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Message from the Newsletter Editor

As you may have noticed, I have updated the design of the newsletter this month. I want to keep it fresh, and hopefully, you enjoy reading it.

I would like to thank everyone for your submissions to the newsletter. Without your submissions, the newsletter would not be near as interesting as it could be. This month has been especially good for your submissions. Thank you and keep them coming! The more, the better.

Cameron Peck PSD
Newsletter Editor

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National Eucharistic Pilgrimages

3 years ago the Bishops of the United States opened the journey to the National Eucharistic Congress, which is being held July 17-21, 2024, at the Lucas Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. This means the National Eucharistic Pilgrimages in the North, South, East and West are on the final legs of their journey to their destination, the National Eucharistic Congress.

The St. Juan Diego Southern Route began in Brownsville, Texas on May 19th and the pilgrims entered Kentucky in Simpson County on Sunday, June 30th. The St. Juan Diego pilgrims have traveled and made stops in Simpson, Logan and Warren Counties in the Diocese of Owensboro. The Archdiocese of Louisville journey started July 4th in the “Holy Land of Kentucky” which is Nelson, Marion and Washington Counties and will travel there until entering Jefferson County on Monday morning of July 8th. There are still many opportunities to be a part of this pilgrimage so I encourage you to look at the possible sites you can be a part of until it leaves Kentucky and crosses the Ohio River into Indiana on July 8, 2024.

I want to personally Thank Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Johnson for his leadership and commitment to making the Knights of Columbus of the Kentucky Jurisdiction a part of the Parish events of the pilgrimage. He has truly embodied our Order’s principles by seeing what is needed that our Knights can help with. He has actively participated in processions and encouraging all our Brother Knights who have and will be attending events to wear their Knights of Columbus shirts to show everyone who we are, and this is what we stand for. Be ready to step up when asked to help carry a pole of the procession canopy or to be a part of your parishes event.

Thank you to all the planning, execution and prayers that have been embarked upon for this Pilgrimage to make everyone aware that the Body of Christ is for real and not just a symbol.

Please do your part and make the encounter real in your lives.

Luke Williams
State Deputy



7-1-24 Eucharistic Procession in Downtown Franklin, KY



Pilgrimages cont.



7-1-24 Eucharistic Procession from Auburn to Fathers of Mercy at South Union



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Pilgrimages cont.



7-1-24 Adoration at the Father's of Mercy in South Union

Pilgrimages cont.



July 2, 2024 - Pilgrimage with Blessed Sacrament on College Street in Bowling Green after leaving the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Newman Center on the Western Kentucky University Campus.



July 2, 2024 -The Pilgrimage leaves Fountain Square Park in Downtown Bowling Green and heads back to St. Joseph Catholic Church

Pilgrimages cont.



July 2, 2024 – The pilgrimage on Church Street returning to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bowling Green



July 4, 2024 – Highway 52 from New Haven to the Abby of Gethsemani. Knights of Columbus members, Tommy Johnson, Jimmy Taylor, John Staudt-KY State Warden and Tom Johnson-Immediate Past State Deputy are carrying the procession canopy.



Pilgrimages cont.



July 4, 2024, Pilgrimage Procession from New Haven to Abby of Gethsemani.



7-5-24 – The pilgrimage stops at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Marion County for Adoration. Fr. Richard Goodin and those in attendance pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Pilgrimages cont.



7-5-24 Fr. Richard Goodin welcomes our Lord being brought to Holy Cross Catholic Church by the St. Juan Diego pilgrims.



Baby Wipe Drive

St Joseph council 12354 in Mt Washington held a baby wipe drive that ended on Father's Day. We were able to collect 11 cases and 56 packages of wipes that were then donated to ALC pregnancy resource center in Shepherdsville KY. While we were dropping off the wipes we presented them with the final reimbursement check from the ASAP program. For the year St Joseph

council maxed out there ASAP money. (pictured L-R GK Michael Zygmunt, Heather Cruz. ALC, DD Eric Guy)

Mike Zygmunt



55th Annual K.C.I.A.G.A. Tournament

The 55th Annual Knights of Columbus International Amateur Golf Association Tournament was held June 11th -13th in Lincoln, Nebraska. The host council was Father Trayer Council 1126. This year's attendance was 49 golfers. In the years prior to Covid there were 150+. This was the third outing since Covid two in Jackson, Missouri (2022 & 23). Members in Northern Kentucky are making plans to host the tournament next year.

More information will be available as we work through the process. Consider making plans to attend next years outing in Northern Kentucky. You will meet brother Knights from all across the country.

Keith Cahill
District Deputy 22

Don Ward, Don Mc Murray, Jim Kelly, Dustin Reed, Deacon Bob Stoeckle, Rick Allgeier, Keith Cahill.



Safe Haven Baby Box

On October 16th, 2023, now PGK of Christ the King 14130, Damon Sexton, contacted Lexington Mayor Linda Gordon to discuss the installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box in Lexington. Those discussions began the first of many conversations which not only included the mayor, but the Fire Chief, Battalion Fire Chief, and members of LFUCG City Government. PGK Sexton, along with Sir Rick Towner of 14130, began to organize fundraising efforts generating both public and parish support. There was a call to action from other KofC Councils in Lexington, with St. Peter and St

Elizabeth Ann Seton accepting the challenge. CTK 14130 hosted a pancake breakfast in November, St Peter hosted a trivia night in January, and SEAS challenged their parish with a 2nd collection match in May. The 3 Councils combined to generate approximately \$30K to privately fund Lexington's first SHBB.

On March 19th, 2024, the Fire Chief approved the SHBB and on March 29th the contract was sent to LFUCG legal department for review and signature from Mayor Gordon. The SHBB will be installed at Fire Station #2, Eastland Drive in Lexington. Pictured are Brother Knights from St. Peter and SEAS as they met to present their donations to CTK 14130.

Damon Sexton
Past Grand Knight





Assembly 309 Officer Installation

Congratulations to the new Officers of Assembly 309. District Master Joe Carter conducted the Installation and welcomed the new officers along with new State Deputy Luke Williams. Good Luck in the upcoming year!



