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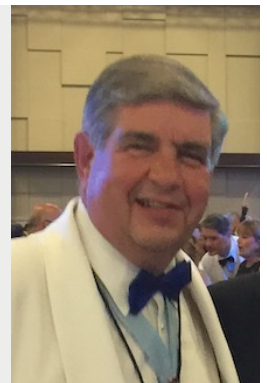
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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

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 Dierken Council 13204 in La Grange, KY presents LittleWay Executive Director, Ellen Wichtmann, 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 McGreevy. It is our duty to meet our Church in embracing our brothers and sisters to the Sacraments. Let us strive in all we do to complete this mission. Families are hungry for a means to live their faith with like-minded people. Kentucky Knights of Columbus, let us prove that we are indeed the "Strong Right Arm of the Church". Let us go forth and do good works, increase our numbers, and continue the work of our founder!

Steve Zanon

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ST.PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

What an Awesome group for the St. Patrick's Day Parade yesterday (3/9/24) representing The Knights of Columbus and Newman Council. It was great to see so many of the newer families of the Knights and their families coming out. Everyone was having a great time walking in the parade and passing out candy to the people along the parade route. The weather was cool but dry and there were thousands of people out on the sidewalks watching the parade. A Huge Thank You to David Herde for donating the use of his Old Louisville Trolley Car for those who couldn't walk the parade.

Submitted by: Steve Arnold DD



BISHOP MULLOY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 gave its home parish a St. Patrick's Day treat serving them a delicious Pancake breakfast with goetta or sausage. Now we didn't advertise to dress for St. Patrick Day, but a lot of people did. This boy really touched our hearts.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 23rd, Council 1487 held our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The weather was a bit cool and cloudy but that didn't slow down all the children who came to hunt easter eggs filled with candy.

In addition to the egg hunt, there was a get together in the school cafeteria along with cold drinks and snacks. Many thanks to Brother Keith Salisbury and his wife Patty who take their time to organize this function every year.

Submitted by: Neil Fisher



CALVARY CEMETERY CLEANUP

In March in preparation for Easter Boy Scout Troop 282 of Mary Queen Parish teamed up with KofC Council #14372 in Lexington to help clean up Calvary Cemetery. The council provided hot dogs and Skyline Chili for all the volunteers. They have been doing this together for several years.

This year, they were joined by Troop 124 from Georgetown, Troop 98 and Troop 282 and Pack 282 from Lexington.

Also, a special thanks to Troop 124 from Georgetown and Troop 98 and Pack 282 from Lexington. They all did a fantastic job . They ended up with 52 people of all ages. The cleanup took about two hours.

Remember to mark your calendar for next year. The cleanup is usually the Saturday before Easter Saturday. Easter is later next year, April 20, 2025 so the cleanup would be Saturday, April 12, 2025. Of course that is subject to change.

P.S. The tombstone with Chris Boots who was a Scout leader from troop 282 who tragically died at the age of 42.



District 14 Basketball Free Throw Contest

Three councils in District 14 participated in the Basketball free throw competition this year, St. Michael, St. Edward, and Ava Maria. Winners from each council competition met on March 9 at Our Lady of Lourdes (Ava Maria Council) school gym. It was an exciting competition. Nineteen young men and women between the ages of 9 and 14 competed.

Eleven District 14 winners along with fourteen other Louisville competitors met to compete in the Louisville Regional immediately following the district competition hosted by George Hayes, KY State Free Throw Chairman.



Louisville Regional Winners

On Sunday, March 17 the Free Throw Championship state final was held at Bethlehem High School in Bardstown, KY. We had thirty-one contestants from all over the State of Kentucky. We had scoring ties in three different age brackets including the 10 year old girls and the 10 year old boys and 11 year old boys. A shoot out was held for each to determine the winners.



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A very special thank you and acknowledgement to Deacon Steve Heil and the administrators of Bethlehem High School for use of their gym, State Free Throw Chairman George Hayes, District Deputies John Staudt & Dennis Scanga, and the brothers of Bardstown Council 1290 for providing the manpower to support the event. State Deputy, Tom Johnson commented on how “nice it is to see young men and women having fun in friendly competition while their families watch. That’s what it is all about!”

