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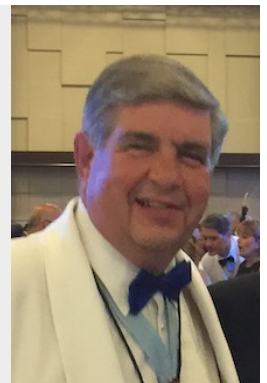


Council 7847 and Assembly 2753 in Hopkinsville KY are members of the Military Affairs Committee (MAC) in Christian County. MAC is a conglomerate of several groups and organizations directed towards assisting active and retired military personnel. On Thursday, March 28, MAC conducted a “Ham For Heroes” event handing out over 500 free hams to everyone with a military ID. The Oak Grove PD and FD along with the Hopkinsville FD also participated.



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 Dabney 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

KY State Council Newsletter

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Pancake Breakfast, on April 7th, was a success as we were able thru parishioner generosity, to donate \$620 to the Sheperds of Bethlehem who were visiting both parishes this weekend. The donations along with their item sales benefit the people in the Holy Land region who are desperately struggling to support themselves and their families due to the devastation caused from the war. Frank Hilal and his son Andrew, representing the Sheperds of Bethlehem, in turn presented us a crucifix to hang in the Goetz Center (shown in picture attached).

Submitted by: Ted Kremer FS



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2024 Salute to Summer Games

We are well on our way to reaching our goal in the 2024 Salute to Summer Games. Through May 1 the Knights have raised nearly \$8,000 of our \$12,000 goal with 11 Councils participating.

With the State Summer Games opening on June 1, May is a crucial month to complete our efforts to help support the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Please take a moment during your May Council Meeting to discuss your Council's support.

There are two easy ways to take part. You can:

- Identify a team captain, sign your Council up online at sokysalute.com and raise money online. You can support the Salute this way without using any Council money.

- Several Councils have had success with this approach already this year, including Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390, which has raised nearly \$2,000. As an added bonus, this approach does not require a direct contribution from your Council.

Make a direct donation to the Salute to Summer Games.

To make a donation, send checks 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).

If you have any questions about the Salute to Summer Games, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org.



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State Summer Games Provides Final Opportunity to Volunteer this Fraternal Year

The State Summer Games will be held at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond May 31-June 2. This is the biggest event of the Special Olympics year, and it provides the last opportunity to volunteer with Special Olympics this fraternal year. More than 500 volunteers are needed to make the Games run smoothly and Knights have always filled a number of those slots.

If you have questions about volunteering as a Council or on your own, contact Michael Roy at mroy@soky.org, or visit soky.org/volunteernow.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

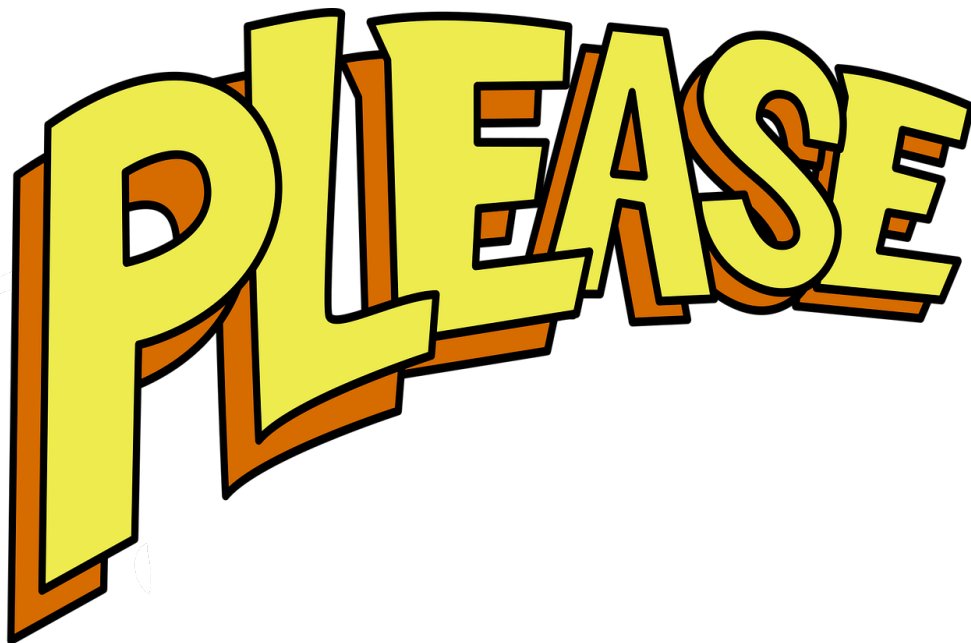
As you can see, this month's newsletter is a little light on articles about what our brother knights are doing throughout Kentucky. However, that does not mean that our brothers did less things last month.