Oldest 4th Degree member in Kentucky

Friends and family of Elmer Elliott of Fancy Farm, Kentucky (St. Jerome Parish) celebrated his 106th birthday on January 11th at Mills Manor Nursing and Rehab facility in Mayfield, Kentucky. Elmer is the oldest 4th Degree Knight in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

James "Elmer" Elliott was born on January 11, 1918. He was one of 12 children. He worked on a dairy farm a majority of his life milking cows. He also lived at a monastery in Illinois for a number of years. Despite living in various places, he never had a driver's license. Elmer loves to play the harmonica.

He is a current member of the Msgr. Edward Russell Council 1418 in Fancy Farm, KY. He is also a member of the Msgr. Albert Thompson Assembly 1594 also in Fancy Farm, KY. He went through his 1st degree exemplification on November 1, 1978. He went through his 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplifications on December 1, 1978. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 45 years and is an Honorary Life member.

The Assembly provided the banners and the cake for the celebration. Elmer loved his cake and all in attendance had a wonderful time.



Devotion at Shelbyville parish promotes the Eucharist



The Church of the Annunciation in Shelbyville, Ky., conducted a 40-Hour Devotion May 30 in advance of the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The devotion began with Mass and was followed by a Corpus Christi Procession of clergy, the Knights of Columbus and a host of parishioners that tread a 1.5-mile route through Shelbyville. Afterward, the Blessed Sacrament was available for adoration through the night and the next day.

Father Jean Gonzalez, pastor, said the event was part of the parish’s effort to join in the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative of the U.S. bishops centered on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Catholic faith.



Father Gonzalez said the church especially needs gatherings like the 40-Hour Devotion in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. “I think, after Covid, we lost many people,” he said. “We need to work very hard to help the people encounter Jesus again, spend time with him, open their hearts to him.”



Knights Work Festival

Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 rallied in the Split the Pot Booth for a picture at St. Therese Church Festival. The knights work this booth every year for the church. Additionally, Insurance Agent Greg White supplied us with some promotional K of C pamphlets which we passed out during the festival. Hopefully, we will gain a member or two.

Deacon Bill Theis



Vine Grove-Owensboro Appalachian Mission 2024

From May 5-11, the Vine Grove-Owensboro Appalachian Volunteers made repairs to several homes near Prestonsburg and David, Kentucky, in support of St. Vincent Mission. The group replaced windows, doors, and siding, built new porches, and did electrical repairs. The group left a lot of people with smiles on their faces.

Squack Jones
Past State Deputy



Erin Bottomlee, Exec. Director
St. Vincent Mission, David, KY



2024 Volunteers



Daily Bread



Building a Porch



Roof Repair



Siding Repair



Installing New Windows



Window Replacement Prep



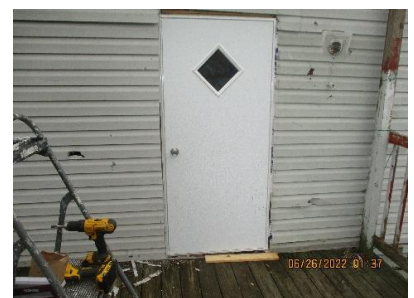
New Window



Electrical Repair



Door Replacement



New Door

Special Olympics

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.



Summer Sports Season Important Dates

July 14 – Northern Kentucky Regional Golf Tournament, Independence

July 20 – Western Kentucky Regional Golf Tournament, Murray

July 27 – Lexington Regional Golf Tournament, Lexington

August 3 – Region 1 Softball Tournament, Paducah

August 16-17 – Region 2 Softball Tournament, Georgetown

August 16-17 – Region 3 Softball Tournament, Louisville

August 24 – State Golf Tournament, Louisville

Sept. 6-8 – State Softball Tournament, Bowling Green

Pull for a Purpose at a Truck Pull Near You

Does your Council have what it takes to tackle some of the biggest challenges in Kentucky? A great way for Councils to support Special Olympics athletes is through any of three Truck Pull events this summer and fall. Truck Pulls will be held August 17 in Lexington, September 21 in Paducah, and now on Oct. 5 in Louisville. Teams raise at least the minimum amount to compete and then see who can pull a loaded UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet in the fastest time. Teams can have up to 15 people, and if your Council can't muster enough people to pull, family members can participate, or you could join forces with other Councils in your area.

For more information, contact Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or lexbuerger@gmail.com.

Special Olympics cont.



Thank You!

With the 2034-24 Fraternal Year ended, I am pleased to report that Knights of Columbus Councils across the state raised or donated an incredible \$34,598 to support Special Olympics Kentucky athletes. This marks the third straight year that Knights have raised or donated more than \$30,000 in a Fraternal Year for Special Olympics Kentucky. Whether your Council participated in a Polar Plunge or Truck Pull donated to your local Special Olympics group, supported the Salute to Summer Games, or donated to the state program, you helped to change the lives of Special Olympics athletes and their families in the state.

Special thanks to Past State Deputy Tom Johnson for his spectacular support of our Special Olympics programs during his term.

If you have any questions about how your Council can get involved with Special Olympics activities, contact Mark Buerger at lexbuerger@gmail.com or 859-338-6075.

Mark Buerger

Special Olympics Chairman

Build A Bed Pilot Program

KY was chosen as one of 25 State Jurisdictions to participate in a new initiative to build beds for children without a bed. Through a partnership with Sleep In Heavenly Peace and Supreme, Supreme agreed to provide funding to support the building of 20 beds at a cost of \$250.00 per bed which includes the lumber, hardware, mattress, sheets and pillow. Based on feedback from the various Jurisdictions, Supreme will decide on whether to move forward with the partnership.

