

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER

Members of Saint Edward the Confessor Council #15841 in Louisville, Kentucky, participated in a service trip to renovate homes in Eastern Kentucky. The knights joined Hand in Hand Ministries to work on several houses in Prestonsburg and the surrounding area that had been affected by floods over the previous year. The council has participated in similar efforts in the area for 10 years.



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 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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41ST ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY

Knights of Columbus Fr. DeJaco Council 5220 hosted its 41st annual Opportunity Day on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at the Council's grounds in Alexandria, KY. Originally conceived to support the families of several Knights, Opportunity Day is a day of fun and socialization for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. The event is held on the third Sunday in September each year.

Approximately 85 guests accompanied by 40 family members enjoyed crafts, fishing, horse and pony riding, a bounce house, pontoon boat rides, a hayride, a petting zoo, and various games. The event kicked off with a balloon launch, with one balloon making it to Waverly, OH, about 100 miles. Other highlights of the day included a grilled lunch, carnival foods, and a surprise early visit from Santa Claus! The event was staffed by 44 Knights and family members, plus 70 other volunteers, including 19 from Pendleton County High School and 46 students from Catholic schools: St. Henry District High School, Bishop Brossart High School and St. Mary School in Alexandria, Covington Catholic, Notre Dame Academy, Covington Latin, and Newport Central Catholic.

In addition to all the volunteers, the Knights would like to thank the Southern Campbell County Fire Department, the Newport Police K9 unit, Reclaimed Ranch, Home Depot (Cold Spring), and Kremer Tree Service for sponsoring events. About 20 guests arrived by vans generously loaned by Executive Transportation Services and New Perceptions.

Submitted by: Terry Dunn

K.C.I.A.G.A. TOURNAMENT

The K.C.I.A.G.A. tournament was hosted by Bishop Timon Council #6405. The tournament was held in Jackson, Missouri at the Bent Creek Golf Course, September 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2023. There were 42 men and 8 women that participated in the Scramble on Tuesday. The golf schedule started with an 8:00am shotgun start 4-man scramble on Tuesday morning, individual play on Wednesday morning and Thursday morning both days started at 8am.

Kentucky was well represented by members from Northern Kentucky. Shown below are Dustin Reed, Don McMurray, Don Ward, Deacon Bob Stoeckle and Keith Cahill all are members of Bishop Flaget Assembly 307. Don Ward 1G and Don McMurray 2N both won plaques in their flight. Next year's outing will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska the week of June 10-14, 2024. All KofC members are eligible to play, I will send info to be published in the State Newsletter when available.

Submitted by Keith Cahill, DD22



UNIONTOWN KCS/ST. AGNES CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

The KCs /Church Picnic was held September 9 and was a rousing success. 4500 pounds of mutton were barbecued on an open pit using a secret and protected KC recipe and 30 hams were also cooked. Customers could eat in the air conditioned Parish hall, outside at tables for six, or could purchase mutton and ham by the pound to go.

Patrons could buy small toys for children, let the children play in several different bouncy houses, take chances to win a cake or money in the chuck a luck stand. Soft drinks and beer were available as was Bingo, ice cream and cake, and most importantly socializing and reminiscing as many people return to Uniontown every year to renew relationships.

The annual picnic is a major fundraiser for the KCs and St. Agnes Church but more importantly it brings members of the parish together to work for a common good.

Submitted by: Lark Buckman



FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Bishop Flaget Council 13053 hosted a food drive and collected about 300 pounds of food for a nearby food pantry. CLM food pantry serves more than 1000 families per month and they were very happy to receive our donation.



