

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

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2023  
NEWSLETTER

St. Michael the Archangel Council 18284 in Ft. Mitchell recently held a Coats for Kids Drive, it's very first Service project. Kentucky's newest Knights of Columbus Council launched the Coats for Kids in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul's established Coat Drive at Blessed Sacrament Parish. St. Michael's raised hundreds of dollars for Coats for Kids and received donation of more than 200 coats during the opening weekend. Brothers Kurt Summe and Dave Kleier, shown in the picture, organized the Coats for Kids project for St. Michael the Archangel Council.

Submitted by: Keith Cahill



## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers all. As we enter into the first of the two most holy times of the year, I want to simply wish each of you and your families a most Blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas season. As we approach the end of 2023, let us reflect on this past year. Some will have great reasons to celebrate, and others will have sadness in their hearts. We must remember that for us, life is a cycle. One in which we celebrate new life and mourn death. Please also remember that in all phases of life, God is with us. His arms are open to welcome us and to comfort us. It's up to us to open our arms to God and say, "I am Yours".



*Tom Johnson SD*

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



### STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

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

Steve Zanone



## KY State Council Newsletter

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# HELPING THE NURSING HOME

Carmel Manor is a Catholic Nursing Home located In Ft. Thomas, Ky. They hold bingos several times a week. Bishop Mulloy Knights of Columbus Council #130 decided to liven up their prizes with some new selections. We bought 30 inexpensive gifts and attached stickers on them which gave them an additional monetary prize of 50 cents to 2 dollars. We got ½ dollars instead of quarters and \$2 bills. We also helped the residents identify the number called. The residents loved it, and it was very inexpensive.

Shown is brother knight Bob Trauth displaying the prizes and helping the residents.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



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# 9TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Bishop Ackerman Council #5453 in Burlington Kentucky held its annual Thanksgiving food drive. On the weekends of November 4th & 5th & 11th and 12th. Boxes were passed out at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Burlington and Saint Paul Church in Florence, Kentucky. About 315 boxes were handed out at the two parishes. The boxes were collected on November 17th and 18th. We collected a total of 276 boxes between the two parishes. A very special thank you to the IHM and Saint Paul parishioners who participated. 50 boxes were handed out by the two parish St. Vincent de Paul conferences. The remaining boxes were distributed on Saturday afternoon to needy families in Boone and Kenton counties by the Knights of Columbus and Saint Vincent de Paul, Boy Scout troop 727 was a big part of helping unload and place the boxes in the refrigerated truck for overnight storage. The love and generosity were shining on the faces of the families who received these gifts. (below father Joseph Ryland leads a prayer before distribution)

Submitted by: Keith Cahill



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# 2024 KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE

2024 Kentucky March for Life will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, in Frankfort, KY. The Knights of Columbus have been asked to lead the walk. One reason for having this walk on this date is the fact that the Legislature will be in session, and we want to demonstrate that Kentucky is both pro-woman and pro-child. This is a great opportunity for us to show Kentucky that the Knights are pro-life. Ohio held their march in October, and they had representatives from 150 of their Knights Councils participate. What a great showing. We would like to get representation from as many Councils as possible. It would be great if each Council could bring their banner to march with.

Because the Legislature is in session, parking may be a problem. Parking is available on Capital Avenue, and you might find some parking in the Capitol Annex parking lot. If Councils have a large number of Knights coming from outside of Frankfort, they may consider getting a bus which could let them off and pick them up.

The schedule of events for the day has been set:

**9:30 a.m.** “Love Them Both” Pro-Life Mass at Good Shepherd Catholic Church 72 Shepherd Way, Frankfort, KY.

**11:30 a.m.** Prayer & Praise Kick-Off – Marchers and Walkers join together at Capital Ave. & 104 E. 2nd Street, Frankfort, KY. (The March for Life & Prayer Walk will take us straight up Capital Ave. to the KY Capitol).

**12:00 p.m.** “Love Them Both” Pre-Rally Prayer & Praise, KY Capitol Rotunda

**12:30 p.m.** “Kentucky Love Them Both March for Life” Join Marchers, Prayer Walkers & Pro-Life Friends from around Kentucky as we arrive at the Capitol to celebrate the GIFT of EVERY LIFE and gather in one voice: “Love Them Both”

**2:30 p.m.** Remembrance Prayer Service at the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn in the Historic Frankfort Cemetery. A special place of healing and closure where those who have lost unborn children can rest them in the arms of Jesus.

If you have questions about the March, please e-mail me at [dtholzwarth1950@gmail.com](mailto:dtholzwarth1950@gmail.com) or call me at (859) 333-5703. Leave a message and I will call you back. Thank you in advance for your participation in this March for Life event.

**Dave Holzwarth**  
**Culture of Life Director**



# MARCH FOR LIFE CONT.



## KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE  
THE 2024 KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE &  
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# 10 NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to Father Carlos Martinez, GK Marty Hranicky and the men at St. Mildred Council 14128 in Somerset on exemplifying 10 new members to their council on Sunday November 26th, 2024, the feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

What a testament to the Anglo and Hispanic communities of St Mildred Catholic Parish to come together and find a way to join those two communities in serving our Lord Jesus Christ and building a culture of Faith. The Knights of Columbus warmly welcome you. Council 14128 has doubled its membership goal & is well on its way to earning “DOUBLE STAR”. Go for it!

Submitted by: SD Tom Johnson





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# COATS FOR KIDS/TOY DRIVE

On November 17, St. Joseph Council #12354 in Mt. Washington partnered with the Stewards of Appalachia to hold a toy and coat drive at their monthly Fish Fry. The drive brought in close to 20 coats and a lot of toys to help brighten Christmas for some kids in Eastern Kentucky. Proceeds from the fish fry will also be donated to Stewards of Appalachia to help the people of the Eastern Kentucky region.