If the other Jurisdictions had as much excitement and support as I experienced on Saturday June 22nd, I believe the Build-A-Bed initiative will become a Supreme Program. Six (6) councils from Louisville were represented. Roughly 30 men, women and children showed up on one of the hottest days of the year, to build beds. Volunteers ranged in age from 12 years old to 85 years old. In a matter of about 2 1/2 hours, the volunteers built and assembled enough components to complete about 40 beds. The actual bed is not

assembled until the folks at Sleep In Heavenly Peace receive a request. At that time, they will take enough components with them to the child's home and assemble it there. They say the look and excitement on the child's face is a precious and heartwarming moment.

Because of the extreme heat and the amount of work that the group completed, the afternoon shift was cancelled. My thanks to the members of Councils 2761, 15525, 15841, 15931, 15979, 16179 and a special thank you to GK Len Hicks for taking on this project and to DD Dennis Scanga for encouraging the councils in his district to get involved. This is what we do, we give of ourselves to help others...well done Brother Knights!

Tom Johnson
Immediate Past State Deputy

On June 26, Charlie Baumbusch from St. Margaret Mary Council #15979, Jim Brian from St. Michaels Council #15525 along with seven SHP regular helpers assisted in the delivery and assembly of beds on each home site under the Sleep Heavenly Peace (SHP) project. The SHP manager, Tom Recktenwald, led the effort with us delivering nine beds to four homes in the west side of Louisville, Kentucky. The residence of the homes were very appreciative of the bed frame(s), mattress, bed sheets, pillow, and blanket!.

The SHP project is an on-going effort that is always in need of manpower to help create the bed frames at the 2421 W Market Street facility, as well as the delivery / assembly of beds at the on-site homes. If any council's knights would be interested in participating please contact Tom Recktenwald at (502) 930-4317 or his email address: datom@gmail.com.

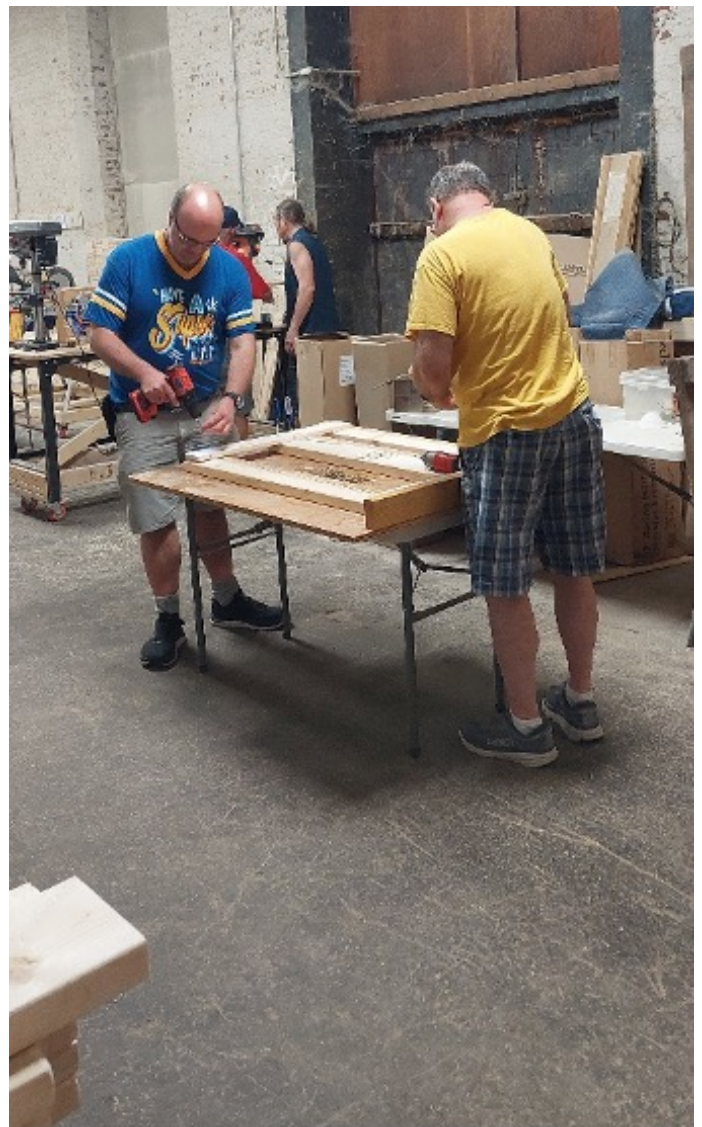
The program to volunteer is very flexible as in meeting the volunteer's availability - volunteer if and when you are available! This web site link will give you an idea of how to get involved: <https://shpbeds.org>

Charlie Baumbusch
Council 15979

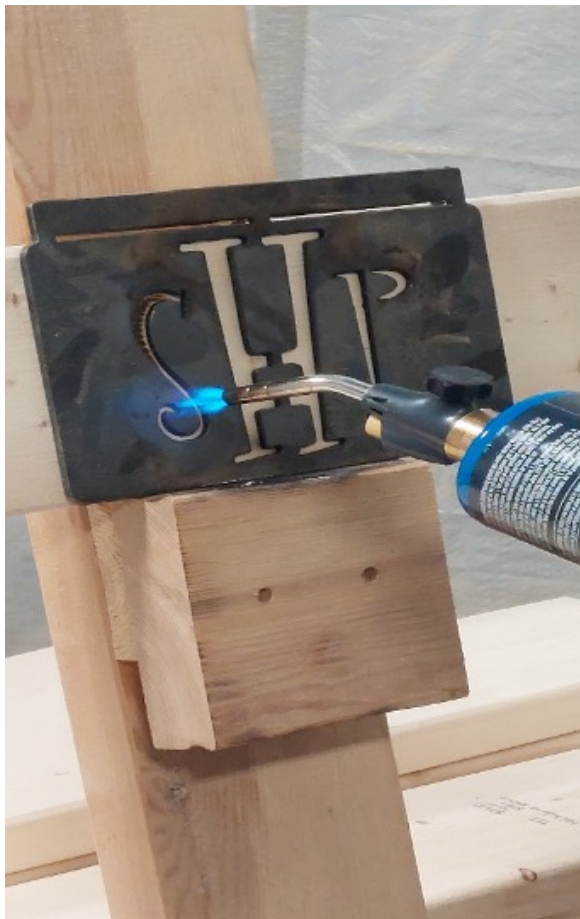
"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to work with SHP and it was very rewarding to join efforts with other councils and accomplish something bigger than we could alone. Regardless of the Supreme's decision on the pilot, our council and parish will continue to promote and work with SHP."

