

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER

The Mary Queen of Heaven Erlanger, KY Knights of Columbus Council #14993 recently presented the inaugural 8th Grade \$500 scholarship to Sophia Foltz as her essay on “The Importance of Continuing My Catholic Education at MQH School” was selected as the top entry. Congratulations to Sophia and the Foltz family shown in the photo below with members of the MQH KofC council.

Submitted by: Joe Adamcik GK



## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

My brother Knights and fellow Catholics. As my term as the State Deputy for the KY Jurisdiction comes to an end, I want to give a heart felt THANK YOU to all of you. The past two years have been rewarding in so many ways and yet there have also been disappointments. The KY Jurisdiction remains strong. Many of you continue to support your parishes, your communities and grow your councils. Others need to quit putting up excuses as to why they aren't growing their councils. We need strong Catholic Men of Faith. The Church needs strong Catholic Men of Father. Father McGivney wasn't trying to build a “social society” of men, his vision was to build “Faithful” Catholic Men to serve God and support their families. Be Men of Faith and Be Strong Catholic leaders. It has been my honor to serve you.



*Tom Johnson SD*

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#### 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 send our Church to embrace 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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# 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION NKY

May 25, 2024 Exemplification in Walton, KY.

Assembly #307 hosted its first in person event since April of 2005 at All Saints Church, Walton, KY. We had 25 candidates, 23 for Assembly 307. Two will be transferring to Assemblies in Richmond and Bardstown. Worthy District Master Joe Carter and the Degree Team from Louisville lead by Tim Gallinger. Retiring State Senator Sir Knight John Schickel was the Class Honoree. His talk at the Banquet was about how important the Knights are in our society today. We have to lead in our core values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Be leaders in our churches and communities.

Submitted by: Dustin Reed, FN



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# DOUBLE DUTY

Members of the Fr. Joseph O'Donnell Council #17606 in Beaver Dam/Morgantown have found a way to double their impact on the community. For the last four years, they have partnered with Butler County Fiscal Court in the county litter abatement program, cleaning six miles of county roads. For their service, the Council receives cash, which in turn goes to Butler County students through the Happy Feet Program. This program is a joint effort with the schools' Family Resource Center and Shoe Sensation. Last year, 100 students were provided with new shoes and socks prior to beginning the school year.

Submitted by: Bernie Hayes



# TOOTSIE ROLL MONEY DISTRIBUTIONS

On April 29th, several Officers from St. John XXIII Council 5634 went to Harbor House of Louisville for a tour of the facilities and to present a \$600 check from their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Photo below left.

On April 30th, several Officers from St. John XXIII Council 5634 went to Dreams with Wings for a tour of the facilities and to present a \$600 check from their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Photo below right.

Submitted by: Randy Kraemer GK 5634



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# MEET JOSHUA NEACE

Josh is a recent convert to Catholicism. Shortly after he was received into the Church, he joined Bishop Mulloy Knights of Columbus in Southgate. Being disabled did not stop him from pursuing higher education. He had additional difficulty in that he does not drive. However, Josh recently received an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Human Services. He volunteers at Master Provisions and will be doing an eight week internship class at Be Concerned in June.

His future plans include pursuing a BS in Human Services and additions at Northern Kentucky University. He would like to work in the Human Service field.

Good luck Josh. We are proud of you.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



# COUNCIL #2282 SUPPORTS THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

The Knights of Columbus St. Teresa Council 2282 out of Brandenburg, KY recently gave back to the community, special for those with disabilities, in the form of a charitable monetary donation. The money was raised through the annual Tootsie Roll drive from the four county parishes; St. John the Apostle, St. Martin of Tours, St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi, and St. Theresa of Avila. Through the generosity of these parishioners, the St. Teresa Council raised over \$1,200 that was split equally amongst to local organizations.

The first donation was presented by Grand Knight Christopher Kelly to the Meade County Special Olympics in the amount of \$615. The money will be used to support these athletes on trips, and the funding of equipment and uniforms. Mrs. Barbara Chism was on hand to accept the donation from the Knights, and was extremely appreciative. The second donation, also in the amount of \$615, was presented by Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Spohn to the Meade Association for Remarkable Citizens (MARC) Anchor House, which currently is the home for adults with disabilities. Ms. Mitzi Allgeier was on hand to accept the donation and said the money will be put to good use, and they are always grateful for the support they get from the Knights of Columbus.