I would love to publish a summary of the many things that our brothers are doing, but if I don't know about them, I cannot report on them.

As knights, we often get so involved in doing great things for others that we don't think about documenting those great things. For each event your council does, please assign someone to take some photos and put together a short writeup about the activity. It doesn't need to be a long article (but it certainly can be). Your event might be the inspiration that another council needs to start doing something great. But, if we don't let people know what we are doing, how will they know?

My goal is to publish a newsletter that is informative, entertaining, and hopefully, inspiring to others. And your stories are a large part of what makes that happen.

Please send photos and articles of your councils' events to kykofcnewsletter@gmail.com.



PLEASE



STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

State Convention Wrap-up:

We gathered once again from April 26th through the 28th in Frankfort for the 121st KY Knights of Columbus State Convention and what a great turnout we had. Our Supreme Representative this year was Supreme Director Jamey Roth and his wife Angie from Kansas. They were very personable and complimentary of not only our convention proceedings, but also of the hospitality shown by those in attendance.

Speaking of hospitality, a big shout out to our hospitality couple Tommy & Megan. The Friday and Saturday evening events were well attended. I met many first-time convention attendees and their wives from all over the State. All said that they will be back next year.

The Saturday morning meeting was packed with nearly 110 delegates, officers, and directors in attendance. We put out the Heavenly Pennies jars and collected \$257 dollars. The meeting concluded a little ahead of schedule and everyone was treated to a wonderful bar-b-que luncheon.

Congratulations to the Program and State Deputy award winners. Thank you for all that you are doing to strengthen our Catholic men and their families.

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Saturday evening mass was literally standing room only. Thanks to your generosity, \$716 dollars was collected and will be given to Fr. John for use in his two parishes. Thank you, Fr. John, for a beautiful Mass and moving homily.

The Mass was followed by the banquet which again was well attended by roughly 130 people. Congratulations to:

- Fr. Jojo Olickal for being recognized as the winner of the Blessed Michael McGivney Medal. (Chaplain of the Year)
- Bruce and Mary Biedenbarn for being recognized as the Family of the Year.
- Steve Arnold for being recognized as the Knight of the Year.
- And to Keith Cahill for receiving the 2024 State Deputy Medal. Keith has done an outstanding job in NKY for the past two years and was instrumental in establishing our newest council 18284 St. Michael the Archangel.

And to put a wrap on Saturday, I can't thank you enough for the kindness and generosity you showed to me. There is a tradition that at the end of a State Deputy's term, councils donate monies to help buy the State Deputy a ring. Knowing that I did not want the councils to be burdened with that commitment, the State Secretary said that he had no choice. He was getting calls and emails from councils wanting to donate. I was very happy when he presented me with two checks each for \$650 dollars being donated to KY Charities and KAPID, but he didn't stop there, he presented my wife a very nice handmade jewel box and me a tiny ring box with the picture of a ring. That was great! But then he told me that my real ring hadn't come in yet. What can I say other than I am truly humbled and honored. Thank you all so much.

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Sunday was our business meeting and it ticked along like clockwork. Thank you to PSD Rick Arnold for reading the Necrology and for conducting the elections.

Congratulations to John Staudt! John will be your new State Warden for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. Congratulations to Luke Williams on being elected as your next State Deputy and to the other officers as they step up to their new positions.

One of the best parts of the weekend was seeing the friendships that are developing. More than once I was thanked for hosting the monthly Zoom meetings with the DDs & GKs. Those meetings enabled men from across the state to get to know each virtually and then to meet in person.

State Deputy's Report:

As of May 1st, we have added 325 new members to the State Council. We need 132 to meet our goal.

There are still 25 councils that have not recruited a new member. For some it's been over two years without recruiting.