Len Hicks
Grand Knight

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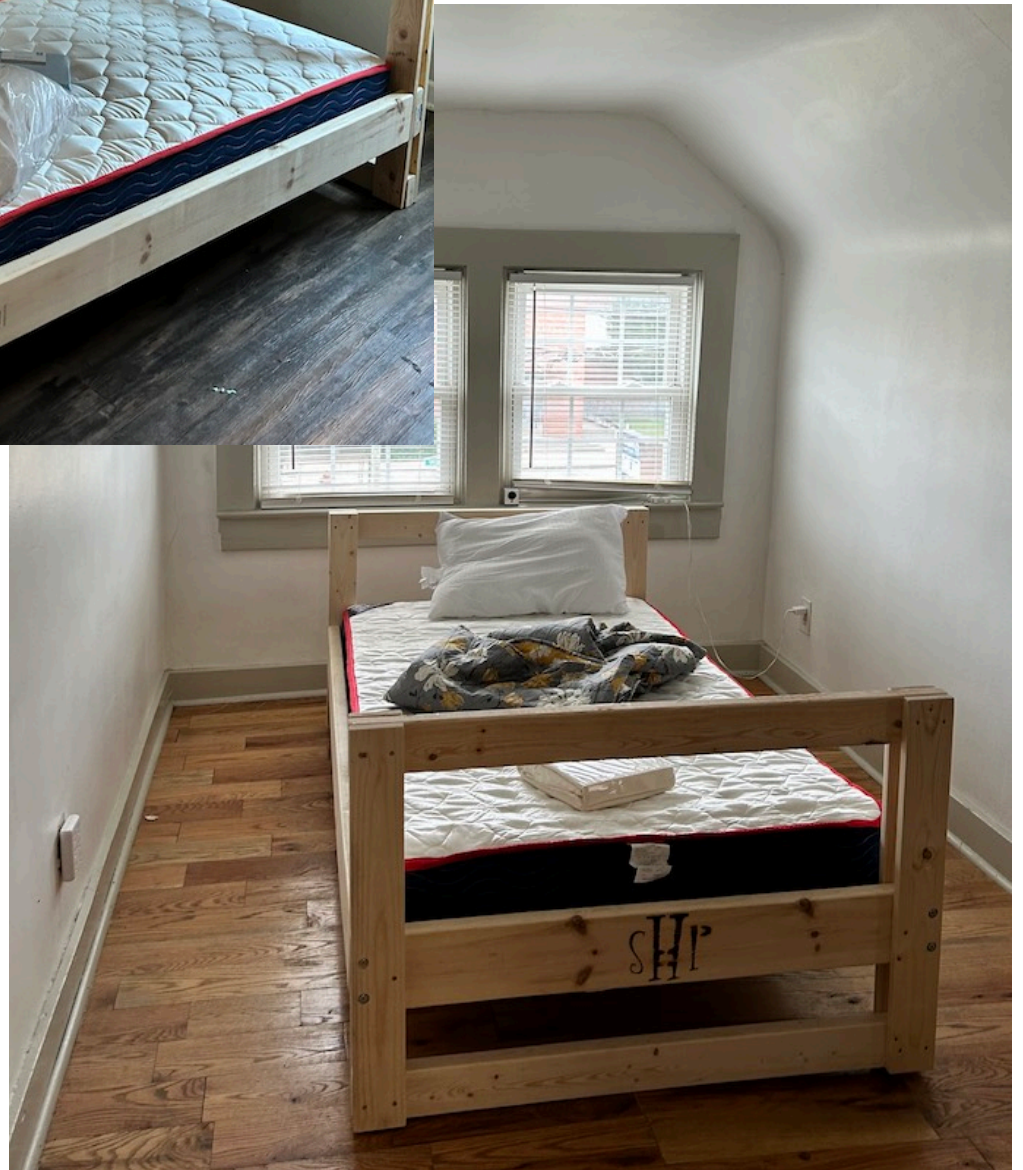
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STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Fraternal Year 2024-2025

Brother Knights – Welcome to a new fraternal year! Congratulations to all the newly elected council officers. I would like to thank all who accepted their nominations and were elected as Council Officers or ask to serve as Directors, Chairmen or Committees for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. I also want to thank those Knights who answered the call when I asked them to serve as your District Deputies.

Kentucky Jurisdiction History shows that when we start out in July, August and September strongly with a plan for recruiting new members, and an active program schedule, we will be successful in fulfilling our 4 principles of the Knights of Columbus.

At the July 13, 2024, KY Organizational Meeting in Campbellsville, I will be asking all KY Knights of Columbus leaders to become acquainted with 8 guides that will make us all able to successfully be charitable, promote unity, practice good fraternity and do our duty with true patriotism. These guides are made up of 4 Supreme Council guides and 4 State Council Guides.

The Supreme Guides are:

- Fraternal Planner 2024-2025
- Fraternal Excellence Guide
- Faith in Action Guide
- Protocol, Meetings and Ceremonials Guide

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The State Guides are:

- Kentucky State Directory
- Kentucky State Program Guide with Tally Sheet
- Kentucky State Membership Guide
- Kentucky State Culture of Life Guide

To get the year off to a good start, you need to plan your activities now, including membership drives, charitable and social activities and those actions our Pastors need us to accomplish for them. These 8 guides will be very good partners to you if you use them. As always, your District Deputy or State Officers are available for any questions. Don't wait – Start Now!

As your new State Deputy, I am committed to doing what it takes to help us all be better disciples in Christ. The 2024 KY State Pin reflects our commitment to Pope Frances naming 2024 as a “Year of Prayer” in preparation of the Jubilee Year 2025. Our goal this year is “Building Better Disciples” and we will only accomplish this with Speaking with Jesus in Prayer. Let's start with a positive program development which encourages the involvement of the family and an integration of Council Activities with the Parish Activities.

