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Mass for Peace

Members of The Archangels Assembly #3877 along with State Deputy Luke A. Williams were part of an Honor Guard as Archbishop Seldon Fabre celebrated a "Mass for Peace in Our Communities" on the eve of the Feast of St. Peter Claver. This Mass was held at the Cathedral of the Assumption on Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. The Knights of St. Peter Claver and their Ladies' Auxiliary were also in attendance.

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Hope Pregnancy Center

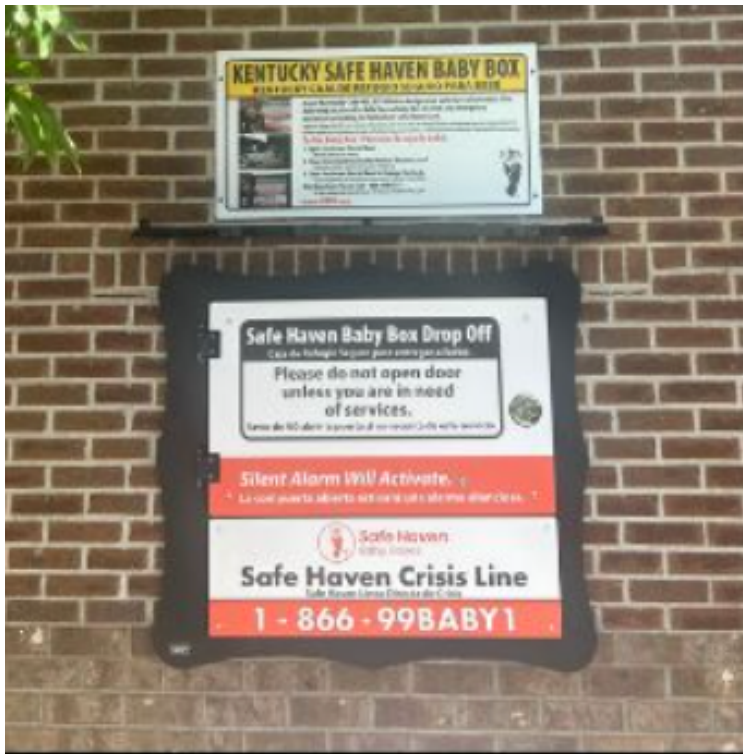
Grand Knight BJ Brady with Fr. Patrick Creed Council #12923 presents a check to Marsha Gilbert, Director of the Hope Pregnancy Center of Taylor County on September 18, 2024. The check and donations collected at the 2024 KY State Council Organizational Meeting totaled over \$1,000.

The Campbellsville Council has sent the project paperwork to Supreme as part of the ASAP program so that the Hope Pregnancy Center of Taylor County can receive an extra \$200 for the donation.



Baby Box Blessed

Many people were in attendance as the new Safe Haven Baby Box that was recently installed at the Breckinridge Memorial Hospital in Hardinsburg was Blessed. Members of the Hardinsburg Council #2499, the Fr. James Meder Assembly #3423, State Treasurer Gary Dykhuis and State Deputy Luke A. Williams were in attendance. A plaque recognizing the many donors who helped make the Baby Box installation a reality was also shown at the blessing that was held on September 11, 2024. Council #2499 and Assembly #3423 were recognized as Silver Donors for this 42nd Safe Haven Baby Box installed in Kentucky.



Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen

We had a great time at the Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen on September 29th. We served about 125 guests. We had our famous Corn Chowder, Bologna & Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Salad, and Cookies. As a special treat, we offered bags of shredded lettuce and sliced tomatoes to add to the sandwich.

Dennis Scanga
District Deputy 14



Council 15914 Welcomes Four New Knights

Ft. Campbell Council #15914 Soldiers Chapel conducted a CUF Exemplification on September 11th. Four new members, all active duty soldiers, were accepted into Council #15914, and another two advanced to the 3rd degree. Tremendous support from the Council Officers in welcoming these brave brothers.

Michael White

Grand Knight



Special Olympics

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 Michael 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.