Submitted by: GK Michael Zygmunt





# CHRISTMAS TOYS DONATION

Knights from Fr. William Diersen Council 13304 in La Grange, KY and their helpers went Christmas shopping at Walmart for toys to donate to Immaculate Conception Parish Agape Thrift Shop, with ~\$3,000.00 in donations from the Church's Parishioners as well as Council Matching Funds. In addition to the baskets of toys, 12 bicycles were also purchased and donated. Hopefully, these donations will go a long way toward making some youngsters' Christmas a bit brighter. The Agape Thrift Shop is a second hand thrift store managed by the Parish that runs on donations. Their mission is to provide quality items and clothing at affordable prices for the community. All proceeds go to charity.



Pictured (l to r) are two Walmart helpers, parishioner Pam Hotz, GK Scott Harris, FN David Hotz, Bill Graham, Penny, Assistant Manager of the Agape Shop, and Karl Weishaar.



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## Thank You

As we head toward Christmas and the new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for what has been the most productive year of the partnership between Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus both in my time as a Knight and in my 22 years with Special Olympics Kentucky.

A couple of highlights that I reported at the Mid-Year Meeting:  
Knights of Columbus provided more than 750 volunteer hours in calendar year 2023. This isn't quite a record, but it is a considerable number.

We held the most successful Salute to Summer Games in that campaign's history. There were 46 Councils that participated either by raising or directly donating money, by far the most ever. More than \$13,000 was raised, also a record for the campaign.

In all, Knights of Columbus Councils across the state raised or contributed \$39,887.22 to Special Olympics programs in 2023 as of Dec. 4 (still hoping to find another \$113 to kick that over \$40,000). That includes money raised at events like the Polar Plunge, money donated to the state program and money donated to local programs throughout the state. As far as anyone with the program knows this is the most in Special Olympics Kentucky history.

If you ever have any questions about how your Council can become involved with or increase your involvement with Special Olympics Kentucky or a program in your area, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can always contact me at [mbuerger@soky.org](mailto:mbuerger@soky.org) or (859) 338-6075.



Knights at the softball throw event at the 2023 Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games.



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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

## **Please Report Volunteer Hours and Contributions to Supreme**

If you did either volunteer or make a contribution to Special Olympics this year PLEASE have someone from your council fill out [Form 10784](#) . Filling out this form lets Supreme know our involvement with Special Olympics throughout the year and has a bearing on the amount of the donation Supreme makes to Special Olympics Kentucky that is generally presented during the annual State Convention.

If you have any question about what needs to be reported please contact Mark Buerger at [mbuerger@soky.org](mailto:mbuerger@soky.org) or (859) 338-6075.

## **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteering is a great way to get your Council or individual Knights involved in Special Olympics. There are several opportunities coming up just after the new year. Many don't require any special skill or certification.

**Jan. 21-23** – State Winter Games; Perfect North Slopes; Lawrenceburg Ind. – Ski Partners, Timers, Course Officials

**Feb. 3** – Region 1 Basketball Tournament; Bowling Green Parks and Recreation; Bowling Green – Scorekeepers, Scoreboard Operators, PA Announcers, Referees

**Feb. 3-4** – Region 3 Basketball Tournament; Bluegrass SportsPlex; Elizabethtown - Scorekeepers, Scoreboard Operators, PA Announcers, Referees

**Feb. 17** – Region 2 Basketball Tournament; All About Sports; Florence - Scorekeepers, Scoreboard Operators, PA Announcers, Referees

**March 9-10** – State Basketball Tournament; MidAmerica Sports Complex - Scorekeepers, Scoreboard Operators, PA Announcers, Referees

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

## **Schedule Set for 2024 Polar Plunges**

The schedule is now set for the Coolest Fundraiser in Kentucky – the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kentucky. Several Councils across Kentucky have participated in the Polar Plunge over the years. In 2023 Councils raised almost \$10,000 for Special Olympics Kentucky in Plunges in Lexington, Louisville and Lake Cumberland. With five Polar Plunges across the state, there is one within a reasonable drive from your Council. For more information or to sign up, visit the site for the Plunge nearest you.

[January 27 – Greater Cincinnati at The Banks](#)

[February 17 – Lexington at Texas Roadhouse on Richmond Rd.](#)

[February 24 – Louisville at Main Event](#)

[March 2 – Western Kentucky at Kentucky Dam Village](#)

[March 9 – Lake Cumberland at Lee's Ford Resort Marina](#)





# WEDNESDAY'S CHILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

District Deputy Steve Arnold, Grand Knight and Past State Deputy Rick Arnold and Santa (Brother Knight Joe Koons) presented a Record-Breaking Check to The Wednesday's Child Christmas Program for \$14,600.00 on the Wednesday's Child Christmas Telethon on WLKY-TV Monday night December 4th.

This money goes to purchase Christmas presents for children across the state of Kentucky in foster care.

The presents were given to the children at a Christmas Pizza Party at The Main Event in

Louisville where the kids got to play all the games along with bowling and plenty of pizza. Santa was there to give them their presents and there were plenty of Big Smiles and Happy Children.



# WEDNESDAY'S CHILD CONT.

I want to Personally Thank the Brother Knights and their families who helped at the Christmas Party. Thank You to all the councils across the State who donated money and to all the people who helped in any way to raise this money to make Christmas Better for these Awesome Children. I am sure that Brother Knight Clyde Hayes, who started this program 21 years ago, is looking down from heaven with a Huge Smile on his face seeing that what he started is still going strong.

Merry Christmas to Everyone and Your Families.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Steve Arnold DD13**





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# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On December 2, Council #7847 in Hopkinsville hosted their annual “Breakfast with Santa at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Approximately 100 people came out to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Each participant had the opportunity to visit with Santa and have photos taken. The pastor, Fr. Emmanuel Udoh, told his fellow Knights that he had never cooked pancakes. He was immediately trained in the delicate art of cooking pancakes, given a spatula and began making pancakes. Fr. Emmanuel is ready and looking forward to the council's next pancake breakfast!

Submitted by: Rich Hornbeak GK



Santa's helper knights



Fr. Emmanuel's pancake training

# FATHER MCGIVNEY AWARD

District Deputy Jim Wharton presenting the Father McGivney award to GK David Buckels of Saint Peter Council 18508 for achieving council membership quota 2022-2023.