I also want us to be successful this year so here are the goals we are working towards to achieve the ultimate certification that the Supreme Council recognizes:

- Membership Intake 505
- Holy Hours 3
- Star Councils 25

This is certainly doable, but it will require focus and hard work beginning today. The Star Council requirement I see as the “Key”.

If we can get a jump on that item, many of the others will come together because of the success in the Star Council goals.

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KY State Organizational Meeting-July 13,2024 @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church -Campbellsville, KY

At the Organizational Meeting, we will be reviewing State Goals and how we can and will achieve them. We will hear how our Knights of Columbus General and Field Agents will be key persons we will rely on for lots of help. Our District Deputies are what the training presentations will be geared for but remember that they are here to help you. We will hear updates from our about our Kentucky Association of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (KAPID) and Knights of Columbus Kentucky Charities organization leaders. Our District Master will also give us a report on the 4th Degree, our Patriotism arm. The slide presentations that are made will be sent to the attendees, Grand Knights and other officers very soon after the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you that are attending the Organizational meeting. We will have an Adoration service followed by Mass on Friday. After our meeting, we will attend a Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Campbellsville. I will have the honor to install our new State Officers and District Deputies after the Mass at Church which is truly a special event to watch or be a part of. We will then move to an offsite venue to have a Banquet.

Finally, If you know a Catholic man who is not a Knight, ask him to join...Let's start recruiting this fraternal year sooner than later.

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



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Happy New (Fraternal) Year!

Congratulations to all newly elected council officers and newly appointed District Deputies

...And to all you old guys that already have at least one year under your belt as a council officer or DD!

2023-2024 FY - Quick Summary:

Overall, the KY Jurisdiction had a very good fraternal year.

- We instituted 1 new council.
- We established 13 Roundtables.
- In the process of Reactivating 1 council
- We donated \$70,622 through the ASAP program - 18th in the Order.
- 81% of our councils recruited a new member(s)
- 21 councils achieved Star Council
- We reported donating \$1,980,912 in Charitable Giving.
- We reported 288,873 volunteer hours worked.
- We recruited 411 new members.
- We missed our revised membership goal of 453 new members by 42 members.
- We saw a record number of councils participate in Eucharistic Processions throughout the State.

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But most importantly, we gave praise and glory to God and worked hard to strengthen our Catholic families. Thank you, brothers, for all that we accomplished this past fraternal year.

National Eucharist Procession:

By the time you read this newsletter, we will be in the mist of a once in a lifetime event...The first National Eucharist Procession in my lifetime and probably yours. Every council and every DD were sent a spreadsheet with a detailed timeline showing the movement of the NEP through KY coming into Franklin, KY on June 30th and exiting Louisville on July 9th. I hope that you and your families were able to attend one of the many stops along the way.

The **Eucharist** is what we live for. The **Eucharist** is the foundation of our Faith. The **Eucharist** is the **Body & Blood** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Organizational Meeting:

The one-day meeting will take place on Saturday July 13th in Campbellsville. The July Org meeting is geared towards District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Program Chairs. I highly encourage you to attend this important meeting.

State Deputy Zoom Meetings:

State Deputy Luke Williams has stated that he plans to continue offering the Zoom meetings to the DDs and GKs. Those of you that attended these meetings over the past two years have told me more than once how much you learned from them and how much you enjoyed them.

Keep your Rosaries with you:

We took a pledge when we made our 1st Degree to carry our Rosary with us and to pray it as often as we can. Let us honor that pledge and dedicate our works and deeds to Mary, Mother of the Church and patroness of the United States of America.

JOHNSON CONT.

Thank You:

As I begin my term as your Immediate Past State Deputy, I would like to thank you for your past support and trust in me. My goal is simple and that is to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and you my Brother Knights. Please continue to support and pray for your State Officers.

Need help or assistance:

If you have an issue that you would like help with, please contact your DD or a State Officer. We're here to help.

Let's make the 2024-2025 fraternal year a year that we reflect on the spiritual & physical events around us and ask God to stand by us and to strength us as we step "Into the Breach".

**Vivat Jesus,
Tom Johnson
Immediate Past State Deputy**

STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

The Knights' Triduum

Triduum means "three days". Next month has a special three-day period for all Knights:

- Saturday August 12 is the anniversary of Bl. Fr. Michael McGivney's birthday in 1852
- Sunday August 13th is his Feast Day
- Monday August 14th is the anniversary of his death in 1890

Why not consider having a Corporate Communion or some other activity with your Brother Knights and their families on Saturday morning of the 12th. Have the Prayer for Canonization prayer cards available for everyone in attendance and ask your pastor to make it a part of the intentions or a prayer at the end of Mass.

Supreme Convention

The Kentucky delegation is getting ready to represent you at the 142nd Supreme Convention in Quebec first week of August. We don't get much rest. They keep us going. Tuesday night there's a caucus that usually doesn't start until after the Dinner Banquet.

EWTN broadcasts live from the convention site, and you should make the effort to at least record and watch the opening Mass on Tuesday morning at 9:30. The opening procession with hundreds of 4th Degrees in uniform, Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals, and representatives from orthodox churches from Eastern Catholic churches takes about 15 minutes to get to the altar and is awe-inspiring. The homilies are always motivating.

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The greetings we get delivered from Pope Francis show his deep appreciation and gratitude for our good works. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will, I'm sure, have a strong message to give us on the direction of the Order, with special emphasis on growing in Faith. I'm really looking forward to it, and hope you get to view at least part of it.

Whew!

I'm wrapping up my final year as your State Treasurer and I thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you as your State Secretary. serve another year. I'm continuing to learn a lot about the fiscal and fraternal operation of the State. It takes a lot of work to keep this train on the tracks, both in the background and the councils working on the frontlines! Special thanks to our Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Johnson for his 10 years of dedicated work keeping us going in the right direction.

Recruit! and Retain!

