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ULTRASOUND MACHINE

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A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN

K of C St. Teresa Council 2282 led a march and prayer service to be a voice for the unborn

Despite a week of record low temperatures across the nation for much of the week, with snowstorms hitting beachfronts across the Gulf Coast, the Knights of Columbus St. Teresa Council 2282 in Brandenburg kept the needle of their compass focused on true north as they walked in solidarity among community members to be a voice for the unborn. Upon the 52nd anniversary of the historic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision, the Knights realized there is still work to be done for the legal protection of the unborn. Although the temperature on the morning of Wednesday, Jan 22nd hovered right around 2 to 3 degrees, fortune smiled on the convoy as afternoon temperatures peaked right around 26 degrees for the walkers.

The pro-life group gathered at St. John’s Catholic Church in Brandenburg at 4 pm, and after a quick welcome, route brief, and blessing by St. John’s pastor and Worthy Council Chaplain, Father Michael Martin, the group headed out the church doors, crossed the street at Broadway, and headed due south on the sidewalk towards the Safe Haven Baby Box (SHBB) located at the Gerald A. Lynn EMS Building. With gloves, hats, and winter coats donned to protect against the breezy weather conditions, the true warmth came from the

compassion and love shared by those on the walk as they prayed together, carried pro-life signs and American flags, and gratefully waved back to passersby who offered a supportive honk from their car horns.

Once they arrived at their destination in front of the EMS Building after a one-mile trek, the group gathered with those who drove in vehicles due to the cold conditions. After a quick briefing on the history of the SHHB program



PGK and current Council Warden Jim Thissen leads the marchers in solidarity walking for the legal protection of the unborn. (photo by WK Eddie Bruner)

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and a discussion on some of the legal options given to a mother and the child upon surrender, the group offered a prayer for the continual safety of human beings still within their mother's womb. Before closing out their brief time in front of the building, great news came from one of the employees inside the EMS Building who informed the group that the SHHB had passed all of its required testing, and following an official blessing to occur on Monday, Feb 24th at 1 pm in front of the EMS Building, the box will be ready for use for a mother who may need to surrender a newborn baby of up to 30 days old. The public is encouraged to come out for the ceremony.

Heading back up Old Ekron Road, the group continued their prayers and conversations as they made their way back into the warmth of St. John's. Those who participated were asked for a donation of diapers and pull-ups to support Clarity Solutions Pregnancy Support Center in Elizabethtown. Following the walk, a prayer service for the unborn and the protection of all human life, from conception to natural death, which included a Rosary Prayer and Adoration was offered by Father Martin inside the church. This event is one that the St. Teresa Knights of Columbus hope to support annually to bring awareness to the gift of human life, especially for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Stephen Spohn Grand Knight



The pro-life group received a brief history of the Safe Haven Baby Box by Grand Knight Stephen Spohn. (photo by Meade-Breck Right to Life)

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The Safe Haven Baby Box will be officially blessed and available to the public on Feb 24th at 1 pm. (photo by WK Eddie Bruner)

OWENSBORO MENS CONFERENCE

I attended the Diocese of Owensboro Men's Conference at the Riverpark Center in downtown Owensboro today with a great showing of Brother Knights at the event. Worthy Field Agents Leonard Walther and Chris Cain had a Knights of Columbus table set up and gave away t-shirts for new members signed up. There were two great speakers and great food and company. Thanks to all the Priests who took the time to hear confession from any of the attendees. Thanks to Brother Jeff Andrini, Diocese of Owensboro Director of Evangelization & Discipleship who along with others, put on a great Men's Conference that was well attended.

Luke Williams State Deputy



HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

Chartered in December 1994, St John St Francis Council 11470 in Georgetown, KY celebrated it's 30 years of service to the St John and St Francis parishes, the local communities of Scott County and the Knights of Columbus. The evening was filled with food, fun and fellowship. GK Jeff Crump and PGK Dcn Tim Stout did a wonderful job of keeping the evening on track and entertaining. Council Chaplain Fr. Linh Nguyen provide us with a beautiful reflection on what it means to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and a Catholic Gentleman.

A special thank you to SD Luke Williams and his wife Pam. SS Dick Burns and his wife Suzanne, ST Gary Dykuis, and SW John Staudt & his wife Deanna, WES Mike Rinehart and IPSD Tom Johnson & his wife Janet for making time to celebrate this momentous occasion.

The council also took a moment to recognize IPSD Tom Johnson for his years of service to Council 11470 and to the State Council.

Tom Johnson IPSD



Grand Knight Jeff Crump addressing the audience



PGK Dcn Tim Stout providing a historical recount of the council and its good works.

PATHWAY OF HOPE RECEIVES ULTRASOUND MACHINE

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Diana Anderson cuts the ribbon, officially opening the new ultrasound machine at the Pathway of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center as staff, board members, supporters, and expectant mother MaKenna Whitehouse look on. The machine was purchased by a grant from the Knights of Columbus Council 17606 of Beaver Dam and Morgantown, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

In the years since that opening, Pathway of Hope has grown in size and services. They are currently in their fourth location, an ADA compliant building in Greenville near the hospital, and have served nearly 2,000 clients, now providing Pregnancy Options Counseling, Peer Counseling, Pregnancy Loss Counseling, Adoption Plan Assistance, Post Abortion Counseling, and many other services. They also provide abstinence until marriage education for clients, public and private schools, churches, as well as groups and organizations. The Center is 100% supported through donations and provides all services free of charge.

In their need to continue to support expectant mothers, Pathway of Hope Director Diana Anderson reached out to the Knights of Columbus to help them begin providing ultrasound services. The Fr. Joseph O'Donnell Council of Beaver Dam and Morgantown gladly took up this challenge. The local Council worked to get approval from the

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Diocese of Owensboro, and from the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to begin fundraising efforts to provide a new ultrasound machine.

When the need became evident to other Knights of Columbus Councils across Western Kentucky, checks began pouring in. Seven other Knights of Columbus Councils and one Fourth Degree Assembly sent donations to assist in purchasing the ultrasound equipment needed. Donations also came in from several individuals, and from the Pickin' Life Project, which raises funds to support four pregnancy resource centers in Western Kentucky.

On Tuesday, October 8, the ultrasound equipment was delivered; on Monday, October 14, the staff at Pathway of Hope began training on the use of the new machine, and on January 15, 2025, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the ultrasound machine at the Pathway of Hope facility. Representatives from the Muhlenberg County Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus Council, State Representative Rebecca Raymer, Judge Executive Mack McGehee, Pathway of Hope staff and board members as well as many community supporters witnessed the ribbon-cutting and an actual ultrasound of expectant mother and baby.

Deacon Don Adams, St. Joseph Parish, Central City, was on-hand to bless the new machine, as well as the expectant mother.

Many thanks to all who worked fundraising efforts, to Councils and individuals who donated, and to the Supreme Council for providing resources in such a needed and worthy program.

Bernie Hayes Council #17606 Ultrasound Initiative Director



Expectant mother, MaKenna Whitehouse watches the ultrasound image on the monitor above as Pathway of Hope volunteer Tricia Bearns, RN, performs her ultrasound.