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



Northern KY Knights Fundraiser for Catholic Charities

The combined K of C councils from Northern Kentucky recently held their annual golf classic to benefit Catholic Charities Lifeline project. This project helps pregnant mothers or mothers who recently had a baby that need financial help. We were able to give Catholic Charities a check for \$19,000.00. This represents a 36% increase over last year. In 15 years, the Knights have given the Diocese of Covington Catholic Charities \$168,000.00.

Shown here are the knights presenting a check to Chis Goddard, Executive Director of Catholic Charities.

Deacon Bill Theis



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Helene and the Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights,

This past week, Hurricane Helene carved out a path of destruction from torrential rain and damaging winds for a large section of the Southeast. The resulting flooding and power outages are still being dealt with as disaster recovery efforts are continuing. Any Council or individual who wishes to donate funds for the recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene damage in the Southeast Region States, can write a check to "Knights of Columbus Charities of Kentucky, INC" , write "Helene" in the memo line and mail to the KY Charities Secretary Cameron Peck at this address.

Cameron Peck
796 Wellington Way
Lexington, KY 40503

The recovery will go on well beyond when the news crews covering the disaster leave.

A very serene moment hit me as I was checking into my hotel alongside two other State Deputies who had just come from the airport in Charlotte, North Carolina for a Southeast Regional State Deputy meeting the Friday afternoon Helene came through. We had all experienced flight delays to Charlotte because the airport was closed until 10am due to Helenes path. Not too many people knew the real extent of the flooding yet, but enough news was

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known that something was not right in the mountains of Western North Carolina and Tennessee as well as a large swath of Florida and Georgia. There was a housekeeping staff person at the check in desk and she was looking at the 2 other State Deputies and myself wearing polo shirts with Knights of Columbus emblems. She asks what organization we were with (almost as if she knew but wasn't sure) and when we told her we were with the Knights of Columbus, she asked if we were there for the disaster that was unfolding.

That is when it struck me that the little bit, she knew about the Knights of Columbus was enough to know that Knights help in situations such as was occurring due to Helene.

It made me proud to be associated with an organization that is seen in many areas as “those guys that are always helping someone” This was to me, a testament to the Knights of Columbus in the North Carolina State Council.

My hope is that all members of the Knights of Columbus in Kentucky and across the world realize that we are all in this together and everyone has a chance to do their part whatever that part is. Why not start today.

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
- October, 2024 Respect Life Month
- October, 2024 July Supreme Per Capita Bills Due
- October 7, 2024 Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Feast Day
- October 12, 2024 Bluegrass On Lake Beshear 11:45am CST
- October 14, 2024 Columbus Day
- October 22, 2024 St. John Paul II Feast Day
- December 6-7, 2024 Midyear Meeting – Elizabethtown, KY C#1455 Hosting
- January, 2025 Councils order Church Drive kits for March
- January, 2025 District Meetings with DD and other GK's in District

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- 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 Annual Knights of Columbus - KY State Convention

Respect Life Month – USCCB materials and Novenas

Each October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides [free, easy-to-use materials](#), including a [Respect Life Month novena](#) (10/22-10/30) and step-by-step suggestions for helping your parish and council highlight the gift of human life. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, ideas for building a culture of life, and more. Members and parishioners can sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message! A new poster and prayer cards with a Eucharistic theme are [available to order online](#) at a 50% discount by entering the code KNIGHTS in the “Discount Code” box during checkout.

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.

Reminder – Invite prospective Knights of Columbus members to all Council/Parish activities.

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

The Kentucky State Council has qualified for the BOGO (Buy One Get One) free case, Black Friday Coats for Kids promotion! Based on the responses from local Councils, the State Council will purchase a total of 1668 coats equaling 139 cases and utilize the Supreme match for this order. This means each council that is participating will receive one case of coats for every one

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they order. The total # of cases that will be distributed by KY Councils using the BOGO incentive will be 278 cases or 3,336 coats. The Supreme is allowing up to 5 locations to deliver across the Commonwealth...

