

Kentucky State Council Newsletter





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MARCH FOR LIFE

On February 26th pro-life supporters from all areas of Kentucky came together to show our support for the sanctity of life in Frankfort.



The day started with mass at Good Shepherd Church with a nearly full church. We were very proud to see the local Knights out in force as well as Knights from all parts of Kentucky. The students from Immaculata Academy in Louisville added so much to the liturgy with the wonderful music. Following mass, bus after bus carrying hundreds of students from across the state along converged on the steps of our state capital. They were joined by hundreds more adults and families representing pro-life

groups and churches.

Live music and testimonials added so much to the day. Several pro-life elected officials spoke about the importance of each of to get involved in the pro-life cause.

Brother Knights came from every diocese Kentucky came to support the march. Some travelled from as far away as far western Kentucky to be part of the march.

A special thanks to Addia Wuchner, the Executive Director of Right to Life of Kentucky for asking the Knights of Columbus to lead



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the march down Capital Avenue. Addia, along with her husband Jan also serve as the Culture of Life Chair couple for the diocese of Covington. Our Worthy State Deputy, Brother Luke Williams volunteered to be one of the banner carriers.

Brother Knights also carried a banner promoting the Annual Bluegrass on the Brashear event in western Kentucky.

Rick Arnold, PSD Culture of Life Chairman



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JASON THOMASON | The Sun

location Thursday morning to present them with the check. The KoC raised the funds through its Tootsie Roll drive, during which members handed out candies that had special logos encouraging people to donate.

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The KoC members said they're happy to support Four Rivers in its mission of providing mental and behavioral health services.

"It's heartwarming to us to be able to be a part of the mission of these various agencies, and they've got a great group of people here, both staff and clients," said Tim Gahlinger with the Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Council. "And it was very, again, to use the word heartwarming to see the faces this morning that they have here, that they're helping."

Four Rivers plans to use the money to create a sensory room for clients of its Creative Enterprises Adult Day Training Program. The program provides job training, training on daily living skills and recreational activities for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, according to the Four Rivers' website. Within that specific program, Four Rivers currently serves 24 people.

"We had a staff member that passed unexpectedly a few years ago, and this was kind of a mission she had, so we would like to honor that," said Michele Hartig-Bass with Four Rivers Behavioral Health. "And a multi-sensory room can be a calming place for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and also offer a place to stimulate. You know, there's things with texture, special lighting, things like that."

The folks with Four Rivers said donations it receives are welcome, because they can help fund projects that state funding wouldn't normally cover. When it comes to the sensory room, the organization said the facility will give clients opportunities to learn prevention and crisis deescalation strategies, and it will also promote self-care, allow clients to nurture themselves and work on resilience and recovery.

Those who wish to learn more about Four Rivers' Creative Enterprises program and the other intellectual disability services it offers can visit 4rbh.org/disabilities-services.

Tim Gahlinger

KAPID Chairman





Special Olympics

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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.



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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.





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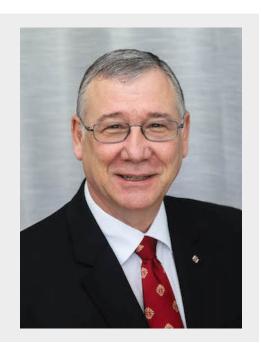
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STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Welcoming The Lenten Season

This week brings us the beginning of the Lenten season, and we look towards events centered on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We all are looking forward to preparing ourselves to ask for forgiveness in this season of preparation for Easter which is the greatest celebration in our Catholic faith. While many things will fill our 40 days of preparation, I ask that we all keep the "reconciliation" of what this season means to us all. For us as Knights of Columbus, it gives us a chance to raise money for the charity, unity and fraternity principles we are known for and to serve the needs of others in our parishes and communities. March is the month of St. Joseph's feast day (March 19) whose protection is so strong and worthy of our asking for his assistance in obtaining spiritual blessings. St. Patrick, who has become one of everyone's favorite patron saint has his feast day on March 17 this year. Also, during the Lenten season, the first day of Spring arrives. I wish all a heart and soul filled with the abundant grace our Father wants us to receive.

Council Status Report

For all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

- Review the <u>Prospect Tab Walkthrough</u> so you are familiar with the process of inviting online members to join your council.
- The <u>Semiannual Council Audit Report</u> (#1295) was due February 15. If you have not already done so, please submit this form.
- New Council/Roundtable Development We have a new roundtable at St. Francis of Assisi in Louisville. They are part of St. Brigid & James Council #16179. Fr. McGivney Council #12502 has St. Matthew Church in Morningview and St. Patrick in Taylor Mill as roundtables of their council.

- If your council serves multiple parishes, here is the <u>2629 Roundtable</u> report to show the Roundtable information and who is the "Coordinator" that reports the roundtables activities to the host Council.
- Now is the time to be <u>Inspired</u> to finish the Councils progress toward earning the <u>Star</u>
 <u>Council Award</u> designation.