Submitted by: Dennis Scanga DD14

COUNCIL #18284 CHARTER PRESENTATION

On Sunday, March 10, State Deputy Tom Johnson, and District Deputy Keith Cahill presented the Charter for Council 18284 Saint Michael the Archangel to Father Damain Hils and Grand Knight John Carey. This is the newest Knights of Columbus Council in the Kentucky Jurisdiction. The Council was chartered on August 30, 2023, with 41 members. The presentation of the Charter took place at Blessed Sacrament Church, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.



(L to R) DD Keith Cahill, Father Hils, GK John Carey, & SD Tom Johnson



CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST 8TH GRADE WINNER

The winner of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest 8th grade division is Critchelow from Hardinsburg, KY. Her essay is below.

“How can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?”

As an 8th grade student here at St. Romuald School I have a few ideas of how I think we as Christians can evangelize the Gospel in our digital age of life.

We all use technology on a day-to-day basis. For most kids my age, it's all we've ever known. We usually spend most of our time endlessly scrolling through social media posts that don't mean anything in the real world. In lots of situations, social media can be filled with hate, discrimination, and criticism, so why can't we fill it with love and support? Why not fill it with Jesus?

Social media can be used for many different things. Whether we're learning new recipes or keeping up with "A list" celebrities, our opportunities are pretty much endless. So if that means we can do anything, why can't we spread the word of God? We can so easily take the time out of our day to post something utterly ridiculous, so we can just as easily post something about the Gospel that can bring people closer to God.

For a long time, the darkness and hatred that overshadows the brightness of social media was one of the main effects that made me forget the importance of my relationship with God. I still believed in Him, but I often found myself choosing things that the rest of the people in the world would've wanted me to do rather than what God would have wanted me to choose. I lacked the inspiration to expand my relationship with the Lord. But recently I have discovered how important it is to grow and express the goodness of the Lord and how much of an impact it has on my life. The main thing that helped me realize that was also social media. You could be wondering how social media can create such a downfall in my relationship with God but also encouraged me to reach the peak of our relationship, but that's just how powerful social media can be.

I started to see posts encouraging me to know what God has done for us and what I need to do to prepare for the coming of Christ, and it really inspired me to do so. I had pretty much always come across those videos before, but I never really took the time to sit and actually listen. Once I did, once I decided to really listen, it became a very eye opening experience. I realized that I needed to prepare myself for the coming Of Christ and start a

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real relationship with the Lord. Social media inspired me so much. Strangers from all over the world helped me through such hard times in my life that I thought that I would never overcome. They taught me that I can come to God about anything and that He will help me through every step of the way. They taught me the way Of the Lord, and I want to use social media to teach others everything they taught me.

Churches from all over the world can just as easily use technology to teach people from all over the world about our Savior, Jesus Christ. Whether it's as small as just posting inspirational Bible verses on your story, or if it's something bigger like writing a blog or doing a podcast, either way it can still do so much. Believe me, no matter how big or how small it can still affect someone for the better in countless ways.

I know I've talked a lot about ways we can spread the word of the Bible online, but it's also so easy to share the Gospel in person too! In some of the simplest ways we can convert our life to Christ. The first step is always to pray. Ask God to help you through this journey to becoming a better Christian and ask Him to help you figure out ways to do so.

I know it can be very hard, but another good way to show your faith is to stop gossiping. We've all gotten into such a bad, easy habit of telling others who said what or who did this but we need to stop because it is not what God would want us to do. If the people around you are talking bad about other people, it's so easy to just get up and walk away. If you do stop gossiping, it might even inspire others too. Once they realize that you won't tell anyone they might even come to you for help. Another important thing that will help others see Christ through you is to be a good listener. Being a good listener is something that is important to everybody. Assure people that you are a safe place and that they can come to you without judgment.