Louisville area=1968 coats/164 cases,

Lexington area=528 coats/44 cases,

NKY area=648 coats/54 cases,

Hopkinsville area=48 coats/ 4 cases,

Beaver Dam/Morgantown area=144 coats/12 cases

Program Director Fred Meade will be working out the “Area” locations with the participating councils so if you have a place where the coats can be delivered, and the area councils can pick their coats up at the delivery location. Make sure you invite your District Deputy, State Officers and State Deputy to help promote your distribution events.

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.

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

Food For Families – Start planning you Food drives now for the upcoming holidays.

Ultrasound Initiatives – There have been 2 new Ultrasound Initiatives in the works in Kentucky to go along with the many that are still in the fundraising stage. Please support one of these initiatives if you don't have one going on yourself.

Christmas Poster Contest – Start your planning now for the Knights of Columbus sponsored Christmas Poster Contest.

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Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)

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

Membership Intake Goal = 501 (current goal number)

- 501 - We did not reach our 20% goal by September 30th, so we did not get the reduction of 2.5% of the Intake Goal...Lets get to work on the 2nd quarter goal.
- Stay tuned for 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter State Council membership incentives.
- Promote recruitment at Roundtable Parishes.
- Schedule Regular Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplifications – Recruit towards that regular date/ if no candidate, practice the CUF exemplification.
- Have a Church Drive for each Parish (host council or roundtable) to recruit Catholic men to join with us. Please let our State Membership Director Tom O’Hagan, your District Deputy or any State Officer to help with a Drive in the coming months. All you have to do is invite them!

Fishers of Men-Renew our culture of invitation.

From the beginning, Father Michael McGivney created a culture for the Knights — a “culture of invitation,” in which Catholic men ask other Catholic men to join our fraternity and put their faith in action. And so, they went out and invited others. One by one, council by council, our Order grew.

There is now a “Becoming Fishers of Men” Webinar that you can watch on the Supreme Webinar Training page. The Fishers of Men Guidebook and other new items are listed on the final pages of this agenda. You can now go online to purchase and download these items to add to your Church Drive kits and assist you in extending a personal invitation to future Knights:

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As announced last month, new materials and resources are available to help you renew the culture of invitation in your councils and communities. You can download and order these materials via Supplies Online (accessed via Officers Online).



As you prepare to use these materials in your council's recruiting efforts, here's some other things to consider:

- Did you attend the "Fishers of Men" webinar? If not, you can register and watch on demand [here](#).
- Do you have a Church Drive planned? Remember you can order your Church Drive Kit from Supplies Online. Your field agent can also assist you with your Church Drive.
- How will you empower your council members to extend the invitation of brotherhood? Schedule an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity so they have something to invite men to.
- Have you seen this [video](#) highlighting Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's remarks on a "Culture of Invitation" from his Annual Report.

COR - Faith Formation Goal =At least 3 Holy Hours & Appointment of Council Evangelization Faith Formation Director

On September 12th to 15th, 2024, the Supreme Evangelization and Faith Formation Team, had the distinct honor of hosting an in-person event - namely, the State Evangelization and Faith Formation Training. This training was intended to provide evangelization and faith formation

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leadership with a deeper look at Cor, the foundations of transformative fraternity, and how to build a unifying message in preparation for the midyear meetings. Our State Chaplain Fr. John List was able to attend this event.

If you were unable to attend the October 3rd COR online event, "Building Brotherhood through Cor", go to the link and find out more about COR.

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Partnership with KofC General and Field Agents –

All Kentucky Field Agents have been asked and accepted New Council Development – Diocese Chairmanships for their diocese except, David White remains with Covington and Greg White has agreed to handle Lexington until a new FA can be brought on. Please support our Knights of Columbus Field Agents.

Star Councils Goal = 25

30 that are currently SEP compliant. 12 have 3 positions compliant. Take a close look at the most recent Star Tracker report and see what your council needs to be another step closer to being able to say you are a part of a “Star Council”

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 forms that help identify Council Officers and Service Chairman/Directors. If your council is still working on important reports to the Supreme Council and have questions, please contact your District Deputy or myself.

