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Message from the State Deputy

Thanks to all (especially Brother Knights and their families) in Kentucky who attended one of the many St. Juan Diego National Eucharistic Pilgrimage events held in the Diocese of Owensboro and Archdiocese of Louisville locations from June 30th until the handoff ceremony in Indiana on July 8th .

We have had a great start in membership growth to our order in July so keep asking those in your parishes who are not currently a member of your council to join us with our charitable, unity, fraternity and patriotic efforts.

Our July 13th Organizational Meeting was memorable, and I am hopeful that those in attendance now have a pretty good set of guides and contacts to make this year successful for the Kentucky Jurisdiction in our Membership, COR. and Star Council goals.

Luke Williams
State Deputy

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Ladies Activity

July 13th, the ladies in attendance at the 2024 Organizational Meeting, held an activity that made “Inspirational” cards to be distributed at 2 local Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers and 1 Assisted Living facility.

To start the day’s activity for the Lady Knights, State Deputy Wife Pam Williams and 16 ladies met at 10:30am.

Deacon Jimmy Richerson, Deacon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of the Hills, and Our Lady of Fatima, gave a very inspirational talk about his spiritual journey to the Deaconate.



KY State Deputy Luke Williams and Lady Pam presenting Inspirational cards for distribution to patients at the Campbellsville Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Campbellsville, KY.

Back to School Event

Council #1290 in Bardstown, KY provided hot dogs, chips, and drinks during St. Joseph School's "Back to School" event on July 30th. They were very well received.



Brothers Mike Johnson & Ken Berry manning the hot dog table.



Knights Entertain Nursing Home Residents

Bishop Mulloy Knights of Columbus 1301 recently sponsored a combination ice cream social and Karaoke night at Carmel Manor Nursing Home. Both the residents and the knights' families had a great time. Shown is a picture of the rendition of the song YMCA.

Deacon Bill Theis

Knights Hold Golf Classic

The combined Knights of Columbus councils of Northern Kentucky recently held their 15th annual golf classic to benefit the Catholic Charities Lifeline project. This project helps pregnant mothers who need help. God blessed us with a wonderful day and many golfers and benefactors to make it a great fund raiser. Final results are not in for this year yet, but in the previous 14 years we raised a total of \$149,000.00.

Deacon Bill Theis



Gathering for the start of the Golf Tournament



Golfers were treated to a delicious chicken dinner after the event

Special Olympics

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.



St. Michael the Archangel Helps at Regional Golf Tournament

Shortly after their founding, St. Michael the Archangel Council #18284 called the state Special Olympics office looking for a way to be involved with the program. They ended up being the primary volunteer group at the Northern Kentucky Regional Golf Tournament on July 14 at Kenton County Golf Course. Nine Knights and 11 other family a friends of Knights came out to help make sure the Tournament ran smoothly. Thank you, St. Michael the Archangel.

Special Olympics cont.

The upcoming Fall Sports Season provides many chances to volunteer as an individual or group, with Area Bowling Tournaments and other events across the state. If you have any questions about how you or your Council can help, contact Mark Buerger at lexbuerger@gmail.com or 859-338-6075.



KY Jurisdiction KofC Field Agents



Our KY Jurisdiction KofC Field Agents at the 2024 Organizational Meeting in Campbellsville.

Thanks for all you guys do.

Greg White- Northern KY

Chris Cain- Western Ky

Leonard Walther -South Central/Western KY

Dwight Frank- Archdiocese of Louisville

KY KofC Field Agent Greg White giving the General/Field Agent presentation by phone flashlight since we lost electricity during lunch and it did not come back on until 40 minutes left in the meeting.



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Fraternal Year 2024-2025

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. 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 motto this year is “Building Better Disciples” and we will only accomplish this by talking 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.