There are 46 councils that could achieve Star Council if they want it. Eight councils have already achieved Star Council with a couple achieving Double Star.

The next FBE will be on May 22nd at 7:00pm EDT. Don't miss this opportunity. I believe that there will only be one more on-line event. GKs, you'll need to fill out form 11077 after each event.

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Don't forget to fill out and turn in form 10784 whenever you or your council has an event of any magnitude. Many more of you could have received either Program Director or State Deputy award.

In Conclusion:

I truly believe that we are in the midst of a spiritual battle. As stated in the opening monologue of the Into the Breach video series, "God has a plan for you, and so does Satan. He's coming after your family but knows that he has to go through first".

As Catholic men and members of the Knights of Columbus we are blessed to have the tools to combat the evil that is surrounding us and to keep our families safe. As we navigate the "Sea of Uncertainty", let us hold fast to the knowledge of knowing that God is with us, and He will not abandon us.

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit...” John 15:5

As we continue in the unfolding of the Easter season, we have the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the meaning of the Paschal mystery. The document of the US bishops on The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church has this to say: “The salvation offered in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ is nothing less than sharing in the very life of God, in the communion of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is no greater gift that God could possibly give us. In Christ, we are sharers in the divine nature (2 Pt 1:4). The Church Fathers referred to this participation in the divine life as ‘divinization.’ The eternal Son of God made this possible by becoming man and uniting humanity to his divine Person. St. Augustine explained, ‘the maker of man was made man, so that man might be a receiver of God.’ In fact, Pope Francis reminds us that ‘in the bread of the Eucharist, “creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself.””

Two years ago, a three-year program of Eucharistic revival began. This year it will culminate with a National Eucharistic Congress on July 17 to 21 in Indianapolis, IN. My schedule will not allow me to attend the Congress itself, what with mission appeals, etc., and perhaps your busier than expected summer may also keep you from getting to Indianapolis as well. But here’s an idea—before the Congress convenes, a pilgrimage with the Blessed Eucharist is coming through the Diocese of Owensboro and the Archdiocese of Louisville on the way to Indianapolis. On June 30th the Juan Diego branch of the pilgrimage enters Franklin, KY, and continues over the next couple of days through Russellville and Auburn to arrive in Bowling Green on July 3rd. On July 4th the pilgrimage will begin its journey through the Archdiocese of Louisville at St. Catherine’s in New Haven and then move on to spend the night at Gethsemane. The next day the journey

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continues to Loretto and Nerinx, then St. Catherine and Springfield on the 6th with a full day at multiple locations in Bardstown on the 7th. The Kentucky portion of the Juan Diego leg of the pilgrimage allows for two days of visits to multiple churches in Louisville.

Details can be found at <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-juan-diego-route>. I'm thinking an afternoon with the Lord in the Blessed Eucharist at the Abbey of Gethsemane sounds like a pretty good way to spend the 4th of July.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

What a difference a year makes-The Knights of Columbus 2024 Kentucky State Convention

The recent State Convention held in Frankfort April 26-28, 2024, was very well attended this year. We had 51 Councils represented as over 90 delegates were in attendance. Many Councils and Individuals were acknowledged for their efforts during the Awards session of this year's State Convention. "Thank You" and true appreciation to all Brother Knights and their families for all their hard work and efforts the past year for your support of your Church, Community and Council. I humbly ask that you continue your commitment to the principles our order was founded on. I want to especially thank Steve O'Bryan, Ed Quinn and State Deputy Tom Johnson along with all others who had a hand in making sure the Convention was a successful event. Your work, support and help are very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our new State Officers who were elected at the State Convention Business meeting held on Sunday, April 28, 2024. The new Officer terms will start at the beginning of the new fraternal year, July 1, 2024.

You and your Council Leaders are the key to success for your Council.

June 30, 2024, is the end of the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year for the Supreme, State and your local Councils. The Kentucky State Council and many of your Councils have already had elections (or will have) for their FY 2024-2025 officers. Please offer your prayers and support for all who will officially begin their terms on July 1, 2024.

Congratulations to outgoing Council Officers and thank you for your time and effort for your Council. Please step up these last two months and support our current officers so your council finishes strong. I would also like to thank all Council's for helping me in my

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duties as State Secretary. Your prompt response to my requests with KY State Council responsibilities is greatly appreciated.