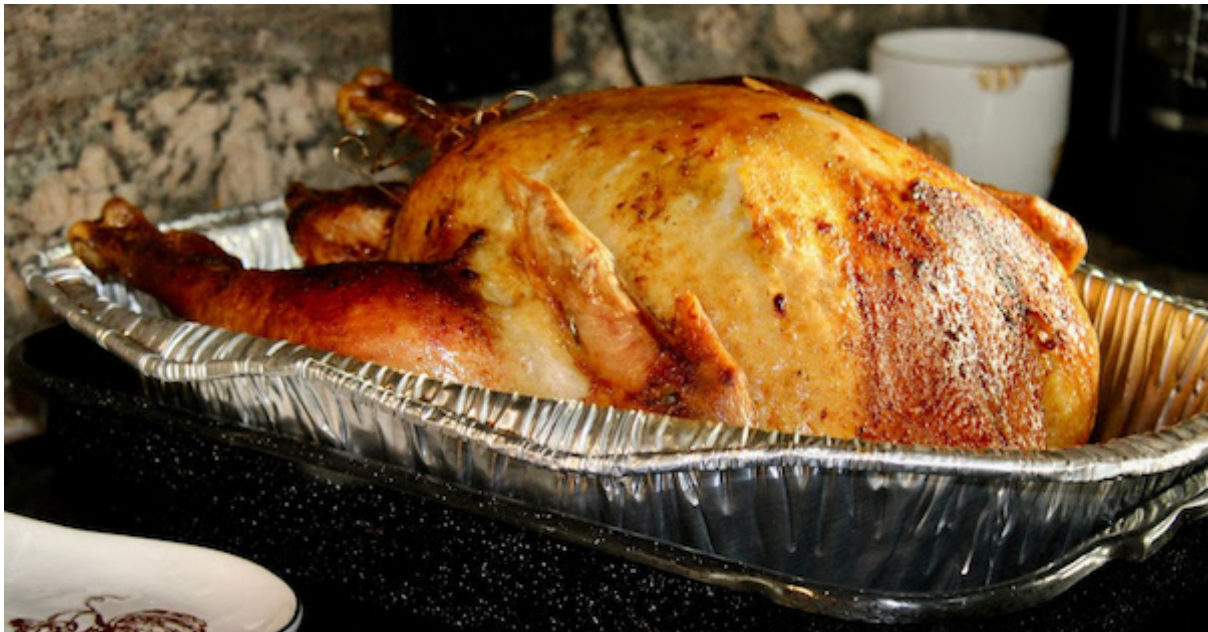


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# KNIGHTS TO THE RESCUE

The article below is a reprint of an article that was published in *The Sunday Brew from Hoptown Chronicle* written by Jennifer P. Brown.

While my husband and I were on the road Friday morning to Lexington, a number I didn't recognize lit up on my cellphone. I assumed it was a sales call, so I didn't answer. This happens so many times a day, it's no wonder that talking on the phone has become the thing we are least likely to do with our phones. A call from an unfamiliar number immediately raises suspicion — and even our closest friends and colleagues often prefer a text before a call. We ask permission to call before we call.



Even though there are seemingly hundreds of callers eager to sell me an extended vehicle warranty or something else I don't want, I'm never all that comfortable ignoring a ring. What if an unknown caller has something I want to hear? You never know.

I worked in a newsroom for years before our desk phones had caller ID or voice mail, and it was almost a sin in those days to allow a call to go unanswered. It didn't matter if the call was ringing

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# RESCUE CONT.

on our own desk or someone else's in the newsroom, there was an urgency to pick up every call. That habit lingers in me.

That's why Friday evening I couldn't resist a second call from the same number that I'd stood up earlier in the day. So I answered. It took a couple of minutes for the caller and I to sort out our identities. It turned out the caller was a Hopkinsville woman who rang up Hoptown Chronicle in hopes this news outlet could help her secure a turkey for Thanksgiving. Plain and simple, she needed help and believed we knew how to find it. I love this kind of challenge, and I knew where to turn.

I told the woman I couldn't promise anything but I knew a group that might respond to her need. After we hung up, I emailed a member of the Knights of Columbus, the men's group at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. I explained the request. A member got right back to me and said the Knights had already identified 50 local families who needed help with Thanksgiving groceries. Unfortunately, everything they had was spoken for, and the deliveries would be made on Saturday, he said. On the outside chance that a food basket couldn't be delivered to someone on their list, they would attempt to help my caller. I passed along her name and address.

I had a feeling this was going to work out. Things often do when the Knights get involved. Late Saturday morning I heard from them. The chapter's Grand Knight, Richard Hornbeak, said they had delivered a turkey and other Thanksgiving essentials to the caller. I also heard from her again, and she was so thankful. She told me she's planning a meal for her daughter and family. It's exactly what she needed.

It's what I needed, too.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.





# STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

## **Mid-Year Meeting:**

This year's December Mid-Year meeting was held in beautiful Lebanon on Saturday Dec 2nd. Monsignor Gettlefinger Council 1264 hosted the meeting and provided the accommodations. The meeting was primarily for DDs and anyone else who wished to attend. There were 13 DDs in attendance, 3 PSDs, 6 State Officers, 2 Financial Secretaries, 9 Grand Knights, 2 DGKs, 7 Directors and 3 Field Agents for a total of 45 Brother Knights

Our Supreme Representative this year was our Regional Growth Director Brandon Brown. Brandon reviewed the results of the form 944 that the DDs turned in to help the State Deputy & Supreme determine the health of our councils. While most of our councils were in the "healthy" category, there were a number in the "need help" & "at risk" categories.

Brandon also spent a great deal of time explaining what has been going on with the Safe Environment Training modules and where Supreme is at in addressing compliance issues. It was a great opportunity for the DDs, GKs and audience to ask direct questions and obtain feedback from Supreme.

I reviewed where we stood at the midpoint of the Fraternal Year. I also gave a brief review of the State Deputy meeting that was held in Denver several weeks ago.

