



Kentucky State Council Newsletter

ISSUE NO.

24-9

SEPTEMBER 2024



Message from the State Deputy

Brothers,
I ask that all Council members participate in their local Parish Church Drive to recruit men and their families to join the Knights of Columbus. Let our State Membership Director Tom O'Hagan, your District Deputy or any State Officer help out with a Drive in the coming months. Order Church Drive kits now (they are free-just pay for shipping).

It's that time of year folks.... Be mindful of possible Phishing or Scam emails – I received one recently from myself. A Fake KY State Deputy email sent an email to my personal account. If it sounds or looks “phishy”, it probably is...

Vivat Jesus,
Luke A. Williams
State Deputy

IN THIS ISSUE

- 02 NEWS
- 10 MONTHLY UPDATES
- 36 HISTORY
- 39 LOCAL EVENTS
- 44 CALNDAR

Donated Chalices

In 2023, Bishop Medley traveled to Nigeria with several of our priests, one of whom was our very own Faithful Fryer Fr. Emmanuel Udoh, Pastor of Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church, in Hopkinsville, KY. In early August, as an opportunity to reciprocate, Fr. Emmanuel hosted Bishop Camillus Umoh from Nigeria. Fr. Emmanuel requested that the Knights of Columbus, Assembly 2753, donate two chalices to Bishop Umoh that he could take back and present to a couple of his priests in need of a chalice, in Nigeria. On August 7th, The Grand Knight of Council 7847 and the Faithful Purser of Assembly 2753, SK Bruce Wilcox presented the chalices to Bishop Umoh.

Attached are photos showing our presentation of the chalices to the Bioshop and of the Bishop and Faithful Fryar Fr. Emmanuel.

Additionally, we had the bottom of both chalices inscribed with: “Donated by Knights of Columbus Assembly 2753, Hopkinsville, KY”.

Bruce Wilcox

Faithful Purser, Assembly 2753



Franks with Fathers

Msgr. James H. Willett Council #7847 of Hopkinsville held their annual “Franks with Fathers” event on a warm and beautiful evening of August 14th at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. The entire parish was invited to join in for this yearly event. The Knights prepared hot dogs (and hamburgers) and drinks for everyone in attendance. The parish lady's group, Roses, prepared delicious desserts. Guests were invited to bring a favorite side dish and they brought plenty. There was a multitude of food for everyone. The event is held every year as an opportunity to know our parish priests at an informal session and participate in fellowship with the other parishioners. Our wonderful priests and deacons also get the opportunity to mingle and socialize with their parishioners. Field Agent Chris Cain came to the event, socialized with many, and gave a presentation to all.

Richard Hornbeak

Financial Secretary Council #7847



National Eucharist Procession

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we can and should take pride in knowing that we are a force for good within our parishes & communities. Our efforts and participation were on full display this past July, when the National Eucharist Procession made its way through the Owensboro & Louisville Diocese. Please read the letter (on the following page) from Archbishop Fabre.

I would like to offer my personal thank you to the brother knights and their families that joined us on this wonderful & beautiful occasion.

Tom Johnson

IPSD



National Eucharist Procession cont.



OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Pastoral Center, 3940 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, KY 40213-1463
(502) 585-3291 | (502) 585-2466 (Fax) | archbp@archlou.org

August 19, 2024

Mr. Tom Johnson
Immediate Past State Duputy
Knights of Columbus
706 Burton Pike
Georgetown, KY 40324-9571

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Greetings in the Lord! I write to you today filled with gratitude and thanks for you and your larger Knights of Columbus council members for the incredible support given during last month's National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. It was a true privilege to showcase our historic archdiocese and to welcome so many to our local Church. As you know, from your participation in early July, the six days the St. Juan Diego Route Perpetual Pilgrims visited the Archdiocese of Louisville required a good deal of planning.

I am told by Karen Shadle, director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship and Tim Tomes, archdiocesan archivist, of the many challenges (ie: weather, road safety, crowd management, meals and refreshments and more) that were overcome with your expertise and assistance. Thank you for all you did to ensure the best possible experience for everyone.

Our local Church is blessed because of the work and ministry of the Knights of Columbus.

Please know that I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

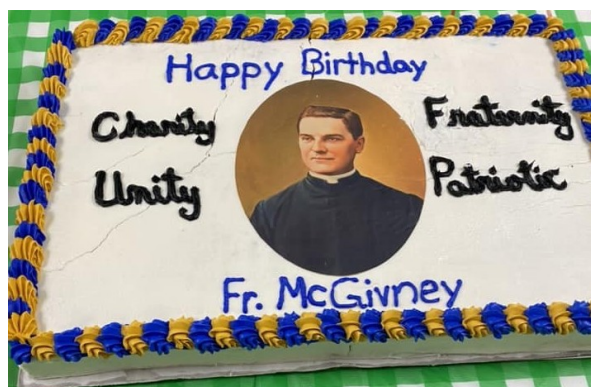
Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre
Archbishop of Louisville

St. Teresa Council 2282 of Brandenburg Welcomes Five New Knights

On Sunday, August 11th at 12 pm, the St. Teresa Council 2282 of Brandenburg held their first public Exemplification Ceremony to welcome six new members into the Council. The opening remarks were conducted by the Worthy Grand Knight Stephen Spohn, and the newly-installed Worthy Chaplain, Father Michael Martin, provided the opening prayer. The lessons on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity followed before the new candidates were officially sworn in with their promises. Candidates Jace Beavin, James “Chip” DeVries, Waylon Fackler, Tim Foushee, Kyle Parker, and Bradley Thornsberry were presented with their Rosary and Emblem of the Order by the Investing Officer, Worthy State Treasurer Gary Dykhuis, as friends and family watched from their seats. Worthy Chaplain Father Martin led the closing prayer with the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney. The ceremony concluded as Brother Knights welcomed the new Knights into the Council.