MADISONVILLE SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX

The Knights of Columbus Father Glen Council #11132 in Madisonville, Kentucky associated with Christ The King Church provided at least a fourth of the funds that secured our community's Safe Haven Baby Box. We worked in conjunction with Door of Hope Pregnancy Care Center, which is the crisis pregnancy center that we support in this community as well as five other pregnancy centers in our area.

This obviously was a community effort, not only members of the community supplying money but also working with the city mayor and the fire department to ensure proper installation and proper use of the equipment provided by the Safe Haven Baby Box company from Indiana.

Who is the coordinated effort of the community those who are pro-life and anti-abortion who made this happen? It was not just one person or one organization.

James Donley Grand Knight



BABY BOX CONT.

Madisonville Fire Dept. welcomes in Baby Box

New tool offers alternatives to mothers in crisis

BY CASSANDRA PROFITT
THE MESSENGER

On Monday the Madisonville Fire Department's Station 4 location welcomed in a new Safe Haven Baby Box. They held a short dedication ceremony, including demonstrations for how the box works and a blessing by Father Steve Hohman, pastor of Christ the King Church.

"These boxes are a good thing for everyone involved," said Jen Savage, a representative from Safe Haven. "It gives another option for these moms that are facing a crisis that we may never know anything about, and for these babies that are just innocent bystanders."

This box is the 46th in the state of Kentucky, and makes 298 across the entire country. Since Safe Haven began its Baby Box program in 2017, 54 infants have been surrendered in locations across the nation. They have also talked with parents through their national crisis line and organized 150 face-to-face surrenders.

The need for these boxes



Jen Savage and her young daughter Alice demonstrate how the box works with a baby doll.

Cassandra Profitt | The Messenger

appears to be growing. Savage mentioned that in 2024 alone, 15 babies have been surrendered. She attributes this change to a number of factors, including a natural increase as the program expands, but noted especially the overturning of Roe V. Wade and changing abortion laws that have resulted in more use.

"As the mayor of Madisonville, we are honored to have this here

at Station Four," said Kevin Cotton during the dedication. "As a parent who was unable to have children of my own, I became an adoptive foster parent. So this program is extremely special to me and my family."

He, along with Heather Bryant for Door of Hope Care Center, Dr. James Donley with the Knights of

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Columbus, and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Mayfield representing the Madisonville Fire Department, all spoke at the dedication, after more than a year coordinating to raise funds and install the box.

"This is an opportunity for our community, for surrounding communities, for women who may not be able to care for their infant, that they now have a safe place that they can now bring that infant to," Cotton said.

Bringing those assembled outside, Savage gave a demonstration of the box and answered additional questions.

"She (the mother) will open this door, and there's an orange cinch sack that will fall at her feet," she explained.



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Madisonville Mayor Kevin Cotton speaks at the dedication of the new Baby Box at Fire Station 4.

"Inside that is going to be a number of resources...When the door closes, it will not open again, so that anyone who sees her do this can't just walk up and snag the baby out of the box."

The entire process is meant to allow the surrendering parent anonymity, but there are circumstances where someone may face

repercussions.

"As long as the baby is placed in here with no harm to the baby, we'll keep it that way (anonymous)," Savage explained. "If the baby is placed, and there are signs of abuse or neglect, there may be an investigation."

Once the baby is placed into the secure box, an alarm will go

off, and dispatch will be alerted as well, allowing them to call the station and ensure that the baby is seen quickly, with time tests averaging three minutes or less. From the Fire Department, the baby is taken to the hospital and placed in the custody of the Department of Child Services.

Savage is now on a campaign to spread the word about this new box to as many people as possible.

"These boxes are no good if ladies don't know they exist, so once boxes go in, the word needs to go out," she explained.

For more information about Safe Haven Baby Boxes, go online to www.SHBB.org. Parents in crisis can also reach out to 1-866-99BABY1 to talk to the national hotline about their options.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Council 14372, Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary in Lexington, welcomed four new brothers on January 15th as they completed their exemplification to become 3rd degree Knights prior to our monthly meeting.

Will Schnurr, Grand Knight



Mason Wolfe, Christopher Flaga, Jake McCullough, Bob Brown

18TH ANNUAL CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

Bishop FLAGET Council 13053 hosted the 18th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner at St Martha's Bethany Center on Sunday January 19th. More than 240 people expressed their appreciation for 70 of our clergy from the Louisville area.

Speakers included Archbishop Fabre, Fr Terry Bradshaw and the closing prayer was given by Fr Patrick Dolan. A fabulous chicken dinner was served. The Archangels Assembly honor guard posted the colors. All in all it was a great event.

Jack Banbury



Special Olympics

2025 Salute to Summer Games

The Knights of Columbus Salute to Summer Games is back for a sixth year! Once again, with the support of the State Deputy, the Salute to Summer Games has returned as a Knights of Columbus-specific campaign. From March 1 through the 2025 State Summer Games (scheduled for 6-8 at Eastern Kentucky University), individual Knights and Councils across the state will have an opportunity to raise money to support Special Olympics with the goal being to add the Knights of Columbus as an official State Summer Games sponsor.

The Salute web site (sokysalute.com) will go live on March 1.

This is a great opportunity for Councils and individual Knights to easily help us support Special Olympics without Councils making direct donations. The Salute web site provides easy to use tools for Councils and Knights to raise money outside the organization.

However, if your Council does decide to make a donation, it can be sent to:

Special Olympics Kentucky
Attn: Salute to Summer Games
105 Lakeview Court
Frankfort, KY 40601

Council donations will appear on the Kentucky Knights of Columbus page on the Salute Web site.

Last Year's Salute to Summer Games saw 22 Councils raise or contribute more than \$11,500. Our goal again this year is to raise \$13,000 (or about \$1 for every Knight in the state).



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More communications about the Salute will be coming to Grand Knights soon. If you have any questions, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org.

Get the Chill of a Lifetime at the Polar Plunge

There is still time to sign up and participate in the Coolest Fundraiser in Kentucky – the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kentucky. There are three Plunges remaining in 2025. Several Councils across Kentucky have participated in the Polar Plunge over the years. In 2024 Councils raised more than \$8,500 for Special Olympics Kentucky in Plunges in Lexington, Louisville and Lake Cumberland

For more information or to sign up, visit the site for the Plunge nearest you.



[February 22 – Louisville at Main Event](#)

[March 1 – Western Kentucky at Kentucky Dam Village](#)

[March 8 – Lake Cumberland at Lee’s Ford Resort Marina](#)

Spring Provides Statewide Volunteer Opportunities

The Special Olympics Kentucky Spring Sports Season offers opportunities across the state for Councils to support Special Olympics competitions as volunteers. There will be a track and field meet in nearly every region of Kentucky. There are also two regional soccer tournaments where volunteers are needed. No sports experience is necessary for most of the positions. Upcoming events include:

April 6 – Louisville Regional Tournament; Lynn Family Training Center, Louisville

April 12– Area 3 & 9 Track and Field Meet – Johnson Central High School, Paintsville

April 12 – Area 8 Track and Field Meet – Great Crossing High School, Georgetown

April 26 – Area 1 Track and Field Meet – Calloway County High School, Murray

April 26 – Area 2 Track and Field Meet – Owensboro Middle School

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April 26 – Area 5 Track and Field Meet – Bowling Green High School

April 26 – Area 6 Track and Field Meet – Southwestern High School, Somerset

April 26 – Area 7 Track and Field Meet – Ryle High School, Union

April 27 – Versailles Regional Soccer Tournament; WYSA Complex, Versailles

May 10 – Area 4 Track and Field Meet – Mercy High School, Louisville



For more information about how your Council can volunteer, contact Michael Roy at mroy@soky.org. To register to volunteer, visit <https://soky.org/volunteernow/>.