DONATION TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HERITAGE

Knights of Columbus council #1264 Lebanon, Ky had a great success with the Fish Dinner and Dessert benefit on September 09, 2023. Will Knight, District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus presented a donation of \$6,024.31 to Nicole Hughes Smith, Chief Financial Officer for the St Joseph Catholic Community Heritage, owner of the St. Joseph Church. Also in the photo are Barry Brady, Grand Knight, Sandy Peterson, Vice President of the St. Joseph Catholic Heritage and John Coyle, KC Inside Guard and Steve Coyle, KC Warden. Big Thank you to the large group of Brother Knights that volunteered during the Fish Dinner & Desert meal. There were also several volunteers from the St. Joe Community as well as Brother Knight's family members. Thank you to On Time Courier and Pro-Tech Metal Fabrication for donating the desserts for the meal.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Volunteers Still Needed Through End of the Year

There are still great volunteer opportunities through the end of the year, especially at our Area and State Bowling Tournaments. To register, visit soky.org/volunteernow. If you want to volunteer as a group, contact Michaelaele at mroy@soky.org or 502-695-8222.

Upcoming Competition Dates

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

Dec. 2-3 – State Bowling Tournament, Louisville



Holiday Gift Card Raffle is Biggest Ever!

Each year Special Olympics Kentucky gives away a huge gift card package just in time for the Holidays. This year, they are offering our biggest package ever, with \$5,750 in gift cards to some of the Holiday Season's most popular retailers, restaurants and more. Tickets are just \$10 each and all the money raised supports Kentucky athletes. For more information or to buy tickets, visit sokyraffle.com



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Don't Forget to Report Volunteer Hours

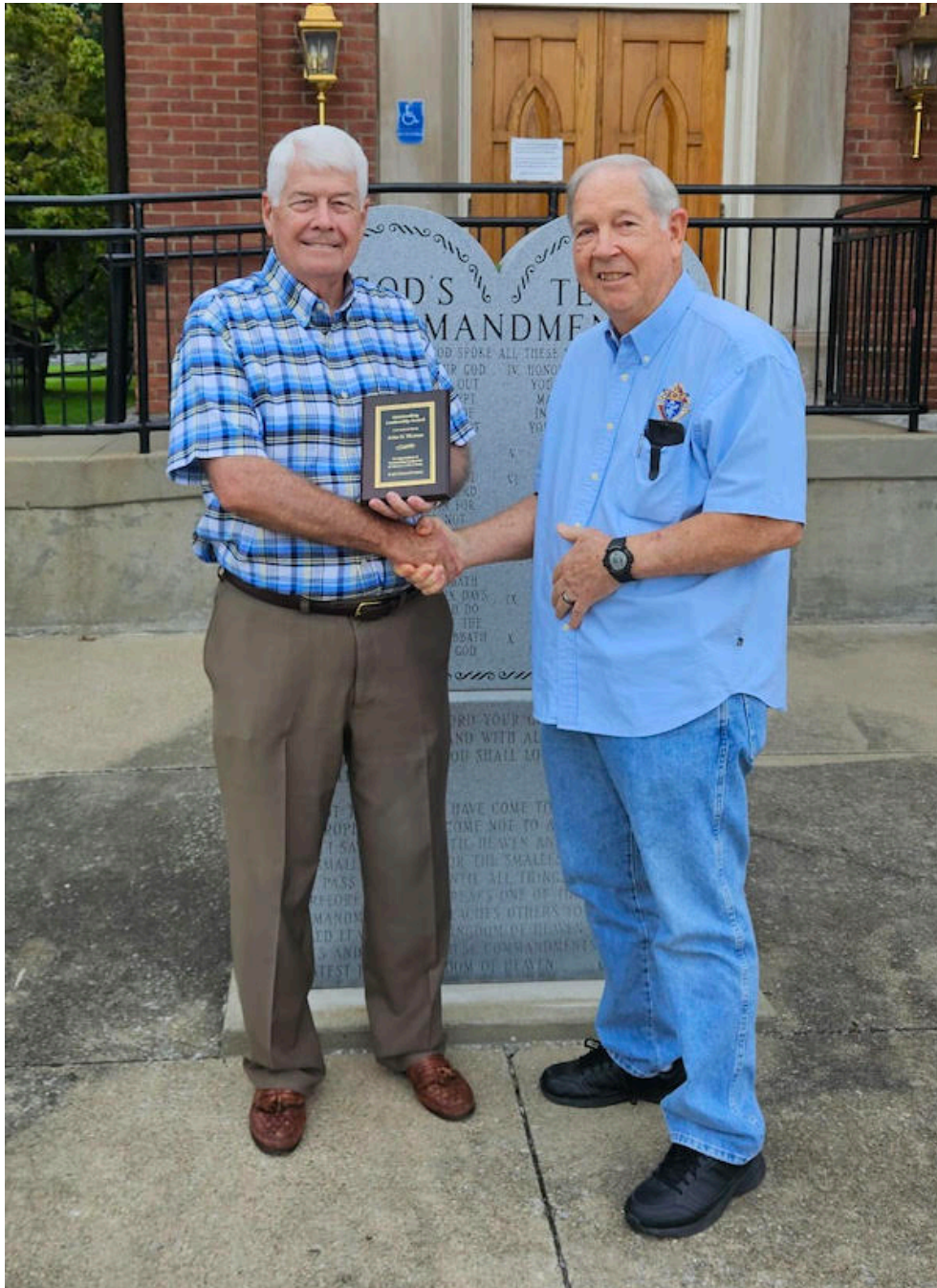
If you have volunteered at any Special Olympics event including fundraising events like Polar Plunges, Truck Pulls and golf outings, don't forget to report your hours to supreme. Every hour you report is figured into the check that Supreme sends to Kentucky to present in May. For more information, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org or 859-338-6075.