Evangelizing means to preach the Catholic Gospel. What better way is there to do that rather than going out and sharing your faith? Last summer, my friends and I started to do Bible studies together and it was so helpful because everyone listened. It's a safe space. I would go online and find a youth session that I thought would be a very inspirational and meaningful topic and then I would write a summary about it, using it as the guide for our Bible studies. During our study sessions, there would be times in between where people could talk. They talked about anything because they didn't feel judged and that is such a wonderful feeling.

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Matthew 5:16 quotes, **"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."** That verse is so important to me because it reminds you that not only are you making the people around you happy by helping them get closer to God, you're also making our Father in Heaven happy by sharing His goodness with others.

I hope my story inspires the Church to use social media platforms to continue to spread the Gospel outside of Mass. Social media inspired me to form such an unbreakable bond with the Lord and I want to share that happiness with others all over the world. Therefore, I will continue to spread the Gospel of the Lord with the people on the other side of the screen, and I hope that Churches around the world will too.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2024 Salute to Summer Games

First, thank you to you Msgr. James Willett Council #7847, which has already made the first donation in support of this year's Knights of Columbus Salute to Summer Games.

The 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. So, your March Council Meeting is a great way to talk about your Council's support. There are two ways to take part. You can:

- Identify a team captain, sign your Council up online at sokysoalute.com and raise money online. You can support the Salute this way without using any Council money.
- Make a direct donation to the Salute to Summer Games.

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).

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



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Spring Provides Statewide Volunteer Opportunities

The Special Olympics Kentucky Spring Sports Season offers opportunities across the state for Councils to support Special Olympics competitions as volunteers. There will be a track and field meet in nearly every region of Kentucky. There are also two regional soccer tournaments where volunteers are needed. No sports experience is necessary for most of the positions. Upcoming events include:

April 13 – Area 5 Track and Field Meet – Bowling Green High School

April 20 – Area 1 Track and Field Meet – Calloway County High School, Murray

April 20 – Area 2 Track and Field Meet – Owensboro Middle School

April 20 – Area 3 & 9 Track and Field Meet – Johnson Central High School, Paintsville

April 20 – Area 8 Track and Field Meet – Great Crossing High School, Georgetown

April 21 – Versailles Regional Soccer Tournament; WYSA Complex, Versailles

April 27 – Area 6 Track and Field Meet – Southwestern High School, Somerset

April 27 – Area 7 Track and Field Meet – Ryle High School, Union

April 28 – Louisville Regional Tournament; Lynn Family Training Center, Louisville

May 11 – Area 4 Track and Field Meet – Mercy High School, Louisville

For more information about how your Council can volunteer, contact Michaele Roy at mroy@soky.org. To register to volunteer, visit <https://soky.org/volunteernow/>.





STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

Happy Easter!

I hope everyone had a Happy & Blessed Easter! The arrival and celebration of Easter is a sure sign that warmer weather is on its way. Just as Christ died and rose from the dead, we see the renewal of life all around us. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the grass is greening, and the smell of spring is in the air. Make sure you take time to thank God for all that He has done for you and to thank Him for all that He may do for you?

State Deputy's Report:

The Lenten season has passed and the weekly fish fries have come to an end. It's time to put the fryers away and refocus our efforts on the final quarter of the Fraternal Year.

- If you are a GK, you should be asking yourself if you have accomplished everything you set out to do or could you have done more.
- If you are a council officer, you should be asking yourself if you did everything you could have done to support the GK and grow the council.
- If you are a member, you should be asking yourself if you did everything you could do to support your council and brother knights.
- And all of us as Catholic Gentlemen and Brother Knights, should be asking ourselves if we did everything that Our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to do. He died for our sins and was crushed by our inequities. He freed us from eternal death so that we might live with Him in Eternal Glory.

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My Brother Knights it's no simpler than that. If you truly understand how much God loves each of you, why would you not want to return that love to Him. He is asking us to help grow His Kingdom which is the Church. I believe Fr. McGivney knew this and understood this and that is why we are here today.