Still Time to Report Volunteer Hours and Contributions to Supreme

If you did either volunteer or make a contribution to Special Olympics this year PLEASE have someone from your council fill out [Form 10784](#). Filling out this form lets Supreme know our involvement with Special Olympics throughout the year and has a bearing on the amount of the donation Supreme makes to Special Olympics Kentucky that is generally presented during the annual State Convention.

If you have any question about what needs to be reported please contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org or 859-338-6075.

STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Ground Hog Day is worth celebrating

My older sister was born on Ground Hog Day (GHD) so we always had a celebration on February 2nd. Like most sisters, she loved me enough to always tell my Mom or Dad how good I was at getting into trouble. As I got older, I finally figured out that the reason I usually got in trouble was because she told on me. I remember looking for a Ground Hog Day card to get her so I could put her name on the card and make an arrow between her name and the fuzzy creature to show her how much I loved her but for some reason back in the 60's and 70's the greeting card folks just hadn't thought about that wonderful holiday as a card giving occasion.

The reason I mention Ground Hog Day is because we now really know and feel that the holidays and Christmas season is over and we are beginning to look forward to Lent, the Super Bowl, March Madness, Spring and all the favorite pastimes that Knights of Columbus Councils do between now and July. Historically, Kentucky KofC councils have most of their fundraising events during this time frame that support their service programs throughout the year. Please make sure you invite all Knights along with every Catholic Man in Kentucky to join in the service program events. I am looking forward to being able to tell all the State Deputies across the world how well we were able to recruit more men to help be of service to their parishes, communities and to be better men for their families. To tell them a large group of families and men can come together and gave great support to charitable causes, honored our Priests and Religious, and taught us all what it is to be like Jesus.

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Building Better Disciples – Here are this month’s opportunities to learn more so make sure you register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch them “on demand” after the live session.

Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

English Training:

February 6, 2025 8:00 PM

[For District Deputies: Becoming an All-Star District](#)

February 10, 2025 8:00 PM

[Working With Your Pastor](#)

February 13, 2025 8:00 PM

[Conducting Church Drives](#)

February 25, 2025 8:00 PM

[Online Tools & Resources](#)

Capacitación en español:

6 de febrero de 2025, 8:00 PM [Diputado de Distrito – Convertirse en un distrito todo Estrella](#)

12 de febrero de 2025 8:00 PM [Para Diputados de Distrito: Desarrollo de un Nuevo Consejo](#)

19 de febrero de 2025 8:00 PM [Cómo Navegar por los Formularios del Consejo](#)

All online training sessions are recorded and available to view in the Supreme Council library of “on demand training” providing the opportunity to review essential information and best practices on your schedule. All On demand training can be found at kofc.org/training.

122nd Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Convention – May 2nd,3rd,4th, 2025

The Kentucky State Convention will again be held this year at the Capital Plaza Hotel in downtown Frankfort. I want to go ahead and mention it in case you noticed it that Churchill Downs has scheduled the Kentucky Derby on the same weekend we are having our State Convention! We will have a large screen in the Banquet room so we can all see which horse runs the best race and wins this year. We will also be giving out our own winners trophies to reward those councils and individuals who exceeded their goals or just need to be recognized because of what they do or have done in the past year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Convention with your families, even if you are not a delegate.

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Special Olympics – Report Your Participation

The Knights of Columbus has been supporting the Special Olympics since it began in 1968. As part of our support, each state or provincial level Special Olympics organization in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Guam receives a donation from Supreme. To earn a larger donation from Supreme for the Special Olympics in your state or province, report your participation in Special Olympics programs through the online [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784). State councils can report their participation [here](#). All participation taking place in calendar year 2024 must be reported through the online #10784 by January 31, 2025, to be considered. If your council missed the deadline, please go ahead and submit the form so that the Special Olympics can receive as much support as we give them.

2025 Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Program – 4-Kentucky Dioceses UPDATE!

Kits containing 200 prayer booklets, 2,000 prayer cards and 20 posters are on their way to jurisdictions for the Pilgrim Icon Program featuring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. One kit is being shipped per icon. The kits were shipped out on Friday, Jan. 31 and will finish shipping on Monday, Feb. 3. Items are also available for order on Supplies Online.

- **If you have a specific date (feast day, parish celebration, etc.) that you would like the Icon to show up at your council, Let the State Deputy know NOW so it can be scheduled.** If you want more information, the resources are available online at kofc.org/sacredheart.
- **Please Note:** The 200 Prayer Booklets in the kits are to be turned back in with the Icon Kit to continue traveling. If you would like to order Prayer Booklets for your attendees to keep, go to the Supplies Online tab of Officers Online and type in #5050 into the search box.
- If a Council would like to “print” your own Holy Hour Prayer Book to pass out, use this link to get the PDF version. [5050 Pilgrim Icon Program](#)

2025 Mexican Martyrs relics in Kentucky – April 4 – April 11!

I received word that the Mexican Martyrs relics will be entering Kentucky on April 4, 2025 and will be here until April 11, 2025. Details are still being worked out, but a schedule with the locations where the relics can be venerated will be published later. We already

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have two dates and places scheduled for Beaver Dam on August 5th, and in Lexington on April 10th.

If you have a Council that has a Hispanic Community and would like the Martyrs relics to be available to venerate, please **let me know a date the relics can visit them during that April week.**

2025 “The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kentucky – May 25 – June 21!

“The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe” will be touring Kentucky between May 25 and June 21. Our KofC Field Agents have a schedule for where the locations of the Silver Rose will be during this visit and announcements on the locations will be made at a later date.

Upcoming Important dates- February 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 Calendar

1st Thursday of every Month	Zoom DD/SD Meeting @ 9:00 PM EST
2 nd Monday of every Month	Zoom GK/SD Meeting @ 8:30 PM EST
February 8, 2025	Catholic Men’s Conference of Western Kentucky 8:30-4 pm Mass with Bishop at Cathedral at 4:30 is optional Sign up at https://kycatholic.com/
February 12, 2025	Kentucky March for Life – Frankfort-State Capital Register at https://kentuckymarchforlife.org/ or just show up!
February 15, 2025	Awards/State Per Capita/State Convention Stuff
February 17, 2025	Sacred Heart of Jesus Icons start their Journey in the KY Districts
March, 2025	Councils have Church Drive
March 5, 2025	Ash Wednesday
March 15, 2025	State Award Submissions due to Program Director
March 29, 2025	Founders Day – Have a KofC Parish Outreach on 3/30/25
April 4-11, 2025	Mexican Martyrs Relics in Kentucky

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May 2-4, 2025	122 nd Annual Knights of Columbus - KY State Convention
May 25-June 21, 2025	Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadelupe in Kentucky
July 11-12, 2025	2025 Organizational Meeting – Announcement Coming Soon

Membership Growth Initiatives

- I encourage all Brothers to “Invite Every Catholic Man in Kentucky” to become a Knight of Columbus member.
- I am asking all KY councils to hold Knights of Columbus Parish Outreach in memory of Our Founder – Fr. Michael McGivney on March 30, 2025.
- I am asking all 99 Councils in KY to be at least 75% or better of your membership growth goal by March 31, 2025. We currently have 13 Councils who have met or exceeded 100% of their membership growth goal. There are another 18 Councils who are between 50% and 99% of their membership growth goal goals.
- I look forward to giving out awards at the 2025 State Convention to those District Deputies and Councils who will achieve the KY Membership Growth Incentive goals.