***Special
Olympics***

PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION

Former DD#11 John Thomas recently received a “Plaque of Recognition “ for his 8 years of service to Council #12923 in Campbellsville. GK BJ Brady is also shown presenting the plaque .



“BIG” RECRUITING IDEA

Bishop Flaget Council 13053 invited former NFL player (for 12 years from 1986-1998) Will Wolford to be speak about his career. And we invited non Council members and we signed up 2 new members. It was a great meeting.

In this picture are WGK Tom O'Bryant presenting a check to Will's favorite charity (Kids Cancer Alliance) and Dave Wallace, a member who invited Will
It was a really fun event! PS. Will is 6'7"

Submitted by: Jack Banbury





STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

1st Quarter Recap:

Do you recall these words...Tempus Fugit?

Well, we just completed the 1st Quarter of the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. July, August & September are history. Were you in the game or sitting on the sidelines? We brought in 84 members over the past 3 months. We're ranked 41st out of 75 Jurisdictions. 7 councils have yet to turn in their form 185 Officers Chosen and 35 councils have yet to file their form 365 Service Program Personnel. Why are we not 100% compliant?

Districts 1, 2 & 7 are the only districts that have not recruited a member. While that may sound bad, please note that to date, 2/3rds or 61 of our councils have not recruited a single member. The only thing keeping the other 22 districts off of the Not Recruited a member list is that they had at least one council recruit 1 member. I'm sure that there are Catholic Men out there that would love to join the greatest Catholic Men's Organization in the World. Just ask!

October... Fatima, the Rosary, Christopher Columbus, Halloween:

Fall is upon us, and "Winter" is coming! There are a lot of opportunities out there for you and your council to get active. October is recognized as the Month of the Rosary for it was on October 13th, 1917, that Our Lady appeared to the children of Fatima and instructed them to pray the Rosary daily for the salvation of the world.

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Oct 1st was the NKY RTL 50-year celebration. Oct 5th is the Owensboro RTL banquet, Oct 7th is the 10th Anniversary of the Bluegrass on Beshear: Pick 'in Life event in Dawson Springs, Oct 8th is the 72nd Living Rosary event in Louisville. On Oct 9th we celebrate Columbus Day in honor of Christopher Columbus and Oct 9th is also the Little Way banquet in Louisville. October 17th is the next scheduled SE Territorial online meeting. October 22nd is the Feast Day of St John Paul II. October 24th is the next Fraternal Benefit Night, President and Chief Investing Officer, Tony Minopoli, will be the guest speaker and on October 31st we traditionally celebrate Halloween and prepare for All Saints Day & All Souls Day.

