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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 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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SEMINARY BALL

The Diocese of Covington recently held its annual Seminary Ball at the Northern Convention Center to honor its seminarians. The Knights helped fund the Ball and several knights were on the planning committee. The event was well attended by knights as well as the general public.

We were blessed to have miracle child Michael Schachle hand out finger rosaries at the Knights of Columbus booth at the ball.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



COR

"Behold Jesus Christ crucified, Who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our Mediator and Advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and He never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart." —St. Charles Borromeo



Fellow Knights of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, we continue to build upon our mission of charity and fraternity through the offering of [COR](#) throughout our parishes. Throughout September and October, the State COR team has introduced and supported our District Deputies and Grand Knights in their pursuit of providing COR among several parishes throughout the Commonwealth. This service is underway in Districts #4, 6, 14, 15, 21 and 24. Please consider starting this effort among our remaining Districts. As St. Borromeo reminds us, we call upon the support of our Savior and He will provide the opportunities for us to make a profound and positive impact on our fellow men in our Parishes.

The COR process requires a commitment from one of our Council members to take lead as a Councill EFF Director (Faith Director). With the support of the Grand Knight, approach your Parish Pastor and offer him continued support as well as providing the Parish with increased Faith Formation through COR. This effort increases the “Faith formation” of our fellow men in our Parishes through structure hourly gatherings once each month. Our Supreme Council has reached out to all of us to take lead in increasing our understanding and living our Faith. Through COR, we not only deepen our understanding and practice of our faith, but also provide the same opportunity for our fellow men of the Parish, whether a fellow Knight or not. Remember this effort is open to ALL men of our Parishes. Please reach out to me (dledonne83@gmail.com 859-445-8939) or your District Deputy for support and resources.

In many ways, we truly believe the actions and activities we currently take as a Council to support Parish and community needs, reflect our faith and our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. This is true. And COR does not conflict with these activities but rather builds on our

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current STAR program to strengthen the formation of our Faith in all the men of our Parish. The COR effort is to provide more of a focus on our faith and actions as men to grow in faith and attract others to the same Catholic formation in a monthly format. This is only for fellow Knights and men of our Parish currently and is focused on the alignment of our behaviors and prayer life to our Catholic Faith. Strengthen our spiritual growth to live out the virtues and beatitudes of our Catholic faith.

As in all the years since our Lord walked this earth, the “harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few” – Matthew 9:37. As State COR Director, I am reaching out to each of you to join me as a worker. We are always going to be challenged with time demands and other distractions. Many of you have been a member of a men’s group or conference in the past and experienced the “Lord’s call to action”; please pray on this opportunity as well and hopefully you will feel the need to open our hearts to other men of your parish and provide a COR opportunity. If not us, then who AND if not now, then when.

Dave Ledonne

KY COR Director

Commonwealth Knights of Columbus

COUNCIL'S 1ST EXEMPLIFICATION

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The men did a fantastic presentation. Family members were present for the ceremony. Fr. Hils stated at Mass how far the council has come in a couple of months. Total membership is now 41 for Kentucky's newest Council.

Submitted by: Keith Cahill, DD22



COATS FOR KIDS

Bishop Flaget Council #13053 held its annual Coats for Kids project this weekend at St. Bernadette Parish collecting donations after Masses. This year, we have already purchased and donated more than 400 coats for girls. This weekend's effort will provide funds for the boys coats.

Other means of collecting are soliciting businesses and other churches and using Weshare an on line donation system.

Over the past four years, Council efforts have resulted in more than 5,000 coats being donated and then being distributed by Catholic Charities.

Submitted by: Jack Banbury



GOLF CLASSIC CHECK PRESENTATION

The Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus Golf Committee presented Chris Goddard, executive director, \$14,000 from the proceeds of its Annual Golf Outing held in July. For 14 years the Knights of Columbus have donated \$149,000 to Catholic Charities Lifeline Fund. Catholic Charities is so thankful for the dedication and support from the Knights, sponsors and golfers!