Membership Growth Initiatives

Since November 1, 2024, I have asked all councils to do 3 things for Membership Growth...

- *I have encouraged all Brothers to "Invite Every Catholic Man in Kentucky" to become a Knight of Columbus member.
- *I have asked all 99 Councils in KY to be at least 75% or better of your membership growth goal by March 31, 2025.
- *I am asking all KY councils to hold Knights of Columbus Parish Outreach Drive in memory of Our Founder Fr. Michael McGivney on March 29 and March 30.
- *As part of the Founders Day observance, I am asking all District Deputies to coordinate a district wide Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity during the month of March or April. All attendees are asked to bring donations for a chosen charity (a local pregnancy resource center, food bank, homeless shelter, or specific Parish needs.
- * I am also happy to announce that our Jurisdiction will be introducing and using a new method for our Parish Outreach Drives. This month, we are distributing materials for a "Proof of Concept" Grey Packet process that has simple instructions on how to conduct a Parish Outreach Drive using a pulpit announcement, grey card for online registration information and 4 KofC pamphlets. Results have been successful in getting more help to our Parishes and Priests from Catholic Men over the age of 18. More details will be coming!
- Fishers of Men Banner Incentive The Supreme Council has revealed a membership recruitment contest for councils. Councils who recruit 125% or more of their annual intake goal between March 1 June 30 will win the incentive. Winning councils will select between a Blessed McGivney 'join us' banner or a Cor banner and Cor startup kit. All councils are eligible for a banner of their choice. The specifics are that during March 1 June 30 a council must bring in 125% or more of their membership quota during this period. As an example, a council at 0% on March 1 needs to bring in 125%, a council at 50% on March 1 would need to be at 175% to earn a banner. Those councils already at 125% or more on March 1 are also eligible, however, to qualify for the banner, they too will need to add an additional 125% or more between March 1 June 30.

<u>Programs/Faith In Action</u> – The time is now to review your council's accomplishments and make sure all documentation has been submitted as the fraternal year 2024 – 2025 is nearing a close.

Family/Chaplain/Knight/Unity/Service Program Awards (Deadline approaching)

I encourage all councils in Kentucky to send in submissions for the International Program awards as well as for the International Family of the Year award and the Blessed Michael McGivney Medal. The information on HOW is below. The Kentucky State Council will send each KY winner entry to Supreme to be considered as International Winners. The Grand Knights from the International winning councils will receive a free trip to the Supreme Convention.

Please submit forms for the KofC awards discussed on pages 10 through 12 of the State Program Guide, available on the state website at the following link <u>Program Overview and Guide</u>.

The deadline for submission is **March 15**th. The Supreme Forms can be accessed at the following link <u>Council Forms | Knights of Columbus</u>

Here is a list of those awards that need to be in ASAP!

Award Required Form
Family of the Year Supreme form 10680
State Blessed Michael McGivney Supreme form SBMMA
Knight of the Year Write up only
Dentinger Lifetime Service Award Kentucky state website
State Deputy Unity Award Write up only
Single Service Program Award Supreme form STSP

Any questions and All forms should be sent to Fred Meade, KY State Program Director fsmeade@fuse.net



<u>2025 Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Program – UPDATE!</u>

- Icons will start out with a District Deputy who will contact the councils in their district with
 the dates the Icon will be available for events at the Parishes. Contact the State Icon
 Chairman PSD Steve Zanone psdstevez@gmail.com if you have a specific date
 request so he can look at the schedule to see if it can be accommodated.
- 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
- The Prayer Cards are to be given out to attendees. The goal is to keep enough Prayer
 Cards in stock with the Icon as it travels so we will need to rely on the Council
 Representative to contact the District Deputy and let him know more cards need to be
 ordered before they run out. If you need Prayer cards or Prayer Booklets, let Past
 State Deputy Steve know so we can get more to you.
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon resources are available online at kofc.org/sacredheart

2025 KofC Mexican Martyrs relics in Kentucky - April 4 - April 11!

Kentucky is honored to receive the KofC Mexican Martyrs relics that will tour from April 4, 2025 till April 11, 2025. Details are still being worked out, but a schedule with the locations where and when the relics can be venerated will be published soon. There are Spanish speaking booklets for the KY Mexican Martyrs Relics tour along with English speaking booklets available for attendees along with Prayer cards that will also be available.

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 published soon.

SP-7 Columbian Award review - REVIEW COUNCIL ACTIVITIES and fill out a copy of the SP-7 NOW - on June 30, 2025. Here is a link to the PDF version of the SP-7. SP-7 Columbian Award

The Columbian Award shows anyone interested in joining your Council what you guys do. I am also 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.