Prior to the ceremony, Knights of the Council grilled burgers, hotdogs, and brats for the St. John the Apostle Church “Back to School” celebration. Additionally, the Knights hosted a birthday celebration for Blessed Michael McGivney with a cake donated by Worthy Past Grand Knight Christopher Kelly. The parish members attending the celebration were extremely grateful for all of the help the St. Teresa Council offers to support St. John’s and the other local area Catholic churches.

Stephen Spohn
Grand Knight 2282



Special Olympics

Knights Compete at Lexington Truck Pull

Once again Knights from Christ the King Council #14130 and Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 in Lexington competed in the annual Lexington Truck Pull, a fundraiser that supports Special Olympics Kentucky.

Both teams were among the top fundraising teams, combining to raise \$5,152 of the \$46,000 raised at the event. Christ the King took the fundraising crown with \$2,631 raised, edging Mary Queen by \$110.

The Mary Queen Knights briefly held the lead in the Men's Division of the event before being knocked off the leaderboard. Unfortunately, a storm kept Christ the King from getting their chance to pull.

There are two more opportunities for you Council to test your strength and Pull for a Purpose at the Truck Pull. The Paducah Big Brown Truck Pull presented by Drakeway will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21. The UPS Truck Pull presented by BrightSpring will be held in Louisville on Oct. 5. You can get more information about both events at soky.org/truckpull.



Special Olympics cont.

Knights Support State Softball Tournament in Return to Owensboro

The Special Olympics Kentucky State Softball Tournament returned to Owensboro for the first time since 2007 when teams hit the field at Owensboro's Jack Fisher Park Sept. 6-8. The return produced an outpouring of support from businesses and organizations around the city, including the area's Knights of Columbus. Three Councils - Fr. Connor Council #6101, Bishop Soenneker Council #10725 and Owensboro Council #817 – as well as Owensboro Assembly #2074 combined to donate \$1,650 to sponsor the event. More than 500 athletes from around the state competed during the weekend.



Fall Sports Provides Statewide Opportunities to Volunteer

The Special Olympics Kentucky Fall Sports Season provides an opportunity for your Council to volunteer no matter where you are in the state. Our bowling season – a perfect match for Knights – includes nine competitions. From Paducah to Paintsville. Our Flag Football Tournaments – in Crestview Hills, Louisville and this year in Winchester also give you a chance to volunteer ESPECIALLY if you are a certified football official looking to help out. For more information about how you or your Council can get involved, contact Michaele Roy at 502-695-8222 or mroy@soky.org.

As always, when you volunteer with Special Olympics please identify yourself as a Knight and let us know which Council you represent. We also encourage you to wear Knights of Columbus gear. And please report your volunteer hours to Supreme.

Special Olympics cont.

2024 Bowling Schedule

Oct. 12-13 – Area 4 Bowling Tournament; King Pin Lanes, Louisville
Oct. 19 – Area 3&9 Bowling Tournament; Bowl Rite, Prestonsburg
Oct. 19 –Area 6 Bowling Tournament; Galaxy Bowl, Richmond
Oct. 19-20 – Area 1 Bowling Tournament; Cardinal Lanes, Paducah
Oct. 26–Area 2 Bowling Tournament; Diamond Lanes South, Owensboro
Oct. 26–Area 5 Bowling Tournament; Southern Lanes, Bowling Green
Oct. 26–Area 7 Bowling Tournament; Walt’s Bowling Center, Newport
Oct. 25 & 27 – Area 8 Bowling Tournament; Southland Lanes, Lexington

2024 Flag Football Schedule

Oct. 6 – Region 1&3 Flag Football Tournament; St. Xavier High School, Louisville
Oct. 13 – Region 2 Flag Football Tournament; Thomas More University, Crestview Hills
Nov. 3 – State Flag Football Tournament; George Rogers Clark High School, Winchester



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Fraternal Year 2024-2025

We all know that a lot happens in 2 months...Since becoming State Deputy on July 1st, 2024, I have heard and seen stories and acts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that are awesome. I am very thankful for all you do for others and our order. My intention with this September Newsletter, the State Deputy article is written to inform and to help keep our focus with the Mission of our Order...

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country

During the new state deputy orientation in June, 2024, the Supreme Knight gave an address on leadership. Click the link for a summary of that leadership address.

Downloadable pdf: [Five Virtues of Successful Leaders](#).

FY 2024-2025 Upcoming Important Dates for your Council Calendar

- *1st Thursday of every Month Zoom DD/SD Meeting @ 9:00 PM EST
- *2nd Monday of every Month Zoom GK/SD Meeting @ 8:30 PM EST
- *September 15, 2024 District Deputy Form 944 due for each Council
- *September, 2024 District Meetings with DD and other GK's in District
- *September, 2024 Schedule Training Session for Council Officers

WILLIAMS CONT.