Programs/Faith In Action

- The Kentucky March for Life in Frankfort is February 12, 2025 at the State Capital. You do not have to register to attend any of the day’s activities so come out and show your support. Make sure to wear something to identify you as a Knight of Columbus. See you there!
- Columbian Award Review (SP-7) – I recently sent out a spreadsheet by Month showing ALL the form 10784's reported by Ky Councils through the Supreme website from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 to all the Grand Knights in Kentucky.

What does this do?

The Council will have a great listing of all the things it does which shows the Parish and Community you guys do things that align with our Charity, Unity and Fraternity principles.

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The report gives your Council great ideas for new or improved programs to be done in the future.

The report gives you a Council to contact about a program if you need information on how to do it.

The Columbian Award shows anyone interested in joining your Council that you guys do programs.

I am attaching the "Link" to a "How to fill out the Form 10784" 6 minute and 40 second video. Please watch it, and make sure it gets into the hands of someone to fill out your Councils Faith In Action programs.

[Fraternal Programs Report Form \(#10784\) Training Video - Forms - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery](#)

REVIEW YOUR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES NOW – Any Questions, ask State Program Director Fred Meade.

COR Initiative in Kentucky -. I encourage ALL parishes to check out the COR resources available.

A quarterly EFF newsletter, "Cor Central" dedicated to helping councils successfully run Cor, was emailed to your State and Council EFF Directors last month.

If your council is not yet running Cor:

- Please check out these resources: [Our Faith - Cor | Knights of Columbus](#) & [Cor Webinars & Online Events | Kofc.org](#).
- Ground Hog Day Resolution: Appoint an EFF Director! [EFF Role Details](#)
- If you have completed the [Council EFF Director Submission Form](#), your EFF Director will have received the newsletter. If not, please submit the form and forward the newsletter link below to your EFF Director.
- In the newsletter, we provided your EFF Director with FREE access to Formed by the Augustine Institute, offering world-class formation content for use in Cor.

[Link to Cor Central](#)

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KofC Fraternal Benefits

Announcing - Spanish Virtual Fraternal Benefit Event – Tuesday, February 25



The Supreme Council is announcing the first Virtual Spanish Fraternal Benefit Event for 2025! This virtual event is a fantastic opportunity for many Councils to achieve their FBE goals. Your support in promoting this event is crucial.

Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025
- Time: 8:00 PM EDT | 7:00 PM CDT | 5:00 PM PDT
- Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCFeb25>

Please note that this event will be held exclusively in Spanish. Let's work together to make this event a success!

To download the promotional flyer, click [here](#).

Scholarship Applications Available Online March 5th

Please promote this opportunity in your jurisdiction's newsletters and emails.

Applications for Knights of Columbus scholarships to be awarded for the upcoming academic year are available March 5th through April 15th. All sons and daughters of members graduating from high school are eligible. For more information, visit kofc.org/scholarships.

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KofC-Kentucky State Council FY 2024-2025 State Directory

The KY State Directory containing the latest revisions was sent out via email on February 2, 2025, to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, State Officers, Past State Deputies, State Service Directors & Chairmen, KAPID and Charities of KY Board members and Knights of Columbus Insurance General Agent and Field Agents. If you are one of these groups of KY Knights, please look over your contact information and contact our Worthy Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart if there are any questions or corrections that need to be made.

They're Back! – I have tried to restrain myself from getting worked up when someone tries to use my name to swindle you out of something. I have been recently (again) as the State Deputy, been the target of “phishing schemes” asking for gift cards to donate to the California Wildfires, and other seemingly worthwhile causes. I am officially announcing that I or anyone associated with the KY State Council will never ask for donations in the form of Gift Cards to help with any disaster or urgent need...

1. I **will call you** if it is urgent!
2. I also **will not call you** if I am in a foreign country and need money.
3. I will not ask you to wire money or send me sensitive personal information
4. Any donations I would as the State Deputy request, will always be directed they be sent to the Knights of Columbus Charities of Kentucky, or the Charitable “arm” of the Supreme Office, Knights of Columbus Charities.

Thank you for your continued diligence to inspect suspicious emails that have a “strange” email address that is clearly not from myself or anyone else associated with the Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Council.

Closing Thoughts...

Thank you to all Brother Knights and their families who continually participate in all the functions of our order and especially the Charity of your time, talents or money. The Kentucky Jurisdiction always brings a strong finish in our Membership Growth, Programs and Star Council Designations between now and June 30. Please keep up the great work!

I am continuing to **ACTIVELY** encourage all Councils to submit their Faith In Action Projects (due on 3/31) or Candidates this year for State Awards (Due on 3/15)



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Here is a list of the Single Service Program Awards. Due to State Program Director by 3/31/25

1. Faith,
2. Community,
3. Family and
4. Life program projects conducted between April 1, 2024 & March 31, 2025. The completed forms are to be sent to State Program Director Fred Meade fsmeade@fuse.net

Here is the link to the service program award forms [STSP 10-23 Service Award App](#)

Here is a list of the State Awards due to State Program Director by 3/15/25

1. State Deputy Unity Award,
2. Dentinger Lifetime Service Award,
3. Knight of the Year Award,
4. State Blessed Michael McGivney Award (formally Chaplain of the Year Award) and,
5. Family of the Year Award.

For Award descriptions and details, look at pages 3-12 of the FY2024-2025 Program Guidebook or speak with State Program Director Fred Meade fsmeade@fuse.net

Here is the FY24-25 Program Guide Link to see the details on pages 3-12 [Program Overview and Guide](#)

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout in the coming months as I will be traveling more to show my appreciation for all your council events.

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

STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



“In every age, the Church has the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel.” (Gaudium et Spes, paragraph 4)

Pope Francis quotes the sentence above in his decree, *Spes non Confundit*, announcing 2025 as a Jubilee Year of hope. This citation introduces a section subtitled “Signs of hope” in which he lifts up those people and values for whom hope has been darkened or diminished:

- those living under the scourge of war, who long for peace;
 - a world so bereft of hope for the future that its inhabitants lose the desire to bring about the next generation;
 - prisoners, whose human dignity is compromised;
 - the sick and all who experience physical limitations, waiting on our works of mercy;
 - the young from whom hope is stolen by lack of opportunity
 - migrants, exiles and refugees seeking some measure of security in a new homeland;
 - the elderly, and specifically grandparents, abandoned by a younger generation;
- and
- the poor, the hungry, the homeless, seeking only the bare necessities of life.
- On each of these, Pope Francis brings the light of the Gospel to shine, the compassion of our heavenly Father to embrace.