The KY Jurisdiction is committed to help council's setup and report “Parish Roundtables” on form #2629. We currently only have 5 roundtables reported for our State Council. We should have over 50. Please help our Parishes by implementing a Roundtable in each Parish your Council represents. Questions? Contact your District Deputy or a State Officer.

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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. 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 30 councils that are SEP compliant and doing well towards the Star Council achievement.

Online Training Schedule - Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at kofc.org/training.

Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

English Training:

October 7, 2024 8:00 PM.....[Officers' Desk Reference](#)

October 8, 2024 8:00 PM.....[Council Officer Training](#)

October 10, 2024 8:00 PM.....[Safe Environment](#)

October 15, 2024 10:00 PM.....[Time Management](#)

November 4, 2024 8:00 PM.....[Public Relations and Publicity](#)

November 7, 2024 8:00 PM.....[Conducting Activity Drives](#)

November 13, 2024 10:00 PM...[Guidelines for Conducting Council Meetings](#)

November 19, 2024 8:00 PM.....[Recruitment Strategies](#)

October Webinar – Council Preparations for Advent and Christmas

October 17th at 8:00 PM ET for an informative fraternal webinar entitled

Council Preparations for Advent & Christmas.

The Advent and Christmas seasons are a celebratory time for our Church, as we prepare for and commemorate the birth of Jesus. In this webinar you will learn how to make the most of these holy seasons with a robust calendar full of prayer and service for your parish and

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community. Join us as we explore the tools and resources available to help your council have impactful Advent and Christmas seasons.

And remember, if you can't join in live, it will be available on-demand afterwards. There is still time to sign-up to ensure you get the link for this important webinar. Click on the button below to register.

[Council Preparations for Advent & Christmas - 1690518 \(webcasts.com\)](https://www.webcasts.com/1690518)

Quarterly Incentives for District Deputies

There are District Deputy incentive prizes available this year as part the quarterly DD awards program.

Quarter 1 challenge – attain 30% of district intake goal by September 30. AWARD – KofC branded 30 oz. Arctic Zone Titan Thermal tumbler. Congratulations, **We had 7 DD's who will receive this award.**

October State Deputy Announcements

Brothers,

We are getting ready to roll out the FY 2024-2025 KY Membership Initiative this month and it will reward those District Deputies who obtain Star District, those councils that achieve the top growth in the State, councils who obtain 200% of their membership goal, councils who obtain 150% or membership goal, and those councils that achieve 100% of membership goal. There will also be an individual incentive prize for # members recruited so start asking and signing up new members today. Make sure you give your name to a man when they sign up as a new member, so you get credit for him joining.

Apparently, there are gift card poor thieves who are pretending to be me and asking you to send them gift cards. I don't and will not ever request you send me gift cards. I also only have two email accounts that I use and if you look at the ones that are sending you a request like this, they don't look anything like the two I use.

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I want all who read this to know how proud I am to be a part of this organization. There are so many great people that I would not know about if I was not a member of the Knights of Columbus family. Please continue to pray daily, we all need help from our Father.

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



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Wisdom 2:12 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true;

let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;

for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Brothers, this was the 1st reading from the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This reading really hit home. As I watch our Catholic faith come under constant attack, these words continue to ring

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just as true today as they did in Jesus' time. I am disheartened by our fellow Catholics that fail to see the persecution going on around them and to them. Rather than standing up for their faith, they tend to cower and sheepishly accept the wishes of the unfaithful. Many still accept that "abortion" is a woman's right. The Commandments clearly state that "Thou Shall Not Kill".

I am honored and proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and to profess our Catholic Faith. I hope that by now most if not all of you have watched the Into the Breach videos. Bishop Olmstead's writings encourage Catholic men to step up and take your place as the head of your household and be a role model for your family.