Good luck to all new incoming Officers and please take advantage of training that the Knights of Columbus provides for the positions you have been elected to. If you have questions, your District Deputy or State Officers can be a great resource and I highly recommend visiting KofC.org and typing in "Officer Training" and seeing what is available.

We have 2 months left to make the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year a bigger success for your Council.

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

- The Report of Officers Chosen (#185) is due by June 30th. This can be easily completed by the Financial Secretary in the Member Management software or can still be filled out and sent in. Please make sure a copy is sent to the State Deputy and your District Deputy.
- RSVP Applications (Supreme Form #2871) for \$100 refunds for Councils giving at least \$500 in support of a seminarian or novice are due at Supreme between April 1st and June 30th.
- After the upcoming Elections, Council Officer information needs to be sent to the KY State Executive Secretary for the State's records. Any changes to Council meeting location or time also should be sent to the State Executive Secretary.
- Prepare the Councils Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) and have the State Program Director 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 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.
- A review of the 2023-2024 fraternal year initiatives and activities should be done to see what worked and if any improvements can be made. This review is a great resource for years to come.
- The Grand Knight should fill out the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) and turn into the Supreme Office and the State Deputy by August 1st.

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- The Installation of Council Officers should be scheduled.
- Congratulations to those Councils who have already completed the requirements for the “Star Council Award”. I commend you for your dedication and work.
- Always ask someone to join your council or our ranks as Catholic Gentlemen.

Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly asks all Knights to ask at least one man to join the Knights before June 30, 2024. One of the first steps is to schedule at least One Exemplification before June 30 and work towards that date. Good Luck

Fraternal Year 2024-2025 Organizational Meeting-July 12-14, 2024, at Campbellsville, KY

Please put this date on your calendar to attend this important 1st meeting for the new Fraternal Year. It is geared towards District Deputies, but all are welcome to attend. A detailed packet will be sent out soon so mark your calendars.

Gratitude

I am grateful to my wife Pam for the enduring support and prayers she has given me for the almost 23 years I have been a Knight. We ask for all your prayers and support as we tackle the next two years of service to the Kentucky Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,
Tempus Fugit!

The Fraternal Year is quickly coming to an end. I'm just back from our 121st State Convention where the delegates afforded me the honor of making me your next State Secretary. I'm humbled by their confidence.

It was good to see Brothers from all over the state joining to conduct the business of the State. It was great to see old friends and make new ones. We had a good turnout this year, but there were still a lot of unrepresented councils. Try to make it next year – I guarantee you'll have a good time and learn about how the State operates.

Memento Mori!

Every year at the Convention, Past State Deputy Rick Arnold reads the Necrology, the list of Brothers who've passed since the last election. Sadly, there are over 130 names on the list. There would have been more, but many Councils did not submit their lists. Next year when you get the request, please be sure to honor your lost Brothers by sending in their names.

Year End Checklist

Three Councils have already earned Star Council:

- Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 in Burlington
- Msgr. James Willett Council 7847 in Hopkinsville
- St. Margaret Mary Council 15979 in Louisville (proud of my home council!)

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11 other Councils have met their new member quota. 5 more only need 1 more, and 9 more only need two. We should be able to get several more Star Councils before the end of the year. If you need help, let your District Deputy or a State Officer know how we can help. We're here to support you and make your Council successful!

Celebrate!

Congratulations to Annunciation/Guadalupe Council 1955 in Paris which celebrates its 105th anniversary on May 4th!

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. You can't keep your Council sustainable if you don't recruit.

23 Councils have not recruited a new member this year. It's a slow death. 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 Derby Week!!

Hopefully your favorite Horse is a winner. If you are watching it in person or on TV at a Derby Party, have fun. Please keep a look out for Farmers and their machinery on the roads. Time for crops to be planted and Hay to be cut. It is time for us to Thank God for all he has done for us.

Kentucky State Convention!

Hope you had great time at this year's State Convention is April 27-28, 2024. It was great to see old Friends and New Friends. We were able to celebrate this Fraternal Year's accomplishments, we still have two months left to make our Goals. A Big Thanks to the State Deputy and Convention Chairmen for All the hard work that went years Convention the best. It is getting better each year.

Council Elections are Upcoming!

