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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Tempus Fugit - Memento Mori...Time Flies – Remember Death. Those are the Watchwords of our Order. Those Watchwords don't just apply to you or I, they apply to our councils, The Knights of Columbus, our Catholic Church and even our beloved country. Brothers, we have entered the second half of our Fraternal Year. Some councils have had a great first half, some are running as usual, and some are struggling to survive. Your future and that of your councils depend on you. We will celebrate new councils, anguish over lost councils and be thankful for the councils that continue to move forward and help strengthen our Catholic men and their families. We have a responsibility to recruit and evangelize. We have a responsibility to be "Good and Faithful Servants". Thank you for all that you do!



Tom Johnson SD

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



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

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

Steve Zanon

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2024 PRO-LIFE MASS

The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Life was held on January 13th, 2024 at St Gabriel Catholic Church in Louisville and attended by nearly 200 people. For those of us that grew up in the Louisville area, that area is better known as Fern Creek.

Your Knights of Columbus were proudly represented by our State Officers, our District Master Joe Carter and numerous Sir Knights under the leadership of FN Jim Brian with Archangels Assembly 3877, and what a great job the Sir Knights and that Honor Guard did.

Archbishop Shelton Fabre was the celebrant. He was assisted by Deacon Michael Schultz and Deacon Stephen Bowling. Many thanks to Celesta & Sarah Arnold for organizing the always lovely Rose Ceremony.



2024 MARCH FOR LIFE

Pro-life supporters from across the Commonwealth converged on Frankfort for the Kentucky March for Life on January 23rd. While the temperature was mild, the rain was relentless, but the marchers were undeterred. Addia Wuchner, Executive Director of Kentucky Right to Life, said “Today we’re celebrating, we’re celebrating the laws, and the lives that have been saved in the Commonwealth since the overturning of Roe and the ending of abortion in Kentucky.” The event started at 9:30 with a Mass at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The church was packed



with standing room only. From there the crowd of Pro-lifers moved to the VFW building where they met up with additional Pro-lifers in preparation for the March to the Capitol. Behind a police escort, the crowd of 600 plus marched through the rain and into the Capitol Rotunda for the "Love Them Both Rally. The crowd heard from preachers, a victim of a violent rape, a mother who had aborted her child and numerous legislators. The day ended with a remembrance prayer service at the KY Memorial for the Unborn in the Historic Frankfort Cemetery.

Members of the Knights of Columbus drove from far WKY, from NKY, from CKY and from Louisville. It was great seeing GK Barry Whitley and COL Chair Jeff Smith from Council 15181, GK Rich Hornbeak and Fr. Chris from Council 7847, GK Kyle Coleman and DD Bernie Hayes from Council 17606, District Master Joe Carter & PSD Rick Arnold from Council 4665, GK Ed Norton from Council 12562, COL Director Dave Holzwarth and Steve Stewart from Council 11470, PGK Dan Bruning from Council 1483 and GK Wes Story from Council 1377. Many thanks to each of you and the brother knights and wives that traveled with you.

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I was glad to see Sister M Seraphina and the Franciscan Daughters of Mary. They do so much for the NKY community that they serve. What a blessing to have them join us.

It was thrilling to see bus loads of students participating in the Mass, the March up Capitol Ave and the rally inside the Rotunda. I saw students for Immaculata Academy, Covington Catholic, Owensboro Catholic and Trinity High School. Overall, it was a glorious day... and the rain...as Sister Seraphina said..."is simply Holy Water sent down by God".

Submitted by: Tom Johnson, SD



ARCHDIOCESE CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

The 17th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner for the priest and deacons of the Louisville Archdiocese was held at St Martha's Catholic Church on January 14th. There were 260 in attendance and more than 60 clergy including Archbishop Fabre. 15 Louisville area Councils were present. And the food was very tasty not to mention the free beverages provided by the sponsoring councils. SD Tom Johnson was honored to say a few words and introduce Archbishop Shelton Fabre. The archbishop



thanked all present for the wonderful turnout and reflected upon his first year as the Archbishop of Louisville. Diocesan Chaplain Fr. Peter Bucalo was the keynote speaker. He spoke about how the Lord showed his face many times during his recent medical trials.

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Members of the 4th Degree Color Guard were present and did an outstanding job of posting and retrieving the Colors. It was moving to watch the attendees stand at attention with their hand over their heart or saluting as the flag of the United States moved pass them.

God Bless America & God Bless the Knights of Columbus!

Submitted by: Tom Johnson SD and Jack Banbury



4TH DEGREE CHALICE PRESENTATION

For most Assemblies, When a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus passes into Eternal Life, their family is entrusted with a Chalice and a Paten provided by the Fourth Degree Assembly. They are encouraged to prominently display these vessels that mark their dedication to serve God by serving man.

After one year the family then presents the Chalice to a priest that will then use them in the celebration of Mass. The Chalice is inscribed on the bottom with the Knight's name and the date of their passing.