- *September, 2024 Order Church Drive Kits/Set date for Church Drive
- *October, 2024 Respect Life Month
- *October, 2024 July Supreme Per Capita Bills Due
- *December 6-7, 2024 Midyear Meeting – Elizabethtown, KY
- *January, 2025 Councils order Church Drive kits for March
- *January, 2025 District Meetings with DD and other GK's in District
- *January 23, 2025 Kentucky March for Life – Frankfort-State Capital
- *February 15, 2025 Awards/State Per Capita/State Convention Stuff
- *March, 2025 Councils have Church Drive
- *March 15, 2025 State Award Submissions due to Program Director
- *March 29, 2025 Founders Day – Have a Membership Drive on 3/30/25
- *May 2-4, 2025 122nd Kentucky State Convention

2024 Midyear Organizational Meeting – December 6-7, 2024, in Elizabethtown

It is not too early to start planning for the upcoming Midyear Meeting that will be hosted by Council #1455 in Elizabethtown. This meeting is primarily for District Deputies and State Program Directors/Chairmen. Council Officers and members are welcome to attend. Details will be sent as soon as they are finalized.

KY KofC State Council Website - kykofc.com

Please visit the Kentucky State Council website for information on those who are helping, how to help, and links of where to find out more.

KofC Supreme Council Website - kofc.org

Please visit the Supreme Council website and look around. It has up to date information that helps us to “Build Better Disciples”

Star District Pins

Any District Deputy that achieved “Star District” status in the past 5 years will receive the newly designed pin that shows their achievement. Congratulations!

WILLIAMS CONT.

Building Better Disciples Kentucky State Pin

Our KY State Council motto this year is “Building Better Disciples”.

The 2024 KY State Pin reflects our commitment to Pope Francis naming 2024 as a “Year of Prayer” in preparation of the 2025 Jubilee Year. To prepare for this year of celebration, Pope Francis invited us into a Year of Prayer throughout 2024, reflecting on the 2025 Jubilee’s theme, ‘Pilgrims of Hope.’ On December 24, 2024, the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica in Rome will open, commencing the 2025 Jubilee Year.



The 2024 KY State Pin was very popular at last month’s Supreme Convention.

They will make a great Christmas Present. Contact State Warden John Staudt to purchase them before they are all gone.

COR - Year of Prayer Guide from the Vatican

If you are interested in learning more about the “2024 Year of Prayer”, check out this link that has the Vatican “Year of Prayer Guide”. [ENG Sulla-preghiera-A5-76P-SITO.pdf \(jubilaeum2025.va\)](#)

A reminder that the COR/Faith Formation Goal is to have at least 3 Holy Hours & consideration and appointment of a Council Evaluation Faith Formation Director.

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

WILLIAMS CONT.

with Grand Knights to explain what is required to participate in the program. This BOGO opportunity is to encourage coat distributions on Black Friday by your Council sponsored event. Please respond to KY State Program Director Fred Meade **NOW** if your Council plans to purchase any “boxes of coats” from the Supreme Coats for Kids program Buy One Get One opportunity.

2024 Soccer Challenge – The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9-14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1.

Council Championship – to be held sometime in September/October.

District Championship – held in October

Regional (Diocese) Championship – October/November

KY Jurisdictional Championship – November Specific dates for Regional and Jurisdictional Championships will be available from the KY Jurisdictional Soccer Challenge Chairman.

The deadline for reporting jurisdictional winners to the Supreme Council office is December 15.

For more information on how to sponsor a KofC Soccer Challenge this season, Contact KY State Council Soccer Challenge Chairman Jim Hillerich at j.hillerich@gmail.com

A reminder that Councils need to submit Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) for each program that has been conducted since July 1, 2024

Partnership with KofC General and Field Agents –

Don't forget to sign up for the Fraternal Benefit Event (Webinar) September 10, @7:30PM EST. This event will count towards obtaining the council Founders Award.

The Fraternal Member benefits have increased, as part of the Order's commitment to Blessed Michael McGivney's mission of helping Catholic families build a stable future. The updated member benefit flyer was shared with convention delegates, and you can download and view



WILLIAMS CONT.

that document [here](#). The increased benefits are available at no extra cost to all Knights* in insurance jurisdictions. Talk to your KofC Insurance Agent for eligibility requirements, conditions and restrictions.

I encourage all KY Knights to complete and return the 2024 Fraternal Survey that was just mailed out to KY KofC members.

FORMS

Every Council is required to send in forms. Our District Deputies are ready to help Councils turn in these forms.

Thanks to all councils who have turned in the “Semiannual Council Audit” form #1295 that was due August 15th. If your council is still working on this important report and have questions, please contact your District Deputy or myself.

The KY Jurisdiction is committed to help councils setup and report “Parish Roundtables” on form #2629. We currently only have 4 roundtables reported for our State Council. Please help our Parishes by implementing a Roundtable in each Parish your Council represents. Questions? Contact your District Deputy or a State Officer.

The KY-450 Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification Report is now on the kykofc.com resources page. Fill out the forms after your council has a Charity/Unity/Fraternity (CUF) exemplification and send to the State Deputy and the State Membership Director.

The District Deputy Form #944s are due and should be submitted before Sunday, September 15, 2024. Any State Officer can help if needed.

Safe Environment Training – The Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director and Family Director for each Council is required to have completed the Safe Environment Training courses administered by "Praesidium" for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAMS CONT.