# JOHNSON CONT.

## State Deputy's Report:

I am looking for men to step up and serve as DDs for this fraternal year and next. There are openings in the following districts: 5, 7 & 8, If you are interested in serving the Order as a District Deputy, please contact me at (502) 370-7281

1. There have been 132 men join the Order since July 1st, 2023, putting us at 28.27% of our goal (we should be at or near 50%). This is almost identical to where we were this time last year.
2. KY ranks 57th out of 75 jurisdictions.
3. We have one (1) new council and are working on another.
4. We have no council reactivations in the works.
5. We are at risk of losing councils 6368 & 8145 this fraternal year.

## How to Achieve Circle of Honor:

Much like what Star Council is for your councils, Circle of Honor is for the State Council. We almost made it last year if it hadn't been for a lack of Fraternal Benefit Events (FBE). Our Goals for the 2023-2024 FY:

Membership	-	468
Holy Hours	-	3
Star Councils	-	18

Notice that there is not a requirement for Fraternal Benefit Events for the State Council this year. That doesn't mean that the councils still don't have an FBE requirement, you do but it is even easier than last year. Talk to your FA or call me if you have any questions.



# JOHNSON CONT.

## **Reflections:**

Brothers,

Do you believe that you are a disciple of Christ? Do you believe that God has touched your lives? Do you believe that Jesus Christ wants you to serve His people?

If you don't believe that God has touched your life or that Jesus Christ hasn't called you to serve, then I ask...What do you believe?

## **And Lastly:**

Let us as Men of faith reach out to our neighbors and offer a kind word. Let us pray to Mary, Queen of Heaven, and Earth, and ask for her intercession for peace within our land and throughout the world. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him to help us choose our words carefully to build up the Kingdom of God and not alienate those in need.

Let us thank God for all that He has given us and done for us and let us pray for all that He may do. 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.

May you have a Blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! Father McGivney...watch over us.

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



# STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

Today you will know that the Lord will come,  
and he will save us,  
and in the morning you will see his glory.  
(Entrance antiphon for the Mass for Christmas vigil)

The calendar this year compresses Advent into three-weeks-and-a-day rather than four and the Christmas celebration into two weeks. As I sit down to compose this letter, the news this past week of the passing of several associates (two past parishioners, a co-worker from my past, two priests) threatens to “compress”, for me, the hope embedded in the celebration of Christ’s birth. But perhaps these reminders of mortality should cause me to deepen my hope, to focus that hope on eternal life?

Such was my internal disposition when I came across a passage in the breviary from St. Cyprian which served up a dish of attitudinal adjustment: “Our obligation is to do God’s will, and not our own. We must remember this if the prayer that our Lord commands us to say daily is to have any meaning on our lips. How unreasonable it is to pray that God’s will be done, and then not promptly obey it when He calls us from this world! Instead we struggle and resist like self-willed slaves and are brought into the Lord’s presence with sorrow and lamentation, not freely consenting to our departure, but constrained by necessity. And yet we expect to be rewarded with heavenly honors by



# FR. JOHN CONT.

Him to whom we have come against our will! Why then do we pray for the kingdom of heaven to come if this earthly bondage pleases us? What is the point of praying so often for its early arrival if we would rather serve the devil here than reign with Christ?" Wouldn't you just love to have Cyprian over for your Christmas festivities?

All kidding aside, though, I think he's got a point. St. Paul says that Christ "made himself poor though he was rich, so that you might become rich through his poverty" (2Cor. 8:9). Of course, he is not referring to material wealth or indigence; he is speaking of Christ's divinity. Our ultimate sharing in his divinity is eternal life with the Father in heaven. By the grace of his Incarnation, our mortality blossoms into immortality.

Every Christmas holds out the invitation to rebirth, the hope of the fullness of life in eternity. Even as we celebrate the birth of the Son of God into our humanity, may we honor his incarnation with a renewed sense of and commitment to "a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time" (Pope Francis.) I wish you the peace of the Christ-child.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Fr. John List**

**State Chaplain**



# STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

## **Three years ago -Knights Of Columbus during a Pandemic**

Brothers, 3 years ago, our 2020 Midyear meeting was held virtually. Physical distancing was something we were told to do to stay healthy. I was hopeful that all Knights would find a way to remain active and communicate with each other. Three years later, many people still have not returned to the pews in our Parishes. Many of our Brother Knights have become disinterested in volunteering for leadership positions and some are becoming inactive altogether. This is leading to many councils struggling to do programs because becoming a leader is something few want to do.

Our Parishes will continue to suffer if Knights are not there to stand up and show how important Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are accomplished by a Catholic man and his family. Attendance at churches has decreased. Our Parishes will continue to suffer if all Knights don't stand up and bring our family members, friends, and neighbors back by our example. Learn your faith, be charitable, stand together, be loving people and be a true patriot by supporting each other. God has given each of us a special talent. God wants you to use your special talent to "Make a Difference" in your family, your Church, and your community. Would God be pleased by how you are using your special talent? Our Knights of Columbus programs give you a real chance to put your talent to very good use.

## **What's Happening this Month**

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

- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) to Supreme for every program your council does.

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- Conduct a Consecration to the Holy Family program on December 30th.
- Report information needed for your council to submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) by January 31st.
- Kentucky State March for Life on January 23, 2024, in Frankfort, KY.
- Continue planning for the Council Free Throw Championship.
- Report Special Olympics program activities that are due by January 31st.
- Recruit and Evangelize

## **Together on a Mission – November 5th, 2023 @ Christ the King Parish in Madisonville**

My sincere thanks to His Excellency Bishop William Medley and all the Owensboro Diocese Knights that attended the “Together on a Mission” meeting in Madisonville last month. It was my honor to be in attendance. My compliments to Field Agent Leonard Walther, Owensboro Diocese Marriage/Family Life Directory Danny May, and Owensboro Diocese Evangelization/Discipleship Director Dr. Jeff Andrini for putting together a great meeting for conversations between Bishop Medley, the Diocese, and the Knights of Columbus of the diocese. I would also like to thank the Christ the King parish and the Knights of Columbus Council #11132 for hosting the attendees and feeding us lunch.