Both Sir Dennis Nolan and Sir James Kentley were members of Bishop Flaget assembly #307 as well as Former Grand Knights of Father Bealer Council #3908. They passed away within days of All Souls Day in 2022. Their spouses, Mrs. Dennis (Anne) Nolan presented her Chalice to Father John Paul, Parochial Vicar at Saint Pius X in Edgewood. Mrs. James (Tina) Kentley presented her Chalice to Father Eric Andriot, Parochial Vicar at Saint Paul in Florence.

The presentation was made on January 13th at the Father Bealer Hall in Elsmere, followed by a brief reception.

Submitted by: David Berkemeier GK 3908



Tina Kentley and Father Andriot



Anne Nolan and Father John Paul

SUPREME VIDEO ABOUT KENTUCKY

This past October, I had the privilege to attend the 10th annual Bluegrass on Beshear: Pick'n Life event at the home of COL chairman Jeff & Laura Smith in Dawson Springs, KY. For those of you that were at last year's State Convention in Frankfort, you will recall that I handed out the State's first ever Unity Award in recognition of the six councils that had come together to raise funds for three pregnancy centers in Western KY. Their work raised over \$36,000 dollars and all six councils were able to take advantage of the ASAP matching gift program.

The Pick'n Life event was one of four winners that were sent to Supreme for consideration of an International Award winner. Although, it did not win, the entry was picked by Supreme to have a video made to celebrate the upcoming 10 year anniversary.

This past October, Supreme sent the film crew that they use to create many of the Into the Breach and Everyday Hero videos. The results of the film crews work can be seen when you click on the youtube.com link below. This year saw eight councils coming together with a goal of raising \$50,000! With the funds from the ASAP program, they exceeded that goal!

What a testament to our founding principles of CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY! Fr McGivney, thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve our parishes, and fellow man. Imagine what we could do if we were willing to work together. It's never too late to start.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opSeOKuNEj8>

Take Care & God Bless,

Tom Johnson

KY State Deputy



DID YOU KNOW THAT JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEART?

"What's good for our community is good for us too. Studies show over and over again that engaging in charitable activities can have positive effects on both mental and physical health. When we give our time or money to a cause we care about, we get a rush of purpose and fulfillment. It's like the emotional equivalent of a level-up in a video game. And our hearts love it too."

Activities like volunteering have been proven to lower stress levels.

Charitable activities often involve social interactions and a sense of community.

AND, there's the physical activity. Volunteering isn't all about sitting around, it involves action. Whether it's walking for a cause, organizing events, or getting our hands dirty, we're moving. Regular physical activity is the MVP of heart health

https://www.thesheridanpress.com/opinion/columnists/column-care-for-your-heart-by-doing-your-part/article_df998c8e-c065-11ee-adf7-ff2004684ab6.html

So, join the Knights of Columbus - IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR HEART!!!

Submitted by: Dennis Herricks, DD#2

“SOUPER SUNDAY”

On Sunday, January 28, the Fr. Joseph O'Donnell Council #17606 held a “Souper Sunday” immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass at Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam. All proceeds from the event will go to fund “Happy Feet”, a program to purchase new shoes and socks for Ohio County students in need.

Fr. Julio Barrera made announcements at Mass for the three weeks prior, and placed a basket at the back of church to receive donations for those who could not stay. The ladies group at the parish, “The Women of the Well”, partnered with the Knights to prepare a meal of 13 crock pots of soup, 12 loaves of sourdough bread, and jalapeno corn muffins, which was served to parishioners and friends for donations.

As the people had their meal, Field Agent Leonard Walther guided those present through a Fraternal Benefits Event. There was also a silent auction, featuring 14 homemade desserts, which were awarded to the highest bidders.

It was a very successful event, raising over \$1,500 for a much needed program. A very sincere thank you to the parishioners of Holy Redeemer, and to the Women of the Well!



BREAKING BREAD MINISTRY MEAL

The Knights of Council #7847, Hopkinsville, hosted the “Breaking Bread” Ministry meal at Aaron McNeil House on January 18, 2024. This ministry provides meals to Hopkinsville families in need each Thursday evening. Council #7847 hosts this meal on a quarterly basis. After they purchased all the ingredients for a lovely pasta dinner, the Knights cooked, delivered, and served approximately 400 meals for families. Several family members provided valuable assistance in preparing and serving the meal. Council #7847 proudly assists the Aaron McNeil House not only in this important mission, but also with their food pantry.

Submitted by: Grand Knight Richard Hornbeak



MEET OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The following is an excerpt from *King's Connection*, the Newsletter published by the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington.

Meet Our Knights of Columbus: *Living Out the Mission of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in the Community*

For 140 years, the Knights of Columbus have brought financial aid and assistance to those in need. Established in 1882 at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., Fr. Michael McGivney began the organization with a mission of charity, unity, and fraternity. There are now many Knights councils across the world, serving in various capacities to their own communities and parishes.