Submitted by: Stephen Spohn DGK



Grand Knight Chris Kelly presents a check to the Meade County Special Olympics



Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Spohn presents a check to the Meade Association for Remarkable Citizens (MARC) Anchor House.

# 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION HOPKINSVILLE

Today (June 8th) we saw (47) 3rd degree brother Knights become Sir Knights at St Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville, KY. A big shout out to Assembly 2753 and Faithful Navigator Chuck Spurr for hosting the Exemplification. Brothers from multiple councils throughout Western KY and even a brother Knight from Bardstown attended. I'd also like to thank FN Leo Pendel of Assembly 1594 in Fancy Farm for sending (20) 3rd degree Knights to the Exemplification.



Worthy District Master Joe Carter has been working with DD Tom O'Hagan to establish a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Team for WKY. The newest team members did an outstanding job. There were several old timers that came down from the Louisville team to give a hand. Thanks to George Hayes, John & Steve Smith, Tim Gahlinger and Mike Kuchenbrod. The group was blessed to have two Past State Deputies join them. Thank you, PSD Billy Hancock and PSD Rick Arnold, for attending the Exemplification.

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# HOPKINSVILLE EXEMPLIFICATION CONT.



Congratulations Sir Knights and Welcome to the Patriot Degree! God Bless America & God Bless the Knights of Columbus!

Submitted by,

Tom Johnson  
KY State Deputy

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# TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE PROCEEDS

On May 2, 2024, Knights of Columbus Council 12923 Grand Knight B.J. Brady presents a check from the “Kentucky Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities” (KAPID) to “The Reath Center” (Riding Enhanced Around Therapeutic Horses) Director/Instructor Marchetta Garrison. This money was collected by Fr. Patrick Creed Council 12923-Campbellsville during its annual “Tootsie Roll Drive”. To read more about The Reath Center, visit their website [www.thereathcenter.com](http://www.thereathcenter.com). Standing with them are volunteers at The Reath Center who are about to receive training from Marchetta.

Submitted by: State Deputy Elect Luke Williams



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## Knights Support the Summer Games From Near and Far

Special Olympics Kentucky held another fantastic State Summer Games From May 31-June 2 at Eastern Kentucky University, and once again Knights of Columbus from throughout Kentucky played major roles, both on site at the Games and supporting the Summer Games via the Salute to Summer Games fundraising campaign.

At the Games, Knights were once again recognized as Gold Sponsors for their Salute to Summer Games activity, with State Deputy Tom Johnson and State Deputy Select Luke Williams receiving the Knights' Sponsor Award and watching the Opening Ceremonies. During the competition Knights and their family members turned out in strength as they have for more than 20 years. St. Mark Council #12852 in Richmond once again led the way. St. Mark Knights came out on Friday night to help run their traditional softball throw venue. They returned to the softball throw on Saturday with more than 25 Knights and family members. They were joined at the softball throw by Knights from Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 and Maysville Council #1377. Knights from Maysville also worked at the bocce competition. In all, Knights performed more than 200 volunteer hours at the Games.

This year's Salute to Summer Games fundraising campaign has raised more than \$10,500 to support the Summer Games but remains about \$1,500 short of our \$12,000 goal. You can still make contributions at [sokysalute.com](http://sokysalute.com) or by sending a check to:

Special Olympics Kentucky  
ATTN: Salute to Summer Games  
105 Lakeview Ct.  
Frankfort, KY 40601



State Deputy Tom Johnson and State Deputy Elect Luke Williams accepted an award for the Knights' support from Athlete Ambassador Eric Castle and Emeritus Board Member John Williams.

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Dozens of Knights mainly from St. Mark Council #12852 once again served as the primary volunteers at the Softball Throw venue.

## **Knights Contribute more than \$33,000 to Special Olympics in Fraternal Year 2023-24**

Through the Salute to Summer Games, total Knights of Columbus fundraising for Special Olympics throughout the 2023-24 Fraternal Year exceeded more than \$33,000. This includes the Salute, all money donated by Councils to Special Olympics programs and teams in their area or to the Special Olympics state office through activities like Tootsie Roll Drives and all money raised at events like the Plane and Truck Pulls. Thank you all so much for the important work you do on behalf of Special Olympics athletes.

## **Summer Sports Season Offers Many Volunteer Opportunities**

The Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Sports Season is one of the smallest in terms of number of events, but still offers several volunteer opportunities for Knights across the state. The season consists of golf and softball events. Golf events have roles for scorers and even course officials for Knights familiar with the Rules of Golf.