The goals of the meeting were:

1. Open Discussion between Diocese/Bishop and the Knights that we hope will be an on-going collaboration.
2. Help Knights know who is in roles at Diocese and what they do.
3. How the Diocese can help councils achieve STAR Council.
4. Discuss COR meetings.

As a result of the agenda, a list of suggestions and ideas were submitted, and the list was sent to the attendees. I anticipate good things happening because of this first encounter.



# WILLIAMS CONT.

## **KY State Council Mid-Year Meeting – December 2, 2023, held in Lebanon**

At the December mid-year meeting held in Lebanon this past weekend, I hope all who attended came away with some good things to help us be good men. I am grateful to have seen old faces and met new folks. We were thankful to our Representative from the Supreme Council, Regional Growth Director, Brandon Brown who again gave us some insight and helpful facts so we can all do the charity work so vital for our Parishes and communities. Many thanks to Council 1264 in Lebanon for their support given to the State Council meeting attendees. Well done fellow Knights.

## **New Council Development News**

Last month our Worthy State Deputy Tom Johnson asked the State Officers and our General Agent Dan Schachle to come together to talk about the current Knights of Columbus environment in Kentucky and how it relates to the KY State Council's Strategic Plan. Along with Dan, Field Agents Dwight Frank (Louisville) and Greg White (Northern KY) gave us their look at some possible parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville and Diocese of Covington they felt are large enough to sustain an active Knights of Columbus council and help the parish with Knights programs spearheaded by a council. There are many Parishes in our state that do not have a Knights presence and it was discussed how that might be accomplished with roundtables linked to a council in the area. Kentucky's newest Field Agent, Alec Medlin was introduced and will be based in Bardstown. After discussions, suggested guidelines were agreed upon that we all feel will be successful in bringing some new councils at Parishes across our state.

**KY State Per Capita Billing News** – At the most recent State Mid-Year Meeting I made a presentation about the State Per Billing procedures. Here are the important parts of the presentation.

- The State Secretary will use the Supreme Council MONTHLY SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS report dated January 1 to assess the annual per capita tax for each council.
- The State Secretary will exempt council members who are a Permanent Deacon, Inactive Insurance, Honorary Life, and Disabled Members as identified by the Council's Supreme Membership Roster when determining the annual per capita tax.

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- The State Secretary will create a per capita bill that charges \$6.50 per Associate & Insurance member, \$2.50 per Honorary Member, or “no charge” to Inactive, Disabled, Honorary Life (Priests are Honorary Life members) or Permanent Deacons (Deacons are exempt from State per capita in Kentucky).
- There are only two special exemptions from the annual per capita billing.
  1. New Councils are exempt from the State Per Capita Billing. This is effective for their first year only.
  2. Per KY State Council bylaws... “Such per capita assessment when levied shall continue in force and effect unless and until reduced or increased by action of the State Council”.
- The State Per Capita Bill is emailed to both the Council Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary. Checks are to be made out to “Kentucky State Council” and mailed with the completed bottom 1/3 of the bill to the State Secretary.
- The assessment must be paid by **April 10** to avoid being denied representation at State Convention.

## **2023 KY State Council Basketball Slam Sweepstakes**

I hope that all councils will participate in the Basketball Slam fund raiser to help continue to fund the State Charities Disaster Fund. This money from the Basketball Slam tickets enables the State Council to help other Jurisdictions who experience disasters such as floods, fires, tornadoes just like a lot of them did when our State was hit with last year’s storm. This money is also used for disaster needs within our state. Please help sell some of your Councils allotment of Basketball Slam tickets to help the Disaster Fund.

## **2024 Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Convention**

In case you haven’t heard, the State Convention is April 26th, 27th, & 28th, 2024 at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort. That is 4 weeks earlier than it usually is. Please consider this as you will start seeing deadlines for actions necessary to attend the convention start creeping up on you. The first one is deadline to submit a resolution to the State Advocate. The State Secretary will also be sending delegate certification documents to the councils to be filled out and sent in. Looking forward to seeing you there in April.

# WILLIAMS CONT.

## **Tis the Season...**

Advent is upon us. Advent is not meant to be a season of anxiety, rather it is meant to be a season of expectation and hope. I am looking forward to the next time I see any of you and hope that this Advent Season brings you the Peace our God wants for us. Pam and I would like to wish each of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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





# STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

**Brothers Knights,**

## **Prayer Requests**

I'm pleased to tell you that I've heard that Fr. Pat Dolan is back in his parish.

Also, I'm pretty much recovered from my emergency gall bladder surgery (not a kind Halloween "Trick"). I'm working up to trying hot wings again soon! Thanks to all of you who prayed for me, inquired about how I was doing, or sent me good wishes.

## **Recruit! and Retain!**

In October and November 16 more Councils recruited at least one new member! Congratulations and thank you to

- Monsignor Gettlefinger Council 1264 in Lebanon
- Henderson Council 1320
- Monsignor Edward Russell Council 1418 in Fancy Farm
- Monsignor John Danz Council 2459 in Winchester
- Father Diemert Council 3379 in Vine Grove
- Father Bealer Council 3908 in Erlanger
- Brother Christopher Council 4270 in Springfield
- Father Joseph Saffer Council 6897 in Murray
- Father Patrick Creed Council 12923 in Campbellsville
- St. Leo Council 13917 in Versailles
- San Pablo Council 15707 in Lexington
- St. Edward the Confessor Council 15481 in Jeffersontown
- Fr. Francis L. Sampson Council 15914 at Ft. Campbell
- St. Brigid and St. James Council 16179 in Louisville
- Fr. Stephen Badin Council 18126 in Shelbyville
- Our newest Council St. Michael the Archangel Council 18284 in Ft. Mitchell

That makes only 52 of our 98 active councils that have added to their ranks this year – and 46 which haven't. If you don't gain, you lose!

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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!

## **Celebrations!**

Three BIG recent and upcoming events:

- On November 22, the Brothers of Owensboro Council 817 marked their 120th anniversary!
- On December 14, Waverly Council 1361 and Uniontown Council 1367 both mark their 115th anniversaries!