Here at the Cathedral of Christ the King, our council has been active since 2006, and Damon Sexton currently serves as Grand Knight. After joining our parish in 2018, Damon was looking for opportunities to get involved.

"Being new to the parish, I wanted to be part of a group," he says. "I knew very little about the Knights themselves, but I knew they were active in the parish. I was new



there and they were visible. I had a Knight approach me and ask if I had ever considered joining the Knights. I had been thinking about it. I joined, and here we are, four years later. It's been an amazing ride for me."

Damon was appointed as Deputy Grand Knight in 2020, less than a year after joining the group. Then in July 2022, he became Grand Knight of the council. Being in a position of leadership, he has various

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responsibilities, from administration to acting liaison with the community and church.

“My greatest focus is ensuring the pastor’s vision and the parish is supported first — that the needs of our Catholic families are met,” Damon says. “When the Knights were first organized, Blessed Michael McGivney wanted to see there was support not only for the parish but for immigrants, widows, children, within the faith community.”

The council here at Christ the King has 120 members who actively serve and participate in a variety of events, activities, fundraising efforts, and more. Between those 120 members, they also spend a collective monthly total of 100 hours praying the Rosary or in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Adoration.

Throughout the year, the Knights engage in more than 130 faith-in-action activities alone. There are many ways in which they support our school, parish, children’s catechesis, families, pro-life efforts, and the wider community. They host fish frys on five Fridays in Lent, serving

roughly 300-325 meals in 90 minutes. They also support our sister parish with their clothing bank efforts.

In 18 months, from 2022 through the end of 2023, their collective efforts and projects raised \$70,000 to be put back into the parish and community.

“We raise money to give it away,” Damon says. “Really, any activity that goes on that requires heavy lifting, the Knights are usually called.”

The Knights of Columbus invite the men of our parish to participate in an initiative that balances both service and faith. It brings together the dynamic of community while also calling the men to serve and help out where needed.

“We are not guys who only do service-related things, or faith only,” Damon says. “I encourage guys to find the tenet within the Knights and find an activity they can have ownership with.”

The Knights of Columbus meet on the fourth Monday night of every month at 7 p.m., in the Parish Life Center, meeting room D.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2024 Salute to Summer Games

The Knights of Columbus Salute to Summer Games is back for a fifth year! Once again, with the support of the State Deputy, the Salute to Summer Games has returned as a Knights of Columbus-specific campaign. From now through the 2024 State Summer Games (scheduled for May 31-June 2 at Eastern Kentucky University), individual Knights and Councils across the state will have an opportunity to raise money to support Special Olympics with the goal being to add the Knights of Columbus as an official State Summer Games sponsor.

The Salute web site (sokysalute.com) will go live on or before March 15.

This is a great opportunity for Councils and individual Knights to easily help us support Special Olympics without Councils making direct donations. The Salute web site provides easy to use tools for Councils and Knights to raise money outside the organization.

However, if your Council does decide to make a donation, it can be sent to:

Special Olympics Kentucky
Attn: Salute to Summer Games
105 Lakeview Court
Frankfort, KY 40601



Council donations will appear on the Kentucky Knights of Columbus page on the Salute Web site.

Last Year's Salute to Summer Games was our most successful ever, with nearly 50 Councils working together to raise or contribute more than \$13,300. Our goal again this year is to raise \$12,000 (or about \$1 for every Knight in the state).

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More communications about the Salute will be coming to Grand Knights soon. If you have any questions, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org.

Get the Chill of a Lifetime at the Polar Plunge

There is still time to sign up and participate in the Coolest Fundraiser in Kentucky – the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kentucky. There are four Plunges remaining in 2024. 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



For more information or to sign up, visit the site for the Plunge nearest you.

[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](#)

Still Time to 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

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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 or 859-338-6075.



STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

State Deputy's Report:

Brother's we are on the downhill side of the Fraternal Year with an **UPHILL** battle. Seven months have past with 5 months to go. So where do we stand...

Membership – 211 members against a target of 465 or 45.38%. Just a fraction better than last year.

Under 50 intake – 119 against a target of 225 or 52.89%

Online Membership – 124 against a target of 217 or 57.14%.

Founders Award – This one is a puzzle because Supreme is reporting 2 against a target of 45. I have a hard time believing that only 2 councils have been credited for attending a Fraternal Benefit Night.

Faith Formation – 2 against a target of 3. This will be completed at the upcoming State Convention.

New Council Development – 1 against a target of 2. Need to identify & start working on another.

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Membership Drives – 20 against a target of 50. While I feel that number should be higher, without a form 450 it's difficult to tell.

Council Engagement or rather Every Council recruiting at least 1 member – 64 against a target of 100 or 64.0%. If the other 36 councils recruited two members, we would be right on track.