There are 3 short courses to be taken via internet (hard copies are available if necessary). The Family and Community Directors also need to have background checks (no charge) thru the Supreme Council. Please look for email notifications from Praesidium in your "inbox" or "spam/junk" folders for assigned username and password to complete this important training. We currently have 26 councils that are SEP compliant and doing well towards the Star Council achievement.

Culture of Life

Our Culture of Life Chairman Rick Arnold, PSD and his wife Celesta, put together, distributed the 2024-2025 Culture of Life Guide since July 1st. This Guide is now posted on kykofc.com on the "Resources" page. Please look at what's in it.

KofC Kentucky Charities, Inc - College Football Frenzy fundraiser

This fundraiser helps the Charities Account used for grants. This fundraiser also helps the Council who shares the proceeds based on the number of tickets sold. You can purchase from your local KofC council or go online at www.footballsweeps.com and enter the group code CF24KENTUCKY.

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.

KAPID fundraisers

All Kentucky Knights of Columbus members recently received a letter from the Kentucky Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc (KAPID) asking for your individual donations to help KAPID support the agencies that are helped by your donations.

I wish all Councils that are sponsoring Tootsie Roll Drives in the coming months to have successful drives help support local agencies.



WILLIAMS CONT.

New Kentucky District Master - Jim Wharton

I am pleased to announce that the Supreme Master Micheal R. McCusker has appointed Jim Wharton from Lexington as the next Master of the Kentucky District in the Fr. Edward Sorin Province. Worthy District Master Jim's appointment became effective September 1, 2024 and concludes August 31, 2026. I humbly ask that you give District Master Jim all the support deserved in his service to our Jurisdiction.

Former District Master – Joseph Carter

I also want to thank FDM Joe Carter for his service as KY District Master these past couple of years. Thank You FDM Joe and Betty for your service.

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



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Supreme Convention:

The 142nd Supreme Convention is over. As always it was a wonderful, beautiful and inspiring event. Our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, along with our Supreme Officers and staff did an outstanding job of welcoming and inspiring the attendees. While Supreme is working on many things to support and strengthen our Catholic men, they are also continuing to support life at all stages. This past June, the KY Jurisdiction had the opportunity to participate in the Build a Bed pilot program. While it was a success in KY, it was also a success in the other jurisdictions where it was piloted. The bottom line is that the Build-A-Bed program is going to be adopted by Supreme. Details as to how it will be implemented are still being worked out.

Are you Ready!

September is here and represents the end of the first quarter. I'm happy to see that several councils that struggled with membership recruiting this past FY, have already recruited a member for this FY. Keep up the good work.

September also means that Fall is right around the corner along with "hopefully" cooler weather. I didn't say cold, I said cooler. Many councils will be gearing up for their parishes' fall festivals and while you are busy with those fun things, don't forget why you do the things you do. We are called to be a living example to those around us. To those that go to church with us and to

JOHNSON CONT.

those that don't. You may just be the face of Jesus to that young father struggling to raise his family or to that young man struggling with gender identity issues or to that mother in the pew praying that her husband can find the strength he needs to make the right decisions. Whether you know it or not, you are being watched. While folks like their privacy, they also enjoy being social. Interacting with those around them. What you do & how you act matters. If you have a KofC shirt wear it to Mass on Sundays or to a social event or when working at a festival. Be proud of the organization you belong to.

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 last month was...I don't know! That was last month. I'm getting used to my new role and I really like that I'm starting to check things off my To-Do List.

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,

Personal Road to Recovery

Those of you who attended the Organizational Meeting noticed I was wearing a sling after having rotator cuff repair surgery. I'm finally out of it and starting PT, but it's still pretty much just a decorative appendage. I'd been warned by many people about how painful the recovery would be for this procedure, but (TMI alert) I've changed the pain scale from 0-10 to 0-hemorrhoid surgery, and rotator cuff surgery is only a 7 compared to hemorrhoid surgery! I pray none of you have to undergo either, but if you do (or any other painful procedure), embrace the pain and ask the Lord to accept it as an offering to relieve the pain of other loved ones. And thank Jesus for the pain He endured on the Cross for us.

Memento Mori

Since the beginning of the Fraternal Year, we've lost three Former District Deputies:

- Alfonso ("Big Al") Fiorucci passed on 6/29. He was a member of Msgr. William McKune Council 1447 in Louisville and St. Francis de Sales Assembly 3228 Assembly in Fairdale.
- Deacon Gary Fowler passed on 7/7. He was a member of Msgr. Joseph Newman Council 4665 and Fr. Bernard A. Spoelker Assembly 2834 in Louisville.
- Paul McCavick passed on 8/24. He was a member of Fr. Ben Powers Council 1315 and Fr. Alexander Korte Assembly 2231 in Bowling Green.

They will be remembered and missed. We thank these Catholic Gentlemen and their families for their service to the Order, and keep them in our prayers.

BURNS CONT.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Celebrations!

Pope John Paul Council in Hawesville celebrated its 45th Anniversary 7/17!

Recruit! and Retain!

A BIG ***Congratulations!*** to St. Michael the Archangel Council 18284 in Ft. Mitchell and Holy Rosary Council 1055 in Paducah. Both these Councils have already exceeded their Quota for the year and are well on their way to Star Council. I'm sure they'll keep up the good work and go for multiple stars.

At the end of July 17 Councils had already recruited at least one new member. At the end of August, that number is up to 30 Councils! Let's keep that recruiting effort high.