Softball leagues in Georgetown and Louisville have openings for scorekeepers. Our Regional and State Tournaments have opportunities for scorekeepers, announcers and umpires for any Knights who may be certified umpires. For more information visit [soky.org/volunteernow](https://soky.org/volunteernow).

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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.



## **Make Plans Now to Participate in a Pull Event Near You**

Late Summer and the Fall are when companies and organizations across the state “Pull for a Purpose” at three pull events in Kentucky. The Lexington Truck Pull, Paducah Truck Pull and UPS Plane Pull presented by BrightSpring in Louisville provide a spectacular opportunity for Councils to work together to support Special Olympics in a fun, festive environment. In Lexington and Paducah, teams raise at least a minimum amount to have opportunity to see how fast they can pull a fully loaded UPS 18-wheeler. Teams at both events include up to 15 people. In Louisville the challenge gets bigger with teams of 20 raising at least \$1,500 to see how fast they can pull a massive UPS 757 cargo plane 12 feet. In any of the events Councils are also welcome to band together to field teams.

The Lexington Truck Pull is Scheduled for August 17 at Texas Roadhouse in Beaumont Centre. There will be a Captains Kickoff on June 20 at the Fire Fighters Union Hall in Lexington.

The Paducah Truck Pull is set for September 21 at Heartland Church.

The date for the UPS Plane Pull is still to be announced, but should take place in early October.

For more information, contact Mallory Jent at 502-326-5002.



# STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

**The 2023-2024 Fraternal Year** is quickly coming to a close, and I'm reminded of the watchwords of the Order...Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori! Time Flies...Remember Death!

While "death" carries with it a very definitive meaning, it can also be a reminder that life as we know it is coming to an end. You've heard statements like..." Don't worry about it, just let it die on its own". Well, my time as State Deputy is coming to an end and I want to take this time to thank each and everyone for all that you do, have done and will continue to do for your families, your parish, your community, the Knights of Columbus and in strengthening your Catholic Faith.

Brothers, I've said it before, and I'll say it one last time as your State Deputy..." I truly believe that we are in a Spiritual Battle between Heaven and Hell". The signs are everywhere. People are confused, they no longer recognize Good vs Evil, Truth vs Lies, that Marriage is a Blessed Sacrament between a Man and a Woman, a person is no longer Innocent until proven Guilty but now one is Guilty until proven Innocent, that the taking of an Innocent Life is **murder** whether that life is an unborn child, a 3 year old on playground, a teenager at the wrong place at the wrong time, an elderly person beating and robbed or that one is thrown in jail for praying to our Lord and God. As Christians, but more importantly as Catholics, our own government has labeled those of us that

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attend Mass as “Terriost”. There are factions within our own Church that add to the confusion. What are we to do, or what should we not do, may be the better question.

- We should not cower in the face of adversity. We must Step Into the Breach.
- We should not stop going to Mass. Mass is the only place where you can receive the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We should not stop praying. Our Blessed Mother gave us the most powerful tool to pray for the Salvation of the World...pick up that Rosary and pray it.
- And we shouldn't stop believing in our Catholic Faith. We are the only ones that have and celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist.

As I reported at the State Convention, as of April 25th we needed 132 new members to meet our year-end membership goal. As of May 31st, we needed 81 new members. Our Lord God is at work. He's working through you. As our Membership Director Fr Phil noted, “Recruiting and evangelizing are the same thing”.

That means 325 Catholic men have joined our ranks this fraternal year. That's the good news...during the reading of the Necrology, PSD Rick Arnold read off the names of 118 brother knights that have died this past fraternal year. Maybe you know one or two of them. Maybe they were family members.

Hopefully your council elections were held in May and should now be completed. I realize that a few councils don't hold their elections until June, but regardless, all councils are to submit form 185 by July 1, 2024 and send a copy to your State Executive Secretary so that he can update the Directory. There are still 5 councils that never submitted a form 185 this Fraternal Year.