Charitable Giving - \$853,246 against a target of \$850,000 or 100.38%.

Volunteer Hours – 196,327 against a target of 200,000 or 98.16%.

Not all form 1728's are reported but I feel that councils are not recording all of the great efforts that KofC members do.

1728 Reporting – 58 against a target of 75 or 77.33%

Round Tables - 7 against a target of 10 or 70%

Safe Environment Compliant – 21 against a target of 100 or 21.00%. This is such a critical yet simply easy target to meet.

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

- February 3rd Feast of St Blaise
- February 11th Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 14th Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day

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- February 16th 6 weeks leading the Stations of the Cross
- February 16th 1st Fish Fry for many Councils
- February 17th KAPID & State Officers meeting
- February 17th 4th Degree Exemplification – Louisville/Shivley
- February 20th Southeast Territorial meeting
- March 2nd 4th Degree Exemplification in NKY
- March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May.
- March 16th Cor Men's Retreat at Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center
- March 21st Louisville RTL 51st Annual Banquet
- March 29th Good Friday / Founder's Day
- March 31st Easter Sunday
- April 12th is the deadline for all past due bills to be paid if a council wishes to have voting rights at the State Convention
- April 26th thru 28th – State Convention in Frankfort.

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

Brother's, the pandemic is over, and it has done much damage to the church and the faith that we love. As a man, as a Catholic and as a Knight of Columbus much is expected of you. Do not shirk your responsibilities.

God has called you for this time and place in history. Stop thinking of yourself as one and isolated...**you are not!**

Within the KY Jurisdiction alone we are 12,200 strong and the Order is 2 million strong. Don't tell me that there is nothing one can do.

- One can pick up the Rosary and pray it often.
- One can Fast and ask for God's Blessing on his family, his country, and the Knights of Columbus.

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- One can be more involved in serving his parish.
- One can ask a fellow Catholic man to join him in the greatest Fraternal Organization in the World.
- One can attend Eucharistic Adoration
- One can attend the Stations of the Cross and ponder the Passion of Jesus Christ.

If One, Jesus Christ, can die for our sins and our complacency, surely to God you can do something to show God that you love Him and want to serve Him!

Don't let this opportunity that God has given you go to waste. He expects much of his children, let us not disappoint Him.

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me...” (1 Corinthians 9:16)

Lent comes early this year, about as early as possible. The beginning of Lent is calculated, of course, by counting back the requisite number of weeks from Easter, which is itself determined by the occurrence of the first full moon after the vernal equinox. (March 21 is the vernal equinox and the first Sunday following the first full moon [March 25] after the equinox is Easter, March 31 this year.) You might be considering what your Lenten discipline should be this year, but as you do so I hope that you will allow the words of St. Paul to be your foundation in whatever discipline the Spirit calls you to.

My personal experience of spiritual discipline is, I must admit, sometimes clouded by a dose of pride: “Look what I gave up for Lent, God; aren’t you proud of me?” Rather, Paul would argue, if I am able to exercise any measure of spiritual discipline, I should recognize that it is only by the grace of God. As he says earlier in the same letter (1:31) and as he repeats in his second letter to the same community (10:17- apparently the Corinthians had a real penchant for personal pride!), paraphrasing the prophet Jeremiah (9:23): “Let him who would boast, boast in the Lord.”

For me, it comes down to the principle of spirituality as receptivity. Our subjective self tends to see ourself as the protagonist, the primary actor in the “Play of Life”. But

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spirituality demands that we enter into the Kingdom of God as the ones being acted upon, as the recipients of grace by which we are able to accomplish, in some small part, the works of faith, hope and love.

May this Lent be a new Spring of growth in God's grace, so that we may give to God praise and thanks for any measure of spiritual advancement in holiness of heart and life.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

2024-Kentucky State Per Capita Billing Update

The January 2024 KY Knights of Columbus State Per Capita bills were emailed to local councils on January 4, 2024. As of January 31st, I have received payment from 45 of 100 Councils. I will be sending reminders out to those councils who have not responded with payment or acknowledgement that the statement was received by their council. If any council feels they need help with anything, please contact the State Deputy or any State Officer. The assessment must be paid by **April 10** to avoid being denied delegate representation at the April 26-28, 2024, KY State Convention that is being held in Frankfort again this year.

KY State Convention Delegate Certification

Delegate Certification Forms for the 2024 State Convention were sent to District Deputies and all Grand Knights on January 29, 2024. It is the District Deputy's responsibility to ensure that each of his councils has sufficient time to complete and return the forms by the established deadline. The forms must be completed and distributed as specified in Article I of the KY State Bylaws. Each Council is to submit one copy of the completed Delegate Certification Form to the District Deputy, retain one copy for their records and send one form to the State Secretary to arrive no later than **April 17th, 2024**. In the event duly elected Delegates are unable to attend meetings; Alternates whose names are stated hereon will be recognized. I look forward to seeing many of you in April!