All our Jurisdiction Goals are certainly achievable, 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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2024 KY State Council Organizational Meeting – Campbellsville

We have a very good turnout for the July 13, 2024, KY Organizational Meeting in Campbellsville. I am very thankful for the 50 Knights who fearlessly braved the 2-hour power outage right after lunch. We continued on making presentations with the presenters being able to see the prepared slides on the battery powered laptop, but the attendees had to sit in their slowly temperature rising seats (since the electricity was off) and try to stay awake with no lights on listening to someone with no slides being projected onto the screen. Thankfully, I think the weekend meeting went well except the hotel did not have an elevator to reach the second floor.

FY 2024-2025 Strategic Plan

The State Deputy presentations unveiled the FY 2024-2025 Strategic Plan for Jurisdiction. The 4 items presented that will be periodically reviewed are.

- 1) Membership Growth
- 2) COR
- 3) Partnership with KofC General Agent and Field Agents of Kentucky
- 4) Star Councils.

FY 2024-2025 Jurisdiction Goals

The Goals relayed to the attendees for the Jurisdiction are:

- 1) Membership Intake Goal = 505
- 2) Star Council Goal =25 or better
- 3) COR/Faith Formation Goal = at least 3 Holy Hours & consideration and appointment of a Council Evaluation Faith Formation Director.

8 Guides for Successful FY 2024-2025

I am 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

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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	#5033 – 1/24
Fraternal Excellence Guide	#11619 -2/24
Faith in Action Guide	#10907 9/23
Protocol, Meetings and Ceremonials Guide	#11620 – 1/24

The State Guides are:

Kentucky State Directory	Sent out to Council GK’s & FS’s
Kentucky State Program Guide with Tally Sheet	Available on “kykofc.com” under Resources
Kentucky State Membership Guide	Available on “kykofc.com” under Resources
Kentucky State Culture of Life Guide(Soon to be)	Available on “kykofc.com” under Resources

FY 2024-2025 Upcoming Important Dates for your Council Calendar

1st Thursday of Month	District Deputy/State Deputy Monthly Zoom meetings
2nd Monday of Month	Grand Knight/State Deputy Monthly Zoom meetings
August, 2024	District Meetings with DD and other GK’s in District
September, 2024	Schedule Training Session for Council Officers
October, 2024	Respect Life Month
December 6-7, 2024	Midyear Meeting – Location TBD
January, 2025	District Meetings with DD and other GK’s in District
February 15, 2025	Awards/State Per Capita/State Convention Stuff
March 15, 2025	State Award Submissions due to Program Director
March 29, 2025	Founders Day – Have a Membership Drive on 3/30/25

Upcoming Culture of Life Opportunity

Our Culture of Life Chairman Rick Arnold, PSD sent out a flyer to all Grand Knights on August 1st with details about volunteering at the Kentucky Right to Life Booth at the KY State Fair. Please look at your calendars and Volunteer for an hour or more. Our help is needed.

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KofC Kentucky Charities, Inc - College Football Frenzy fundraiser

Ticket stubs have been or are being sent to Councils to sell. This opportunity not only helps the Charities Account used for grants; it also is a fundraiser in which the Council shares the proceeds based on the number of tickets sold. Don't wait, the deadline to turn in money collected along with all tickets (sold or unsold) to the Worthy State Warden is September 13th.

2024 Kentucky State Council Black Friday Coats for Kids BOGO (Buy One Get One) Opportunity

To see if our Jurisdiction qualifies for the Supreme sponsored Black Friday BOGO program, we need to know how many councils will commit to "buying" boxes of coats that will be doubled by the Supreme program. The State Program Director and your District Deputies will be working with Grand Knights to explain what is required to participate in the program. Many of our local councils have not participated in the Coats for Kids program due to cost requirements of having to buy boxes of new coats. This BOGO opportunity is to encourage coat distributions on Black Friday by your Council sponsored event. In the past, most of the Councils have opted (which is great) to run new and gently used coat drives that are successful in the distribution of much needed coats to the community. I hope that the BOGO program will be considered and if not utilized, the Council sponsored coat drives continue to support our community needs. Please respond to the request for information about this Supreme Coats for Kids program opportunity.