Make sure you hold your first Church Drive before the end of the year.

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 and Welcome September!

It is the time of the year when Yellow School busses are out on the road. Also, you need to watch for Farm Machinery on roads. Our goals continue, as we have only 49 new members or New Families that have joined our order.

Labor Day, was observed as the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day.

Fall is fast coming and vacations are over, which means Council need to down to business. Get back to Great things that we All Do. **COR**, is Latin for "**Heart**," The Heart of our Lord. A Great way to involve All Catholic Men, Knight or Not in your Parish.

State Mid-Year Meeting!

A Great Meeting will be the Mid-Year Meeting in Elizabethtown December 6-7, 2024. A good meeting with lots of information for District Deputies, Gand Knights and Financial Secretaries. Our State Deputy Luke Williams will have New Information from the Mid-Year Meeting with

DYKHUIS CONT.

Supreme. Membership Chairman Tom O'Hagan will give a very an inspirational message for recruiting new Members.

Recruit and Retain

This is a the third month of a New Fraternal Year; we need to recruit New Members and Families. Use you iPhone, and search for "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, there are three ways to have 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,

As we launch back into the school year, for those councils that have a parish school take this opportunity to review the various programs available for the fall. Soccer challenge, poster contests, citizenship essay contests, and many others are an easy way to reach out to the students and engage with the parish. Be thinking about tootsie roll drives and supporting a seminarian with RSVP.

Checking the reports on forms submitted shows 12 councils still not reporting officers chosen for the new year. This will result in a loss of access to member management and your Youth Protection status will also be lost with no Grand Knight identified. Get those forms in!

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.

Reports as of today show 41 councils not submitting their 365 successfully. This can result from either not submitting at all, or not filling in one of the required positions. These could be Youth Protection required Directors or your Membership Director as that position also needs to be filled for the 365 to be complete. Please review your status and add those missing position assignments.

KUCHENBROD CONT.

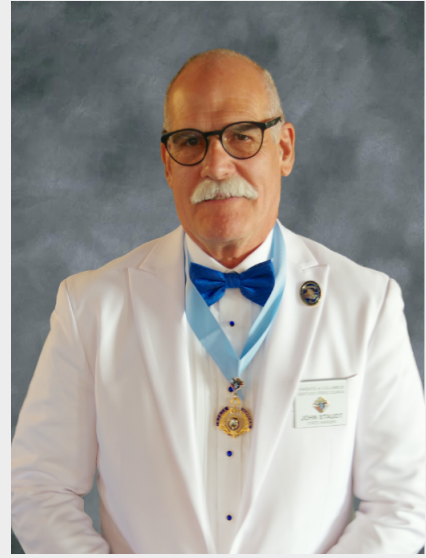
We need to achieve our “Safe Environment Training” goals. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training. If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is on line training and takes about an hour to complete. The Councils that sponsor youth events like Free Throw Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, etc. “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).

Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have nine more 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,

August 6th – 8th was the 142nd Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Quebec, Canada. If you haven't already done so, visit the Supreme website to watch the opening Mass and opening remarks from our Supreme Knight – Patrick Kelly. There are other videos from the convention that you may find interesting and informative. The link is as follows: [2024 K of C Supreme Convention](#)

It was my wife's and my first experience attending a Supreme Convention. I met many brothers and new State Wardens. I was impressed by all the events, the people, the information and the experience. The schedule and logistics of attending events on time kept one busy until the end of the day. I recommend attending the Supreme Convention when you can. The next 2025 Supreme Convention will be in Washington D.C.

The "College Football Frenzy" tickets are to be returned by September 13th and it is fast approaching. Some of your councils still have a meeting prior to the 13th and you have the opportunity to sell more not only to your council members, but also to parishioners, friends and neighbors. 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 EKU on the

STAUDT CONT.

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.

**Vivat Jesus,
John Staudt
State Warden**

CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE



RICK & CELESTA ARNOLD

Greetings Brother Knights and families,

In the blink of an eye, Summer has come and gone, and the kids are back in school!

Many thanks to the Knights from around the state who came to Louisville to help in the Kentucky Right to Life booth. We were very proud to see the Knights of Columbus so well represented. If you did work at the fair, please send us an email so we can give your council credit.

We are starting to get donations to the State Culture of Life Fund from all around the state. Many thanks to the councils who have contributed. If your council has not donated, please consider it at your next meeting. All funds received will be used for projects and organizations in your diocese.

Finally, please don't forget that October is Respect Life Month. We encourage every council to do some sort of event to show that Knights stand for life in all its stages. One simple way would be to pray the Rosary before your October meeting using the Pro-Life Meditations listed below. Thanks to everyone for all you do to build a Culture of Life! Please remember to keep us informed of what your council has done and is planning. Of course, we are always here to help.

Peace be with you!

Celesta and Rick Arnold PSD

Culture of Life Chair-couple, Ky State Council

rickd.arnold@gmail.com or celesta.arnold58@gmail.com

ARNOLD CONT.

Pro-Life Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary

By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life

The rosary is a devotion strongly embraced by the pro-life movement. This is so for good reasons, because in the Hail Mary we praise a mother, and we worship the fruit of her womb. Our salvation began because a mother said yes to the life within her! In the rosary we also say, "Pray for US sinners." We don't point the finger at others, but rather at ourselves. We know that sin that is in the world, but we start by repenting of the sin within us. That is the best way to rebuild the Culture of Life.