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In paragraph #2 (“A word of hope”), Pope Francis lays the foundation for his reflection on St. Paul’s letter to the Romans. He makes an interesting observation, that this letter “marked a decisive turning point in his work of evangelization. Until then, he had carried out his activity in the eastern part of the Empire, but now he turns to Rome and all that Rome meant in the eyes of the world.” It was particularly that last part that resonated with me, “all that Rome meant in the eyes of the world.”

I think it is safe to say that the USA, in many respects and in the minds of most Americans, fills up a space in today’s world not unlike that of Rome in the time of Paul, at least in terms of power and cultural influence. “In the eyes of the world” Rome certainly meant power. To some it also meant peace, stability, and commerce. But the Pax Romana was a peace of occupation, a stability of conformity, a commerce of Roman consumption. Most peoples of the Empire did not look to Rome for hope, and that is why it was important for Paul to bring a message of hope to Rome, the hope that could only come from “the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, a message of hope that... leads to glory and, grounded in love, does not disappoint” (end of paragraph #2.)

Which brings me to my question of the day: what is the quality of hope that our country is bringing to the world today, and how might I help to raise that quality of hope?

May this Jubilee be for each of us an invitation to be recipients and messengers of a hope “born of love... springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross” (paragraph #3.)

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Brother's we are on the downhill side of the Fraternal Year with an UPHILL battle. Seven months have past with 5 months to go. So where do we stand...

Membership – If your council hasn't recruited a single member, time is running out. All councils should be at 50% of their goal by now.

Founders Award – Achieving this award is as simple as turning on your computer, yet we have many councils that have not attended a single Fraternal Benefit Event. How do you think I learned about the Asset Advisor Program? By watching and learning.

Form 1728 – reports are due 1/31/2025. Did you get yours in?

Form 1295(2) – due 2/15/2025

Safe Environment Compliant – Lent is just around the corner. If you are planning on your parish youth to participate in your fish fries, your council needs to be compliant.

Your councils should be gearing up for all the upcoming activities over the next several months.

- February 11th Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 14th Valentine's Day
- February 15th KAPID & State Officers meeting
- March 5th – Ash Wednesday
- March 7th – 1st Fish Fry for most councils

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- March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May.
- March 29th Founder's Day
- April 18th – Good Friday
- April 20th – Easter Sunday

These are just a few that quickly come to mind. I'm sure there are many more.

Brother's, as a man, as a Catholic and as a Knight of Columbus much is expected of you. Do not shirk your responsibilities.

God has called you for this time and place in history. Stop thinking of yourself as one and isolated...**you are not!**

Within the KY Jurisdiction alone we are 12,435 strong and the Order is 2 million strong. Don't tell me that there is nothing one can do.

- One can pick up the Rosary and pray it often.
- One can Fast and ask for God's Blessing on his family, his country, and the Knights of Columbus.
- One can be more involved in serving his parish.
- One can ask a fellow Catholic man to join him in the greatest Fraternal Organization in the World.
- One can attend Eucharistic Adoration
- One can attend the Stations of the Cross and ponder the Passion of Jesus Christ.

If **One**, Jesus Christ, can die for our sins and our complacency, surely to God you can do something to show God that you love Him and want to serve Him!

Don't let this opportunity that God has given you go to waste. He expects much of his children, let us not disappoint Him.

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

STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Tempus Fugit!

Happy Ordinary Time! But not for long – Ash Wednesday is March 5th this year. I know we're all looking forward to Fish Fries, but we should also be looking forward to a time of penitence, sacrifice, and remembrance of Good Friday, when God's only Son gave His life to bring us salvation, and then to Easter when He rose from the dead.

Memento Mori!

We lost Former District Deputy SK Henry (we knew him as Bennie) Lyon on January 22nd at the young age of 65. He was a Past Grand Knight of Assumption Council 4473.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/louisville-ky/henry-lyon-12213208>

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Recruit! Retain! Grow! (or else...)

Thanks! to these 5 Councils which recruited their first new member for the fraternal year in the last month:

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Msgr. John Danz Council 2459 in Winchester
Father Conner Council 6101 in Owensboro
Fr. William Diersen Council 13304 in La Grange
St. Francis of Assisi Council 15063 in Pikeville
Fr. Joseph O'Donnell Council 17606 in Beaver Dam/ Morgantown

That still leaves **38** councils who haven't recruited a new member with only 4 months left in the Fraternal Year. We're almost 60% through the year, but we're less than 50% of our new member goal. If each of those councils who haven't recruited a new member got just one, we'd be well ahead of where we should be right now to meet our quota.

Ask yourself "am I glad I became a Knight?". Ask yourself "do I owe it to my fellow Catholic gentlemen to invite them to become a Knight?" I hope the answer to both is a resounding "YES!" and you'll invite a man you know at church or a family member to join the Knights.

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!

Celebrations!

Father John Garvey H.M. Council 16206 in Morehead celebrates its 25th Anniversary February 12th!

p.s. If anyone from Council 16206 reads this, could you let me know what the H.M. stands for? I came up dry on a Google search.

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Do the Math!

I just sent out the per capita billings to the councils (this generates the income that the State needs to keep operating). To do that I make a “Master Roster” list of all the Knights in the state. I looked at last year’s and compared it to this year’s.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
#>100 yrs	25	28
%>90	3	3
%>80	13	15
%>70	33	38
%>60	59	63
%>50	77	79
%<40	12	10
#Total	_____	_____
Members	10,041	9,877

There are two very disconcerting trends.

We’re getting smaller. The number of our Brothers passing and going into Affiliate Status is greater than the number of Brothers we’re recruiting.

We’re getting older. And as we age up (or out, except that the centenarians are hanging in there, God bless them!) we’re not replacing them with enough younger new members.

To preserve the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney, we **must** be Fishers of Men, we **must** focus on preserving the Order by recruiting younger men, and we **must** retain them by giving them the programs they want and need to develop their faith and the faith of their families.



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Sanctity of Life

Wednesday February 12th is the 2025 March for Life in Frankfort. I'm expecting a good turnout from Knights across the state. Be sure to wear something appropriate KofC apparel so that you'll be recognized.

It starts with a Mass at Good Shepherd Church at 9:30, followed by a rally and march at the Capitol steps.

This is an opportunity to let our state legislators see us standing in unity for our common values: The dignity of unborn human life as well as for mothers who are in crisis pregnancies.

**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,

Changing Seasons!!

We are on the downhill side of the Fraternal Year and the Uphill battle is about to begin. We have five months to, are you ready? Where is your Council at with Goals? Have you held a Church Drive? Are your Council leaders assessing where your council is, are you where you want to be? How are you going to get there? It is time help our Parishes and our Communities by promoting ourselves by our principles, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

What is your Plan for the next month? Do you have events scheduled?