Amazing longevity that's a tribute to the faith, leadership, and dedication to the vision of Bl. Fr. McGivney of the past officers of these Councils.

## **Mid-Year Meeting**

Many thanks to the Brothers of Monsignor Gettlefinger Council 1264 in Lebanon for their hospitality, opening their hall to our Mid-year meeting on Saturday 12/2! It's always great to see friends from across the commonwealth. We had a very good meeting and we got to let our representative from Supreme know how he could help us, especially with Safe Environment Training issues. GKs and DDs who weren't able to attend will be getting the slides. If you have any questions, ask a State Officer.

## **'Tis the Season – But Which One?**

We ended the Liturgical Year with the feast of Christ the King. Even before that, stores had started their Christmas sales, radio stations had changed their format to all Christmas Music, cable TV stations started running all Christmas movies, and "Merry Christmas!" is becoming a common greeting. Our late State Chaplain Fr. Mario Tizziani would always remind us that it's not Christmas yet, that doesn't start until Christmas Eve evening. So in his memory, I wish you all a very blessed Advent full of preparation and anticipation for the coming of our Lord!

## **Vivat Jesus!**

**Dick Burns**  
**State Treasurer**



# STATE ADVOCATE GARY DYKHUIS

Worthy Brothers,  
**Happy Advent!!**

We are into the Advent Season, as we are waiting the coming of our Lord and Savior. Hopefully you and your family will be celebrating the coming of Christ. A News Year resolution will be inviting a Brother and his Family to our order. Please remember the Fest of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th.

## **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, December 1, Supreme Reports that 72 Councils have completed their Audit. 35 Councils were delinquent and 25 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. Form 1295-2 for the period ending December 31, 2023, is Due February 15, 2024. It is also IRS For 990 time again.

**Form 1726**, the "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" is due on January 31, this is a very important, also.

## **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 if you have missed the e-mail and are past the



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time limit, resubmit the 365. 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).

## 2024 Resolutions and Nominations

Please Submit your Resolutions and Nominations by February 1, 2024. By-laws call for the resolutions and Nominations to be submitted to the State Advocate by March 15, but with the Supreme Convention in Quebec, Canada, time will be needed to get Passports. Thank You for observing this request.

## Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have five 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 Brech 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](http://www.KofC.Org). The new Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of the best practices. Make sure you are checking your "Prospect Report" for new online members, call them and invite them to your council meeting.

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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

## **Basketball Slam time is here.**

The Basketball ticket proof has been sent to us and those tickets should be printing now. Normally we have them to distribute by the midyear meeting but they are running behind. Hopefully by the time you read this I will have received them. I will process them into the packets and distribute them to the DDs in person or by Mail, or in some cases send them directly to the council. 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 spilt 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://kyko.fc.wpengi.ne.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Kuchenbrod  
State Warden**





# STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MIKE RINEHART

Brothers,

It was great to see everyone again, at the Mid-Year Meeting.

Worthy District Deputies, as you visit your councils, please ask them to review their council information found on the State website at [kykofc.com](http://kykofc.com) and then click on the Membership tab followed by clicking on the council number.

The information found on the State website contains the latest information that we currently have in the database. If there is incorrect information, it is because I have not been notified of updates and changes from the council.

Your council can send any updates / corrections to [kykofces@gmail.com](mailto:kykofces@gmail.com)

Wishing ALL a Blessed Advent Season.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Mike Rinehart  
State Executive Secretary**



# DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER

On Tuesday morning of Thanksgiving week, I was seated in my chair to watch the Six A.M. news. The house was quiet, and I could smell the garlic my son from California used to make Garlic Parmesan Chicken Wings the night before. I planned to sit there mindlessly and vegetate until the house became active. Although I wasn't focusing, I heard the Weatherman comparing today's weather with last year's weather and it hit me:

- "I only have five weeks or so before a new year begins."
- "What remains to be done for this calendar year?"
- "What am I going to do next year?"
- "This is my Fraternal Midyear; have I completed half of my Fraternal Plan?"
- "What remains to be done for the Fraternal Year?"

While thinking about these questions, I realized that I have some work to do. I had a plan but, despite my good intentions, I didn't refer to my plan often enough. As a result, there are some things I forgot to do. They just slipped by. That bad news was eye-opening, but the good news is that I still have time to get on track. I just need to get at it.

I'm gambling that some of you also had things slip past you. What about those reports that were due back in January, April, June, and August? You know, Form 186 - Report of Assembly Officers Chosen For The Term, or Form 1315 - Annual Assembly Audit Report. Did you submit them? If not! No problem! Get at it now!

Maybe you let one or more planned programs slip past your assembly, or maybe you didn't complete any programs because you weren't sure what you could do. You are not alone. I was recently asked:

**“‘To be a Patriot Award’ requires a significant program that is truly Patriotic. . . What does truly patriotic mean?”**

What a great question! I thoroughly understand the need for a definition. It's clear these days that the words patriotism, patriot, and patriotic are generally words that have meaning only to

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the people who use them. In colonial times, there were mostly two groups– **Patriots**, who wanted freedom from the king, and **Loyalists** who supported the king. Each group considered themselves the true patriots. Today, some people define patriots as those who are nativists – born in America, to others patriotism means you must belong to a certain race, or political party, or support a particular belief. For the “To Be a Patriot Award”, we will define patriotism as support for the love, devotion, care, and protection of our country, its laws, the Constitution, and the freedoms of our fellow countrymen.

How can we show our love for our country? You can show your love by protecting the beauty and health of our country. One way to do that is to “Adopt a Highway.” This program was started in Texas in 1985. Today the program has spread to all 50 States. Here in Kentucky, the Adopt-A-Highway program is a statewide effort to reduce roadside litter and to keep Kentucky’s highways beautiful. Litter-free roads promote a clean environment, foster civic pride, and save taxpayer dollars. Kentucky Knights of Columbus have assemblies and councils that already participate in the Adopt a Highway and so can your assembly. Contact information is below:

**Adopt-A-Highway**  
**200 Mero Street**  
**Frankfort, KY 40601**  
**Phone: (502) 564-3419**

You can show the love of the country by reminding people of the many accomplishments of Americans. You can develop a program to celebrate America’s triumphs, reeducate some adults, and initiate conversations within families. Your assembly can develop a program creating monthly flyers reminding parishioners of real American things they can be proud of. Things like:

- The Internet was an American concept put forth by the US Government in the 1960s.
- The cell phone was an American invention that changed the world.
- Who invented the first interactive video games? An American.