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



L to R: Knights of Columbus Committee-Bill Kopp, Carl Biery, Keith Cahill, Chris Goddard, Catholic Charities, Vicky Bauerle, Catholic Charities Dennis Elix, Deacon Bill Theis, Suanne and David Ledonne and Eric Oberschmidt

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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

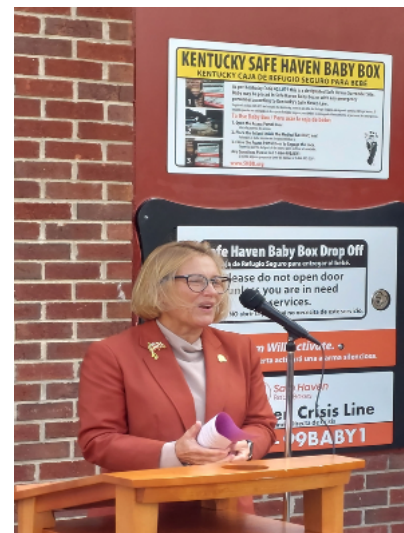


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SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX CEREMONY

St Johns St Francis Council 11470 members were well represented at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday morning Oct 14th, in Georgetown, KY. We were joined by brother Knights from Council 14130 from Lexington. The council has been assisting the Not-Alone Pregnancy Center for many years and were invited to attend the ribbon cutting as a testament to their on-going support of Life. (Pictured L to R: Marty Essig, Bill Waller, COL Director Dave Holzwarth, Don Dickson, SD Tom Johnson, Rick Towner (14130), Donny Wethington and Pat Manion. Not pictured are Scott Carter Not-Alone council chairman and GK Damon Sexton (14130))

It was an honor and pleasure to meet KY representative Nancy Tate from Meade County. Mrs. Tate was instrumental in bringing the Safe Infant Act to the House & Senate floors and having it put into law. Mrs. Tate stated that when she went to the Senate to present the bill her final comments were the bill had the backing of the Knights of Columbus. She said that once the Senators heard that, that they voted unanimously to approve the bill. By the way, Mrs. Tate's husband is a member of Council 2282 in Brandenburg, KY.



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OWENSBORO 50TH RIGHT TO LIFE CELEBRATION

October 5th, 2023 – Owensboro, KY

The founder of the Safe Haven Baby Box Initiative, Monica Kelsey, was the guest speaker at The Owensboro Right To Life 50th anniversary celebration on October 5th, 2023. The event was held at the Owensboro Convention Center. Mrs. Kelsey gave an inspiring story of how the Baby Box idea came about & her goal to have Baby Boxes in every state. Councils 10725 and 17606 both had tables at the event. It was a pleasure to share the evening with District Deputies Tim Molnar, Bernie Hayes, GK Kyle Coleman &



L to R COL Director Dave Holzwarth, Monica Kelsey
and State Deputy Tom Johnson

72ND LIVING ROSARY

The 72nd Annual Living Rosary celebration was held in Frazier Hall on the beautiful campus of Bellarmine University on October 8th. Archbishop Sheldon Fabre was the celebrant along with several religious. Children from various Catholic Schools lead the Our Father and Hail Mary for each decade while the assembly responded.



The 4th Degree Sir Knights were well represented with District Master Joe Carter, District Marshall and current State Warden Mike Kuchenbrod, Former District Master and current State Advocate Gary Dykhuis, District Deputy Steve Arnold, State Treasurer Dick Burns,



FN Jim Brian and several other Sir Knights along with State Deputy Tom Johnson. While this was a nice turnout, it would have been awesome to see twice as many Sir Knights present to support our Archbishop & our Blessed Mother. Let us not cower to profess our Catholic Faith.

10TH ANNUAL BLUEGRASS ON BESHEAR: PICK 'IN LIFE

The 10th Annual Pick'in Life event took place on Oct 7th, 2023, at the home of Owensboro Culture of Life Chairman Jeff Smith and his wife Laura. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the bands were awesome. This year they upped the ante. There were 9 councils from 5 districts involved & the Supreme Council sent the Spirit Juice crew down from Chicago to film and record the event. Spirit Juice is the company that produced the Mission of the Family Series that was just released by Supreme. State Deputy Tom Johnson and State Secretary Luke Williams were present as well as District Deputies Dennis Herricks from District 2 and Tom O'Hagan from District 6. It was also a pleasure to see PSD Billy Hancock and his council joining in the celebration this year. Thanks to all the brother Knights that helped out! Vivat Jesus!





STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

Upcoming Mid-Year Meeting:

This year's December Mid-Year meeting will be held in Lebanon, KY. This will be a one-day event and will not be live streamed. The date of the meeting is December 2nd. We will gather in Lebanon on Friday evening and depart on Sunday morning. Detailed information has been emailed to State Officers, PSDs, DDs and GKs. Hope to see you there!

Are You or Your Council Struggling?

If your council is struggling and you need help, please contact any of your State Officers, your District Deputy or a past Council Officer. Help is just a call away...but you have to make the call.

Councils are again growing in "Spirit" and in numbers. If your council is not, maybe it's time for you to think outside the box.

New Supreme Initiatives:

Supreme has come out with two (2) new initiatives to help you and your families grow in the Catholic Faith.

1. The first is a new video series called the Mission of the Family. This is a 5-part series focused on the family and what it means to practice our faith.

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2. The second if the COR Initiative that is geared toward our Catholic men. This initiative is open to all men and available to all parishes.

State Deputy's Report:

New Council Development...

1. We have a new council in NKY. Council 18284 St. Michael the Archangel at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Ft Mitchell.
2. St Agnes in Louisville is still viable. Fr Nelson wants a council. I'm working on this one.
3. St Peter the Apostle in Louisville is an opportunity to develop a Hispanic Council.
4. Cristo Rey & St Joseph in NKY are being discussed as potential councils.

Reactivation...Unfortunately, our reactivation opportunities have fallen short of our goals. With that said, we are still pursuing former councils as roundtables. Hopefully that will lead to future reactivations.

Retention... big challenges and opportunities here

1. Council 5071 in Corbin has gone inactive.
2. Council 13196 in Cynthiana has gone inactive.
3. Council 6368 in Glasgow is in trouble. I've asked SA Gary Dykhuis to touch base with the GK.
4. Council 8345 in Russellville is struggling.

Roundtables...

1. Mt Washington Council 12354 has established a Roundtable with former council 7029 members in Shepherdsville.

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2. Beaver Dam Council 17606 is working on establishing a Roundtable with former council 11181 members in Central City.

College Councils...

Our efforts in developing College Councils have not been effective. To truly develop a college council requires a dedicated college coordinator. Something that we do not have at the State level. If you or someone you know is interested in taking on this challenge, please reach out to your State Officers or District Deputy.

Highlights from October:

1. Starting with the most recent 4th Degree exemplification taking place on Sept 30th in Louisville
2. Northern KY Right to Life's 50-year celebration on Oct 1st in Erlanger. Kristen Hawkins, President of Students for Life was the Guest Speaker.
3. Owensboro RTL 50-year celebration on Oct 5th in Owensboro. Monica Kelsey founder of the Baby Box program was the Guest Speaker.
4. The 10th anniversary of the Bluegrass on Beshear: Pick'in Life celebration to raise funds for 3 area pregnancy centers on Oct 7th in Dawson Springs.
5. The 72nd Living Rosary celebration with Archbishop Fabre on Oct 8th in Louisville.
6. The annual Little Way Banquet on Oct 9th in Louisville. Mark Houck, President on the King's Men was the guest speaker.
7. Baby Box ribbon cutting ceremony in Georgetown on Oct 14th. BTW...this is box 172. This project is now in 13 states and counting.
8. I was a guest speaker on Holy Family Radio on Oct 19th talking about the Knights of Columbus.
9. On Oct 24th Supreme sponsored a terrific webinar entitled Aligning Your Financial Decisions with Your Catholic Values. I hope you took the time to attend it.

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I'm sure that I have not captured everything that's going on. While we fell short of our October membership goal of 40, we did bring in 31 new members. I saw numerous posts on Facebook where councils were cooking and working at their local parish picnics. The Holy Donut team was winding down their very busy 8 weekend fundraising efforts that benefit multiple parishes. Knights were busy handing out Tootsie Rolls.

There is so much that the Knights do that it's darn near impossible to keep track of it all. That's why the councils need to fill out form 10784.