August State Deputy Appeal

Brothers,

The time is right for our Councils, Parishes and Communities to break out of the passive thinking that the pandemic had brought upon us. Day after day I am being made aware of the good works and projects taking place, that have the support of members like you and me as well as folks who are not in the Knights of Columbus!

People are ready to support a worthwhile cause whether it is a community Baby Box or a new wing for a Parish. I see more folks signing up to volunteer or even "lead" programs that benefit a part of our society that needs something good. We, as brother Knights are ready to Answer the Call! Day after day, week after week, month after month, we are chipping away the complacency and the template of "No" that made it so easy not to say "Yes" for the past 4

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years. Looking around us in real life, more and more people are saying “Yes” to providing helping hearts and hands. I invite you to visit our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist and find out what your “Yes” is and get to work on it.

I hope your program planning for the fraternal year is well under way because it is important to get the new year started strong. In July, the Grand Knight and council Program Director should have met with the pastors that their council serves to identify ways and activities that the Knights of Columbus can support the parish and communities.

I have written down a lot of things over the years of being a Knight and I came across what was labeled as “Membership Recruitment Cycle” that someone said somewhere in the last 23 years I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus. Please continue the cycle for membership growth in our Jurisdiction and Order.

“Ask” Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus

“Show” them Why

“Ask” them to join again

Thanks for being a brother Knight of Columbus and please invite those who are not or used to be a Knight into our brotherhood. My earnest request is that all Catholic men support our families, parishes and communities.

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



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Supreme Convention:

This year's 142nd Supreme Convention is being held in Quebec Canada from August 6th through August 8th. By the time you read this edition of the newsletter, your State Officers will have attended the Supreme Convention and heading back home taking care of business. It was an honor to have our newly elected State Warden and his wife attend the Supreme Convention, along with State Chaplain Fr. John List. Tom O'Hagan and his wife Shelia were given the opportunity to attend in place of Ex Secretary Mike Rinehart and his wife Theresa, when it was determined they were not going to be able to attend.

National Eucharist Procession:

I am very happy to say that I saw several men that belong to the KY Knights of Columbus throughout the 10-day pilgrimage. I do wish that more of them would have had a KofC shirt on to let folks know who we are & what we stand for. Regardless, I was honored and happy to see you. As a result of the NEP coming through KY, we are in the process of reactivating Council 8145 in Russellville. that

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.

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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.

Time to step back:

I've been asked several times already if I like being Immediate Past State Deputy and my answer is always the same...I don't know! At least not yet. I was busy with the NEP from June 30th till July 9th. The Org meeting was from July 12th thru the 14th, and now I'm preparing for the Supreme Convention. I must be honest with you, this first month has been quite different. It feels like the rug has been pulled out from under you. I've been so focused these past several years, and I have dedicated my time to the State Council, that now that I'm not responsible for the day-to-day duties of the State Deputy it's different, but I'm sure that I will be able to adjust to the slower pace. 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,

Don't forget that August 13th is Bl. Father McGivney's Feast Day!

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

I'm just back from the whirlwind that is the Supreme Convention. Always busy, informative, full of fraternity meeting Knights from all over the world and memories for a lifetime from my first (and probably only) international convention. This year it was in Quebec City.

Getting home was an adventure as we were in the middle of the remnants of Hurricane Debby as it drenched the Northeast. I got a chance for a photo with the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, at the Quebec City airport. He seemed in a surprisingly good mood after just learning his flight home had been cancelled.

I wasn't to be in as good a mood later, after my flight from Quebec to Philadelphia left an hour after the flight the rest of the flying State Officers were on (which was supposed to have left two hours after my flight). At least the flight from Philly to Louisville got delayed long enough that I caught up to them. As did one of our two bags... still waiting almost two days later ("it's not lost, it's delayed" – insert your favorite prayer to St. Anthony here in case it really is lost).

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Next year will be in Washington, D.C. - at least no customs. On the silver lining side, I can't say "I brought back this t-shirt - and COVID!" like I did in Nashville two years. At least not yet, stay tuned....

Recruit! and Retain!