KY State Convention and the State Secretary

Countless plans are in the works by the Convention Chair and Co-Chair, the State Officers, and others. As State Secretary, it is my responsibility for putting together the "Annual Report" booklet and distributing it to the Convention Attendees. This booklet will

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contain minutes of last year's convention as well as reports and resolutions for consideration at this year's meeting. I especially enjoy reading the District Deputy reports that tell of all the activities the councils in their district have done since last years meeting. I am very proud to be associated as a Brother Knight when I read all the great things our councils do for their Church, Community, and our nation.

February thoughts from your KY State Secretary...

If you haven't heard about it, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops launched the "National Eucharistic Revival" on the feast of Corpus Christi on June 19, 2022. It is described on The National Eucharistic Revival website <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org> as "a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist". This movement is in progress and the National Eucharistic Pilgrimages in the North, South, East and West will leave their start cities on May 18 of this year, journey through preplanned routes that will all end up at National Eucharistic Congress being held July 17-21, 2024, at the Lucas Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. The St. Juan Diago Southern Route begins in Brownsville, Texas and will pass thru Kentucky on the next to last leg of the journey to Indianapolis. This pilgrimage route will pass through parts of the Diocese of Owensboro and the Archdiocese of Louisville before it crosses the Ohio River into Indiana on July 8, 2024. Go to the website to view details for this event.

With all this said, I encourage all to seek and encounter Our Lord's presence in your local tabernacle...it is an event you don't want to miss and can happen every day if you let it.

In case you missed it in the most recent January/February 2024 edition of the Columbia Magazine, "Safe Haven Baby Boxes" have spread to 14 states and many local Councils are a part of the fund raising to get a baby box in their community. The article quotes our Kentucky Culture of Life Chairman Dave Holzwarth with some highlights that has and are occurring in our Commonwealth.

I encourage you to continue to work towards the Star Council Award that is given in recognition of those councils who are shown to be "active" in the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The tasks involved include

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obtaining the McGivney Award for reaching the Council Membership quota, obtaining the Founders Award for hosting and promote Fraternal Benefit events and achieving the required attendance, the completion and submittal of 3 important forms and the Council is to be in Good Standing and fully compliant with the Safe Environment requirements of the Knights of Columbus. These tasks are due by June 30, 2024. The achievement of this Star Council status can bring good things to any council that is willing to have members stand up and contribute to the cause.

Please remember to ask someone to become a Brother Knight.

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,

Changing Seasons!

Liturgical Seasons, that is. We've moved from Christmas to Ordinary time (did you know that Ordinary doesn't mean common – it comes from the weeks being numbered, or “ordinal”) and a couple of weeks to Ash Wednesday and Lent. I know many of us look forward to Lent - it really doesn't count as a sacrifice not to eat meat on Fridays when Fish Frys are the high point of the season. I look forward to Lent, I need Lent, to give me a time of reflection, a chance to refresh my outlook and set new goals to help me strengthen my faith (but I admit, I do look forward to the Fish Frys, too!). I encourage you to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and take the time to attend the Stations of the Cross at least once this year.

Celebrate!

Three Councils have significant Anniversaries in February.

- Fr. Sampson Council 15914 celebrates it's 10th anniversary on the 9th,
- Andrew's Apostles Council 17234 in Harrodsburg celebrates its 5th anniversary on the 28th, and
- Maysville Council 1377 celebrates its 115th anniversary (WOW!), also on the 28th.

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

We have 7 Councils that are only 1 or 2 new members from reaching their quota. When they get them, they'll join

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- Council 5453 in Hebron,
- Council 7847 in Hopkinsville,
- Council 12965 in Oak Grove,
- Council 14128 in Somerset,
- Council 15063 in Pikeville, and
- Council 18126 in Shelbyville

who've already met or exceeded 100% of their membership quota. It can be done, and these councils are well on their way to achieving Star Council status!

And a **Well Done!** to the 9 Councils who recruited their first new members for the fraternal year in January:

- Bishop Carroll Council 702 in Covington
- Fr. Durbin Council 1004 in Morganfield
- St. Teresa Council 2282 in Brandenburg
- Fr. Connor Council 6101 in Sorgho
- St. Luke Council 10263 in Nicholasville
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 12774 in Lexington
- Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council 14372 in Lexington
- St. Francis Xavier Council 14728 in Falmouth
- Mary Queen of Heaven Council 14993 in Erlanger

That still leaves 38 “active” Councils that haven’t recruited a new member yet.

Whether or not your Council has a church drive, you can and should be asking Catholic men to join the order and take advantage of being a member of the Knights of Columbus. I’m sure you know men at church who aren’t members and who could benefit from it (hint: every Catholic man will benefit from being a Knight!). As our State Membership Director Fr. Phil DeVous so eloquently put it “Recruiting is evangelizing, and evangelizing is recruiting”!