With this New Year, have you set Goals that we need to be accomplished. One goal is to Invite that new member of your parish to join your council. How is your Council using COR in your Parish.

If your council is struggling and is in the need for help, please contact any of the state officers, your District Deputy. We are just a phone call away, but you need to ask.

Please stay safe during the storms, check on your neighbor, who might need your help.

Remember that for all your hard work you done this last month, please have someone in your file a **Fraternal Programs Report form #10784.**

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February History.

Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, the 16th President, in Hardin County. He led the nation through the tumultuous Civil War, and freed the slaves, composed the Gettysburg address, and established Thanksgiving.

George Washington was born February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was the Continental Army during the American Revolution and was the first President.

Recruit and Retain

This is the eight 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. Ask the young man, that is a High School Senior, in your Parish, to consider becoming a Knight.

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.

May you have a Blessed New Year!

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Vivat Jesus!!

Gary Dykhuis

State Treasurer



STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,

I hope you are all surviving the winter weather, spring is not far away. With that in mind it is time to be planning those March recruiting events and looking at ways to engage your parish in Lent opportunities as we enter that stage of the Liturgical year.

Perhaps this would be a good time to look at Cor and how you can help your parishioners in deepening their faith and studying the word while enjoying some fellowship. The information on a number of programs and how to run them is all available at Kofc.org.

Holy hours such as saying a rosary or engaging in the Stages of the Cross event are just two ways to serve the faithful and get a step closer to your Star Council Award.

Resolutions!

I am not talking about those new years resolutions to exercise, etc., this is the time of year to be preparing resolutions for the State Convention and voting on them at your council meeting in order to submit them to the state. Many councils will not have something to submit, but if you do I will need the council approved resolution submitted

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to me by March 1st so that they can be reviewed and considered at the State Convention in May.

Please submit them to the State Advocate, with copies to the State Deputy and State Secretary. At the State convention, delegates assigned to the Resolutions committee will review them and make recommendations to all the Delegates at the Business Meeting. Each Resolution will be opened for discussion and voted on. The Resolutions that deal with matters beyond our Jurisdiction will be submitted to the Supreme Advocate for consideration at the Supreme Convention.

Council Forms

It is that time again for the Form 1295 Semiannual Council Audit Report. This is for the period ending December 31st, this report is Due February 15th.

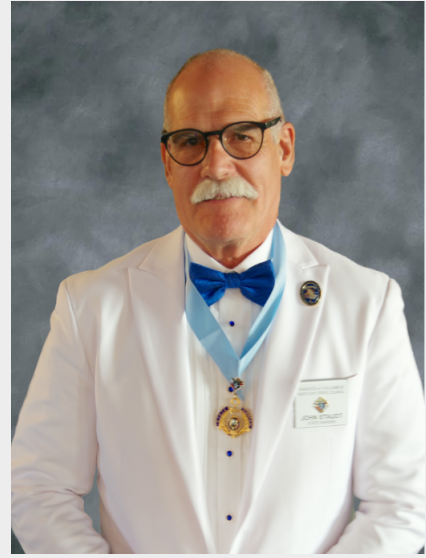
It is also IRS For 990 time again.

Gather that information for the **Fraternal Survey, the 1728** will be due in January and your Financial Secretary will need that info to fill out the form with any accuracy. This form not only helps us capture the scope of efforts by our Knights but also helps us comply with requirements from the US Government to maintain our tax-exempt status so get that data in.

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. Don't let this be a stumbling block to achieving Star Council or a possible opening to liability should some adverse event occur during a council program, assist your members and get fully Safe Environment trained.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**

STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

Welcome to February, with Spring right around the corner. I hope you all safely survived the snowfall and the cold.

On Saturday, January 18th, the Archdiocese of Louisville had their ProLife Mass at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Louisville, KY, and was well attended and represented by the K of C Kentucky state officers, councils, parishes and support groups. Thank you for your attendance and support for life. “Thank you”, goes out to PSD and Life Director – Louisville Rick and Celesta Arnold for coordinating and planning this annual Mass.

On Sunday, January 19th, the Archdiocese of Louisville area councils celebrated our clergy by having a Clergy Appreciation Dinner at St. Martha Catholic Church. Again, the dinner was well attended with Archbishop Shelton Fabre in attendance and Fr. Terry Bradshaw as the keynote speaker. Our K of C Kentucky State Officers were present, and councils and parishioners from the area with about 200 in attendance. Special Thanks go out to the Bishop Flaget Council, #13053, for coordinating and planning the event.

Our Basketball Slam sales are in full swing. I have already received several of your council’s returned ticket stubs and checks, “Thank you”. The 2,500 tickets were distributed at the Mid-Year Meeting on December 7th. The sale of the 2024-2025 Basketball Slam Sweepstake tickets 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,

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first responder support and staging, points of distribution, emergency volunteer personnel support for shelters and food distribution, and parish preparation support. All sold ticket stubs and checks, with unsold tickets, are to be turned-in to me by the deadline of March 8, 2025. Self-addressed envelopes were part of the distributed Basketball Slam packets. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Plan on having a Basketball Free Throw Contest for 9 – 14 year old boys and girls. It is easy during the height of the basketball season. Typically, January is the council's contest, February the District and Regional and finally the State competition in March. Details of running the contest can be found in the Basketball Free Throw Contest Kit. The kit can be ordered from Supreme by your council's Financial Secretary. Contact Free Throw Chairman, George Hayes at george.h.hayes@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

**Vivat Jesus,
John Staudt
State Warden**



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O'HAGAN



Many councils will be conducting Lenten Fish Frys. Don't miss this opportunity to invite men to become Brother Knights. Have a Membership Table set up.

March 29 is Founders Day. In honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, begin preparing for a church membership drive in March.

We still have 5 months to reach Star District, Star Council, and the State Membership Growth Incentives.

- 60 councils have welcomed 244 new members. Congratulations! Where are the other 39 councils in Kentucky? Remember you must ask them to join your council.
- Stay focused on attaining Star Council – McGivney, Founders, Complete SET compliance, attend the FBEs that are available, or request your field agent to participate in a meeting so he can explain the fantastic benefits available to us.

KY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH INCENTIVE

Incentives for 2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year

Everybody deserves a little reward for doing a good job. We hope you will find a reward that is marginally worthy of your work to grow the Jurisdiction and the Order and to get more Catholic Men involved in our charitable good work.

We have a couple of incentives to reward those great advocates for the Knights of Columbus who work all year long. Let's celebrate those members and even those non-members who constantly help more Catholic Men participate in Catholic charity and work for the betterment of the Church.

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District Deputies

Every District Deputy who earns the Star District Award for the Fraternal Year 2024-25 in addition to the Supreme award will receive a 7X9 Portfolio and 2pc Pen set with the KofC logo.

- **D6, 18, 22 are at 100% or above. Congratulations!**

Those councils that reach:

200% Membership Growth of Quota or better will receive a 1.75L bottle of Woodford Reserve Bourbon inscribed with KofC logo.

Council – July 1st thru March 31st

Award to be presented at the 2025 State Convention

200% - 15452, 15914, 18284

150% Membership Growth of Quota up to 199% will receive a mounted Louisville Slugger baseball bat inscribed with the KofC logo.