The State has finished strong and we are going to have at least 18 Star Councils this year! A terrific accomplishment - well done to the District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial secretaries and Program Directors without whom it couldn't be done!

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 Secretary**

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

STATE TREASURER GARY DYKHUIS



Worthy Brothers,

Happy Birthday, 4th of July!!

Hope you have a Happy and Safe Nation's Birthday, 248 Years.

Happy New Year!!

It is the New Fraternal Year! I am excited about my new role as your State Treasurer. I want to thank you for your trust and support, in me as a State Officer. The State Treasurer is the most popular State Officer, as I will be sending out the checks.

State Organizational Meeting!

Congratulations to All New and returning District Deputies and Grand Knights. The Organization Meeting will be for New and Old District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries. Our New State Deputy Luke Williams and State Membership Chairman Tom O'Hagan will be giving us inspirational message for recruiting new Members. Hope to see you at the Meeting in Campbellsville.

Recruit and Retain

This is a New Fraternal Year; we need to recruit New Members and Families. If you have any returning Collage Students for their summer break in your parishes, 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

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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 Treasurer**

STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brother Knights,

Congratulations on completing another Fraternal year, and welcome to the new year. We had many councils succeed in achieving Star Council, while others earned the various awards that lead up to Star. Now is the time to schedule those planning meetings for this year if you have not already.

Congratulations to all our Newly elected Council Officers and the new District Deputies and those who are returning. We just completed a Great Fraternal Year, and now we have New Goals and Accomplishments to do. For those who have turned in their Form 185 (Officer Chosen for this year) and Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report), Thank You.

Form 365 submission date in the past had been August, but they have moved it up to align with the Form 185. To ensure you are Safe Environment compliant this form must be submitted.

I expect they moved it up so that new Directors requiring training could be identified and the training begun earlier so it is not something you struggle with later in the year.

You must identify the Directors that are part of Safe Environment (Family, Community, and the Program Director) as well as the Membership Director before Supreme considers the Form submitted.

If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is online training and takes about an hour to complete. The Councils that sponsor youth events like Free Throw

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Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, etc. “Safe Environment Training” (SET) is a must.

State Organizational Meeting

This year’s Organizational Meeting will have new information for District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Program Directors.

Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have Twelve months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. The new Young Members and Families have some of the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

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On a sad note:

For any that have not heard, our brother Knight Alfonso Fiorucci of council 14471 passed away June 29th after a long battle with some health issues. He served as GK, FN, DD, and a variety of other positions for the State Deputy over the years. Always ready to serve and with a servant heart. We will miss him but we accept God’s plan to call him across to the other side.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**

STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

Welcome to the new Fraternal Year 2024-2025. I wish to introduce myself as your new State Warden. My name is John Staudt and have been a Knight since December 2006. I am married to my wife Deanna of 39 years and we have two daughters, Nicole and Kimberly. I am a Past Grand Knight of Fr. William Diersen Council, #13304 (LaGrange), Past Faithful Navigator of Msgr. Albert Schmitt Assembly, #3075 (LaGrange) and Former District Deputy of District 15. I am honored and look forward to the office of State Warden and the journey.

The new, “College Football Frenzy”, tickets are here and ready to be distributed at the Organizational Meeting on July 13th in Campbellsville, KY. If your District Deputy (DD) is not in attendance at the meeting, but the council is represented, the council representative may pick up their tickets, otherwise the district package of tickets will be mailed to your DD. This is the only fundraiser the Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities has for disasters in the state, and other jurisdictions if needed. In the past couple of years the charity has granted funds to families who lost their homes to tornadoes in western Kentucky and floods in eastern Kentucky. The Football Frenzy has your favorite college football teams; a total of 32 teams with 8 weeks of play. Kentucky is well represented with UK, U of L, WKU and ECU on the list. You will find all 32 teams listed on the back of each ticket. You will have until September 13th to purchase the tickets and have them turned into me through your council. I have to mail the returned ticket stubs soon after September 13th to Green Bee so they have time to key in the tickets sold. The tickets are \$10 each. Buy two tickets and get a third ticket free when you register on-line through Green Bee at www.footballsweeps.com. When your council sells 25 or more tickets, it

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qualifies your council towards the State Deputy Award. The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is, “Charity”, and without funding, our charitable arm cannot provide funding and grants to those in most need. Recipients of the grants are not restricted to Catholics or religious needs; anyone may be a recipient if the need qualifies. Your council will receive a portion of the proceeds, after expenses, and are split between all the councils who sold tickets. The state charity is financially sound and councils and individuals are encouraged to apply for a grant for a worthy cause. If your council needs more tickets, please let me know and I will ensure you get them quickly. If you or your council has not received your tickets by mid-August, please contact me and I will get it resolved.

The State Organizational Meeting in Campbellsville, KY is on July 13th and I look forward to seeing and meeting your council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, or your council representatives, as your State Warden.

**Vivat Jesus,
John Staudt
State Warden**



DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER



When people, including members of the Knights of Columbus, are asked, “What does the Knights of Columbus offer?” The general response offered is a reference to the charitable efforts and to a lesser degree, faith formation. It’s true that over the years KofC has published impressive numbers concerning charitable giving.

At the 2023 KofC International Convention, the following numbers were reported:

Total Church Grants	\$5,794,555
Total Programs Grants	\$18,613,357
Total Community/Educational/Cultural Grant	\$19,518,583
Total Youth Grants	\$1,991,531
Total Council Grants	<u>\$1,094,961</u>
Total Supreme Council Contributions	\$47,012,987

Faith Formation is as equally impressive.

The Knights of Columbus announced the COR program. The name is Latin for heart. And it reflects the reality that faith and fraternity are the heart of who we are. COR is designed for Catholic men. It will deepen our relationship with Christ, making it easier to profess and defend what we believe. COR is very practical and proving very effective. It’s already helping men be better husbands, fathers and Catholics. And it’s also turning non-Knights into new Knights, because COR is open to any Catholic man in the parish.