This year's theme is "Be Fishers of Men". Every Jurisdiction throughout the Order is committed to not only grow its members, but to arm their members with the knowledge and faith foundation to stand against the evils of Satan and his non-believers. Let us not cower to the temptations of the evil one but stand strong and step Into the Breach. Let us joyfully be known as the "just one", for we know that God will take care of us.

October... Fatima, the Rosary, Christopher Columbus, Halloween:

Fall is upon us, and there are a lot of opportunities out there for you and your council to get active. October is recognized as the Month of the Rosary for it was on October 13th, 1917, that Our Lady appeared to the children of Fatima and instructed them to pray the Rosary daily for the salvation of the world.

- Oct 6th is the 73rd Living Rosary event in Louisville. It will be held at St. Michael's in J'town.
- Oct 12th is the 11th Anniversary of the Bluegrass on Beshear: Pick 'in Life event in Dawson Springs. This year they are picking up a Pregnancy Center in Madisonville and will gladly accept help and donations from any council that wishes to participate.
- Oct 14th is Columbus Day in honor of Christopher Columbus.
- October 22nd is the Feast Day of St John Paul II.
- and on October 31st we traditionally celebrate Halloween and prepare for All Saints Day & All Souls Day.

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4th Degree:

Congratulations to our newest District Master Jim Wharton whose term became effective September 1st, 2024. I would also like to thank outgoing District Master Joe Carter for his leadership during the past fraternal year.

Please Pray:

Pick up your Rosaries and pray. Pray that through the intercession of Mary the United States of America may once again turn from our sins of abortion, hatred, jealousy, anger and envy. For without God, we are nothing.

Let's make the 2024-2025 fraternal year a year in which we turn to God and give Him thanks for all things.

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

STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Celebrations!

Congratulations to:

- Holy Innocents Council 12562 in Louisville celebrates its 25th anniversary on October 3rd
- Fr. Kehoe Council 1764 in Ludlow celebrates its 110th anniversary on October 11th
- Fr. Bealer Council 3908 in Erlanger celebrates its 70th anniversary on my birthday, October 24th

Recruit! and Retain!

A **BIG Congratulations!** to

- Bishop Carroll Council 702 in Bellevue
- St. Theresa Council 2282 in Brandenburg
- Fr. Francis L. Sampson Council 15914 in Ft. Campbell

That makes 5 councils who have already met or exceeded their membership quota this year and are well on their way to making Star Council. 37 Councils have brought at least one new member into the Order so far. That leaves 61 Councils who haven't made this important step to continue the success of their council. Hopefully all councils will be holding church drives in October and adding to their rolls. And don't forget to bring them in through online membership at kofc.org/join.

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Fishers of Men

I hope someone from each council was able to watch the webinar on Fishers of Men, the new recruiting strategy from Supreme. The key opening phrase is “It starts with an invitation”. A recent survey commissioned by Supreme found that of the 21 million Catholic men in the US who are not Knights, 7 million of them would be willing to join. They haven’t because **nobody has asked them to....**

33% of Knights say they have never asked men to join the Order. 37% say they have only done so once or twice a year.

Each of us knows someone at Church or a relative who isn’t a Knight. Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson put it well when he said, “we owe every Catholic man the opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus”. I strongly encourage you to ask at least one man to become a Knight this year and help grow the Order and preserve the health of your Council.

Those of you with access to Officers Online can download a free pdf of the brochure “Fishers of Men / Renewing our Culture of Invitation” at Supplies Online.

I got a new Job!

Following up on that subject, State Deputy Luke Williams has asked (volunteered?) me to serve as State New Council Development Chair and Round Table Chair. General Agent Daniel Schacle has also offered the services of our Fraternal Agents to serve as NCD chairs for each diocese.

Luke has a goal of six new councils in his two-year term so we have a lot of work to do. Dwight Frank and I have identified two target parishes in Louisville, and I’ll be working with the other FAs to get more in the queue.

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Round Tables can be a powerful tool for growing your council, extending the scope of your good works, and potentially forming a new council. I'll be contacting all the GKs to see who has existing RTs and who might have candidates.