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## **Where we stand going into the last month of the FY**

- Our e-member conversion rate is one of the highest within the Southeast Region at 72%. That's up from 65% last fraternal year.
- There are 18 councils that have either achieved Star Council or will by the end of June.
- 21 councils achieved the Fraternal Benefit goal
- 41 councils are Safe Environment compliant

You have 4 weeks, 20 days, to wrap everything up. If you're still working on SET compliance, you have until June 15th, 2024. The last day to exemplify and submit the names of new members is June 28th, 2024. Your SP-7 must be received by Supreme by June 28th, 2024 even though the form says June 30th. June 30th is a Sunday this year. The Supreme office is closed on Sunday. Supreme will still accept your 1295-2 Semi-Annual Audit and form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity up until June 28th, 2024.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Please plan to attend the upcoming Organizational Meeting in July. The meeting will be held in Campbellsville, KY on July 13th. I'm sure that State Deputy Elect Luke Williams will be addressing this more in his newsletter article.

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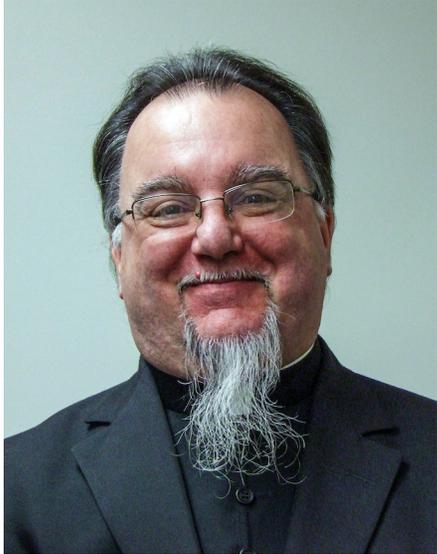
## **In Closing:**

I won't go into all the reason of why I'm driven to serve God but suffice it to say...I owe Him a lot. He has opened doors and has led me in a direction that serving Him is all that matters. It's not about "me" or even "we", it's about trusting in God and His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that by serving Him I will be serving you.

Pick up your Rosary & Pray. Don't be afraid to Step Into the Breach. It's our time to serve the Lord!

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



# STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“I do not run like a man who loses sight of the finish line.”  
1Corinthians 9:26a

Our worthy State Deputy has taken great pains to highlight how many councils are but one or two steps from crossing the finish line to Star Council. The image used by St. Paul in the citation above seemed very apropos to me.

We would do well to remember that Paul did not have an easy time of it in Corinth. It's true that he did not get flogged and thrown into the hoosegow as he had in Philippi, nor run out of town after three sabbaths as he had at Thessalonica, nor mocked and dismissed in derision as at Athens. In fact, he was able to stay in Corinth for a year and a half before he was declared persona non grata at the synagogue there and then brought up on charges before the civil authorities. So one might think that Paul was secure in the belief that his work was done when he left Corinth, of his own accord this time. But the fact that he continued to correspond with the community he left there (some scholars opine that the two letters we have are actually composites of three or four letters) would indicate otherwise.

My point is that he never gave up, he never “rested on his laurels” as the quote above bears out. And here's where I must come to the point, and like the commercial for a certain peanut butter and chocolate confection says, “I'm sorry, not sorry”: has your council given up before the fraternal year has run out? If you are a Grand Knight, have you settled for “good enough”?

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Trust me, I know the siren song of “Relax! Eat heartily, drink well. Enjoy yourself.” See the parable of the rich man in Luke 12:16-21, from which that self-consolation is taken, but be sure to read the rest of the parable!

When I think of Fr. McGivney’s short life [I must be honest here], I am sometimes a little jealous that he was welcomed to his heavenly reward so soon. But the truth is that he accomplished so much in such a short time because he didn’t dally along the way. Perhaps I have prolonged my time of service because I have dawdled, have been too self-satisfied at my modest efforts. My first pastor as a priest offered this critique of the then newly ordained: “Young priests today are so worried about getting ‘burned out’ that they seem to even get warmed up!” That was nearly forty years ago; I hope it’s not true today.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Fr. John List**

**State Chaplain**



# STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

## **Urgent Message to Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, Officers, of KY KofC Councils and Assemblies - National Eucharistic Pilgrimages**

We are less than one month away from the Eucharistic Pilgrimage Pilgrims reaching our Kentucky border from the South and close to our Northern KY border at our neighboring Archdiocese of Cincinnati with our consecrated Lord and Savior. Please go to the pilgrimage “links” in this newsletter, look up the locations and events that are planned, and contact the Parish Offices, Religious Order or Diocese office where the event will be held and “ask” them what your KofC Council or Assembly can help out with. It is time to show our KofC Unity and support these pilgrimage processions. As quoted on the Pilgrimage website “The value of a pilgrimage is not in the distance traveled but in the disposition of our own hearts and the zeal with which we seek God” and “We walk publicly with Our Lord so that others may encounter him personally, just as they did 2,000 years ago”.