Knights of Columbus Council Officers are being elected this month and next month. According to Section 128 of the Charter Constitution, council elections are to be held between May 1st and June 15th of each year. It will be the time to submit **Form 185 "Report of Officers Chosen for the year."** This form must be submitted to Membership records at Supreme, State Deputy, District Deputy and one for your Council files. This way your new Council Officers can hit the ground running, with new ideas. Congratulations to all new and returning Officers, I look forward to serving you.

Council Forms

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 23 Councils that have not submitted a **Form 365**, "Service Program Personnel Report."

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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. You can also check your status by e-mail youthleader@kofc.org. 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, which is 100 percent. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training.

Recruit and Retain

We are closing in on our New Fraternal Year; we have two months left to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. If you have any graduating High school Seniors in your parishes, don't forget to remind them to apply for several scholarships being donated by your local Councils or other church organizations. It is a great time to invite them to join your Council. 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,

As we near the end of the fraternal year, make those efforts to hit your membership goals and achieve star council. There are still two available online Fraternal Benefit nights available, the next one is May 22nd. Remember that you need unique participation for these events (can't have the same 5 knights attend both to reach 10). The participants do not have to be knights, watch it with family or a friend. As long as he is a practical catholic and could be a knight it will count. Make sure the names are submitted on the official form, check with your Grand Knight to make that happen. Get your Columbian award paperwork in now, you can report now those activities that happening in May and June. Supreme gets busy near the end and if there is some issue with the way an event was reported you will want the opportunity to resolve it and resubmit prior to June 30.

The State Program Director can help you if there are questions about that form, and he has our support in reviewing items to make sure they pass on the first try.

Basketball Slam!!!

Increased participation this year in the program, almost 1800 tickets sold in person and another 40 online. Here is the info I prepared for the state convention:

- 1835 Total tickets sold, 1795 in person, 40 ticket sold on line.
- Profit of \$11,352.50
- Council profit per ticket \$3.16
- ~260 more tickets sold this year from last year
- The Disaster Relief Fund benefits areas inside and outside the state that experience natural disasters.

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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.

Checks should already be on their way out to the councils for their share of the money raised, the state uses its half for Disaster relief but the council can apply theirs towards whatever good pursuits they have for it.

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 <https://kykofc.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER

If you have ever purchased a new car, you will remember that, apart from a little dirt created by the manufacturer inside the engine from test miles, it was clean and shiny. That little dirt inside the engine didn't matter. It couldn't be seen. We try to keep our car clean. We wash it, polish it, and vacuum it. We also work on that pesky engine dirt as well. We change the oil and other fluids, but the engine never gets completely clean. But, no matter, it still can't be seen.

As the years go by, we spend less and less time cleaning the car and dirt starts to accumulate, mostly in areas no one can see. Ultimately, the car dies, and we move on. The car ends up in a junkyard with dirt clinging to it.

For me, I see the life of a new car as a metaphor for our lives. When we are born, we are pure of heart, clean and shiny, except for the "Original Sin" imposed by God. But, when we welcome a newborn into the world, we don't see the "Original Sin." We try to keep our hearts clean. After being baptized, we go to Confession regularly to cleanse our hearts, but there's not much we can do about that pesky "Original Sin." But, no problem, it still can't be seen.

As the years go by, many of us oscillate on Confessions. We don't go as often as we used to or admit to as much sin. Ultimately, we die, with some dirt clinging to us. But the "Original Sin" is gone because the price for "Original Sin" is death.

Good News! Unlike cars, we have the power of "intercessory prayer." The Penitential Act. A Prayer so powerful that it is often used at the beginning of every Mass to cleanse us of Sin before entering the presence of God.

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I confess to almighty God
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God,
Amen.

Intercessory prayer is so powerful, we can intercede and ask others to intercede for ourselves and our loved ones even after they pass away. One of the most beloved is:

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art Thou among women
And Blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen

One of the most important ways Knights of Columbus support each other is through prayer, especially at the time of death. Brother Knights demonstrate their fraternity in exemplary measure when they pray for the soul of a departed Knight and console the members of his family. In this regard, the Knights have continued the venerable tradition of praying the Rosary during the wake of a departed brother. In order to facilitate this a Knights of Columbus Memorial Service has been developed for use throughout the Order. All councils and assemblies are urged to use this service as they pray at the wakes of the brother knights.