State Deputy's Report:

My Brother Knights, while we have done much good, there is so much more that we can do. Yes, it's sometimes a challenge to step out of our comfort zone and engage in activities that take you away from that comfortable life, but once you do, you'll find it so much more rewarding.

I would like to congratulate the following councils on achieving 100+% of their membership by September 30th. They are Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 – 153%, Msgr. James Willet Council 7847 – 100%, Fr. Emil Kapaun Council 12965 – 180% and St Francis of Assisi Council 15063 – 120%. Well done, Brothers! Thank You!

Our Worthy Membership Director Fr. Phil DeVous has said it before...We/you, the Knights of Columbus, have what men are looking for! Many of these men are in their 30's, 40's & 50's. This past fraternal year out of the 414 new members we brought into the Knights of Columbus. 152 of them were under 50. Don't keep what we have to yourselves...SHARE IT!

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Based on extensive research by Supreme:

Men want to...

1. Grow in their faith.
2. Become better Catholic men by performing Charitable works.
3. Involve their families. This gives them the opportunity to be with their families and share their Christian values with the 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.

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.

The Faith In Action initiative is an excellent program put together by Supreme to guide us and encourage us to not only be men of faith but to be men who practice our faith. 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 to view the videos.

As part of the Into the Breach video Series, Supreme just published 5 videos dealing with marriage and the family, www.kofc.org/missionofthefamily Check it Out!

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As if that wasn't enough, Supreme is encouraging councils to check out the Cor program. Check it out at www.kofc.org/cor

4th Degree:

Congratulations to our newest District Master Joe Carter whose term became effective September 1st, 2023 and congratulations to the 25 men that participated in the 4th degree exemplification on September 30th in Louisville. I would also like to thank outgoing District Master Cameron Peck for his leadership during the past fraternal year.

Please Pray:

Pick up 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 make the 2023-2024 fraternal year a year in which we turn to God and give Him thanks for all things.

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.”

Philippians 4:8

(From the Mass for the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

The theme of the Supreme Convention this year was “First in Faith and First in Charity.” Commenting on the theme during the business meeting, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori reflected that “[i]n our everyday life, we make decisions based on some criteria, something that we value, that we see as essential. For us as Knights that criteria is clear; faith and charity.

“When we stop and think about it, Blessed Michael established the Knights of Columbus so that the men in his parish would hold firm to the gift of faith, experience the love of Christ and share those gifts with their families and those in need. If the Knights of Columbus are to be first in faith and first in charity, we must be true to the original vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

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“This means that we have to look at everything we do through the all-important lens of being first in faith and first in charity. Every decision we make, every program we initiate, every leader we choose, every interaction we have among ourselves and with our partners in the Church – all this must begin from this central question: ‘Does this help our men to grow in faith and to lead lives of charity?’ If not, then we need to go back to the drawing board...

“To help men grow as men of faith, we must form them to grow in lives of prayer and in the practice of the sacraments. This is where the Cor initiative is such a game changer. Through prayer, fraternity and formation, we can help men grow in faith; and more than that, help them support one another in growing in faith.”

District Deputies and Grand Knights are receiving information about this initiative. It is flexible enough to suit any Council, but it has “good bones” in its essentials to be successful in every parish. But your Grand Knight needs YOU to step forward as an EFF (“Evangelization & Faith Formation”) director and/or team member. We have the tools you need; all you have to do is raise your hand. This is a great service you can offer to your Council AND your parish. An hour or two a month (or bi-weekly, or weekly – I did say it was flexible), and you could be the candle by which Jesus lights the fire in another person’s heart. Jesus is calling; will you answer?