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 October!!

Thank You for your efforts in Recruiting, as we are through the First Quarter, with 95 New Members and New Families. It is the time of the year when some Families are moving. Please invite that New Family, that has joined your Parish to join your council.

Fall Harvest is in full swing, keep watch out for farm equipment on narrow roads.

Watch out for the Halloween folks and youth that might be out “ticker-treating.”

Compliments for all the hard work done this last month, please have someone in your file a Fraternal Programs Report form #10784.

Living Rosary

Living Rosary is October 6th, at 3:00pm, the sponsor is the Archdiocese of Louisville. St Michael Catholic Church, 3705 Stone Lake Drive, Louisville. The 4th Degree is providing a Color Guard. FN Jim Brian, is coordinating the Honor Guard, with uniforms. It will be great to see Sir Knights and Knights demonstrating our devotion to our Mother Mary and her Holy Rosary.

Bluegrass on Beshear

Bluegrass on Beshear is October 12th, 307 Island Cove Ln, Dawson, Kentucky. A fun family outdoor music fest with beautiful Lake Beshear, a Pickn’ Life Event.

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

Recruit and Retain

This is the Fourth month of the 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,

October is already upon us. Time for membership drives and kicking off other fall programs. We are about to participate in the Living Rosary at St Michaels here in Louisville, a good chance for an honor guard for the 4th degree and a nice event for the family. You still have time to plan and execute something for Veterans Day in November, don't wait till the last minute so you can execute it well. Be thinking about tootsie roll drives and supporting a seminarian with RSVP. We will be kicking off the COR program in my parish in the next few weeks, consider an opportunity for prayer this fall – the world definitely needs our prayers with all the things going on around the globe.

Checking the reports on forms submitted shows 13 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

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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.

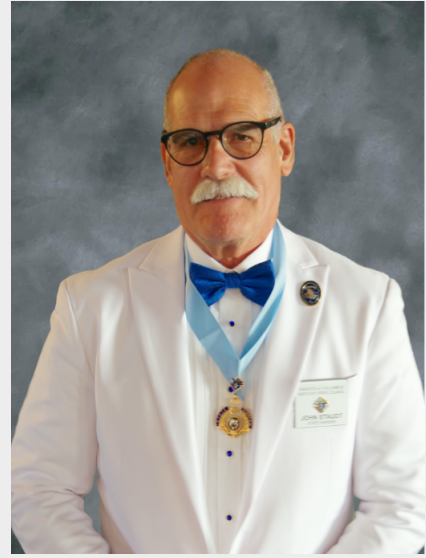
We need to achieve our “Safe Environment Training” goals. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training. If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is on line training and takes about an hour 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,

By the time this newsletter is posted, the Football Frenzy will be under way. I will be posting the winners in an email each week. The first game is October 5th and will run until November 23rd. There were 95 of 100 councils who participated in the Frenzy by selling and returning the ticket stubs. Thank you to all the councils who participated. Good luck and I hope you enjoy your winnings.

This fundraiser for the Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities goes to the General Fund and is for people in need with grant requests and administrative costs associated with running the State Charity, such as mailings and supplies. If your council sold 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.

The next charity fund raiser will be the Basketball Slam. The tickets will be distributed at the Mid-Year Meeting in December. The sale of the 2024-2025 Basketball Slam Sweepstake tickets

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is the only fundraiser for the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Program. The funding for this program will assist in the implementation of resource and distribution centers, first responder support and staging, points of distribution, emergency volunteer personnel support for shelters and food distribution, and parish preparation support.

**Vivat Jesus,
John Staudt
State Warden**

CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE



RICK & CELESTA ARNOLD

Dear Brother Knights and families,

As we sit to write this message to you, it is a beautiful fall day here in our beloved Bluegrass State. Of course, that means that cold weather will be upon us very soon. I don't need to remind you that we are amid a very difficult economy right now. Food kitchens and shelters are busier now than ever. Inflation has hit them especially hard as they try to serve our communities. Please encourage your council to reach out to the kitchens and shelters in your area and do what you can to help.