<u>Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) Training Video - Forms - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery</u>

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

If your council **is** running *Cor*:

- Please let us know who your Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) Director is (unless you already have) on the <u>Council EFF Director Submission Form</u>.
- Please let us know how it is going: Cor Quarterly Survey FY 24-25.

If your council is not yet running Cor:

- Please check out these resources: <u>Our Faith Cor | Knights of Columbus</u> & <u>Cor Webinars & Online Events | Kofc.org</u>.
- Appoint an EFF Director! EFF Role Details

Lent Began Wednesday (3/5)! As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, we pray that it brings you closer to Christ. Explore these resources and share across your jurisdiction to help make this Lent intentional and transformative:

- KofC Lent Resources
- FORMED Lent Daily Reflections
- Cor Through the Liturgical Year
- New Opportunity for Faith in Action: Introducing a new way for councils to earn credit toward the Columbian Award through a parish FORMED subscription. Learn more here.
- The inaugural quarterly EFF newsletter, **Cor Central**, was sent out to your State and Council EFF Directors in January. Next issue coming in early April.
- Please continue to encourage your Grand Knights to submit the <u>Council EFF</u>
 Form and the <u>Cor Quarterly Survey</u>.



<u>Building Better Disciples</u> – 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:

March 6, 2025 8:00 PM
March 10, 2025 8:00 PM

Membership Records Management
Introducing Families to the Knights

March 18, 2025 8:00 PM Engaging Members

March 26 2025 10:00 PM Best Practices for Council Fundraising

Capacitación en español:

12 de marzo de 2025 8:00 PM Planificación de la Sucesión del Consejo de Estado
26 de marzo de 2025 8:00 PM Cómo Organizar Campañas en Actividades 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.

KofC Fraternal Benefits

Those councils that would like to have a Fraternal Benefit Event (FBE) in their District, Contact a KofC Field Agent in your area. Ask your agent if your council can "host" a FBE where the agent can use his prepared and approved presentations that promote member benefits and engagement. As always, remember to promote the good work our Knights of Columbus Insurance Agents do for all of us as members to ensure our widows and children are taken care of when we depart this earth.

Upcoming Important dates- March 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 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 *March 1-31, 2025 Councils have Parish Outreach Drive





*March 5, 2025	Ash Wednesday
*March 15, 2025	State Award Submissions due to Program Director
*March 16, 2025	State KofC Free Throw Championships – Bethlehem High School in Bardstown
*March 29, 2025	Founders Day – Have a KofC Parish Outreach Drive on Saturday 3/29 & Sunday 3/30
*April 4-11, 2025	Mexican Martyrs Relics in Kentucky
*April 9, 2025	Right To Life-Louisville Banquet-Crowne Plaza 6pm-9pm
*April 20, 2025	Easter Sunday
*April 24, 2025	Right To Life of Central KY Banquet-Lexington@Embassy Suites 6:30pm-9pm
*May 2-4, 2025	122 nd Annual Knights of Columbus - KY State Convention
*May 5, 2025	Cinco de Mayo
*May 24, 2025	4th Degree Exemplification-Fancy Farm, KY
*May 25-June 21, 2025	Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadelupe in Kentucky
*July 11-12, 2025	2025 Organizational Meeting – Bowling Green, KY

Kentucky 2025 Flood Recovery

As the KY State Deputy, it is my task to assess disaster relief resources available from the Knights of Columbus Supreme or State Councils and help facilitate a charitable response to Knights and their families who are in need, Parishes that Knights serve, and the larger community that has been affected. At this point of the recovery effort, please check your councils and <u>let me know</u> if any Knights families who are in need, Parishes that Knights serve, and the larger community that has been affected.

In the charitable spirit of the Kentucky Knights of Columbus members or anyone else that would like to donate to help those affected by the February flooding, the Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Charities, INC Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a

"Kentucky 2025 Flood Relief Account" to help those affected with recovery efforts. If you wish to help financially, donations should be made out to:

"KofC Charities of KY, Inc."

In the memo line please write "Kentucky 2025 Flood Recovery" and mailed to:
Cameron Peck, PSD
796 Wellington Way
Lexington, KY 40503





The KofC Charities, Inc Board will be distributing Kentucky 2025 Flood Recovery" grants submitted per the normal KY Charities grant process.

New Kentucky 4th Degree District Master

Jim Wharton has stepped down as Kentucky District Master due to health reasons. Thanks to our Worthy Former District Deputy, Past Faithful Navigator and Past Grand Knight Jim for his service and please keep him in your prayers as he deals with his health issues. It is my honor to announce that Past State Deputy and Former District Master Cameron Peck has been appointed to fill the remainder of FDD, PFN, and PGK Jim's term as Kentucky District Master.