If we don’t invite others to join, our councils will slowly die. We’ve got several in that shape right now.

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Use online membership to get new members that benefit, and get them into the Order quickly. Hold frequent new Exemplifications to get them into your Council quickly, and then get them involved in one of your programs right away to help keep them interested and help you retain them.

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!

Changing of the Guard!

The State Officers and State Convention co-chairs are gearing up for our 121st Convention, which we've moved to the last weekend in April this year in order to avoid conflict with graduations. It'll be held in Frankfort at the Capital Plaza Hotel. It's time to make reservations. It's also time to submit any resolutions your Council might be interested in presenting to the delegates for consideration.

This year is a year when the State Officers' second year terms expire. If you're interested in becoming a State Officer, consult the State Advocate, Gary Dykhuis, on the nomination process.

I hope to see representatives from every Council there! It's a great time to meet brothers from all over the Commonwealth, to conduct the business of the Jurisdiction, and to have fun!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns

State Treasurer

Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18



STATE ADVOCATE GARY DYKHUIS

Worthy Brothers,

The Season is Changing!!

It is time to make sure that your council has submitted for considering a Resolution, for review, and formal voting, at the upcoming Kentucky State convention in April, 2024. Please submit them to the State Advocate, with copies to the State Deputy and State Secretary. At the State convention, delegates assigned to the Resolutions committee will review them and make recommendations to all the Delegates at the Business Meeting. Each Resolution will be opened for discussion and voted on. The Resolutions that deal with matters beyond our Jurisdiction will be submitted to the Supreme Advocate for consideration at the Supreme Convention.

The Liturgical Season, has a short Ordinary time followed by Lent, with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. What is your Lenten Sacrifice? I look forward to the Fish Frys, but also taking time for Daily Mass and the Stations of the Cross at least once this year. Have a Blessed Lent.

Council Forms

It is that time again for the **Form 1295 Semiannual Council Audit Report**. This is for the period ending December 31st. this report is Due February 15th. It is also IRS For 990 time again.

As of this Newsletter, there are still 2 councils that have not submitted **Form 185** "Report of Officers Chosen for the year." There are also 27 Councils that have not submitted a **Form 365**, "Service Program Personnel Report."

Form 1726, the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity** was due on January 31, this is a very important, also. Make sure each member has a chance to report these activities.

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Safe Environment Training

Are you a Star Council? All councils can be a Star Council, Recruit your quota, complete Safe Environment Training and SP7. Please make sure that you have completed and submitted Form 365, and if you have missed the e-mail and are past the 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. The same requirement is for youth helping you in your events (Fish fries, pancake breakfast, chicken cooks). If you need help, Please call any State Officer, or me (270-828-6164 or 703-625-6735), we are available.

Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have four 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. 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 Sunday MASS.

You can invite the congregation to be a part. This is a Great way to have a New Third-Degree member, with some Great New Ideas and can help with our projects the Council has.

Please welcome former members to come back to the order. Ask any Affiliate Member to come back.

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Dykhuis
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN MIKE KUCHENBROD

Worthy Brothers,

We are in to the last haft fraternal year, and we need to keep our goals in our sights. With Ash Wednesday and fish Fries happening, this is great time to recruit new members. Drive though fish fries are a success and a great way to meet families.

We also have opportunities for Fraternal Benefits events this month:

From Agent Dwight Frank I hear the next scheduled FBE is on February 7, 2023, at St. Michael council in Jeffersontown.

From Agent Gregory White:

“Dear Worthies:

I’m planning a NKY wide one for the Covington area councils on Feb 7 at Blessed Sacrament. Advertising has begun. There’s 12-13 councils that are within 20 minutes of each other. Hoping for a big turnout.”

Reach out to your area field agent to plan one in your area, having attended an in person event in the past I was personally surprised by the long list of services available from our agents. There is a lot more there than just insurance policies, and we have new investment opportunities to learn about as our agents get certified with new products.

I am sure more information will be available as we get closer to these events, remember your councils need to attend 2 of these (with sufficient numbers). This is the easiest part of the Star Council requirements, plan ahead so you have enough attendance. Earn points early to qualify for more awards at the State Convention in May.

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By this time, DDs should have delivered tickets to their councils that they picked up at the mid year meeting. This covers most of the councils in Ky. For the councils that did not have a DD present, or do not have a DD assigned, I mailed those tickets directly and you should have received them already. If you have not received tickets, check with your DD to set up a time to received them – we only have a month left to sell tickets.

Please make checks payable to “**Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities**”. Please Do Not Send Cash. I will need Tickets sold, unsold and Checks by March 8, 2024. You can check results at www.basketballsweeps.com, starting April 10, 2022. State Charity Recipients – Recipients of Grants from the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Charity are not restricted to Catholics or religious based needs.