You're not recruiting someone for a job, or to help on a project, or to join an army or to be an actor in a play. You're ASKING Catholic men to be men of faith. To do the works of our Lord. To protect their wives and children from the ravishes of sin and to walk this journey of faith in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

If you do this, you will find happiness and peace knowing that you are doing God's Will. As of this writing, there are 28 councils within the KY Jurisdiction that have yet to recruit a member. That's a little more than 1/4th of our active councils. Why? Why are we so hesitant to speak with Catholic men about joining the greatest fraternal organization in the world.

If someone had the secret to everlasting wealth, would you not want to know it? While the Knights of Columbus itself is no secret, you have a secret that's worth sharing. You can show & teach Catholic men how to protect their families spiritually and financially. Please share what you have.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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

- April 26th – April 28th KY State Convention in Frankfort, KY
- May 1st – May 31st Hold Council Elections

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- May 5th Bishop John Stowe was installed as Bishop of Lexington in 2015
- May 12th is Mother's Day
- May 18th St John Paul II Birthday
- May 25th 4th Degree Exemplification in NKY (tentative)
- May 27th is Memorial Day.
- June 1st – 5 new priests to be Ordained by Archbishop Fabre
- June 2nd is the Feast of Corpus Christi

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

Upcoming Council Elections:

June still seems like a way off, but it will be here before you know. If your council only meets once a month, then you're looking at next month's meeting to nominate and hold your elections. I would suggest that you solicit nominations at your April meeting and hold your election at your May meeting. That way your council will be ready to hit the ground running as the new fraternal year begins in July. Last year we had several councils that were still struggling to elect officers after July 1st. We can do better.

Upcoming State Convention:

Work is still underway to ensure that this year's State Convention is a celebration of this past year's accomplishments, a review of the past and a look into the future. We will start gathering and registering on Friday afternoon April 26th, with meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

Room reservations can be made by contacting the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort. April 5th is the deadline, but if you want to come, call me. I'll work with the hotel staff. Make

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sure you turn your Delegate Registration form into the State Secretary so that your council will have both Voice & Vote and make sure that your council is paid up and in good standing with Supreme & the State.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 26th of April!

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“But these (signs) are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.” (Conclusion of the gospel for Divine Mercy Sunday)

What does it mean, to “have life in his name”? Clearly it must be more than an intellectual affirmation of the historical existence of Jesus of Nazareth, more as well than a conviction concerning his divine nature. The inseparable significance of his death and resurrection are the key to his role as Messiah, as sacrificial Lamb of God, as the promised Christ who saves us, by his death and resurrection, from our sin-stained humanity. I did not say “from our sins” (though that is part of the package), because too often our contemporary sense of complacency absolves us of personal culpability. Historically, this has found expression in the Christian consciousness through anti-Semitism. In our own time, we don’t blame anyone, least of all ourselves. But if we have no guilt, we have no need of grace. Is it any wonder, then, that God has become irrelevant to the “Nones”?

Divine Mercy Sunday gives us an opportunity to see the cracks of our self-sufficiency by considering the depths of God’s mercy. Our Supreme Chaplain, Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, O.P., shared a story in the March Chaplain’s Report that demonstrated just how deep the mercy of God can reach. Earlier this year a movie, *Zone of Interest*, dramatized what Hannah Arendt coined as the “banality of evil” by juxtaposing the family life of Rudolf Höss with his role as the Nazi commandant of Auschwitz. Fr. Kalisch channeled the spirit of Paul Harvey in relating “the rest of the story”: “Höss was raised in a devout Catholic family before rejecting his faith during World War I. Afterward, he was an early adherent of National Socialism, joining the Nazi SS and steadily rising through the ranks of viciousness. He worked at Dachau and Sachsenhausen

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concentration camps before being put in charge of Auschwitz, where he oversaw the murder of more than 1 million Jews. After the war, he was captured, tried and convicted of crimes against humanity. While awaiting execution by hanging at Auschwitz, he was held in a Polish jail in Wadowice, the hometown of Karol Wojtyła. During this time, he was stunned that the Polish guards did not commit heinous actions against him like those he had inflicted on prisoners at Auschwitz. In fact, he was moved to ask for a priest, recalling the name of the Polish Jesuit superior Father. Władysław Lohn, whose life he had inexplicably spared once at the camp. Höss confessed his sins to Father Lohn on the Thursday after Easter 1947 and received holy Communion the next day. Polish guards were stunned to see “the Animal,” as they called him, on his knees, weeping after receiving the Eucharistic Lord five days before his execution.”