Reflections:

During this month of November let us not forget the Souls in Purgatory. Our prayers are what releases them from Purgatory and sends them on to Heaven to be with God our Heavenly Father.

Let us thank God for all that He has given us and done for us. Pray that He may continue to bless our families and watch over His people and pray that He may continue to bless the United States of America.

Do you feel God is calling you to serve Him in a greater capacity? If so, you might consider becoming a DD or running for a State Office. Please talk to a current DD or State Officer. God is showing us the way. We just need to follow His path and do His work of bringing men and their families back into the Catholic Faith.

God is Good! All the Time!

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“For this reason, we too give thanks to God unceasingly,
that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us,
you received not a human word but, as it truly is,
the word of God which is now at work in you who believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

(From the Mass for the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time)

The first session of the Synod on Synodality has concluded and, in due time, we may hear about some of the conversations that took place. A final document offers points of reflection for ongoing discussion, but no decisions as such were made regarding those “controversial topics” much ballyhooed in the media.

Yet even before the first day’s discussion began, critics were complaining about the very idea of dialogue, concerned that the very nature of Divine Revelation was being undermined and asserting that the synod might lead, among other things, to the practice of blessing of same-sex unions. Although Pope Francis is not in the habit of responding to speculative “tomatoes” thrown his way, the Vatican News did publish his response to the pre-synodal dubia presented by several Cardinals, one of which raised precisely this latter issue. Because there is often much confusion about what Pope Francis said, rather

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than actual citation of what he said, I thought it might be helpful to share his thoughts, in his own words, as translated by the English edition of the Vatican News: “a) The Church has a very clear understanding of marriage: an exclusive, stable, indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to procreation. Only this union can be called ‘marriage.’ Other forms of union realize it only in ‘a partial and analogous way’ (*Amoris laetitia*, 292), so they cannot be strictly called ‘marriage.’

“b) It is not just a matter of names, but the reality we call marriage has a unique essential constitution that requires an exclusive name, not applicable to other realities. It is undoubtedly much more than a mere ‘ideal.’

“c) For this reason, the Church avoids any type of rite or sacramental that might contradict this conviction and suggest that something that is not marriage is recognized as marriage.

“d) However, in our relationship with people, we must not lose the pastoral charity, which should permeate all our decisions and attitudes. The defense of objective truth is not the only expression of this charity; it also includes kindness, patience, understanding, tenderness, and encouragement. Therefore, we cannot be judges who only deny, reject, and exclude.

“e) Therefore, pastoral prudence must adequately discern whether there are forms of blessing, requested by one or more persons, that do not convey a mistaken concept of marriage. For when a blessing is requested, it is expressing a plea to God for help, a supplication to live better, a trust in a Father who can help us live better.

“f) On the other hand, although there are situations that are not morally acceptable from an objective point of view, the same pastoral charity requires us not to simply treat as ‘sinners’ other people whose guilt or responsibility may be mitigated by various factors affecting subjective accountability (Cf. St. John Paul II, *Reconciliation et paenitentia*, 17).

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“g) Decisions that may be part of pastoral prudence in certain circumstances should not necessarily become a norm. That is, it is not appropriate for a Diocese, a Bishops’ Conference, or any other ecclesial structure to constantly and officially enable procedures or rituals for all kinds of matters, because not everything that ‘is part of a practical discernment in particular circumstances can be elevated to the level of a rule’ as this ‘would lead to an intolerable casuistry’ (Amoris laetitia, 304). Canon law should not and cannot cover everything, nor should Episcopal Conferences with their varied documents and protocols claim to do so, as the life of the Church flows through many channels other than normative ones.”

As a canon lawyer, I am relieved to hear the Holy Father say that I shouldn’t expect, nor be expected, to have the answer to everything. Come to think of it, isn’t that precisely the critique that Jesus had in the Gospel for this (the 31st) Sunday for the religious authorities of his day?