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://kykofc.wpengine.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



DISTRICT MASTER

JOE CARTER

I ask everyone to join me in congratulating the Sir Knights and Faithful Navigator of the Father George P Boehmicke Assembly 2753 for being awarded the Fourth Degree Civic Award by Supreme Master Michael R. McCusker. The Civic Award is presented annually as a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified in activities conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies. The assemblies must conduct a minimum of four different patriotic programs during the fraternal year. Sir Knights of Assembly 2753 has created more than four patriotic programs for constituent Councils and communities in and about Hopkinsville.

You may have heard about one of Assembly 2753's programs – A Celebration of the United States Constitution. The Assembly invited two lawmakers and a circuit court judge to speak to students and staff at a local catholic school about the importance of the U.S. Constitution. In addition, the assembly furnished each person in attendance a copy of the U.S. Constitution.

Assembly 2753 was insightful and timely.

In 2016 only 23 percent of eighth graders performed at or above the proficient level on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) civics exam. It is currently at 13 percent.

The American Bar Association just released it's 2023 Survey of Civic Literacy. That survey revealed that:

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- 61% of Americans do not know that the Constitution and federal statutes and treaties shall be the supreme law of the land.
- 59% of Americans do not know that the U.S. Constitution begins with the words “We The People”.
- 46% of Americans believe the Right to Vote is in the First Amendment.
- 50% of Americans do not know that only Americans can sit on a jury.
- 53% of Americans do not know how the government works.
- 85% of people say civility in today’s society is worse than 10 years ago.
- 53% of people blame worsening civility on media and social media.

In addition to the civics program, the Assembly conducts a very robust program to gather coats for veterans. They collect used coats and distribute them to keep veterans warm. They also support the Right to Life effort.

On January 23, 2024, the Kentucky March for Life was held in Frankfort. Some two thousand people gathered and walked down Capital Avenue to the State Capitol Rotunda. There were about twenty members of the Kentucky Knights of Columbus in attendance. One member was dressed in the Fourth-Degree uniform – me. It was a daytime Tuesday event and a lot of you were working, and it was misting – I get it. Nevertheless, I think we could have fielded more than 0.002 percent of the brothers.

As you can guess, I met a lot of people that are really committed and dedicated to addressing the abortion issue and they have a tactic. Their tactic is to be visible and informative. Their formula is to get people to notice, invite them to ask questions and provide answers and information. The more people learn the more supportive they become. It’s a formula that will also work for Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies as the following experience illustrates.

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I was a little late getting to the march. I parked on a side street with the intention of joining the procession a block or two from the capitol building. I parked behind a utility truck and the driver left his vehicle at the same time I left mine. He had some tools and appeared to be a handy-man, carpenter or some kind of trades craftsman. As I walked pass him, he asked, "What is that demonstration for?" I responded, "It is a Right To life march - protection of unborn babies." He then asked, "What kind of uniform are you wearing?" I said, "It's a Knights of Columbus Fourth-Degree Uniform." He said, "You guys support that kind of stuff?"

On the way to Frankfort, I had been thinking about the Right to Life movement, and although I was insulted by that fellow's last question, I realized that I had all the elements of the formula the Right to Life movement uses. My Knights of Columbus uniform got his attention. He posed a question. Now, all I needed was the final element of the formula. It was time to educate.

I began by asking him if he knew much about the Knights of Columbus. He responded, "Well, I know they do charity work." I told him he was correct, but I needed to elaborate:

We are Catholic Patriots. We practice our Christian duty to care for the poor, feed the hungry, sate the thirsty, clothe the naked, and show mercy to those aggrieved. We also exercise our patriotic duty to protect the Constitution, Laws, and Leaders of the United States of America. Given these duties, we are obligated to protect the unborn. Those who God knew before they appeared in the womb. We are protecting the lives of future Presidents of the United States, future governors, future legislators, future first responders, future soldiers and sailors, future priest and, yes, future relatives.

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Based upon the activities of Father George P Boehmicke Assembly 2753, they get it. I hope that fellow I spoke gets it too.

**“Patriotically Promoting Our Faith,
Walking Humbly with God”**

**Fraternally,
Joe Carter
District Master**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Happy Valentine's Day from Knights of Columbus Insurance

I've been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine's Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I'm also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections.

The celebration of love is always popular. After all, isn't love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it's a birthday, wedding anniversary, or holiday, it's all about love! Valentine's Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for another.

Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.

Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves.

