. Emil Kapaun Council 12965 in Oak Grove



# BURNS CONT.

- Fr. Diersen Council 13304 in La Grange
- Christ the King Council 14130 in Lexington
- St. Francis of Assisi Council 15063 in Pikeville
- Holy Spirit J.H. Newman Council 15452 in Lexington
- St. Michael Council 15525 in Jeffersonton
- Ave Maria Council 15931 in Louisville
- St. Margaret Mary Council 15979 in Louisville
- Andrew's Apostles Council 17234 in Harrodsburg
- Fr. O'Donnell Council 17606 in Beaver Dam/Morganton

That makes 29 of our 99 active councils who've added to their ranks this year. If you don't gain, you lose.

Also, Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 in Burlington and Fr. Emil Kapaun Council 12965 in Oak Grove joined Council 15063 in Pikeville as having already surpassed 100% of their New Member Quota – Way to Go!

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 September!!**

Watching out for School Busses as school is back in session. Our mission continues, welcoming new member and families to our order. New ideas, and a new program is now out, and look for it soon.

As of this letter, there are still 16 councils that have not submitted **Form 185** "Report of Officers Chosen for the year." There are also 45 Councils that have not submitted a **Form 365**, "Service Program Personnel Report."

Please watch for the invitation from Praesidium Academy to meet the Safe Environment Training for those who need to complete this training. If you have completed this training in the last 2 years, the training is good for three years. It's a new year Kentucky's Safe Environment Training." We need to achieve our "Safe Environment Training" goals. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training. This is on line training and takes about an hour to complete. 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).



# DYKHUIS CONT.

**Form 1295**, the Semiannual Council Audit Report, was due August 15th. As of this date, August 31, Supreme Reports that 76 Councils have completed their Audit. 30 Councils were delinquent and 22 Councils are delinquent for the last 2 Reports. Councils that miss consecutive audits are subject to losing their \$5,000 Bond for their Treasurers and Financial Secretaries.

## **Recruit and Retain**

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have eleven months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. This is a Gift that needs to be offered to each Catholic man and his Family. There still is FREE MEMBERSHIP. for a New Member and he can join on his iPhone, cell phone by going to [www.KofC.Org](http://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, the best way is to hold an Exemplification after a Sunday MASS. You can 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.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Gary Dykhuis  
State Advocate**



# STATE WARDEN MIKE KUCHENBROD

The college-based FOOTBALL FRENZY Tickets selling period is almost over, just another 2 weeks to see those tickets and raise funds for your council and the charities. Don't miss out on winning the Prize Money, you could be a \$200 winner.

A Special thanks out to those councils that have already send me their returns, I rerouted unsold tickets out to another council that needed more.

This is the only annual fundraiser the Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities has. These Tickets have your Favorite College Football Teams. 32 College Teams, teams from ACC (U of L), teams from SEC (UK), Notre Dame, Ohio State, Eastern KY University, Western KY University, and we added University of Cincinnati for our Northern Ky sales opportunities at the request of the Knights in that area. The 8 weeks of winners begins October 7th but the tickets have to be processed by Green Bee before that so let's get them sold and sent in. Again, tickets are \$10, buy two tickets and get one ticket free by registering them online. I have had a few calls about registering tickets, that process doesn't work until we turn in the tickets, remind your customers to be patient and that registration part should be available in a couple weeks when Green Bee keys our stuff in.

Sell 25 tickets and earn 25 points for the State Deputy Award. Tickets need to be in the mail NO LATER THAN Friday September 15th. So don't mail them on the 16th, mail them so I receive them by then. I have to process and have them in the Mail that evening. You can check the results or get your buy-2-get-1free ticket by visiting [http: www.footballsweeps.com/](http://www.footballsweeps.com/).

Without funding, our charitable arm cannot be charitable. Again, proceeds after expenses, are split with the Councils selling tickets. Please remember this helps fund the Kentucky Charities, as Charity is our First Principle.

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Please let me know if you need more tickets. I have sent out a number of tickets from requests but still have more available.

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 <https://kykofc.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Kuchenbrod  
State Warden**



# STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MIKE RINEHART

Welcome to Fall, My Brothers.

I have had several inquiries, from both DD's and GK's, as to how to obtain the Leadership Resources booklet and the Fraternal Planner Booklet.

These booklets can be obtained in a couple of ways.

To download the booklet, log into Officers Online and go to Publications. Select Leadership Handbooks and then select Leadership Resources (#5093) and/or Fraternal Planner (#5033). If you prefer a printed copy, log into Officers Online and select Supplies Online. In the search box, enter either 5093 and/or 5033 and select either English or Spanish. Enter the quantity you wish to order and follow the check out instructions.

One of the main things that seem to cause councils stress, twice a year, is filling out and submitting the Semi Annual Audit Report. The Leadership Resources book contains step by step instructions as how to fill out your Semi Annual Audit.

There is a tremendous amount of information, and discussion, during the Zoom Meetings with the State Deputy, each month. If you aren't currently attending the Zoom Meeting, you are missing a great opportunity for obtaining information to assist you in your leadership duties. Feel free to contact any of the State Officers, with questions.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Rinehart  
State Executive Secretary**



# GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

## **The Importance of Knights of Columbus Insurance Protection**

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security. Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternality, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining.