150+% - 2282, 18126

100% Membership Growth of Quota up to 149% will receive a Wood 3-pc Oak set inscribed with KofC logo.

100-149% - 702, 1055, 12923, 12965, 13304, 14604, 16956, 18058

Nearing 100% - 390, 1315, 2046, 5453, 7847, 11132, 11470, 11591, 12354, 14372, 15525, 15979, 17445

SET, Founders Awards - Council 390, 4665, 5634, 7847, 15525, 15841, 15931, 15979 CONGRATULATIONS!

SET, McGivney, and Founders Awards - Councils 1055, 12923, 12965, 13304, 14604, 15914, and 18126 CONGRATULATIONS!

GKs have you scheduled your Council Church Membership Drive? – Order Church Drive Kits - [how-to-order-delta-church-drive-kit.pdf \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/how-to-order-delta-church-drive-kit.pdf)

There are approximately 105 '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



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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 Be Fishers of Men! – Watch the Training Webinar

Meaningful programs keep our brothers engaged and active and meaningful programs also entice new men and their families to want to join our esteemed Order.

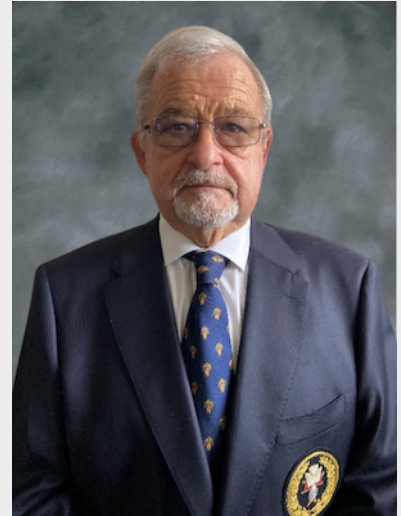
As Fishers of Men, let’s prioritize asking a Catholic man to join the Order today. Some of you know this, some may not, but research tells us that 7.5 million Catholic men would join the Knights of Columbus if asked. It is now time to ask...

	Actual v Quota MTD	Actual v Quota YTD
New Members	46 v 60 76.6%	244 v 498 49%
Councils With No YTD Adds		39 v 99
Form 365 Not Submitted (99)		29
Form 185 Not Submitted (99)		9
Roundtable	0 v 13	5 v 13
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)		28 Delinquent

The Knights of Columbus offer 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 with this opportunity—the opportunity to be a better Catholic, a better man, a better husband, father, grandfather, brother or son, and friend.

Vivat Jesus!
Tom O’Hagan
KY State Membership Director

DISTRICT MASTER JIM WHARTON



Hopefully the BAD weather and medical problems that we all have been facing, including my personal bouts have ran their course, so now we can go about dedicating more time to building our membership.

On a brighter note, there have been changes made to how an exemplification will be conducted. The Midwest debut of the new 4th Degree exemplification will be 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Spouses, children and other family members are now permitted to observe the new exemplification. The Supreme Master, Michael McCusker, PSD and many other delegates are scheduled to attend. I also have plans to attend to observe the new ceremony.

I have been advised that the assemblies in Western Kentucky are ready to have an exemplification at the earliest possible open date. As soon as we can get a date established, we will send the information to everyone. Any assemblies requesting exemplifications should contact me at jimwharton@windstream.net or 859-539-6795 or Secretary Tim Gahlinger at yosemitesam1@att.net.

Vivat Jesus!
Jim Wharton
District Master

CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE



RICK & CELESTA ARNOLD

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

We want to thank everyone that was able to attend the Annual Pro-Life Mass at Saint Gabriel in Louisville. We had a nice crowd including several Sir Knights in uniform. Special thanks to our State Officers and wives for attending. Your support is very much appreciated. It was great to have one of our former State Chaplains, Father Patrick Dolan with us.

Our next big event is the march for Life in Frankfort on Wednesday, February 12th, Information has been sent to all Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators with details. Please see below.

Last year we had a good showing of Knights but we are hoping for a much larger participation this year. Kentucky right to Life has asked us to lead march again this year. We will need Sir Knights in uniform as an honor guard for the opening Mass, as well. Volunteers will also be needed to help guide the students and other marchers through the cemetery to the Memorial for the Unborn.

We hope to see you there.

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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LET'S MARCH
Kentucky
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

09:30 AM CELEBRATION OF LIFE MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, FRANKFORT

11:30 AM CONCERT AND PRAYER AT THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL, FRANKFORT

12:00 PM RALLY WITH GUEST SPEAKERS FOLLOWED BY THE MARCH

1:45 PM PRAYER RALLY AT THE KENTUCKY MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN.
The final leg of the March will begin at the Cemetery Gates and proceed to the Memorial.

SCAN QR FOR REGISTRATION

JOIN US IN RAISING OUR VOICES FOR EVERY LIFE THAT MATTERS! FAMILIES, STUDENTS, AND SENIORS UNITE FOR A DAY OF HOPE AND PURPOSE.
TO REGISTER, VISIT THE LINK BELOW:
kentuckymarchforlife.org

KENTUCKY **Right to Life**
Changing Hearts | Saving Lives

GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus – Personal Finance and Periodic Review

Brothers, it feels like the new year just began, and yet we're already here in February! Maybe you've set resolutions and goals for the year. Are financial goals on that list? Every year, at a minimum, I recommend reviewing your finances. There are four things to include in your review.

First, have you experienced any major life events in the last year? Things like getting married, welcoming a baby, changing careers or purchasing a home are good reasons to consider life insurance. If you already have insurance, make sure your policy matches your current financial goals and responsibilities. Consider, too, that if your policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured.

Second, review your retirement goals. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? And if so, are you on track?

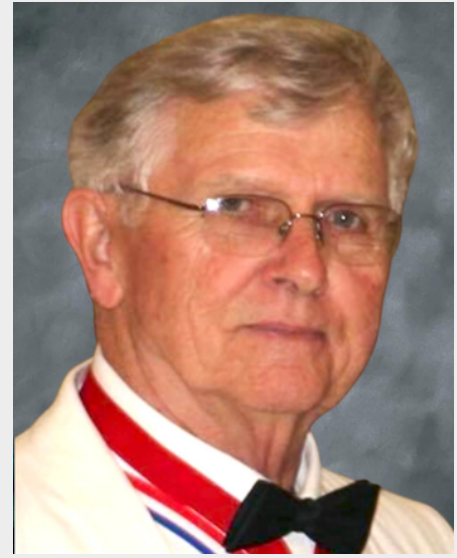
Third, the new year is a good time to review your will or trust. Have you experienced a recent life event that would make you want or need to make an adjustment? Now is the time to check.

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Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ("KoCAA"), you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines. Our Agency can connect you with one of our team members that is registered to offer you investment options through KoCAA. It's not too late to make a resolution to review your finances! I'd love for you to sit down with your Field Agent, discuss your goals and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please contact your Field Agent to schedule a time to meet.