Congratulations to our Worthy State Secretary, Brother Dick Burns for being the first current state officer to complete the requirements to receive the KPAL Pin. The Knights Protecting All Life award is earned by participating in pro life events and programs. These include protecting the unborn, feeding the hungry, nursing home and prison ministries etc. Anywhere we can make a difference in the lives of someone who has been marginalized by society.

Information about the KPAL Award is below.

Save the Date!

The 2025 Right to Life Mass is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th at Saint Gabriel Catholic Church, 5505 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291. The Mass will begin at 10:00

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am EST. More information will follow soon to your Grand Knights. If your council can help with a small donation to help defray the costs of the mass, any help is very much appreciated.

Please continue to pray that we will build a Culture of Life!

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



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Knights Protecting All Life

The K.P.A.L. (Knights Protecting All Life) program gives recognition to **Knights and their families** who have diligently worked to promote the Culture of Life, from conception to natural death. In order for us to honestly call ourselves Pro-Life we must remember those who have been forgotten and left to die, thus the visits to Hospice and Nursing Homes, Homeless Shelters, Children's Homes, etc. So many abortions are performed when tests indicate Down Syndrome, or some other defect that the work of those in the Special Olympics must be commended.

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KPAL Knights Protecting All Life

The Knights of Columbus has always been, is now and will forever be dedicated to the respect and sanctity of all human life in all its stages. We strive to protect life from conception to natural death. During the last few years, the Supreme Council has stressed that we not only a pro-life organization. We are all called to help build a **Culture of Life**.

The Knights of Columbus will continue the fight to stop the murder of unborn children through abortion but that is not where our responsibility ends. We, as Catholic men and women are called to serve God by serving all of his children.

In order to promote a **Culture of Life**, the Kentucky State Council has instituted and new program. The KPAL Program will encourage all Knights and their families to become involved in programs that serve life in all stages.

The KPAL Program gives recognition to people who have diligently worked for **Culture of Life** causes. Whenever it is possible, the KPAL pin and certificate should be presented by the District Deputy at a council meeting or event.

In order to qualify for the KPAL award you must be involved in (5) **Culture of Life** events or programs within a 12-month period.

- Pro-Life Masses
- Pro-Life Counseling
- Pro life Parades
- Volunteer Work at Women's Center
- Pro-Life Rosaries
- March for Life
- Pro-Life Fundraising
- Run for life

Special Olympics

- Hospice
- Prison Ministries
- Nursing Home Ministries
- Veterans Hospital/Home Programs
- Autism Programs
- Harbor House
- Homeless Shelters
- Soup Kitchens
- Women and Children Centers

Enclosed is a copy of the application form. This is the only form that will be accepted.

Please make sure that the forms are completed by the Grand Knight and sent to the Culture of life couple. Forms may be submitted at any time during the Fraternal year.

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Knights Protecting All Life Award Application

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Council _____

Please describe the five (5) events below and obtain the signature of your Grand Knight.

1. _____

_____ Date _____

2. _____

_____ Date _____

3. _____

_____ Date _____

4. _____

_____ Date _____

5. _____

_____ Date _____

Grand Knight Name (Please Print) _____

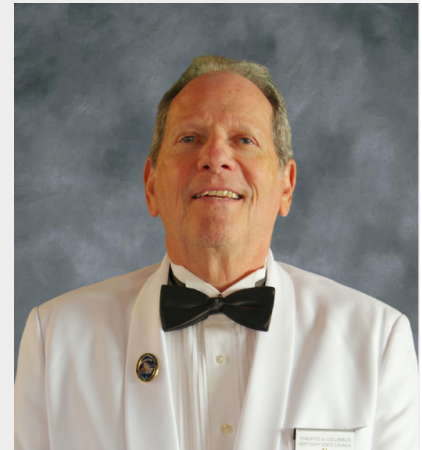
Grand Knight Phone _____

Grand Knight Signature _____

Submit to: Rick (rickd.arnold@gmail.com) and/or Celesta Arnold (celesta.arnold58@gmail.com)
502-797-1874 502-439-6276