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

What's Happening this Month

Here are items that should be on all Councils and District Deputies checklist to consider and/or complete for October.

- Hold a Fall Church Drive.
- Contact your District Deputy to details and guide to hold a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.
- Turn in Soccer Challenge Reports and plan for upcoming Hockey Programs.
- Continue planning a Coats for Kids Drive including a fundraiser if you have not already had one.
- Plan a "Rosary Program" for October 31st (5th Sunday).
- Order a Christmas Poster Contest Kit.
- Consider a Food for Families project for the upcoming holidays.
- Consider holding a Spiritual Reflection Program.
- Make sure the Council Safe Environment requirements are up to date and all Council forms are up to date and submitted.
- Order Free Throw Kits.

My compliments for all the hard work all have done at all the August and September Church, Council, and Community events. Please have someone in your council file a Fraternal Programs Report form #10784.

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Here is a link to a training video on how to fill out the form- [Fraternal Programs Report Form \(#10784\) Training Video](#)

Here is the link to request the online form - [Form Invitation \(kofc.org\)](#)

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,

Prayer Requests

Last month I shared that the Louisville Serra Club had reported that our two-time Former State Chaplain Fr. Pat Dolan was struck by a vehicle while riding his bicycle. Fr. Had severe injuries but has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at the home of a friend. He's well enough that he's saying Mass every day! Please continue to pray for a full and rapid recovery. Bl. Fr. McGivney, please intercede for him.

Recruit! and Retain!

In September 9 more Councils recruited at least one new member. Congratulations and thank you to

- Bardstown Council 1290
- Fr. Ben Powers Council 1315 in Bowling Green
- Uniontown Council 1367
- Sts. John and Francis Council 11470 in Georgetown
- All Saints Council 14234 in Taylorsville
- Our Lady of Lourdes Council 14290 in Owensboro
- All Saints 16242 in Walton
- Saint Peter 18058 in Lexington

That makes 38 of our 100 active councils that have added to their ranks this year – and 62 which haven't. If you don't gain, you lose!

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Also, Msgr. Willett Council 7847 in Hopkinsville has joined Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 in Burlington, Fr. Emil Kapaun Council 12965 in Oak Grove, and 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!

Living Rosary

On October 8th, the Archdiocese of Louisville is sponsoring a Living Rosary at Bellarmine University as part of its Marian Devotion program. They've asked for a 4th Degree Color Guard. State Master Joe Carter has sent out the request to the area Faithful Navigators asking their assembly members with uniforms to attend. Other 4th Degree members may attend in tuxes or dark suits with social baldric to be part of an honor guard. I'd like to see the venue filled with Knights and Sir Knights demonstrating our devotion to our Mother Mary and her Holy Rosary!

Council Reactivation

Thanks! to GK Mike Zygmunt and the Brothers of St. Joseph Council 12354 in Mt. Washington who have established a roundtable at St. Aloysius in Shepherdsville. Fr. Adam Carrico is a member of the Council and pastor at St. Aloysius and St. Benedict in Lebanon Junction, and he is very supportive of re-establishing KofC presence in his parishes. This is the first step in hopefully reactivating Council 7029 that formerly served the parish.

Celebrations!

St. Edward the Confessor Council 15481 in Jeffersontown reaches its 10th Anniversary on October 12th. Congratulations to GK Ken Morrell and all the Brothers of the Council!

**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 October!!

Fall Harvest is in full run, please watch out for farm equipment on roads. We are three months into our Fraternal year. Our mission continues, we need to welcoming new members and families to our order. New ideas, and a new program is now out, and look for it soon. Please congratulate the 25 new Sir Knights from the 4th Degree Exemplification September 30th, in Louisville.

As of this letter, there are still 7 councils that have not submitted **Form 185** "Report of Officers Chosen for the year." There are also 35 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, eta. "Safe Environment Training" (SET) is a must. You must have at least two SET Knights at these events (one must have a

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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).