In reflecting on this account, I recognize my readiness to judge the commandant before seeing him as a lost sheep, my reluctance to admit the possibility of repentance on his part, my impulse to cry out “he’s not worthy of mercy!” And by that very instinct, I come to know my unfilled chasm of self-righteousness, my own deep need for God’s mercy. KYRIE, ELEISON!

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

Easter Greetings!

2024-Kentucky State Per Capita Billing Update

As of April 3, 2024, I have received payment from 87 of 97 Councils (90%). I would like to personally thank all those paid Councils for helping me with the job I do as State Secretary. I have sent reminders again to the Financial Secretaries of 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 before the 2024 State Convention to avoid being denied delegate representation.

KY State Convention Delegate Certification

Delegate Certification Forms for the 2024 State Convention to be held April 26-28, 2024, in Frankfort, KY were sent to Grand Knights and District Deputies on January 29, 2024. "Certified" Delegates have voting rights on resolutions and Elections at the convention. These certified Delegates also receive mileage reimbursement from the State for attendance to the Convention if their council is current on per capita payment and the State Secretary has the completed Delegate Certification form.

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**. I am anticipating a large group of attendees this year since the Convention is being held 3 weeks earlier than usual. If your council has not sent me the Council Delegate Forms, please send them now. Completed Delegate

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forms can be mailed via USPS. The State Secretary will also accept scanned or photographed forms sent via text message or they can be emailed. If anyone has a question about this process, please contact me. In the event duly elected Delegates are unable to attend meetings; Alternates whose names are stated on the form will be recognized. I look forward to seeing many of you at the end of April!

NOTE: You do not have to be a delegate to attend the State Convention proceedings but do have to have a valid Membership Card to enter the business meetings. Let me know if you wish to attend the Convention and we will make sure you have the information needed.

We hope to see many of you soon at the 2024 Kentucky KofC State Convention.

2024 KY KofC State Free Throw Championship at Bardstown

Congratulations to all participants and winners this past March 17th at Bethlehem High School in Bardstown. Thank you to State Free Throw Chair, George Hayes, Council 1290 and all the volunteers who made this a successful program this year. Please start planning for your Council's KofC Free Throw event next year.

Other things to consider...

- Nomination committees should be working on nominations for upcoming Council Elections. PLEASE step up and volunteer for a council position (Officer, Director or Chairman) . According to Section 128 of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Council elections are to be held between May 1st and June 15th of each year. I also ask you to consider a position as a District Deputy, State Council Officer, Director, or Chairman. Contact me with questions or details on how to volunteer.
- After the upcoming Elections, Council Officer and Chairmen information needs to be sent to the KY State Secretary for the State's records. Any changes to Council meeting location or time should also be sent to the State Executive Secretary so the information can be entered into the KY State Directory.
- Now is the time to check to ensure that your council's Safe Environment compliance status. Ensure that the Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and

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Community Directors have a unique email address entered as their “Primary Email” in Member Management and the training and/or background checks are up to date.

- Prepare the Councils Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) and send it to Fred Meade, State Program Director for his review before sending a final copy to the Supreme Council office before the June 30th deadline. Your State Program Director is a great resource to help with this report. This document is also a great tool for future Council Officers to be able to review all the activities done by the Council (large or small) to help with their Goals and Calendar for upcoming Fraternal Years to come.