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. John List

State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

November is a time of thanksgiving. We started the month with All Saints Day in which we commemorated all those saintly people that came before us. All Souls Day was next as we recognized all of those that have paved the road to Heaven for us. It is fitting that we will give thanks on Thanksgiving Day. We begin the new Liturgical year with Advent which is the season of reflective preparation for Christ's Nativity at Christmas. We should be thankful for all the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. For our families, for our health, for our friends and most importantly for our lives. He has given us his love and the blueprint for salvation.

We are getting close to the halfway point of our Fraternal year. How is your council doing this year? Are you running effective programs? Have you conducted at least one Fraternal Benefit Seminar? Have you recruited at least one new member? Have your councils' "Safe Environment Training" requirements for the Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director been met? All of these are signs of a council's health. If we are not active in our parish, family, and community, then we cannot be effective in our "Men on a Mission" to take Jesus to the people and places that need him the most. It is our mission as Knights to bring charity, unity, and fraternity for those that need something special in their lives. I know that every one of you can bring these qualities to your corner of our commonwealth and I hope that you will share those gifts with others.

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

- Conduct a Coats for Kids Drive including a fundraiser if you have not already had one.
- Conduct a Christmas Poster Contest.

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- Conduct a Food for Families project for the upcoming holidays.
- Continue planning an upcoming Spiritual Reflection Program.
- Make sure the Council Safe Environment requirements are up to date.
- Make plans for a Council Officer or member to attend the upcoming KY State Council Midyear Meeting to be held on December 2, 2023, in Lebanon.
- March for Life will be held on January 19, 2023, in Washington, DC.
- Plan for a “Consecration to the Holy Family” Faith in Action program.
- Continue planning for the Council Free Throw Championship.
- Plan for Basketball Slam Sweepstakes tickets sales for the March College Basketball Championship Tournament. This is the primary method of funding for the “Natural Disaster Fund” of the Knights of Columbus Charities of KY. Local Council Tickets to be sold will be distributed to District Deputies at the December 2, 2023, Midyear meeting.
- Ask Someone to join your council!
- Learn about the “COR” program at www.KofC.org/cor
- District Deputies should ask their local councils about promoting and establishing Roundtables at local parishes represented by the council.
- Continue to submit a “Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) for every event conducted by your council each month.

I look forward to seeing those that will be attending the State Council Midyear Meeting December 1st and 2nd in Lebanon, KY. I will be giving a presentation on the annual State Council Per Capita assessment bills that will be sent out to all local Kentucky Councils after January 1, 2024.

Finally, in the spirit of thanksgiving, I want to thank each one of you for everything that you do and for the opportunity that you have given me to serve all through the Kentucky State Council.

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

State Treasurer Dick Burns had his gall bladder removed on Halloween and wasn't able to make a submission for this month. He encourages everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote!



STATE ADVOCATE GARY DYKHUIS

Worthy Brothers, Happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving!!

WE are almost halfway through our Fraternal year. It is time to remember all our Veterans and current members of Armed forces, on November 11th. Also wish the past and current Marines (USMC) a “Happy Birthday”, which is November 10th. Our mission continues, invite these brothers Veterans, to join our Order. New ideas, and a new program is now out, and look for it soon.

Council Forms

As of this letter, there are still 5 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.”

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. 38 Councils were delinquent and 27 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.

Safe Environment Training

Please watch for the invitation from Praesidium Academy to meet the Safe Environment Training for those who need to complete this training. Please make sure that you have completed and submitted Form 365, and then you will receive this invitation. If you have

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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).

4th Degree

Please congratulate our new District Master Joe Carter. Please help District Master Joe with hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification, more members can join the 4th Degree.

Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have six months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. This is a Great Time to invite those High School Seniors and First Year College Students to a meeting. A Great time to use a "Into the Breach Video." 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. Make sure you are checking your "Prospect Report" for new online members, call them and invite them to your council meeting.

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

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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 have been sold and winners are coming in every week. Councils that sold tickets in person or online should be receiving their percentage of the revenue soon if they haven't received it already. 2537 physical tickets sold and 36 tickets online (higher than last year) for a total of 2573 tickets. After expenses the program raised over \$15000 to split between the State Charity and the councils. Good job and well done.