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

STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



Voting Box

Deacon Bill Theis, Bishop Mulloy Council 1301, Southgate has come through with another historical item for the State archives. He offered the State a voting box also known as a blackball voting box. We gladly accepted it. It measures 9 ¼ inches long (excluding handle) X 6 ½ inches wide X 4 deep. The lid consists of two hinged segments covering two padded compartments. There is a drop hole between the two compartments. One compartment contains a quantity of white marbles and three black marbles. The box was manufactured by T. C. Gleason & CO, 170 E. Madison St., Chicago, ILL. The number 30 is stamped inside. They were also Headquarters for Degree Team Outfits, Paraphernalia, Banners, Badges, Flags, Etc.

Deacon Bill did not say if the blackball voting box was used by Bishop Mulloy Council. WIKIPEDIA provided the following definition of BLACKBALLING and operation of a blackball box.

Blackballing is a rejection in a traditional form of secret ballot, where a white ball or ballot constitutes a vote in support and a black ball signifies opposition.[1][2] The system is typically used where an organization's rules provide that one or two objections, rather than an at-least-50% share of votes, are sufficient to defeat a proposition. Since the seventeenth century, these rules have commonly applied to

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elections to membership of many gentlemen's clubs and similar institutions such as Masonic lodges and fraternities.

A large supply of black and white balls is provided for voters. Each voter audibly casts a single ball into the ballot box under cover of the box, or of a combination of a cloth and the box itself, so that observers can see who votes but not how they are voting. When all voting is complete, the box is opened and the balls displayed: all present can immediately see the result, without any means of knowing which members are objecting.

In America, members of fraternal clubs often voted at their meetings without paper ballots as early as the 17th century. In order to progress, votes had to be unanimous in nature, as a single vote against was enough to apply veto. A blackball box was used instead of paper ballots for this reason.

Each organization established their own rules for use of a voting box. For example: The members elect by ballot. When 12 and under 18 members ballot, one black ball, if repeated, shall exclude; if 18 and upwards ballot, two black balls exclude, and the ballot cannot be repeated. The presence of 12 members is necessary for a ballot.

The box seemed to be an efficient method of voting rather than counting paper ballots.

Photos of Council #1301's historical voting box are attached on following page.

**Submitted for the February 2025 Newsletter by:
Billy R. Hancock, PSD
State Historian**

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External View



Vote Collection Side



Voter Side

Local Events



The flyer is set against a light pink background with a darker pink border. At the top, there are three musical notes and three hearts of various sizes. The text 'Valentine's Day' is written in a cursive font, followed by 'DANCE' in large, bold, block letters. Below this, a row of small hearts separates the event date and time from the details. The date is 'Friday, February 14th' and the time is '6 pm ~ 10pm'. Another row of small hearts separates the details from the menu items: 'Cocktails 6-7 ~ Dinner 7-8' and 'Live Band "Hot Dancin"' with the time '8-10'. Below the menu, it states '\$100 per couple' and 'Fundraiser benefitting Hope House'. The location is 'Sts. Peter & Paul ~ Hopkinsville Meredith Hall'. The sponsor is 'Knights of Columbus 7847'. On the left, there is a large treble clef. On the right, there is a silhouette of a couple dancing and a musical note.


 Valentine's Day
DANCE
 ♡
 Friday, February 14th
 6 pm ~ 10pm
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 Cocktails 6-7 ~ Dinner 7-8
 Live Band "Hot Dancin" 8-10
 \$100 per couple
 Fundraiser benefitting Hope House
 Sts. Peter & Paul ~ Hopkinsville
 Meredith Hall
 Sponsored by:
 Knights of Columbus 7847




Local Events



The poster features a blue background with a group of men in the background. The text is white and yellow. At the bottom left, there is a circular inset photo of a man with a beard and a dark vest over a light shirt, smiling. To his right is a circular logo with a silhouette of a man in a suit and a cross, with the text 'JUST A GUY IN THE PEW'. Further right is a QR code with a white arrow pointing to it and the text 'Reserve Your Spot Today!'. At the bottom, the website 'JUSTAGUYINTHEPEW.COM' is written in white.

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
MEN'S RETREAT
APRIL 25TH - 26TH, 2025
ROUGH RIVER DAM STATE RESORT PARK,
LOCATED AT 450 LODGE ROAD, FALLS OF ROUGH, KY 40119

JOHN EDWARDS

JUST A GUY IN THE PEW

Reserve Your Spot Today!

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Retreat to support COR development and for Men to be enriched to encourage other Men.

Cost is \$109 Double and \$149 Single.

Sign up today and save \$10!

Local Events

Embrace Your Fiat

**A WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT FEATURING
AMBER EZEANI**

Saturday March 22, 2025

Join us for a morning of renewal & rejuvenation this Lent!

With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our guide, we will learn to embrace our fiat and explore how to live our unique call to holiness with grace and strength. This retreat offers inspiring talks by Catholic speaker Amber Ezeani, opportunities for quiet meditation, fellowship and Adoration.

8AM Mass

9AM Check-in & Light Refreshments

9:30AM-12PM Retreat

Cost \$15



Please join us!

Contact JoAshley Hall with questions
(270) 498-6270



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902 E. 9th St.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Nursing babies welcome



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CALLING ALL KofC GOLFERS IN THE BLUEGRASS



For the second time in tournament history, the Annual Knights of Columbus International Amateur Golf Association (KCIAGA) tournament is coming to Northern Kentucky. The annual KCIAGA tournament is a sports event in which any amateur golfer who is a current Knights of Columbus member in good standing, regardless of domicile or golfing ability may participate. The tournament is designed to enhance fellowship and competition among members and to provide for social and fraternal association with our Brother Knights from all jurisdictions in the Order. Last year’s tournament was held in Lincoln, Nebraska and hosted by Father Trayer Council #1126. The tournament was well attended with 55 golfers from ten states representing 29 different councils.

The 56th annual tournament is being hosted by Bishop Flaget Assembly #307 with proceeds benefiting Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky.

Location: Lassing Pointe Golf Club – 2266 Double Eagle Drive, Union, KY 41091

Date: June 10 – 12, 2025

Golf Participation Fee

June 10, 2025: Men’s scramble entry fee \$65.00

June 11 – 12, 2025: 2-day men’s tournament entry fee \$130.00

- Each golfer will be pre-flighted based on approved handicap
- Awards and cash prizes for top finishers in each flight

Event Details

Monday June 9, 2025		
4 pm	KCIAGA Director’s Meeting	Holiday Inn Florence – Host Hotel
Tuesday June 10, 2025		
9 am	Men’s Scramble	Lassing Pointe GC
9 am	Ladies Golf	Lassing Pointe GC
4 pm	Mass	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
5 to 7 pm	Social	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Undercroft
Wednesday June 11, 2025		
9 am	1 st Round Men’s Tournament (Shotgun Start)	Lassing Pointe GC
4 pm	Membership Meeting	Holiday Inn Florence – Host Hotel
Thursday June 12, 2025		
9 am	2 nd Round Men’s Tournament (Shotgun Start)	Lassing Pointe GC
12 pm	Ladies Luncheon & Activities	Bishop Ackerman #5453 Council Hall
4 pm	Director’s Meeting	Bishop Ackerman #5453 Council Hall
6 pm	Awards Banquet	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Undercroft

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March

Founders Day 29

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State Convention 2-4

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