Form 1295, the Semiannual Council Audit Report, was due August 15th. As of this date, October 3, Supreme Reports that 65 Councils have completed their Audit. 42 Councils were delinquent and 28 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.

On October 8th is the 72nd Living Rosary at Oct 8th event at Bellarmine University, in Louisville. We need as many Sir Knights and Knights as possible, as Archbishop Sheldon has requested the Knights present.

4th Degree

Please congratulate our new District Master Joe Carter. District Master Joe was able to hold an 4th Degree Exemplification in Louisville, with less than a month on the job.

GREAT JOB JOE!!

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. The new Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

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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

Worthy Brothers,

Thank you for the “COLLEGE FOOTBALL FRENZY” Tickets SOLD. Response was very well nearly 2600 tickets sold, with 36 of these sold online. We are finalizing the amount per ticket sold as some of the tickets were turned in late but this should be completed October 9th. You will receive an amount similar to last year per ticket. The 8 weeks have begun. Councils that sold 25 tickets and will qualify for the State Deputy Award. You can check the results for tickets by visiting <http://www.footballsweeps.com/>. 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 fund at <http://kykofc.wpengine.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>. State Regional Meetings Regional meetings were held, it was great to see the attendance. We had some great feedback from you Brothers.

Columbus Day: Happy Columbus Day - October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as San Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.' While Columbus day was initially celebrated in New York in 1792, it was on the 400th anniversary that it was first celebrated as a national holiday by then president Benjamin Harrison. It was announced to celebrate the contributions of immigrants (with a focus on Italian and thus Columbus' name applied) as well as native Americans. I was intermittently celebrated after that until it became a permanent national holiday in 1971.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER

The **Principles** of the Knights of Columbus are **Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” **Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us; **Fraternity** – Serve each other in fraternity and mercy; **Patriotism** – We are proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both.

On September 30th, 2023, twenty-five men attended a fourth-degree exemplification at the Archbishop John Floersh Assembly Number 2008. The first names of these men are now preceded by the honorific, “Sir Knight.” Likewise, their wives' first names are preceded by the honorific, “Lady.” These men have joined others in their efforts to celebrate and participate in the patriotism of the United States. The fourth degree consists of patriotic Catholic men continuing the tradition of action and engagement demonstrated by American Catholic men since the Revolutionary War.

During colonial times, the population of the thirteen colonies was estimated to be four and a half million people. The number of Catholics at that time was estimated to be approximately 1.6 percent. Yet, the proportion of colonial combatants who were Catholic was estimated at 5 percent, a number far more than the Catholic percentage of the population.

When the First World War was declared, the US archbishops informed President Woodrow Wilson: “We are all true Americans, ready as our age, our ability, and our conditions will permit, to do whatsoever is in us to do, for the preservation, the progress and the triumph of our beloved country.” However, in 1917 the Catholic Church had no national organization to provide such services. The Knights of Columbus, the largest lay Catholic organization in the country, spearheaded much of the Catholic service effort during the war. The Knights ran recreational facilities, offices, chapels, and hundreds of centers stateside and overseas to provide services

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and recreation to soldiers. Additionally, a little more than 5 percent of Catholics, gathered from a total of 17 million, were among those serving in the armed forces in the U.S.

As mentioned, during the First World War, services to the nation's soldiers were provided by separate groups such as Knights of Columbus and the National Catholic War Council. The number of Catholics in the armed forces was relatively small. During World War II, estimates indicate Catholics comprised 25 percent to 35 percent of the armed forces. Three thousand and thirty-six chaplains served in the armed forces as well.

The Knights of Columbus has been a stalwart patriotic supporter of the United States, its Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and Bill of Rights. The Fourth-Degree component (Assemblies) of the Order is assigned to engage the public in patriotic activities including the protection of the country's flag, laws, veterans, and communities. It is a huge responsibility that requires the help of many men and their wives. Those men can only come from the Order's other component, the Councils.