Congratulations to the 17 Councils who've already brought in new members to the order, 29 total!

Council 1417 in Fancy Farm and Council 11470 in Georgetown lead the way on number of new members with 4 each, while Council 702 in Covington leads the way with 60% of its Quota already!

At the Supreme Convention, we were told there are 7 million Catholic men in the US who aren't Knights simply because no one has ever invited them to join.

"Ask them, they will come"!

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,

Don't forget that August 13th is Blessed Father Michael McGivney's Feast Day.

143rd Supreme Convention,

This year's Supreme Convention in Québec, Canada, August 6,7, and 8th. This was the 350th Anniversary of the First Catholic Diocese in North America. What a Beautiful Cathedral, with a Holy Door. Membership Chairman/DD Tom O'Hagan and his wife Shelia were given the opportunity to attend as an Alternate Delegate. It was also Warden John Staudt and wife Deanna, 1st time to be an attend as a State Officer, great to have John in the State Council. Summer is fast fading and vacations are over, which means Council need to down to business. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly is stressing **COR**, in Latin is **"Heart."** The Heart of our Lord. A Great way to involve All Catholic Men, Knight or Not.

State Organizational Meeting!

What a Great turn out at the Organizational Meeting in Campbellsville. A good meeting with lots of information for District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. Congratulations, again, to All New and returning District Deputies and Grand Knights. Our State Deputy Luke Williams and State Membership Chairman Tom O'Hagan gave a very a inspirational message for recruiting new Members.

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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. Have them use your iPhone with Join Kofc 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 Treasurer



STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,

Greetings from Quebec Canada as we wrap up the 142 Supreme Convention here and start our journeys back to Kentucky!

Seeing all the presentations on what the order has accomplished in the past Fraternal year makes you proud to be a Knight of Columbus and inspires us for greater things this year.

For those who have turned in their Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report), Thank You. Please watch for the invitation from Praesidium Academy to meet the Safe Environment Training for those who need to complete this training. If you have completed this training in the last 2 years, the training is good for three years.

We need to achieve our “Safe Environment Training” goals. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training. If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is on line training and takes about an hour to complete. The Councils that sponsor youth events like Free Throw Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, et al. “Safe Environment Training” (SET) is a must. You must have at least two SET Knights at these events (one must have a background check). If you cannot meet this requirement, you should not conduct this event. The same requirement is for youth helping you in your events (Fish fries, pancake breakfast, chicken cooks).

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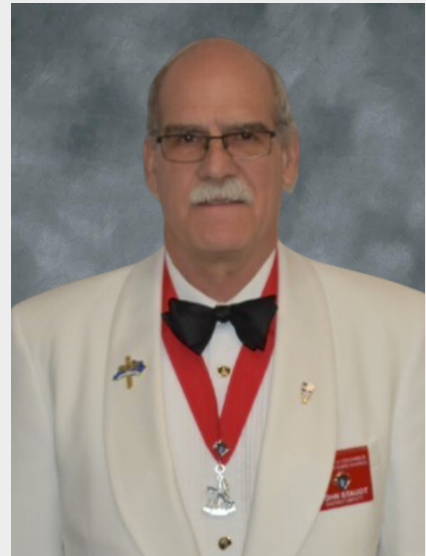
Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have ten months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. This is a Gift that needs to be offered to each Catholic man and his Family. There still is FREE MEMBERSHIP. for a New Member and he can join on his iPhone, cell phone by going to www.kofc.org. The new Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

July has been month of activity with the Eucharistic Pilgrimage from June 29th to July 9th, Organizational Meeting on July 13th, Independence Day celebrations and the start of the new Fraternal Year 2024-2025.