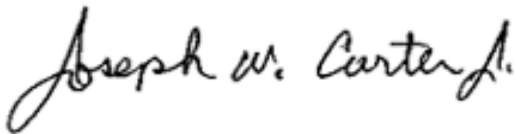
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Without exception, honors by the Honor Guard shall be offered to deceased Sir Knights, their immediate family members, Council members and to their immediate family members provided a request is made. It must be distinctly understood that the wishes of the family of the deceased member are paramount and will be given the fullest consideration as to the selection of elements of the Honor Guard involved.

It is noticeable that providing this service for brother knights is not offered a much now days as it was nearly ten years ago before the uniform change. I'm not sure but it seems no one actually paid attention to the protocol.

While the "Old Regalia" and the "New Uniform" cannot coexist in the same ceremony, the ceremony can still be performed so long as everyone is wearing either the new uniform or everyone is wearing a tuxedo with the social baldric. Please do not let a change in uniform interfere with your view of what is right and proper for our brothers' departure from this world.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Carter". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Kentucky District Master



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Protecting Your Greatest Asset

Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter it's time to start planning again. With spring and the break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done.

Now when you get outside to get that work done, please be careful! I'm reminded of two acquaintances who were recently up on ladders. In both cases, the ladder slipped, and each gentleman sustained two broken arms! Out of commission for quite a while. But there are many hazards that can put you out of commission...and that brings me to the important part of my message this month. Protecting your greatest asset!

Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35-year-old male making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years.... if he never gets another raise! So, you have an income to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work. Maybe it's something simple like the gents above...a set of broken arms.

Disability does not discriminate; man or woman; black, white, Hispanic, or Asian; young or old. A 2014 CDA Long-Term Disability Claims Review had several notes: More than 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire, 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work

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related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You're on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security; but Social Security's report on SSDI says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So, what to do? Plan a meeting with your K of C Field Agent. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. We can't see what the future will bring, our Field Agents are here to help you plan for the unexpected. Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

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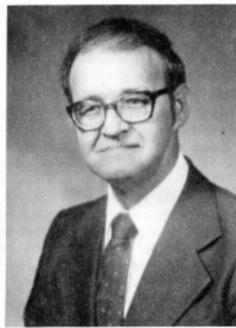


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The 121st State Convention convened in Frankfort; April 26-28, 2024 is history. One of the more significant functions is the election of state officers for the next fraternal year. Your officers for fraternal year 2024-2025 beginning July 1 are: Luke Williams, State Deputy; Dick Burns, Secretary; Gary Dykhuis, Treasurer; Mike Kuchenbrod, Advocate; and John Staudt, Jr., Warden. John currently serves as District Deputy, District 15. Tom Johnson will become the Immediate Past State Deputy.



Bernard J. Stottmann Jr.
STATE ADVOCATE



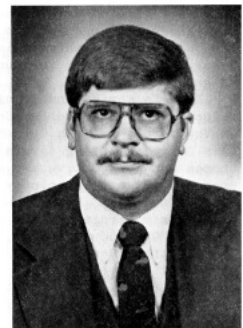
Robert N. Hood
STATE SECRETARY



James F. Fink
STATE DEPUTY



Charles (Carl) J. Biery
STATE TREASURER



Phillip L. Carr
STATE WARDEN

Now, I would like to take you back thirty-six years for a review of the officers elected to serve the jurisdiction starting July 1, 1988. Jim Fink, AKA “Grumpy”, served as State Deputy 1988-1990. For those attending the current convention know he is still serving. The other officers shown above “worked the chairs” to become State Deputies: Bob Hood, deceased, 1990-1992; Carl Biery, 1992-1994, Bernie Stottmann, deceased, 1994-1996; and Phil Carr, 1996-1998. Biery, Stottmann, and Carr served as Kentucky

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District Masters. Three of the five: Jim Fink, Carl Biery, and Philip Carr have been awarded the prestigious O'Connor Award in recognition of a minimum of five years of exceptional service following their tenure as State Deputy.

Thanks to all Council officers, District Deputies, State officers and committee chairmen, past and present, that "stepped up to the plate" to serve their Council and the Jurisdiction. The Kentucky State Council would not exist without you.

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