Joyful Mysteries

Misterios Gozosos

The Annunciation

Mary is troubled by the angel's greeting, yet rejoices to do God's will. Let us pray that those who are troubled by their pregnancy may have the grace to trust in God's will.

The Visitation

John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is not about children who "might" come into the world, but is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed.

The Nativity

God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.

The Presentation

The Child is presented in the Temple because the Child belongs to God. Children are not the property of their parents, nor of the government.

They - and we - belong to God Himself.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple



ARNOLD CONT.

The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of His teachings about the dignity of life, and may understand that this teaching is not an opinion, but the truth.

Luminous Mysteries

Misterios Luminosos

On October 16, 2002, Pope St. John Paul II recommended to the Christian world the addition of a new set of Mysteries to the Rosary. Following are pro-life meditations on these mysteries.

Christ is Baptized in the Jordan

When Jesus is baptized, the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son." All are called to become adopted sons and daughters of God through baptism. We pray that children in the womb may be protected, so that they may be born and welcomed into the Christian community by baptism.

Christ is made known at the Wedding of Cana

Jesus revealed His glory by the miracle at Cana. The new couple was blessed not only with wine, but with faith in Christ. Let us pray for strong marriages, rooted in the Lord, and open to the gift of new life.

Christ proclaims the Kingdom and Calls All to Conversion

"Repent and believe the Good News." Let us pray that these first words of Jesus' public ministry may be heard by all who have committed abortion. May they know that the Lord calls them to conversion, and may they experience life-giving repentance.

The Transfiguration

Christ is transformed on the mountain, and the disciples see His glory. May the eyes of all people be transformed, that they may see each and every human life as a reflection of the glory of God Himself.

Jesus gives us the Eucharist

ARNOLD CONT.

"This is My Body, given up for you." The Eucharist teaches us how to live and how to love. Let us pray that parents who sacrifice the babies for the sake of themselves may learn instead to put themselves aside for the sake of their babies.

Sorrowful Mysteries

Misterios Dolorosos

The Agony in the Garden

Let us pray for mothers and fathers who are in agony because they are tempted to abort a child. May they be given the good news that there are alternatives, and may they make use of the help that is available.

The Scourging

As Christ's flesh was torn by the instruments of those who scourged Him, so the bodies of babies in the womb are torn by the instruments of the abortionists. Let us pray that abortionists may repent of these acts of child-killing.

The Crowning With Thorns

Jesus suffered the pain of thorns in His head, and did so silently. We pray for the mothers and fathers of aborted children. So many of them suffer deep grief and regret over a choice they can never reverse. So many suffer in silence, because others tell them it's no big deal.

The Carrying of the Cross

Jesus was not condemned by the power of wicked people. He was condemned because of the silence of good people. Silence always helps the oppressor, never the victim. Let us pray that we may never be silent about abortion, but rather will clearly speak up to save babies from death.

The Crucifixion

As we ponder the death of Christ, let us remember the many women who have died from so-called "safe, legal" abortions. Let us ask forgiveness and mercy for them. May their memory save other women from making this tragic mistake.



ARNOLD CONT.

Glorious Mysteries

Misterios Gloriosos

The Resurrection

Christ is Risen! By his Resurrection, He has destroyed the power of death, and therefore the power of abortion. The outcome of the battle for Life has already been decided: Life is victorious! Let us pray that all proliferators will spread this victory to every segment of our society.

The Ascension

By ascending to the Father's throne, Christ takes our human nature, given to us in the womb, to the heights of heaven. He shows us that human beings are made to be raised to heaven, not thrown in the garbage. Let us pray that the world may learn this truth and reject abortion.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate: He pleads our cause, for we cannot save ourselves. We pray that He will make us advocates for the babies, who cannot speak or write or vote or protest or even pray.

The Assumption

The Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven because she is the Mother of God. Mother and child are united. The Assumption reminds us that they belong together. We pray that society will see that it cannot love women while killing their children, and cannot save children without helping their mothers. We pray that people will be touched by the pro-life question, "Why can't we love them both?"

The Coronation

Mary is the Queen of the Universe. The Church teaches that she is the greatest creature, second only to God Himself. The Church defends the dignity of women. We pray that people will understand that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that to be pro-woman demands that we be pro-life.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O’HAGAN



- Brothers we are well into the 1st quarter of the Fraternal Year and the Kentucky Jurisdiction is off to a great start. 30 councils have welcomed 71 new members. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to Councils 1055 and 18282 for surpassing their membership quota.
- It’s time to schedule your 1st Council Church Membership Drive
- There are 112 ‘Assigned’ candidates/prospects that want to be in your council. Please review your council list, contact these e-members and invite them to your next CUF Exemplification.
- Is your council using the State Council Recruitment Card? Your membership team should be handing them out to every prospective man. They are easy to use and effective. Use your Phone and Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

	Month Actual v Quota	Year Actual v Quota
New Members	42 v 48	71 v 505
Councils With No YTD Adds	77 v 108	77 v 108
Form 365 Not Submitted (108)	53	
Form 185 Not Submitted (108)	22	
Roundtable	4 v 13	4 v 13
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)	26 Delinquent	

O'HAGAN CONT.

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 – Guaranteed Income in retirement.