St. Juan Diego National Eucharistic Pilgrimage news

We can now Register for the Events and Destinations with dates and times now on the links listed below. The KY State Council will be sending more details for local Councils to be a cooperative part of the St. Juan Diego Pilgrimage events from June 30th till it crosses the river into Indiana on July 9th. You can start your pilgrimage now by visiting the Eucharist in any church near you!

Please look at the links below and go ahead and sign up so the pilgrimage folks know how many to expect at each event.

Diocese of Owensboro

<https://events.blackthorn.io/en/DnDCa1K7/g/juandiego/juan-diego-route-diocese-of-owensboro-4a2PDnqpRV/overview>

Archdiocese of Louisville

<https://events.blackthorn.io/en/DnDCa1K7/g/juandiego/juan-diego-route-archdiocese-of-louisville-4a2PDnqpRw/overview>

And finally... Congratulations to all who have recently joined the Knights of Columbus. Welcome and bring a friend on this spiritual journey as part of the “Strong right arm of the Church.”

Pam and I wish a Blessed Easter Season to all.

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,
Tempus Fugit! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lent has come and gone.

I hope you successfully used the Lenten season as an opportunity to prepare yourself and that you have a joyous Easter season confident of your own resurrection and the promise of eternal life with the Lord.

I started Holy Week by dislocating my shoulder in a fall. Pain that morphine didn't help with. SD Tom encouraged me to use that pain as a reminder of the pain that Jesus went through on the cross. I can never know His pain, but hopefully this will help me be more grateful for His gift of my salvation.

I was going to join brothers from my council in preparing Easter lunch for the homeless at the Cathedral of the Assumption soup kitchen. It would have been a great way to celebrate and give witness to the Resurrection, but I wouldn't have been much help with one arm. But there are opportunities every day to give witness!

2024 State Convention

We're planning for the state convention this month. Take note of the change of dates! It'll Saturday April 27 in Frankfort at the Capital Plaza. Information packages have been sent to the Grand Knights. I hope I get to see many of you and refresh our fraternal bonds as we carry out the business of the Order in Kentucky.

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Year End Checklist

There's still time to make sure your councils qualify for the Star Council award. District Deputies should be helping you make sure you meet the requirements.

And it's time to start planning for next year, starting with election of new officers by June 15th.

Celebrate!

Congratulations to Ave Maria Council 15931 in Louisville which celebrates its 10th anniversary on April 1st!

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

You can't make Star Council if you don't make your new member quota, which was lowered this year to make it more easily attainable.

Congratulations to

Ashland Council 1487

Msgr. Albert J. Thompson Council 10988 in Paducah and

St. Gabriel Council 15699 in Fern Creek

for getting off the "Councils not yet recruiting a new member" list! If you don't recruit, the council will not last.

However, we still have over a quarter of our councils who still haven't recruited a new member.

Ask them, they will join. If you don't ask them, they won't join.

If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says yes, you'll still double the size of your council. If you don't ask, you don't grow!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns

State Treasurer

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



STATE ADVOCATE GARY DYKHUIS

Worthy Brothers,

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!!

Wishing you and your Family a Blessed Easter! Christ died and rose from the dead for our salvation. Spring is arriving and trees budding, Farmers are gearing up for planting crops. Watch out for farm machinery on the roads. Grass is growing, if you have not mowed your lawn.

Hope you are getting ready for this year's State Convention is April 27-28, 2024. Hope to see you there, as we celebrate this Fraternal Year. The State Deputy and Convention Chairmen have been working hard to make this year's Convention the best.

Council Elections are Upcoming!

May will soon be here and councils will need to have, your Nominations Committee should be soliciting candidates, so they can vote on the slate of Officers in June. It will be the time to submit **Form 185** "Report of Officers Chosen for the year." This way your new Council Officers can hit the ground running, with new ideas.

Council Forms

If you have not submitted "**Form 1295 Semiannual Council Audit Report**" please take time to get it in. 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 5 councils that have not submitted **Form 185** "Report of Officers Chosen for the year." There are also 21 Councils that have not submitted a **Form 365**, "Service Program Personnel Report."