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O’HAGAN



- Brothers it’s the beginning of the 2nd Quarter. 36 councils have welcomed 96 new members. Congratulations! Where are the other 63 councils in Kentucky? Remember you have to ask them to join your council.
- Congratulations to Councils 702, 1055, 2282, 15914 and 18284 for surpassing their membership quota.
- Council 390, 4665, 7847, 12923 has reached SET, Founders Awards, congratulations
- Council 15914 has reached SET, McGivney, Founders Awards, congratulations
- It’s time to schedule your 1st Council Church Membership Drive – Order Church Drive Kits - [how-to-order-delta-church-drive-kit.pdf](#) (kofc.org)
- There are 99 ‘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. We are not growing fast enough. We are not conducting CUF Exemplifications fast or often enough. Each council should be scheduling a CUF monthly. They want to help your council succeed, contact them.
- 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. Be sure to add your Council number to the front of the card to avoid the dreaded ‘Unassigned’ prospect list

	Month Actual v Quota	Year Actual v Quota
New Members	28 v 41	96 v 505
Councils With No YTD Adds		70 v 99

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Form 365 Not Submitted (108) 46

Form 185 Not Submitted (108) 18

Roundtable 1 v 13 5 v 13

Form 1295 SA Audit (108) 38 Delinquent

Be Fishers of Men! – Watch the Training Webinar

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 – Enhanced fraternal and member benefits

When Father McGivney founded our Order, a key part of his mission was to help Catholic families attain a secure financial future. In keeping with that mission, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly recently announced updates to our member benefits.

Whether or not you are an insured Knight of Columbus, you are entitled to the **Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit**. This is an accidental death benefit varies from \$1,500-\$5,000, depending on your age, whether you are insured and how long you've been a member.

The other updates I'd like to summarize apply to [insured members](#).

Family Fraternal Benefit: It's guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$10,000 to any child under age 18, regardless of physical or intellectual disabilities. This also includes an automatic \$5,000 death benefit for children who die before age 61 days, including stillbirths from at least 20 weeks after conception.

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Orphan Fraternal Benefit: This benefit provides \$500 monthly to a member's child who has lost both parents, up to age 19. This benefit also includes up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships, with a maximum total of \$20,000, per eligible orphan.

Widow Benefit: This benefit offers surviving spouses of insured Knights the opportunity to purchase Knights of Columbus products, and she and her children are eligible for scholarships. We strive to bring Father McGivney's mission to life by offering you these valuable benefits. Knights of Columbus Field Agents, would like to sit down with you to walk you through the benefits available to your family.

Thank you, and I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney watches over all our families this month.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle
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Local Events



SAVE THE DATE

**Annual Pro-Life
Memorial Mass**

JANUARY 18, 2025

**NEW TIME
10 AM**

**ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

**5505 BARDSTOWN ROAD RD
LOUISVILLE, KY 40291**

**IF YOUR GROUP WOULD LIKE
TO HELP
SPONSOR THIS MASS,**

**PLEASE CONTACT
CELESTA ARNOLD AT
502-439-6276**

**OR EMAIL HER AT
CELESTA.ARNOLD58@GMAIL.COM**

JOIN US AS WE
STAND WITNESS
TO THE SANCTITY
OF LIFE FROM
CONCEPTION TO
NATURAL DEATH.

MORE THAN 150
CHURCHES,
SCHOOLS AND
ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE COME
TOGETHER
ANNUALLY FOR
OVER 50 YEARS TO
PROMOTE THE
RIGHT FOR LIFE
FOR ALL HUMAN
BEINGS.

WILL YOUR
CHURCH, SCHOOL,
OR
ORGANIZATION
BE REPRESENTED?

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

October

Columbus Day 14

December

Mid-Year Meeting 6-7

Christmas 25

January

KY March for Life 23

March

Founders Day 29

May

State Convention 2-4

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