I also ask that you promote these event to your members and families along with your parishes and ask them to wear their Knights of Columbus or Parish shirts so show that we are grateful for our faith in his presence. There are some processions which are too far for my old bones and others that are short enough for me to participate in. There are many churches and religious locations that many have only heard about and never visited. Here is a chance for us to accompany Jesus by being a part of a “journey TO Jesus and the journey **WITH** Jesus”.

### **National Eucharistic Pilgrimages**

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimages in the North, South, East and West have left their start cities and are journeying through their preplanned routes that will all end up at

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National Eucharistic Congress being held July 17-21, 2024, at the Lucas Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The **St. Juan Diego Southern Route** began in Brownsville, Texas and will pass thru Kentucky on the next to last leg of the journey to Indianapolis. This pilgrimage route will enter southern Kentucky at Franklin and 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 links below to view details for this 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>

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Eastern Route began at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, the site where Blessed Michael McGivney—founder of the Knights of Columbus—is buried. Archbishop Christopher Coyne celebrated an extended Pentecost Vigil Mass, followed by overnight Eucharistic adoration. This route will pass close to our northern Kentucky border as it passes through Ohio. It will enter the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on July 1, 2024 and leave on its way to the final leg of its journey to Indianapolis on July 8, 2024. Go to the website link below to view details for this event.

**Archdiocese of Cincinnati**

<https://events.moderncatholicpilgrim.com/en/DnDCa1K7/g/seton/seton-route-archdiocese-of-cincinnati-4a2PDnqpSd/overview>

**Congratulations** to our new State Officers who were elected to serve you, the KY State Council at the State Convention held April 28, 2024. The new Officer terms will start at the beginning of the new fraternal year, July 1, 2024.

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Good luck to all new incoming Council 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.

Here are some important upcoming State Meeting dates to mark on your calendars...

## **Kentucky Knights of Columbus – 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 available from your Grand Knight or Contact Mike Rinehart, KY State Executive Secretary at [miketheresa@gmail.com](mailto:miketheresa@gmail.com)

## **2024 KY State Midyear Mtg – December 6-8, 2024, at a location To Be Determined**

We will get together and review our fraternal year (July-June) goals and exchange information that will help us all finish the final 6 months strong.

## **The Knights of Columbus 2025 Kentucky State Convention-May 2-4, 2025, at Frankfort, KY**

The 2025 State Convention will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort, May 2-4, 2025. Yes, this is 1st weekend in May which means the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby will be held the same day as the 122nd Knights of Columbus, Kentucky State Convention. You can bet that there will be a horse race theme evident at the convention and I am sure that no one will miss the big race as we will ensure it will be on the screen in the Banquet Hall while we are dining that Saturday evening. So go ahead and put the convention date on your calendar to attend with your Brother Knights and families at next year's Convention.

## **Gratitude**

I am especially grateful that the delegates at the 121st State Convention elected me as the 61st State Deputy of the Kentucky Jurisdiction. I never had a clue that I would ever be a State Deputy when I was growing up as part of a Knights of Columbus family in Bowling Green. I have fond memories of being with my Dad while he and others fixed Chili for functions at St. Joseph School and also the BBQ chicken dinners cooked on the BBQ pits at Lampkin Park. I am humbled by the confidence my Brother Knights have

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shown to give me the opportunity to continue shaping the Knights of Columbus story that has been a major part of our lives for the past 8 years. 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 Deputy Elect**



# STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,

## **Tempus Fugit!**

The Fraternal Year is quickly coming to an end. This is the last newsletter I'll be writing as your State Treasurer. Thank you for letting me serve you. Next month I'll change from the guy everybody loves because I send them checks to the guy everybody doesn't love as much because I send them bills.

## **Memento Mori!**

Every year at the Supreme Convention, the Necrology lists the State Officers from every Jurisdiction who have passed since the last Convention. The good news is that we'll only have one name on the list. The bad news is that we have one name on the list. Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Past State Deputy Gene Roberts – a very good Catholic man who was a mentor to many of us.