You get the idea. There are plenty of American things to inform your parishioners about. There are plenty of opportunities to educate parishioners and their children on the freedoms they inherited as Americans. We have one assembly that is already doing that.



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They held classes on the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence using a pamphlet and guest politicians. This pocket-sized booklet contains the United States Constitution (including The Bill of Rights and Amendments 11-27), the Declaration of Independence, an Index to the Constitution, selected quotes from the founding fathers, and dates to remember. You can copy this idea and do it as well. The pamphlets are available from FlexPVC ([www.flexpvc.com](http://www.flexpvc.com)) on a volume-discount basis starting at \$0.89 per copy if you order less than 100 copies. The more you buy the less the per copy. You can also obtain copies from Walmart for \$0.99 per copy. No volume discount is available from Walmart.

Some of you have flag retirement programs, but too many councils and assemblies have tacitly allowed others, such as Scouts, to exclusively perform flag retirements. The treatment of the flag is more involved than just its destruction. A Knights of Columbus program should include the entire treatment of the flag. That includes its display and use. People need to know how the Flag of the United States should be displayed as well as when and how flags should be retired. I encourage all assemblies near each other to cooperatively develop a flag program. That program should consist of meetings with parish ministries to review the content of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code. I'm currently meeting with the Walker Flag Company to obtain a discount on the purchase of flags. I envision giving everyone who gives us a flag for retirement a discount coupon to purchase a replacement.

There are numerous opportunities to celebrate America and those that keep it safe. One assembly/council holds a Red, White, and Blue lunch. They prepared hotdogs, hamburgers, pork sandwiches, noodles, string beans, and desserts. First responders from all over Louisville came to eat or carry out. Another assembly visited a Firehouse and provided lunch for the firefighters.

Then there are the veterans. I recently visited a veteran's medical facility and asked the administrator, "What do you recognize as the greatest need of veterans using your facility?" His answer was surprising. He said that the greatest need was sweatpants and sweatshirts. He explained that many of the veterans have prostheses and other medical

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applications that require loose-fitting clothing. Clothing that they do not have. Also, with the holidays coming up, gifts, cards, and personal notes are extremely welcome.

These are a few ideas to show the love of our country. I'm certain you can think of some that are appropriate for your circumstances. All of these will satisfy our goal of:

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

**Vivat Jesus,  
Joe Carter  
District Master**



# GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

## **Knights of Columbus – Merry Christmas**

As we approach the end of the year, and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill to Men!” We remember Pope Francis’ Prayer for Peace where he prays “Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!....Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way, may peace triumph at last...”

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting the tree decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our children and maybe grandchildren. There are parties and school Christmas plays. Seems like we’re busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor medical procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.

2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Spending Account? Do you have to spend the money left in your Flexible Spending Account by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to decide about how much



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to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive decisions. Check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.

3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA? Are you eligible to contribute more, to your 401K, based on the “catch up” provision?

4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is 25% of the amount you should have received!

All these decisions come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different.

Your K of C Field Agent would be happy to discuss them with you. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

**Wishing you a blessed and Merry Christmas!**

*Dan Schachle*

**Dan Schachle, FICF, PGK**

**Knights of Columbus, General Agent**

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# STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

## **December 1983**

Following are snippets from the December 1983 Knights of Kentucky newspaper. So, what was being reported forty years ago. Here it is. Some current members may have participated in the activities.

Membership needs a boost. Membership is at a standstill!

Fr. Ben Powers Council 1315, Bowling Green, celebrates 75 years. The Diamond Jubilee Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend John J. McRaith, Bishop of Owensboro. Co-celebrants were Frs. Benjamin Luther, Vincent Tobin, Thomas Clark, and Bruce Fogel. At the banquet, State Deputy Albin E. Stoeckle presents the Star Council Award to Grand Knight Jack Beeckler and Past Grand Knight Walter Pudlo.

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors appoints PSD Michael T. Peak, Bishop Spalding Council, to a second term as Supreme Warden.

The State Deputy compliments Bishop Flaget Assembly of Northern Kentucky and Elizabethtown Council 1455 for having the only RSVP programs in the state. This program is designed to help a seminarian or postulant on their way to becoming a priest or nun.

The Knights of Columbus Religious Information Bureau donates \$3125.00 to the Louisville Archdiocese's "Come Home" program. The money was raised by the thirteen councils in the Archdiocese.

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The annual State Golf Scramble was held at the Bright Leaf Golf Resort in Harrodsburg, KY. Thomas J. Malloy Council 6317 of Danville hosted. Eighty-six members from sixteen councils participating.

Pope John Paul I, Hawesville, held their annual family picnic and participated in the annual Tootsie Roll drive.

Fr Carroll White Council 6743, Clarkson/Leitchfield, gave a free dinner for the Senior Citizens and entertained approximately 120 guests.

Fr Gerald Calhoun, Chaplain of Paducah Council 1055, blesses some of the more than 300 rosaries made by the council members and given to parishioners.

Blessed Mother Council 4089, Louisville, held their annual picnic. The Red Cross Bloodmobile was at the council.

Frankfort Council 1483 participated in the Tootsie drive and raised \$950.00.

St. Christopher Council 5071, Corbin, started monthly bingo again and it remains the only reliable source of income outside of council dues.

Msgr. Russell Council 1418, Fancy Farm, fixed and served breakfast to the youth of the community who were participating in the over-night lock-in at St. Jerome church.

Msgr. Ahmann Council 5227, Covington, participated in the Rubber River Raft Race in District 1 which raised over \$1000.00 for State Pro-Life Program. In addition, they collected \$1000.00 in the Tootsie Roll drive.