Again, if you have not submitted "**Form 1726 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**" please take the time to complete as it was due on January 31, this is a very important, also. Make sure each member has a chance to report their activities.

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Safe Environment Training

If you missed the e-mail, please resubmit Form 365, with the name only of the brother that missed the e-mail and are past the time limit. If you have completed this training in the last 2 years, the training is good for three years. We can make Kentucky's "Safe Environment Training" goal. 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 closing in on our New Fraternal Year; we have three months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. This is a great time, to follow up with the men that helped with "Lenten Fish Fries" to recruit them as a new member. Also ask the man that just completed RCIA to join us. Use the online on your cell phone to sign them up. It is also a Great Time to invite those High School Seniors and First Year College Students to a meeting. Use "Into the Breach Video" as a recruiting tool. It is a great Gift that needs to be offered to every Catholic man and his Family. Use your iPhone and **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.

Have a Blessed Day!

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Dykhuis
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN MIKE KUCHENBROD

Worthy Brothers,

Happy and Blessed Easter!! Our Savior, Jesus Christ has risen. We celebrate his Resurrection, as the Greatest Feast. It is the promise of our eternal life with Christ. This is our time to celebrate with family and our brothers and sisters. Make sure you take time to thank God for all He has done for you and your Family.

Basketball Slam!!!

Increased participation this year in the program, almost 1800 tickets sold in person and another 40 online. Everything is being finalized and with the tournament here the winners will be determined shortly, probably by the time you read this we will be preparing the checks to send out.

A bit of paperwork with GreenBee and it is in the can for this year, councils will receive their part of the proceeds in the next few weeks once We have the final invoice from GreenBee.

I will have the breakdown and further information at the State Convention, I hope to see you there in Frankfort in a few weeks.

A BIG Thank You for the Councils that participated in supporting and sold Basketball Slam Tickets. Also Thank you for turning tickets and checks in on time. This is the Fundraiser is solely used for Disaster Relief.

Again, councils that sold 25 tickets qualify for the coveted State Deputy Award.

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Thanks as well to the councils that submitted their RoundTable coordinator forms, I know there are a lot more out there – you can still submit the forms. They are available for download off the supreme web site. Get your delegates forms in and register for the State Convention. Recipients of Grants from the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Charity are not restricted to Catholics or religious based needs. The Charity is financially sound, and councils and individuals are encouraged to submit for a grant for a worthy cause. You can find the grant request fund at <http://kykofc.wpengine.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER

The comment most directed at Masters of the Fourth Degree is "The new uniform looks like a prep-school uniform."



Gray slacks, blue blazer, crest on the left pocket, black shoes. When some look at the Fourth-Degree uniform they simply see a black beret, blue blazer, crest, service baldric, and sword. I get it! The uniforms are similar. But the difference lies in the symbolism. The boys in the picture relay the message that they attend a specific school - nothing more, nothing less. The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree uniform says so much more.

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As I see it, to understand the meaning and symbolism of the Fourth-Degree uniform you must view the uniform through the glasses of Benjamin Franklin and the spectacles of Faith.

Benjamin Franklin fervently advocated for a government that represented and responded to the will of the people, giving them a voice in decisions that would impact their lives. He championed the notion of equality, asserting that all individuals, irrespective of social status or wealth, deserved an equal say in the governance of their country. This belief is deeply ingrained in the fabric of the United States and is a cornerstone of its democratic system. He warned us that protecting our democratic system would not be easy. The preservation of democracy and the protection of individual liberties are ongoing battles that must be fought by each generation. The warnings Franklin issued against the perils of authoritarianism and tyranny serve as a stark reminder of the need for vigilance in defending our rights and liberties.

For me, it is fitting that Catholic men wear the Red, White, and Blue Service Baldric with the sword. It is a visual of how much we love God and our country. We are committed to fight and die if need-be to protect our religion, our rights, and our freedoms. Ben Franklin appears to agree. He said:
"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the Laws of God and Nature."