## **Busy June!**

- At least here in Louisville, this is prime Parish Picnic time! I'm sure most councils will play a part in theirs. We run the food booth. Can anyone say fish sandwiches and brats? Don't forget to turn in your Form 10784!
- Corpus Christi is June 2nd. It's a big day for my family – more a little later...
- June 16th is the day set aside to honor our fathers. If you're blessed to still have your Dad living, make sure you let him know how much you love and appreciate him! And if you're blessed to be a Dad, I wish you a wonderful day with your family.

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- June 27th I'm scheduled to have rotator cuff surgery. Those I've spoken to who've had it and my PT folks say it's the worst recovery. I say to those folks they can only say that because they haven't had hemorrhoid surgery. I HAVE, and there can't be anything worse than that (I hope). I'll let you know next month....
- The National Eucharistic Procession comes to Kentucky on Sunday June 30, making its first stop in Franklin. There'll be over twenty stops before it leaves the state on July 10 on its way to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. We should all try to participate in some way, be it attendance or prayerful support, to demonstrate our appreciation for and love of the holy Eucharist.

## **Year End Checklist**

We're up to 5 Councils that have already qualified for the Star Council Award:

- Fr. Dentinger Council 390 in Louisville
- Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 in Burlington
- Msgr. James Willett Council 7847 in Hopkinsville
- Our Lady of Lourdes Council 14290 in Owensboro
- St. Margaret Mary Council 15979 in Louisville (proud of my home council!)

6 other Councils have met their new member quota. 5 more only need 1 more, and 10 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 three Councils celebrating significant Anniversaries this month:

- Fr, McGivney Council 12502 in Independence celebrates its 25th anniversary on June 3rd
- Monsignor Russell Council 1418 in Fancy Farm celebrates its 115th anniversary on June 6th.
- St. Margaret Mary Council 15979 in Louisville celebrates its 10th anniversary June 9th.

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

Like I said, Corpus Christi was a big day for my family. My granddaughter's fiancé whom she met at Mississippi State, is in the National Guard. He wasn't Catholic, but he has been so impressed with her faith that he surprised her and went through RCIA prep with his Army Chaplain while he was on deployment in Kuwait. He came up to visit us on

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Corpus Christi weekend so that we could be there with him when he came into the Church!

I was very happy for him, and I also saw low hanging fruit! He went home with a “how to join” card and a slightly twisted arm. I’ll bring him into our Council and then have him transfer to his local Council in Mississippi. With the three guys we got from our own parish RCIA class we’re getting close to Double Star!

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 (or tell them like I did my future grandson-in-law), and 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, Acknowledgment!!**

June 30, 2024, ends the Fraternal Year 2023-2024 the Supreme, the State and our local councils. The Kentucky State Council and many local councils have already held elections for the New Fraternal Year 2024-2025. Please pray and support all who will begin their terms on July 1, 2024. Congratulations to all the outgoing Council Officers and a Big thank you for your time. A Big Thank You for helping me in my duties as State Advocate.

## **Council Elections Forms!**

Knights of Columbus Council Officers are being elected this month and last 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.

Please Remember to submit Form 365, "Service Program Personnel Report," as soon as possible. This will help with 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](mailto: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**

This is our last month for this Fraternal Year; we need to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. If you have any returning Collage Students in your

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parishes, 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 is still an available online Fraternal Benefit nights available, Tuesday June 18th at 8:00 pm EDT. Remember that you need unique participation for these events. 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.

As I type this I am preparing to participate in a D-Day event commemorating the sacrifices our troops made 80 years ago, find a way to show your patriotism this summer. Many made sacrifices to keep freedom alive in the world, they are not forgotten.

Soon the state officers will soon be moving to their new roles I would like to thank all the councils that participated in our ticket sales. These fundraisers allow us to respond to disasters and aid those in need across the state. Without these programs there would be no funds to do the lords work. I encourage any council that has not been participating to give it a shot, you will raise funds for your council as well as helping the charity.

The new warden will be putting those packets together for distribution at the July organizational meeting, if you want to increase your tickets from last year you should contact him soon so he can make that adjustment.

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

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

**Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Kuchenbrod  
State Warden**



# DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER

The question I get most often is, "What does the Fourth Degree do?", or "What is the Fourth Degree?"

The answer most often given is, "We are the men who...embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen." Our maxim or motto is: "Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud." When I first read this motto, I naively wondered, "Why is it important to advertise that we are religious and patriotic?" As it turns out, historical events justify the need.