Brothers,

Working with Knights like you and your families every day is a blessing. Our K of C Field Agents and me truly enjoy our work. With that said, my family appreciate a long weekend as well. I hope you were all able to enjoy the Labor Day holiday and get some well-deserved rest.

Whenever we have a long weekend, it's like a little preview of what retirement might look like. If you're like me, I hope my retirement is one that's restful where I'm also able to remain productive, be an active member of the Knights, pursue my personal hobbies, and enjoy a bit of travel here and there.

The amount of money you'll need in retirement can be difficult to calculate. But with a properly structured retirement plan and annuity through Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.

There are many different contribution and plan types you can choose from. Once established, the money within the annuity continues to earn value, before eventually being disbursed according to the guaranteed income options you elect. The K of C guaranteed income can be a

SCHACHLE CONT.

key part of your retirement strategy. It can provide you the safety and security you need in retirement.

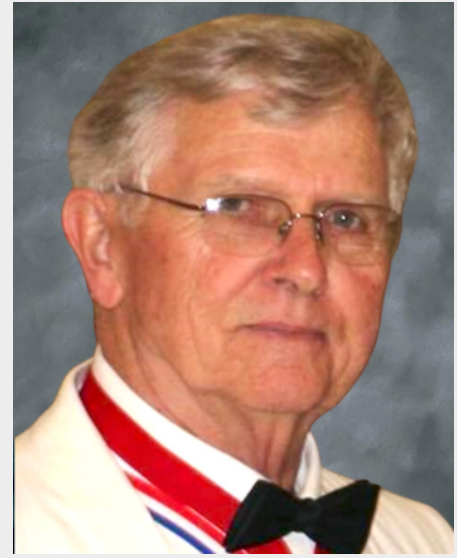
If you'd like to learn more about how Knights of Columbus annuities and guaranteed income options can help you, please schedule an appointment with your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, he will be happy to discuss your options.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle
Dan Schachle, FICF, PGK
Knights of Columbus, General Agent
(615) 589-8848
Daniel.Schachle@KofC.org



STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



Supreme Council Awards 2023-2024

Congratulations to District Deputies Tom O'Hagan, DD6; Erik Guy, DD12; Dennis Scanga, DD14 and Keith Cahill, DD22 for their recognition as Star Districts. To achieve Star District, the Founders' Award must be earned by at least 50% of the district councils; reach 70% of the combined council membership quotas and, at least one of his councils must earn the Star Council Award.

Congratulations to the forty-three (43) Councils that earned a total of fifty (50) Supreme awards during the past fraternal year. There are twenty-one (21) Star Council Awards (outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming), fourteen (14) Columbian Awards (Program), eight (8) McGivney Awards (Membership) and seven (7) Founders Awards (Insurance). The number of Star Councils jumped from ten (10) to twenty-one (21). This was a nice send off for Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Johnson. The chart on the following two pages recognizes the Councils and the awards they earned.

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

Supreme Awards

Council	Name	Location	Star	Columbian	McGivney	Founders
7847	Msgr. Willett	Hopkinsville	Double			
12965	Fr. Kapaun	Oak Grove	Double			
18126	Fr. Badin	Shelbyville	Double			
18284	St. Michael the Archangel	Ft. Mitchell	Double			
390	Fr. Dentinger	Louisville	X			
1315	Fr. Powers	Bowling Green	X			
5453	Bishop Ackerman	Burlington	X			
12354	St. Joseph	Mount Washington	X			
12502	Fr. McGivney	Independence	X			
12774	St. Elizabeth Seton	Lexington	X			
12923	Fr. Patrick Creed	Campbellsville	X			
13304	Fr. Diersen	LaGrange	X			
14290	Our Lady of Lourdes	Owensboro	X			
15525	St. Michael's	Jeffersontown	X			
15841	St. Edward the Confessor	Louisville	X			
15914	Fr. Sampson	Fort Campbell	X			
15931	Ave Maria	Louisville	X			
15979	St. Margaret Mary	Louisville	X			
16179	Sts. Brigid and James	Louisville	X			
17606	Fr. O'Donnell	Beaver Dam/Morgantown	X			
18058	St. Peter	Lexington	X			
12852	St. Mark	Richmond		X	X	X
5634	St. John XXIII	Louisville		X		X
15181	Blessed Trinity	Eddyville/Princeton/ Dawson Springs		X		X
15699	St. Gabriel the Archangel	Louisville		X		X
4665	Msgr. Newman	Louisville		X		X
11470	St. John/St. Francis	Georgetown		X		X
1055	Holy Rosary	Paducah		X		
1320	Henderson	Henderson		X		




Supreme Awards cont.

Council	Name	Location	Star	Columbian	McGivney	Founders
1367	Uniontown	Uniontown		X		
2499	Hardinsburg	Hardinsburg		X		
3908	Fr. Bealer	Erlanger		X		
10725	Bishop Soenneker	Owensboro		X		
14130	Christ the King	Lexington		X		
14604	Mount Mercy	Peewee Valley		X		
702	Bishop Carroll	Bellevue			X	
1418	Msgr. Russell	Fancy Farm			X	
14128	St. Mildred	Somerset			X	
14728	St. Francis Xavier	Falmouth			X	
15063	St. Francis of Assisi	Pikeville			X	
15452	Holy Spirit Parish Newman Center	Lexington			X	
17445	Bishop Maes Holy Cross	Covington			X	
1955	Annunciation/Gaudalupe	Paris				X

Local Events

THE 73 RD ANNUAL LIVING ROSARY!