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need insurance protection from either an untimely death or disability. This mission remains just as important today. To make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided our Field Agents with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help them determine where you stand today. It can help a Field Agent formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions. A strategy and customized plan specific to your family and your situation.

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The analysis can be done in the comfort of your home or virtually. What can K of C life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security for yourself, your spouse, and your family.

**Vivat Jesus!**

*Dan Schachle*

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# STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

**State Deputy 2000 – 2002**

**Knight for 45 years**

**Member Bishop Sonneker Council  
10725**

**Member Owensboro Assembly 2074**

**Rest in Peace good and faithful  
servant.**



James Eugene (Gene) Roberts, 78, of Owensboro passed away Saturday, August 12, 2023, at his home with his loving family by his side. The Daviess County native was born January 11, 1945, to the late Thelbert Spalding Roberts and Lola Mae Terry Roberts. Gene graduated from Owensboro Catholic High School, class of 1963. He was employed with South Central Bell and AT&T for 33 years. Gene worked for 25 years in Owensboro and in Gallatin and Bolivar, Tennessee the rest of the time before retiring in January of 2000. He enjoyed fishing, golf, and playing cards, winning his last poker game he played. Gene was a member of the Civitan Club and Knights of Columbus where he helped raise money and assist with the renovation of homes in eastern

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Kentucky. He also served this community through ARC and assisted with free tax preparation with GRABC. Gene was a good man with a good sense of humor and will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Gene also was preceded in death by his brothers, Russell and J.R. Roberts.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 52 years, Anna Marie Hamilton Roberts; daughter, Bridgette Molnar and husband Tim; grandson, Matthew Molnar; sister, Lillian Bowlds; brothers, Sherman (Dolores) Roberts and Donald (Belinda) Roberts; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Wednesday at Precious Blood Catholic Church. Visitation will be Tuesday from 3:00 until 7:00 pm with prayers at 6:00 pm at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory and Wednesday from 9:00 am at the church. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Precious Blood Catholic Church, 3306 Fenmore Street Owensboro, KY 42301.

Condolences and memories for Gene's family may be left at [www.glenncares.com](http://www.glenncares.com).

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

# LOCAL EVENTS



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Msgr. James H. Willett Council #7847**  
**Hopkinsville, KY 42240**

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual – Charity Golf Scramble**  
**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Shotgun Start - Tee Time: 8:00am

Western Hills Golf Course, Hopkinsville, KY  
(Metal spikes are not permitted at Western Hills)

**Entry Fee**

**\$65 per person**

Price includes: Cart, Greens Fees, Beverages, and Lunch

All Golfers are welcome  
Individual entries are welcome

**Prizes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$400
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Random Draw
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Random Draw
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Random Draw

First Hole-in-One at 16 wins \$500  
Closest to the Pin  
Gift Cards and many other prizes



**Entry Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry form to:

Richard Hornbeak (Grand Knight)  
PO Box 1215  
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Bruce Wilcox  
PO Box 1215  
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

*Make Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus, Council #7847*

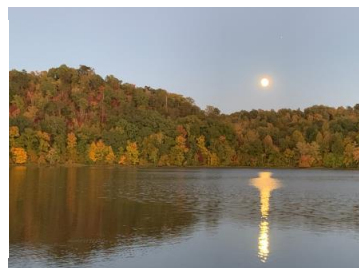




# LOCAL EVENTS



**PRESENTS:**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**



## **BLUEGRASS ON (LAKE) BESHEAR**

**Sat, October 7, 2023 Noon to 6 PM**

**(Grounds Open at 11 AM – Rain or Shine)**

**On beautiful Lake Beshear. Bring lawn chairs & coolers.**

**Food, drinks, baked goods, merch available.**

**Raffle – Dozens of Prizes - \$500 Grand Prize!**

**FREE ADMISSION.....FEATURING:**

**Classy & Grassy Bluegrass Band  
Alonzo Pennington – Blues/Rock  
South Union Bluegrass Band  
Lighthouse Vocal Band – Country/Gospel  
The Kentucky Troubadours - Country  
Bright Life Farms Choir - Inspirational**

**Location: 307 Island Cove Lane Dawson Springs, KY**

**(West fork of Lake Beshear off Rt 672, 4 mi. SW of Dawson Springs)**

**"Bluegrass on Beshear" has raised \$153,535 for these life-affirming pregnancy care centers in western KY:**

**Door of Hope Pregnancy Care Center (Madisonville)**

**H.O.P.E. Clinic (Benton and Eddyville)**

**Alpha Pregnancy Care Center (Hopkinsville)**

**Visit: [www.BluegrassonBeshear.com](http://www.BluegrassonBeshear.com) or [Facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear](https://Facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear) for info**

**WE ARE...PICKIN' LIFE!!!**

# CALENDAR

September	
4th Degree Exemplification	30
December	
Midyear Meeting	1-2
March	
Founder's Day	29
April	
State convention	26-28

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