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Even our retirement annuity solutions help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love. All K of C products and solutions are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Please plan to meet with your Knights of Columbus Field Agent to review what you currently have and what you may want to have for the ones you love.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle

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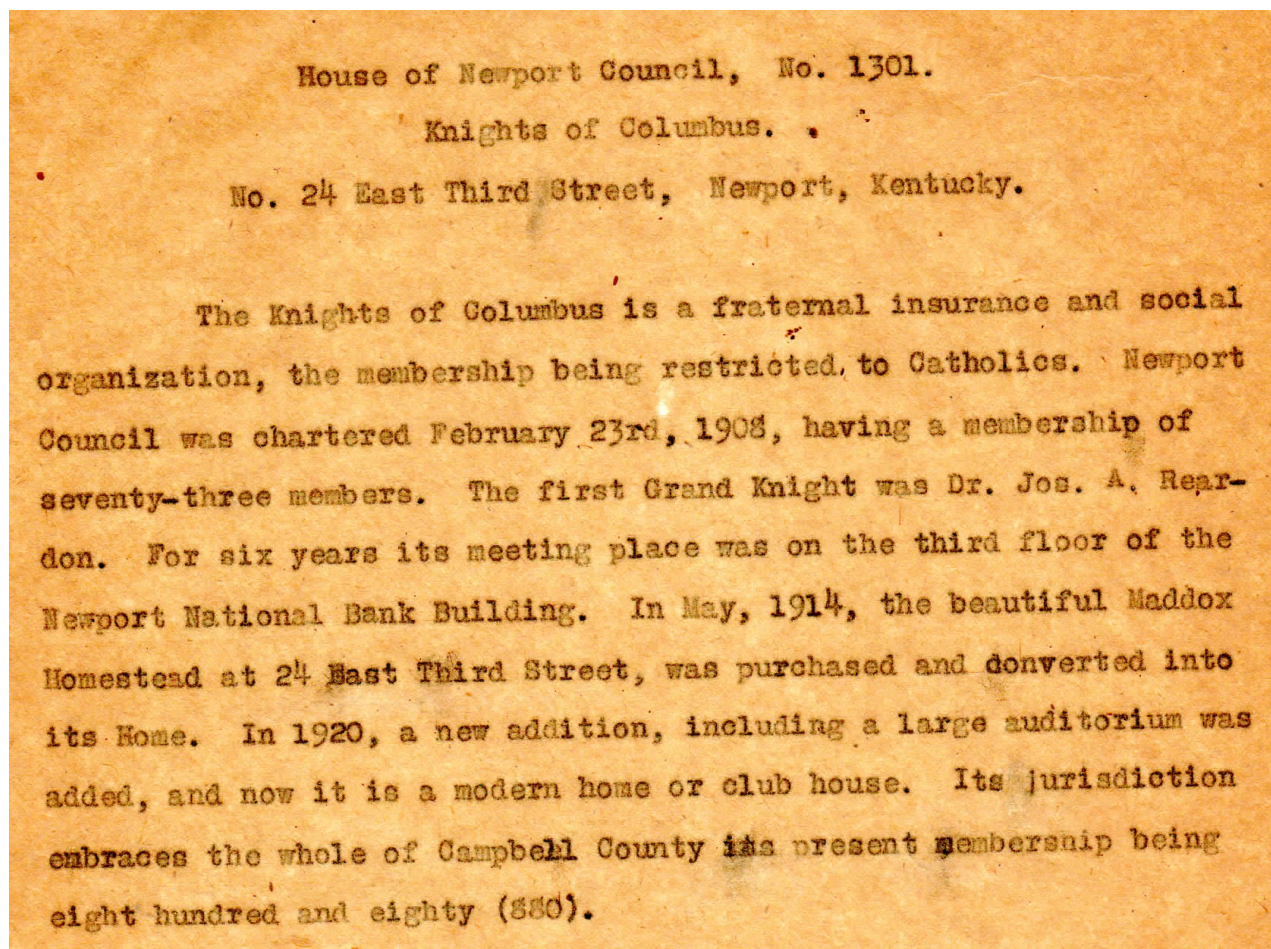




STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

Newport/Bishop Mulloy Council 1301

On February 23, 1908 Newport Council 1301 became the 9th Council to become a member of the Kentucky State Council. I received this yellowed document from Deacon Bill Theis. Unfortunately, it is undated but was probably written in the 1920's. The Council chartered with seventy-three members. The document stated their current membership was eight hundred eighty (880).



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Bishop Mulloy Council Hall

Pictured is the facade of the original Bishop Mulloy (Newport) Hall located in Newport. It is now called the Southgate House. It was sold in 1976. Bill Theis was the last Grand Knight to serve there. Subsequently in 1976, they moved their home to a ten-acre site in Cold Spring. The Council is currently located at Southgate.



Newport Council was renamed the Bishop William T. Mulloy Council in 1959 to honor their beloved Bishop. The members are to be congratulated for their continuous service to the church, community, state, and country on the occasion of their 116 years as a Council on February 23, 2024. Although a far cry from 880, their current membership is a respectable 110. The Council charter members calved from Bishop Carrell Council 702. I

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wonder how many 1301 members transferred to form new councils in Northern Kentucky.

I am always happy to receive historical documents like the one in this article. They can spawn a newsletter article like this one. Deacon Bill Theis has been the source of many documents now in the archives. Thanks Bill!

**Submitted for the February 2024 Newsletter by:
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State Historian**

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