To be successful in Kentucky, we must recognize the circular relationship with the State Council. The visibility and efforts of the 4th degree can have a huge impact on the growth of the State Council; growth in the State Council builds the inventory of third-degree knights from which we recruit new sir knights.

Remember November 11, 2023! Participate in community activities, or plan a celebration!!

GET VISIBLE, GET ACTIVE, GROW THE ORDER, GROW YOUR ASSEMBLY !!

**Vivat Jesus,
Joe Carter
District Master**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Knights of Columbus Insurance - Our Guarantees Set Us Apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. If you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That's peace of mind, and that's what we offer with every product in our portfolio.

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Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 43 consecutive years. It's a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Blessed Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance protection by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all our professional relationships, we pledge to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those

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I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Please contact your Field Agent soon to discuss how our Knights of Columbus insurance guarantees can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

Supreme Council Awards 2022-2023

Congratulations to the thirty-two Council that earned forty-four Supreme awards during the past fraternal year. There are ten Star Council Awards (outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming), fourteen Columbian Awards (Program), eleven McGivney Awards (Membership) and nine Founders Awards (Insurance). The original list of awards released by Supreme credited only nine Councils with the Star Council Award. St. Gabriel the Archangel Council 15699 was not originally credited with the award. The State Deputy intervened for them and the Council was validated for the award. On the following pages is a chart listing the thirty-two Councils and the awards they earned.

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

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Kentucky State Council						
Supreme Council Awards 2022 - 2023						
Council	Name	Location	Star	Columbian	McGivney	Founders
390	Fr. Dentinger	Louisville				X
1367	Uniontown	Uniontown		X		
1483	Frankfort	Frankfort			X	
3908	Fr. Bealer	Erlanger		X		
4665	Msgr. Newman	Louisville	X			
5453	Bishop Ackerman	Burlington		X		X
5634	Saint John XXIII	Louisville		X		X
7847	Msgr Willett	Hopkinsville		X		X
10263	Saint Luke	Nicholasville		X	X	
10682	Saint Louis Bertram	Louisville			X	
11470	Saint John/Saint Francis	Georgetown	X			
12354	Saint Joseph	Mount Washington		X	X	
12502	Fr. McGivney	Independence	X			
12852	Saint Mark	Richmond			X	
13053	Bishop Flaget	Louisville		X	X	
13304	Fr. Diersen	LaGrange				X
14130	Christ the King	Lexington	X			
14290	Our Lady of Lourdes	Owensboro		X		
14604	Mount Mercey	Peewee Valley		X		X
15181	Blessed Trinity	E/P/DS *		X		
15211	Saint Timothy's	Union			X	
15525	Saint Michael's	Jeffersontown	X			
15699	Saint Gabriel the Archangel	Louisville	X			
15841	Saint Edward the Confessor	Louisville	X			

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Kentucky State Council						
Supreme Council Awards 2022 - 2023						
Council	Name	Location	Star	Columbian	McGivney	Founders
15914	Fr. Sampson	Fort Campbell	X			
15931	Ave Maria	Louisville		X		X
15979	Saint Margaret Mary	Louisville	X			
16179	Saints Brigid and James	Louisville		X	X	X
17247	Msgr. Braun	Owensboro		X		
17606	Fr. O'Donnell	Beaver Dam/ Morgantown	X			
18058	Saint Peter	Lexington			X	
18126	Fr. Badin	Shelbyville			X	
Totals			10	14	11	9
	*Eddyville/Princeton/ Dawson Springs					

LOCAL EVENTS



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

18th Annual – Charity Golf Scramble
Saturday, October 14th 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

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

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October 24, 2023

Date

8 PM EDT / 7 PM CDT / 5 PM PDT

Time

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CALENDAR

December	
Midyear Meeting	1-2
March	
Founder's Day	29
April	
State convention	26-28

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