Our Jurisdiction was involved and participated in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it passed through Kentucky. I had the privilege and honor to be involved with the pilgrimage, as well as other Brother Knights, when it came into the Archdiocese of Louisville in New Haven, KY at St. Catherine Catholic Church. The pilgrimage on July 4th started with Mass at St. Catherine's then walking to the Abbey of Gethsemani; about a 4 ½ mile walk with about 250 people. Personally, the walk gave me time to think and contemplate about the significance of what was happening and the faith of those around me and I realized I was a part of something bigger than myself. On July 5th, we had Adoration in the chapel at the Abbey, but because of the stormy weather, we were not able to walk to Holy Cross. I am grateful for having been involved and will forever keep the experience of walking with Christ close to my heart. I want to thank IPSD Tom Johnson, KY Master Joe Carter and SES Mike Rinehart for helping coordinate the pilgrimage through Kentucky with the Owensboro Diocese and Louisville Archdiocese.

The new, "College Football Frenzy", tickets were distributed at the Organizational Meeting on July 13th in Campbellsville, KY. Those District Deputies and Grand Knights not in attendance to pick up their tickets, were mailed to the District Deputy or respective Councils. This is the only

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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 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.

**Vivat Jesus,
John Staudt
State Warden**

DISTRICT MASTER JOE CARTER



STRIVE TO BE UNREASONABLE!!

What! Has the Kentucky Master for the Fourth Degree gone nuts! To be unreasonable means to not be rational, to act contrary to reason, to not be guided by sound judgment. In other words, to be irrational.

Reasonably people on the other hand are defined as using sound judgment, logical; not exceeding the limit prescribed by reason, they want to be moderates.

And, yes, there is a third person ... the foolish!

I can hear you already; and, NO! The Master has not gone nuts. Continue to read. Give me the chance to make the case that you too should be unreasonable. I will start with the following quote:

“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.”

--George Bernard Shaw

Admittedly, this sounds counter-intuitive. We are taught that progress can only come from rational thought. But think about the differences between reasonably and unreasonable people:

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- **Reasonable people** see things literally. They do what is practical, sensible and within reason. They do not take chances.
- **Unreasonable people** see possibilities. They prefer to focus on even a tiny chance of a different result.
- **Reasonable people** are not open to novel solutions and crazy ideas. They play inside the accepted box.
- **Unreasonable people** are more creative. They do not allow reason to get in the way and are not afraid to think and play outside the accepted box.
- **Reasonable people** cannot envision anything different or better, so they do not take action to create anything different. They continue to do what they have always done. They do what is safe and expected.
- **Unreasonable people** imagine what “could be.” They visualize and then take action to make their visions real. They see beyond the moment and see a different future.

Think about unreasonableness from a historical perspective.

Christopher Columbus was an unreasonable man.

Despite the commonly held notion that there was no western sea passage to the East Indies, Columbus was an unreasonable man and argued there was. He was knowledgeable in geography, astronomy, and history, so he sought to find that route. Although he did not find the western sea passage, in the process he discovered the Americas and changed the world. That discovery made Spain one of the richest, most powerful, and influential countries in the world.

Peyton Randolph of Virginia and fifty-six other men that attended the First Continental Congress were unreasonable. They were unreasonable enough to seek changes to the economic burden the British wished to place on the American Colonies.

After exhausting all appeal processes to the British Parliament and the King, the fifty-seven men that were present at the First Continental Congress planted the seed that would grow into the American Revolution. That certainly changed the world.

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During the 1820s and until the 1868, most states had extended the vote to all white men, regardless of how much money or property they had. Women and Afro-Americans were legally disenfranchised. White men in general felt women should be a “Cult of True Womanhood”: The notion that a “true” woman was a pious, submissive wife and mother concerned exclusively with home and family not politics.

Two unreasonable women, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 to discuss the problem of women’s rights and abolition. The attendees of that convention adopted a mantra that plagiarizes Patrick Henry’s speech at the First Continental Congress,

“We hold these truths to be self-evident,” proclaimed the Declaration of Sentiments that the delegates produced, “that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

They worked for years to convince Congress that attitudes and laws had to change. The result of their, and other's work was the adoption of the 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Father Michael McGivney was unreasonable. He ministered during a period when unions and social benefit societies were extremely popular. They were inundating the country -- particularly in the Northeast. Mutual benefit societies emphasized the importance of conforming to the rules of the organization. Many of these societies were non-Catholic or outright anti-Catholic. Although these organization provided mutual aid, Father McGivney could not tolerate non-Catholic societies drawing men away from the Catholic faith and its teachings; nor would he stand by and let families deteriorate because the husband/father passed away. So working with a group of men and his bishop, he formed an organization that provided mutual benefit and was acceptable by the Catholic Church.