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The KofC introduced our first-ever Bible Study designed specifically for Catholic men. It's called "Men of the Word" and when it comes to deepening our faith, nothing is more effective than the Word of God. This Bible Study will bring Scripture alive and it has the power to transform our lives.

There is a lot to say about Charity. But, the Knights of Columbus has four pillars:

- Charity
- Unity
- Fraternity
- Patriotism

The other three, while not receiving the same attention as Charity, may, in the long run, be the most impactful on society.

Growing up in Nebraska, I was influenced by Western cowboys who rode around with their sidekick fighting bad guys. At the end of the day, they socialized with their buddies in the local saloon. That must have influenced the male adults in my community as well, because, after work, they would head to the neighborhood watering hole and have a few before coming home to dinner.

The men in my community hunted and fished together, played dominoes, had bar-b-que competitions and bragged about their secret sauces.

In the Sixties and beyond things started to change. Movies and TV depicted cowboys as brave, rugged individuals who faced the harsh realities of frontier life. Now, nearly all forms of media including literature, film, and advertising, have reinforced this image. Characters like the lone cowboy, the frontiersman, and the rugged individual became iconic representations of masculinity. These elements collectively contributed to the enduring image of men as rugged, isolated, and tough. Not only was our attitude influenced, but so was lifestyles including fashion. Camo became the clothing of choice.

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Where has that left us?

Men have come to value independence and self-sufficiency, which can lead to an “invisible wall” of loneliness and isolation. Statistics show that most guys do not have a close male friend. Only one out of six men have a close friend. Friends are rarely physical anymore, they exist virtually, on social media. The lack of physical contact and ability to evaluate body language leads to skepticism, distrust, and misunderstanding. Which circles back to a desire for isolation. Can you or someone you know breakout of this lifestyle?

Ask yourself. **“Are you taking full advantage of what the Knights of Columbus offers?”**
“Can the Knights of Columbus really help society fix this problem?” Yes, by focusing on the three very, very important pillars. Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Which, in my mind, combines to form one giant pillar – **Brotherhood!**

Why is brotherhood the answer?

Let’s ask Aristotle. He was an ancient Greek philosopher who, like his legendary teacher Plato is considered to be one of the most significant figures in the history of Western philosophy.

Aristotle thinks the good life boils down to one thing: achieving ‘well-being’, ‘happiness’, or ‘blessedness’. The main ingredient in Aristotle’s recipe for happiness, he acknowledges, is that a good life wouldn’t mean as much without friendship:

“We consider a friend to be one of the greatest of all good things, and friendlessness and solitude a very terrible thing, because the whole of life and voluntary interactions are with loved ones. Friendship is one of the most indispensable requirements of life. For no one would choose to live without friends but in possession of everything else that is good.

Friends are of help to the young by protecting them from mistakes; to the elderly by looking after them and making up for their failing powers of action; to those in the prime of life, to help them to do good things.”

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Aristotle identified three different kinds of friendship:

1. **The friendship of utility.** These friendships are based on what someone can do for you, or what you can do for another person.
2. **The friendship of pleasure.** These are friendships based on enjoyment of a shared activity
3. **The friendship of virtue.** These are the people you like for themselves, who typically influence you positively and push you to be a better person.

Jesus was born three hundred and eighty-four years after the birth of Aristotle. What did Jesus think about friendship and brotherhood?

Matthew 28:20 – “. . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 18:20 – “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

The Bible also addresses brotherhood:

Romans 12:10 - "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."

Hebrews 10:24-25 - "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."

Young Catholic men are hungry for **faith and fraternity**. KofC gives them what they're looking for. And it opens their eyes to everything we offer. We need to focus more on the benefits of brotherhood, i.e., unity and fraternity for the individual. Not only for recruitment, but for current members.

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Brotherhood is of great importance in various contexts because it fosters a sense of unity, support, and shared purpose among individuals. It's often associated with deep connections, mutual respect, and unwavering loyalty. Brotherhood can provide a refuge during challenging times, offering comfort, understanding, and encouragement. Brotherhood also emphasizes accountability, ensuring that individuals stay on track with the organization's goals and responsibilities. Moreover, in the context of faith, such as Christianity, brotherhood is seen as essential to spiritual health, promoting faith, love, and oneness that extends a message of grace and reconciliation to the world. It's within these bonds that individuals can live out their beliefs and values in a meaningful way.

Is there a catch in this brotherhood deal? Absolutely! There is no brotherhood without men getting together. Hebrews 10 reveals the catch. **You must physically attend meetings!**

Brotherhood is a powerful and essential aspect of human relationships that can lead to personal growth, emotional well-being, and lifelong connections. It's a bond that goes beyond friendship, rooted in shared experiences and a collective journey towards common goals.

**Fraternally,
Joe Carter
District Master**

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

TOM O’HAGAN

- The Knights of Columbus offers every man the chance to live his faith and be an example for others to follow. We owe it to all Catholic men to provide them this opportunity. The opportunity to be a better Catholic, the opportunity to be a better man, the opportunity to be a better husband, father, grandfather, brother or son and friend.
- The Knights of Columbus should be involved in every parish. If the parish is not large enough to support a council, then they should have an active group of knights from a nearby council serving the pastor and church.
- Is your council using the State Council Recruitment Card? Your membership team should be handing them out to every prospective member. They are easy to use and effective.

I will provide updated information on an ongoing basis.

New Members	MTD	Actual v Quota	YTD Actual v Quota
E-Member Conversion Rate	MTD	Actual v Quota	YTD Actual v Quota
Star Councils	MTD		YTD
FBE by Council	MTD		YTD

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SET Not Compliant	MTD	YTD
DD Form 944 Submitted	MTD	YTD
Form 365 Not Submitted (108)	MTD - 72	YTD -72
Form 185 Not Submitted (108)	MTD - 43	YTD - 43
Form SP-7 Not Submitted (108)	MTD - 68	YTD - 68
Form 1728 Not Submitted (108)	MTD - 14	YTD - 14
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)	26 Delinquent	26 Delinquent

Vivat Jesus!
Tom O'Hagan
KY State Membership Director

GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus – Insurance protection

Summer is a time of transition for many people. You may know someone who recently graduated high school or college and is now heading into the workforce. Or you may know a couple who is getting married this summer. These are all joyous occasions that we can celebrate.