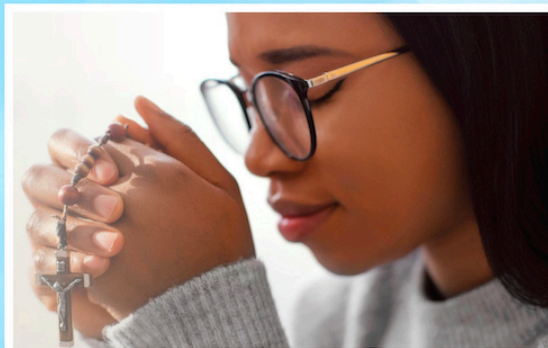


 3:00pm



Come join
Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre
in celebrating
THE LIVING ROSARY!

St. Michael Catholic Church,
3705 Stone Lakes Drive, Louisville, KY 40299



Youth in grades 1-12 are encouraged to specially participate
parents to register them on-line at



 www.MaryLouisville.com

Local Events



Protect Those You Love The Most

Join Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future.

Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30PM EST

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCSept10>



No purchase is necessary to attend this event. This event is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial, tax, or legal advice. A Knights of Columbus insurance agent may contact you following the event. Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, 06510

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES



**Knights of
Columbus®**

20128 7/24

Local Events

AN EVENING OF MIRACLES AND INSPIRATION!

“IT’S A MIRACLE” DINNER



Hosted by St Michael the Archangel
Council of the Knights of Columbus



SEPTEMBER 16TH | 6:00PM-9:00PM | RECEPTIONS, 1379 DONALDSON RD., ERLANGER, KY

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet and speak with the recipient of a Vatican-certified miracle? Most of us associate miracles with Jesus, saints, and those who have passed before us. However, miracles can also happen in our everyday lives.

The Knights are honored to host the “It’s A Miracle” dinner, a beacon of light in our local faith community calendar. This unique event will feature Mr. Dan Schachle, whose son Michael played a special role in the beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

COME JOIN US!

Be inspired, uplifted, and strengthened in your faith by joining us for this unforgettable evening.



GET TICKETS

ADULTS \$15 | STUDENTS \$10

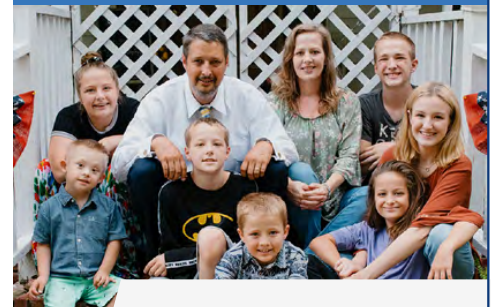
Scan the QR code or visit:

www.stmichaelkofc.org/event/its-a-miracle-dinner/

MEET OUR SPEAKER

Mr. Dan Schachle

Dan Schachle’s son, Michael, was diagnosed with a fatal condition while still in the womb. Despite this, Dan and his family prayed fervently to Fr. Michael McGivney, and Michael was miraculously healed. This miraculous healing was recognized by the Vatican as the miracle needed for the beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney.



QUESTIONS? Contact John Carey

E: john.s.carey@gmail.com P: 513-884-9800



**Knights of
Columbus®**



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 #:** _____

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Mail entry form to:

Richard Webster
PO Box 1215
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Bruce Wilcox
PO Box 1215
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

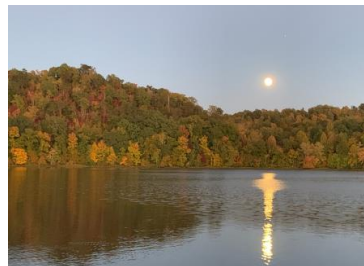
Make Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus, Council #7847



Local Events



PRESENTS:
11TH ANNUAL



BLUEGRASS ON (LAKE) BESHEAR

Sat, October 12, 2024 11:45 AM to 5 PM

(Grounds Open at 11 AM – Rain or Shine)

On beautiful Lake Beshear. Bring lawn chairs & coolers.

Food, drinks, baked goods, merch available.

RAFFLE – Dozens of Prizes - \$700 Cash Prize!

FREE ADMISSION....FEATURING:

- 11:45 Bright Life Farms Choir (Inspirational)**
- Noon South Union Band (Bluegrass)**
- 1 PM Lighthouse Vocal Band (Country/Gospel)**
- 2 PM Chris Rogers & the Kentucky Troubadours (Country)**
- 3 PM Alonzo Pennington (Blues/Rock)**
- 4 PM Cutter & Cash & the Kentucky Grass (Bluegrass)**

Location: 307 Island Cove Lane Dawson Springs, KY
 (West fork of Lake Beshear off Rt 672, 4 mi. SW of Dawson Springs)

“Bluegrass on Beshear” supports 5 pregnancy care centers in western KY:

Door of Hope (Madisonville)

H.O.P.E. Clinic (Benton and Eddyville)

Alpha PCC (Hopkinsville)

Pathway of Hope (Greenville)

Money raised up to \$15,000 will be matched!!

Visit: www.BluegrassonBeshear.com or Facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear for info

WE ARE...PICKIN' LIFE!!!



CALENDAR

December

Mid-Year Meeting	6-7
Christmas	25

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

www.kykofc.com

kykofcnewsletter@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/kentuckyknights/