History is filled with unreasonable people changing the world in which they lived. People who believed it was unreasonable to have to communicate face-to-face...so they created ways to communicate through the air and through wires. There were unreasonable people who would

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not accept riding in carts behind smelly animals, unreasonable people who did not think people should have to walk upstairs all the time. The examples go on and on of people that rejected the current state of things and were unreasonable enough to cause change.

But there are somethings all unreasonable people have in common --1) they were knowledgeable of their environment; 2) they understood how to make changes acceptable; and 3) they did not make changes solely for their personal benefit (meaning they did not just want things their way).

Those people that attempt to make changes without the above skills or want to make changes just to have things their way are not agents of change -- they are foolish and at best tolerated.

If your council/assembly is not attracting new members, if your council/assembly's meeting attendance is low, if your council/assembly is a "SOME" group (**S**ame **O**ld **M**embers **E**ngaged group), if your council/assembly can't get brothers to step up to officer positions, if your council/assembly hasn't received the STAR Award in years. Then it is time for you not be foolish, but to become unreasonable:

- Learn the Rules of the Order.
- Learn the history of the Order so you can understand the change processes previously used.
- Learn formal and informal ways to change things in the Order.
- Identify the change and make sure that it aligns with the Order's overall objectives.
- Identify the impact of the change from the Order's perspective not just a parochial one.
- Discuss your vision with other leaders before acting.
- Provide reasons for the change.

Once you understand these rules of change management:

STRIVE TO BE UNREASONABLE.

**Fraternally,
Joe Carter
District Master**

CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE



RICK & CELESTA ARNOLD

Dear Brother Knights and families,

We hope you are having a great summer!

It's hard to believe that kids are heading back to school soon and, of course, it's time for our awesome State Fair. The fair starts Thursday, August 15th and runs through Sunday, August 25th. You still have an opportunity to set up a time to help out at the Kentucky Right to Life booth this year. There are still a few spots available, but you need to act soon. Please call Tabor at the KY Right to Life office at (502) 895-5959 to set up a time. This is a great opportunity to help promote a Culture of Life and enjoy a day at the fair with your family. Tickets to the fair and parking passes will be provided.

Please remember that October is Respect Life month. We encourage each council to open their October meeting by praying the rosary using the Rosary for the Unborn. Perhaps you could have an open meeting and invite your families and other parishioners to attend the meeting and pray the rosary together. Each Grand Knight will be emailed a copy of the Rosary for the Unborn.

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Each council should have received a 2024-2025 Culture of Life Guide from your District Deputy. This guide will have several suggestions for events and programs. If we can be of any assistance at all, please contact us.

Peace be with you!

Celesta and Rick Arnold PSD

Culture of Life Chair-couple, Ky State Council

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O’HAGAN



- Brothers the new Fraternal Year is underway and the Kentucky Jurisdiction is off to a great start. 16 councils welcomed 30 new members. Congratulations!
- August 13th is the Feast of Blessed Fr. McGivney – conduct a membership drive in his honor
- 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. Use your iPhone and Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

	Month to Date Actual v Quota	Year to Date Actual v Quota
New Members	30 v 24	30 v 505
DD Form 944 Submitted		
Form 365 Not Submitted (108)	60	
Form 185 Not Submitted (108)	28	
Roundtable	0 v 13	0 v 13
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)	26 Delinquent	

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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.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom O'Hagan

KY State Membership Director



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus – Charity, Growth and Protection in new fraternal year!

Brothers, this is an exciting time of year for two reasons.

First, our 142nd Annual Supreme Convention is taking place in Quebec, August 6-8. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will lead us in celebrating the successes of our Order over the last Fraternal Year.