The ferociousness in which we will protect God and country is reflected in the beret.

The beret, originally a simple hat for Pyrenees shepherds, was adopted by the military to identify elite fighting troops. Among others, it is worn by the French Chasseurs Alpines, a corps of mountain troops created in 1888, the Royal Marine Commandos, the United States Special Forces (Green Berets), United States Army Rangers, and the French Foreign Legion.

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The Fourth-Degree members are elite warriors of the same ilk. Some of us fight by educating our parish and public community on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Others get involved in and encourage neighbors to participate in the election process and support active military as well as veterans. Our battle is against a lack of knowledge. As Ben Franklin said: "It is the religion of ignorance that tyranny begins."

The crest on the left size of the jacket is to announce to all that the wearer is not only a member of the Knights of Columbus warrior brotherhood, but a devotee to the Holy Family.

Every member of the Fourth Degree wearing the complete uniform represents Saint Joseph, protector of Mary and the Messiah. Mary is represented by the Rosary in his pocket and the Messiah is represented by a cross formed by the hilt (the Tang of the hilt and the Cross Guard forms a cross).

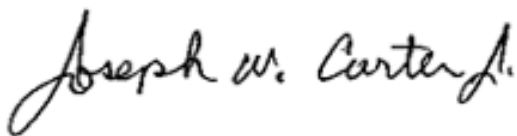
I will end with one more Benjamin Franklin quote:

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn."

Based upon my view of the Fourth-Degree uniform, comparing it to a prep-school uniform lacks justification. It's a uniform that should be worn with pride and deserves to have all eligible brothers involved.

GET OUR 3RD DEGREE BROTHERS INVOLVED

God bless!, Vivat Jesus!



Kentucky District Master



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Knights of Columbus Insurance provides financial protection.

We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert, to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son. With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God. As Spring settles in, I observe the many rituals of the season. I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planting. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Schoolchildren begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down...perhaps without the joy of the children! Spring seems to elicit looking forward. As the K of C Schachle Agency looks forward this Spring, our Field Agents are renewed in their mission to meet with their K of C members. They want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance and financial protection. Also, they hope to you will keep them apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reach your goals.

The Order offers a diverse array of products and services to help you meet your goals. Your K of C Field Agent can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand now and helps discover any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core solutions that help protect you and your family. Our

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mutual funds through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors provide additional solutions in building financial security. Your K of C Field Agent will call you soon to see if it makes sense to arrange a meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

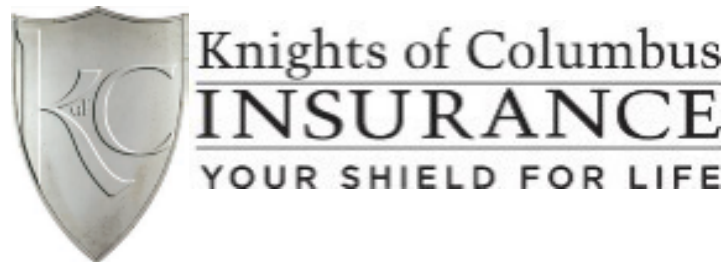
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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

Extract from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's article dated 3/29/2021

Brother Knights:

This month – March 29, we celebrate Founder's Day, which marks the date on which the Knights of Columbus was granted its charter by the State of Connecticut in 1882 and which honors, in a particular way, our visionary Founder.

This Founder's Day is the first since Father McGivney's beatification, and it provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon the importance of that momentous event and its meaning for our Order today.

Blessed Michael McGivney was inspired to create a band of Catholic gentlemen, devoted to the principles of charity and unity – helping those in need; growing in faith and virtue as Catholic husbands and fathers; and providing financial security to families.

I believe that the beatification of Father McGivney was a testament and affirmation of his spiritual vision. And we should each feel encouraged in realizing that vision to this day.



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For even if the challenges facing Catholic men have changed, the mission set forth by our Founder remains as relevant as ever.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly

Supreme Knight

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State Historian

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