In 1898, shortly after the Knights of Columbus was founded, the Spanish American War began. The combatants were the United States versus Spain, Cuba, Guam, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. Catholicism was the principal religion of all these countries. The war was seen by many as a war between America and the Catholic world. That raised the question by some: "Where does American Catholics' loyalty lie - the county or Catholics."

The Knights of Columbus answered the question by forming the Fourth Degree. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country. While the Patriotic Degree has mitigated scores of individual's concerns, the doubt still exists. I remembered the controversy regarding John F. Kennedy's candidacy for President in 1960. "Who's going to be running the country, the President or the Pope?" Some raised similar comments when President Biden was a candidate for President. We still have work to do and need the hands to get it done.

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Currently, sixteen percent of the Knights of Columbus members have attained the Patriotic Degree. That means, approximately one in every six members is a Sir Knight. Why is that?

When talking to brother knights, I sometimes get the impression that they think the Fourth Degree is a different organization than the Third Degree. We are not! We are all Knights of Columbus!

We serve as the Tip of the Spear! A term that comes from the idea that the spear represents the most direct and visitable part of the organization. It signifies the leading edge and the point of contact. As the Fourth Degree, we are leading the attack on Catholicism bigotry and non-patriotic behavior.

I sometimes think Knights of Columbus should equate themselves with a gaggle of geese.

- Geese believe in Charity:
  - The distinctive V-pattern Geese fly in while migrating, is not an indication of hierarchy. The pattern has a purpose—it helps the birds maintain their energy and improves communication. Birds can fly 71% further. Each bird flies above the bird in front of them to reduce wind resistance. It helps smooth the way for their brother geese.
  - If one goose is injured, other geese will stay with it until it dies or can rejoin the flock.
- Geese believe in Unity:
  - Geese are very coordinated. When the lead bird gets tired, it moves to the back of the group for a much-deserved rest. Another goose moves to the front to lead the group.
  - The honking you hear as they fly comes from the birds in the back as a way of encouraging the birds up front to keep up the good work.

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- Geese believe in Fraternalism:
  - Geese are highly social animals and often form lifelong relationships.
  - Geese are also known for their strong territorial behavior and protective nature.

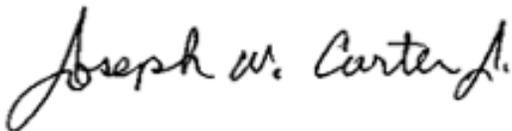
What wisdom from geese can we obtain:

- Make a formation with those who want to go the same way.
- Help each other, in sickness and in health.
- Use our talents and skills to work as a team.
- Take turns with leadership and help one another.
- Encourage each one of us to step forward.
- Love one another until the end.

Let's act like geese and stand with each other? We all want to live a faithful life in a country that protects our ability to do so. To do that, you need to get in formation and, when called to do so - lead, if not leading honk loudly.

**Advance to the Fourth Degree.**

**Fraternally,**

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

**Kentucky District Master**



# GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

## **Knights of Columbus - Father's Day**

On June 16, 2024, we celebrate Father's Day. During this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life – spiritual fathers like the great priests who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man. Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service. To give of one's self.

When I think about the many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). "A cheerful giver" — that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus General Agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give of themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through K of C insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

I remind him that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order. That's what sets Knights of Columbus apart. Members who've purchased a K of C insurance product or invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are doing business with an organization that aligns with their Catholic faith.

Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus was able to donate more than \$185 million to charity last year alone. That

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doesn't even include the nearly \$21 million distributed through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via grants by donor clients. **2238-23 Supreme Knight Report** (kofc.org) To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving – it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.

Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our insurance program.

As the Fraternal Year comes to an end, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes our councils have achieved. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, we truly make a great impact. Thank you, and I wish all the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.

**Vivat Jesus!**

*Dan Schachle*

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## You're Invited! Upcoming Financial Webinar – Guard. Grow. Give.

You are invited to attend a financial webinar presented by the KofC. Knights of Columbus is hosting a free financial presentation, “**Guard. Grow. Give. Knights of Columbus, Faith-Based Financial Solutions for Families**”. Join us to learn more about our family of financial solutions that align with your values.

**Tuesday, June 18 2024**

**8:00 PM EDT, 7:00 PM CDT, and 5:00 PM PDT**

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCJune18>

This event is open to all interested parties and qualifies as a Fraternal Benefit Event for KofC councils. Knights of Columbus membership is not required to become an investor with KoCAA or a donor with Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. For important event information and company disclosures, see the registration page.

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