The Basketball ticket proof will be sent to us and those tickets should be printed later this month. I will process them into the packets and have them available for distribution at the Mid-Year meeting in December in Lebanon Ky. The Basketball program raises funds for Disaster relief, this is our one dedicated fundraiser for that purpose so please participate and help us find those relief efforts.

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. Please let me know if you need more tickets.

State Charity Recipients – Recipients of Grants from the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Charity are not restricted to Catholics or religious based needs. The Charity is financially sound, and councils and individuals are encouraged to submit for a grant for a worthy cause. You can find the grant request information in the program guide on pages 39-40 which is available at <http://kykofofc.wpengine.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MIKE RINEHART

Rev. Fathers and Brother Knights,

We are less than 4 weeks away from our State Mid-Year Meeting. If you have not confirmed your attendance or mailed your Banquet Dinner payment to me, please do so. We need to give the host council a head count for the meal. Also, you hopefully have made your hotel reservations, by now.

For access to the most current directory, please see the State Council website at kykofc.com
Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Rinehart, State Executive Secretary



DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER

In the last month or so, I have visited councils' business meetings. One question occasionally asked is, "What does the fourth degree do?"

The fourth degree is the visitable representative of the Knights of Columbus. For special occasions, bishops and priests often ask the Fourth Degree to serve as escorts or honor guards. While we enjoy such tasks, the scope of our existence includes so much more. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to instill a love of country and inspire people to exercise their duties of citizenship. Our degree/motto is **Patriotism** -- a vigorous support for one's country enlightened and informed by religion. This is visible to most by the universal support the fourth degree gives to the military – both active and veteran. Due to our dedication to patriotism, "Sir Knight" is a prestigious title to have.

For more than a century, the Knights of Columbus has walked hand in hand with service members of the United States Armed Forces, providing for the spiritual and physical well-being of our warriors.

It did not take long after initiating the fourth degree in the year 1900 for it to spiritually support the military. During WWI, the Order provided Knights of Columbus chaplains to supplement the work of the military's Catholic chaplains in ministering to the spiritual needs of those who served.

The shortage of military chaplains motivated the Knights of Columbus to establish a scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains. In 2020, the Knights of Columbus started the Military Chaplain Scholarship program. The program will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over five years at a rate of \$200,000 per year. These funds, in turn, will help produce a new

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generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. You will hear more about the Scholarship this coming Spring.

The Supreme Knight assigned the Fourth Degree to lead fundraising for this Order-wide project. We welcome your participation in supporting this effort. The timing of our fundraising will coincide with Captain Emil Kapuan's birthday on April 20th. Father Kapuan was an Army chaplain in WWII and Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his life to pastor other detainees in a North Korean POW camp. You can support this effort. Please send donations to your local assembly's faithful navigator. Make checks payable to "**KofC Charities.**"

As I mentioned above, we serve as color and honor guards for special events. Recently the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and the Knights of Saint John were asked by Archbishop Shelton Fabre's office to provide a color guard and honor guard at the Living Rosary held at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky on October 8th. Sixteen Sir Knights and two Knights of Saint John participated in the event.



We were able to accommodate the Archbishop on this occasion, but we need more Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree Uniform. Fortunately, we conducted an exemplification on September 30th and initiated twenty-five new Sir Knights. We will attempt to have two more exemplifications before the end of this fraternal year. The goal is to have forty candidates at each of those exemplifications.

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JOIN THE FOURTH DEGREE –THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU! THE MILITARY NEEDS YOU! VETERANS NEED YOU!

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

**Vivat Jesus,
Joe Carter
District Master**





GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Thanksgiving and Protecting Your Assets

As Thanksgiving approaches, I like to take stock of all the things I'm thankful for. It's easy to say family and friends, those are blessings; and we sometimes take them for granted...but how about the little things in life. It might be that smile you get from person who hands you your cup of coffee in the morning, it may be relishing the crisp air on an autumn day. It may be a simple stroll in the park marveling at God's nature abounding. Maybe the joy of helping an older neighbor with a chore. All little things to be thankful for.

When I think about helping older neighbors, I often wonder just how many members have taken advantage of help that they might need as they age. Some won't be able to do the simple activities of daily living. They'll need assistance, and with our mobile society may not have a relative nearby to help. That's where our Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance plan might help.