At the same time, certain stress can come with any life transition. For a graduate, entering the workforce can take some adjustment. And marrying is certainly one of the biggest life adjustments people can experience. Before long, they may be welcoming children or looking to finance a house.

Any transition in your life is a good time to think about your financial situation and your loved ones who depend on you. Though life insurance may be the last thing on a young adult's mind, it can be a perfect life stage to start preparing financially for the future.

The younger you are, the more affordable permanent life insurance can be, and the simpler the underwriting process is. At a younger age, you're less likely to have health or medical problems that could make insurance protection more expensive. If you are older and have children or grandchildren, call me so we can discuss the possible K of C insurance options.

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This summer, no matter where you are in your journey through life -- whether you're undergoing a life transition, or you simply feel that now is the time to think about your financial future -- I encourage you to make an appointment with your K of C Field Agent. He will be happy to discuss your options with you.

Vivat Jesus!

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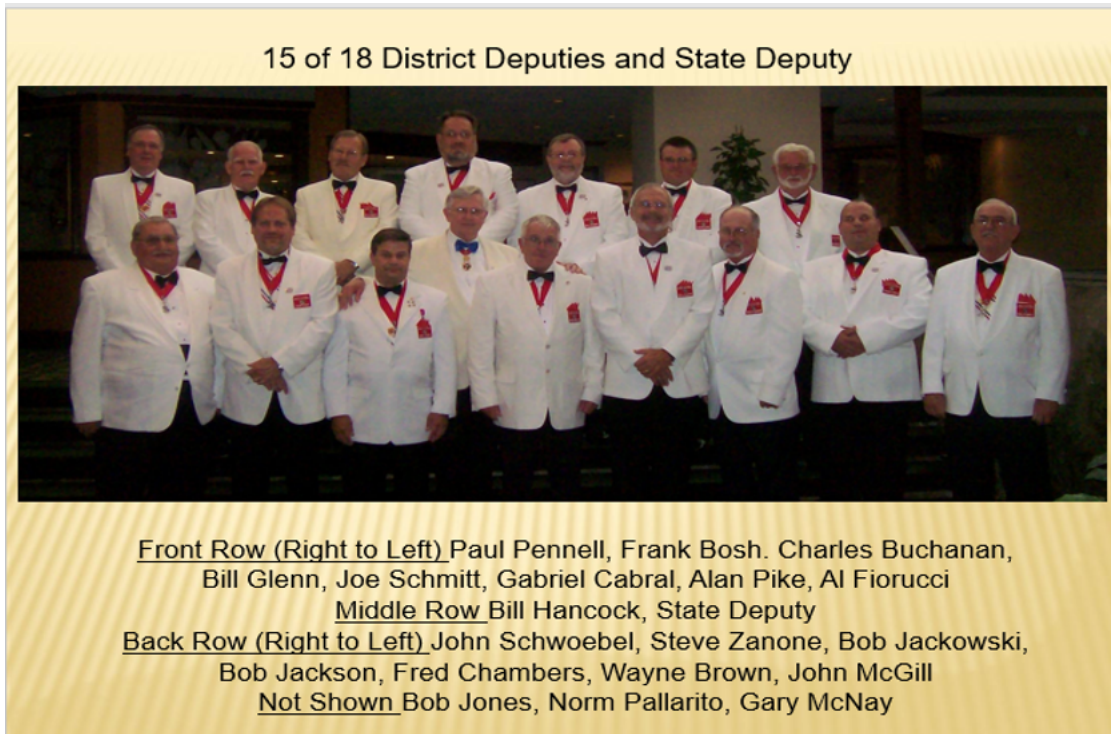


A new fraternal year has begun. The new State Officers have been elected. There remains to be completed the selection and appointment of twenty-six well qualified indispensable Knights crucial to the operation of the Kentucky State Council. These men are District Deputies. They serve as the two-way link between their assigned Councils to the State Deputy and Supreme Knight. Their jewel of office is shown to the right. If you have accepted a position or been reappointed to serve the Jurisdiction for another year – please accept my sincere THANK YOU! If you have been asked to serve and have not accepted – please reconsider. No State Deputy has the ability to oversee 100+ Councils. He needs your help.



I served as State Deputy from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010. Eighteen District Deputies served the Jurisdiction with me. I would not have been successful without them. The following picture was published in an article I did in 2020.

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As I was writing the article, I received notice from the State Deputy that one of the eighteen had passed on after a long illness. Alfonso “Big Al” Fiorucci died at about 4:00 PM Saturday June 29, 2024. He was 84. Al was a member of Msgr. William McKune Council 14471, Louisville, and St. Francis DeSales Assembly 3228, Fairdale. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Have a safe and sane July 4th.

Submitted for the July 2024 Newsletter by:
Billy R. Hancock, PSD
State Historian

Local Events



**Knights of Columbus
Msgr. James H. Willett Council #7847
Hopkinsville, KY 42240**

**19th Annual – Charity Golf Scramble
Friday, September 27th, 2024**

Shotgun Start - Tee Time: 1:00pm

Western Hills Golf Course, Hopkinsville, KY
(Metal spikes are not permitted at Western Hills)

Entry Fee

\$65 per person

Price includes: Cart, Greens Fees, Beverages, and Lunch

All Golfers are welcome
Individual entries are welcome

Prizes

- 1st Place - \$400.00
- 2nd Place - \$300.00 (Random Draw)
- 3rd Place - \$200.00 (Random Draw)
- 4th Place - \$100.00 (Random Draw)

First Hole-in-One at 16 wins \$500
Closest to the Pin
Gift Cards and many other prizes



Entry Form

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

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Mail entry form to:

Richard Webster
PO Box 1215
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Bruce Wilcox
PO Box 1215
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Make Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus, Council #7847



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July

Fraternal year begins 1
Organizational Meeting 12-14

August

Supreme Convention 6-8

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