He will announce the number of volunteer hours completed, the amount of charitable donations made, and more. That impact is only possible through our work right here on the local level. I hope that you take as much joy in being a Knight and making a difference as I do.

I encourage you to watch the livestream of the Supreme Convention at kofc.org/convention. Or, if you're unable to watch live, you will be able to find news articles and videos on the website during and after the convention.

Second, I am excited as we begin a new Fraternal Year. There's much work to be done in our community as always. I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate August 13, will watch over our efforts this year and that we will continue to grow in charity, unity, and fraternity. If you've benefitted over the past year from any aspect of your experience with the Knights – whether through faith-based activities, volunteer work with your brothers, getting a

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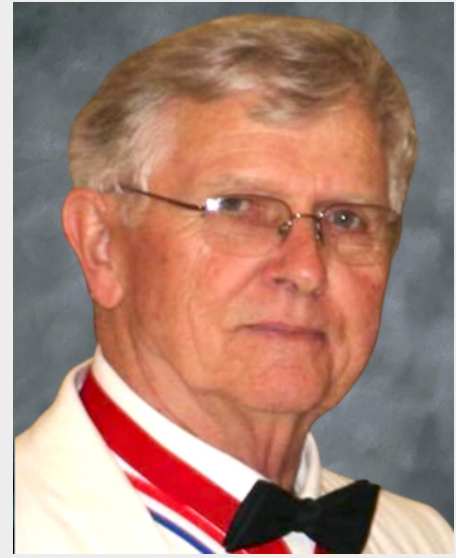
handle on financial matters or something else – I encourage you to invite a friend or family member into that experience with you. Let's share that brotherhood with others.

I pray, too, that through the intercession of our founder, God will bless our families abundantly this year. As always, our Field Agents are available to discuss how Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family financially. I hope you will avail yourself of this important benefit of being an insurance member of our Order.

Vivat Jesus!

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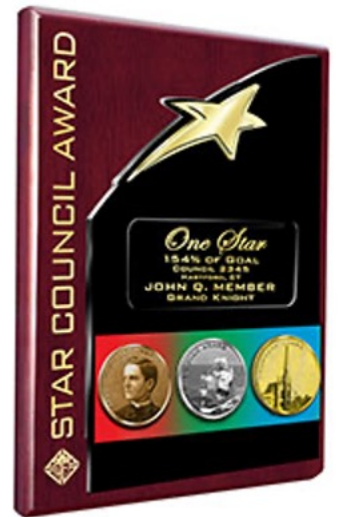


Star Council

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. In order to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian awards.

What Councils have “bragging” rights?

The question was alluded to by FS Mike Lohuis, St. Edward the Confessor Council 15841, Louisville, in an email to DD Dennis Scanga. Guess he sent the email to State Secretary Dick Burns and he forwarded to me as Historian. Did I have any records to show the Council with the most consecutive years earning the Star Council Award? No. But it is an intriguing question.



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St. Edward the Confessor Council was chartered October 12, 2013. They earned Star Council in 2014 and their current one in 2024. Mike stated the Council had earned the award each year. Quite an achievement! Congratulations!

Can any Council top this accomplishment? When I was State Deputy (2008-10), I tracked Star Council data. During that time Msgr. Ackerman Council 5453, Burlington, had amassed quite a string. Later on, I tracked Fr. Roy Dentinger Council 390, Louisville, for a while. Now I keep only records of the Supreme Awards list published annually.

I would be pleased to archive data on all Councils earning the Star Council Award with the date earned. I appreciate any input which I will consolidate.

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of Councils earning the Award. During fraternal year 2022-23 there were nine. This year 17 Councils earned Star and 4 Double Star. I think this is a positive indicator of a dramatic recovery from the COVID era. Keep up the great work.

**Submitted for the August 2024 Newsletter by:
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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:

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PO Box 1215
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

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



CALENDAR

August

Supreme Convention	6-8
Fr. McGivney Feast Day	13

December

Mid-Year Meeting	6-7
Christmas	25

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