LTC insurance helps protect all those assets you've worked so hard for over the years: your house, IRAs, savings, investments. They could all be wiped out with even a short stay in a nursing home. In the state of Kentucky, Home Health Care costs about \$29/hour, Assisted Living Facilities about \$5,278 per month and Nursing Home \$100,080 per year. Web Site Source: www.whatcarecosts.com. More expensive areas of the country are more than that. Without LTC insurance many families would face a serious financial crisis.

Most people aren't eager to talk about long term care; but it's important to have an Extended Care Plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before

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they start to consider long term care. But at younger ages it's more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you're younger.

A plan can be customized to fit your needs and your budget. With that, you can have the peace of mind that you will get the care you need; when you need and where you want it. Please give your K of C Field Agent a call so he can see how he can protect your assets.

Vivat Jesus!

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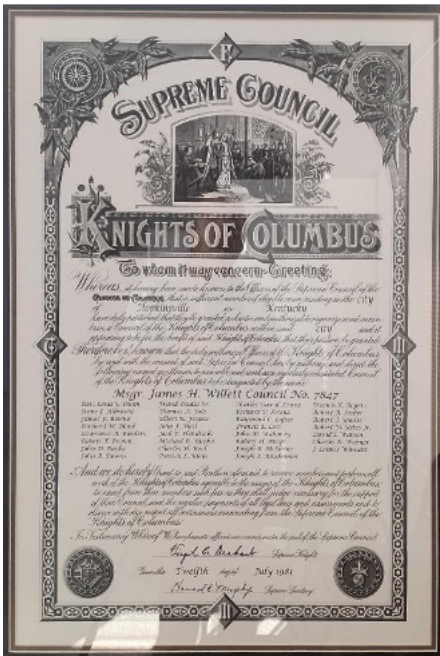




STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

Council Charters

Time is running out to add an easy 25 points toward the State Deputy Award. December 1 is the deadline. After that your Council can still gain some points. To date I have recorded receiving only 20 charter images. How hard is it to take out your cell phone, snap a picture and share it with me at chief195480@gmail.com? The quality of some of the images run the gauntlet of great to not so good. Here is an example of a great one. It is a straight on shot with little glare and no keystone effect (non-parallel sides of the frame). I am including a chart showing the 20 charters I received.



So far, the oldest charter received is dated 1907. In addition, I received the image of a charter of the old Murray Council which merged with Fancy Farm. Having a record of each Council's charter members adds greatly to the State Council history. Please send me your Charter image. Many thanks.

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

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Council	Charter Image Submitted	Council	Charter Image Submitted	Council	Charter Image Submitted
390		5634	X	13304	X
702		6101		13917	
762		6317		14128	X
817		6368		14130	
1004	X	6743		14234	
1055		6897		14290	X
1264	X	7029		14372	
1290		7387		14471	
1301		7831		14604	
1315		7847	X	14728	
1320		8145		14993	
1361		10263		15063	
1367	X	10682		15181	X
1377		10725		15211	
1418	X	10962		15452	
1455		10987		15484	
1483		10988	X	15525	X
1487		11132	X	15613	
1764		11181		15681	
1955		11191		15699	
2046		11453		15707	
2208		11470		15841	X
2282		11591		15914	
2459		11972		15931	X
2499	X	12354		15979	
2761		12502		16125	
3379		12562		16179	
3908		12623		16206	
4089		12774		16232	
4270		12852	X	16424	
4473		12923	X	16956	
4665		12965	X	17234	
5070		13053		17247	
5071		13196		17445	
5220		13304	X	17606	X
5453				18058	
				18126	
				18284	

THANK YOU



Mission Statement

We are the Pro-Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, guided by our bishop to promote the sanctity and legal protection of human life from conception to natural death through prayer, pastoral care, public policy, and education



The Pro-Life Office would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus for their unwavering support of pro-life ministry in the diocese. We would also like to thank all who have supported efforts through their volunteer time, financial contributions, and especially through prayer.



Our most sincere thanks to our parish pro-life committees for their help and participation in this year's Diocesan Pro-Life Mass.

CALENDAR

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

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