Pope John Paul XXIII Council 5634, Louisville, held their annual family picnic with activities for every age group and lots of fun.

Bishop Spalding Council, 2761, Louisville, holds first Saturday Rosary Devotions each month and selects and honors a knight and a family of the month for their contributions to the knights.

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Uniontown Council 1367 was well represented in the third annual River Days festivities in Uniontown. At their booth they sold hamburgers and cold drinks, novelties for the kids and passed out free pro-life literature. Their Tootsie Roll drive raised \$950.00.

Fr. Malloy Council 6317, Danville, participated in the Tootsie Roll drive at the local shopping center and collected \$1173.83. They hosted the Fourth Annual State Golf Tournament.

Bishop Carrell Council 702, Covington, had a very successful Tootsie Roll drive, collections and pledges raised \$3200.00. They were also involved with the River Raft Race.

Fr. DeJaco Council 5220, Alexandria, held their 15th annual "Nuns Day" with 65 Nuns attending. The sisters really enjoyed themselves participating in bingo, volleyball, and various other games.

Fr. Roger Chunta Council 7065, Pikeville, manned three road blocks and collected \$2400.00 during their Tootsie Roll drive. State Deputy Al Stoeckel presents the Council with the 2nd place Supreme Council Award for Youth projects. The award was for sponsorship of Special Olympics.

Assumption Council 4473, Louisville, held their annual turkey shoot. Over 100 boxes of shells were used by the enthusiastic sportsmen and 44 hams and 76 turkeys won. Best shoot ever.

Bluegrass Council 762, Lexington, held a successful Knight of the Year Dinner. Three brothers were honored as Knights of the Year, George Kelly for his work on the monthly newsletter, Dusty Owens on council functions, and Russ Conners for his work on the Tootsie Roll Drive. Family of the Year went to Brother George Kopser and family.

Fr. Demert Council 3379, Vine Grove, participated in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive and collected \$2076.50. This was \$276.50 more than last year. Several banks and businesses donated to the drive.



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Bishop Malloy Council 1301, Cold Spring, held their annual turkey shoot and despite some foul weather, are pleased to report a good time was held by all. December activities will include both adult and childrens parties and the annual Keep Christ in Christmas campaign.

Elizabeth Council 1455 held their 20th Annual Golf Tournament with 25 members participating. Their Tootsie Roll Drive produced receipts of \$3087.00, a 21% increase over the previous year.

Msgr. Pitt Council 7029, Shepherdsville, collected \$1630.00 in the Tootsie Roll Drive and presented \$429.00 to the Bullit County Association of Retarded Children from the 1982 proceeds.

Msgr Newman Council, 4665, Louisville, held their first annual Children's Halloween Party which was a great success. They played games, won prizes, enjoyed refreshments and had a safe and happy Halloween.

Sebastian and Charles Council 7832, Calhoun/Livermore, sponsor a bingo tent at the McLean County Fair. They also entered a float in the fair parade touting 102 Year of Service to God, Country, Community.

State Deputy Al Stoeckle presents Grand Knight Kerry Beauregard, Russellville Council 8145, with the Contest of Champions trophy for the council's 700% increase in membership.

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

*From our house to yours wishing all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year 2024! The Hancock's*

# LOCAL EVENTS

## Knights of Columbus International Bowling Tournament

On the weekend of April 6-7 and the weekend of April 13-14, 2024 the Knights of Columbus International Bowling Association Tournament will be held in Northern Kentucky. The host bowling center is Bellwood Bowl in Newport and the host hotel is the Hilton in Florence.

This tournament is open to Men and Women. You do not need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to bowl in this Tournament, but you must have a Grandfather, Father, Brother or Uncle who is a current member of the Knights of Columbus. The Women can bowl with the same stipulation. They will be “Associate Members” per the rules of the Tournament. Two members must be a member of the Knights of Columbus or be a relative as stated above. Entries will close on February 29, 2024.

St Timothy Council 15211 is the host Council for this Tournament. There will be a 50-50 raffle as well as a bowling ball raffle each day of the Tournament. There will be a Hospitality Room on Saturday the first weekend of the Tournament at the Hilton hotel. This will be sponsored by Knights of Columbus Field Agent, Greg White.

For further information or questions, contact Dick Wendeln, Director, Knights of Columbus International Bowling Association at: [mr300800@aol.com](mailto:mr300800@aol.com)



# THANK YOU



ARCHDIOCESE  
OF LOUISVILLE

November 3, 2023

Mr. Tom Johnson, State Deputy  
Knights of Columbus  
Kentucky State Council  
706 Burton Pike  
Georgetown, KY 40324

Dear Tom,

On behalf of Archbishop Shelton and the Archdiocese of Louisville, please accept our sincere thanks to the Kentucky State Council for the recent gift of \$1,558.12 in support of seminarians and vocations. Per your letter, this donation was funded through the "Kentucky Heavenly Pennies Program" supported by councils in the Archdiocese of Louisville. What a wonderful example of grass-roots support!

I am reminded how aptly this generosity expresses Pope Francis' call to go out and be the example of Christ to our brothers and sisters. May God bless the Knights of Columbus. We are so blessed to have you, and your good works are a blessing to so many. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Molly Keene Smith  
Director, Office of Mission Advancement

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# THANK YOU



## DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

McRaith Catholic Center | *Office of the Bishop*

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November 1, 2023

Mr. Tom Johnson  
706 Burton Pike  
Georgetown, KY 40324

Dear Tom,

Many thanks to you and all the Knights of Columbus of Kentucky for your Kentucky Heavenly Pennies Program. The challenge of supporting the education and formation of seminarians does present a challenge as seminary costs, like any higher education, is most expensive.

This partnership with the Knights then serves the practical purpose of assisting our diocese with costs, but also tangibly connects the Knights with the church in a vital way.

Thank you. Be assured of my appreciation for all the good works of the Knights of Columbus and my prayers for all of you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Medley".

Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Bishop of Owensboro



# CALENDAR

January	
March for Life	23
March	
Founder's Day	29
April	
State convention	26-28

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