Worthy KY District Master Cameron has announced that Tim Gahlinger will be the Secretary to the Master and that the Degree Team Captain will be George Hayes.

lease welcome District Master Cameron back and I ask that we all give him our unlimited support as he leads the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in Kentucky.

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. The 2025 State Convention Information Packets were sent out this past week to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, State Officers and any active Knight that wishes to attend. Many thanks to our Convention Chairman and Co-Chairman as well as others who are busy with planning so this Convention will the best! We will be showing the Kentucky Derby at the Saturday evening Banquet to make sure we don't miss the excitement. If you are interested in going as a Delegate, let your Grand Knight know now! If you want more information, contact our Convention Chair or Co Chair or a State Officer. The 2025 KY State Convention Council Delegate Certification form was sent out this past week by State Secretary Dick Burns.

Necrology List for 2025 State Convention

On Sunday, May 4th, the Reading of Necrology will take place at the State Convention. Our Worthy Executive Secretary sent a request to all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies asking to complete a council Necrology form and send to him so that our deceased Brothers can be honored. We do not want any name omitted.

Please remind your councils to submit their Brothers names before March 10th. Any questions can be directed to Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart at kykofces@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help and support in remembering our fallen Brother Knights.

Special Olympics – Remember to Report Your Participation

The Knights of Columbus has been supporting the Special Olympics since it began in 1968. Make sure you report your participation in Special Olympics programs through the online Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) now. 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.

I am happy to let you know that the 2025 Salute to Summer Games campaign for Special Olympics Kentucky is now underway. The website (sokysalute.com) is now live and ready for Councils to help raise money to support the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Just as a reminder, for the sixth year our Brotherhood throughout the state is working to raise money to support the upcoming Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Should you have questions about registering or setting up your Council team, please contact our Special Olympics Chairman Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or mbuerger@soky.org.

Scholarship Applications Available Online March 5th

Applications for Knights of Columbus scholarships went live this past Wednesday, March 5th. The deadline to apply online is April 15th. All sons and daughters of members graduating from high school (spring 2025) are eligible. For more information, visit kofc.org/scholarships.

KofC-Kentucky State Council FY 2024-2025 State Directory

REMINDER

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.

Closing Thoughts...

There will be LOTS of preparations going on in the next few months! The deadlines will start sneaking up on us sooner than later, but I am thankful for the Charity, Unity and Fraternity that all Brother Knights and their families show to all who surround us. My thoughts and prayers are with all during the Lenten Season, and I ask that you continually participate in all the functions of our order and especially the Charity of your time, talents or money. The Kentucky Jurisdiction will be successful in our Membership Growth, Programs and Star Council Designations between now and June 30. Please keep up the great work!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout 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

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Brother's our **UPHILL** battle continues. As a Jurisdiction we tend to go through this every year. This time last year, during my 2nd term, we were a little over 53% of our membership target. While we continued to recruit, once again we fell short of our membership goal. We can do better. We've got about 3 ½ months to go. March 29th is Founder's Day. It's also a Saturday which makes this Founder's Day weekend a great weekend to hold pulpit talks, say hello to someone you don't know or to hold a CUF Exemplification.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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

MARCH:

- March 2nd Diocese of Lexington was established by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1988.
- March 5th is Ash Wednesday & my birthday.
- March 9th Daylight Saving time begins.
- March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May.
- March 17th St Patrick's Day
- March 29th is Founder's Day
- March 30th Archbishop Shelton Fabre was installed as the Archbishop of Louisville.



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APRIL

- April 11th is the deadline for all past due bills to be paid if a council wishes to have voting rights at the State Convention
- April 15th Federal & State Income Tax Day
- · April 13th is the beginning of Holy Week
- · April 18th is Good Friday
- April 20th is Easter Sunday

MAY

- May 2nd, 3rd & 4th State Convention in Frankfort
- May 5th Bishop John Stowe was installed as Bishop of Lexington in 2015
- May 11th Mother's Day
- · Hold Council Elections!!

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

HEADS-UP!

The KY Jurisdiction is blessed to have the Mexican Martyrs Relics travel through our state the week of April 4th through April 11th. State Deputy Luke Williams is helping to coordinate the movement of the relics.

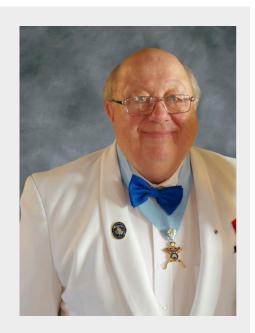
The Silver Rose will be crossing our state in May. Our KofC Field Agents will oversee coordinating its movement.

And finally, KY has received 4 Sacred Heart icons to be shared across the state. WPSD Steve Zanone will be coordinating the movement of these icons.

What an opportunity and blessing for all KY Catholics.

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

STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Tempus Fugit!

The sacred season of Lent is here, with ashes, fasting, and abstinence (although I don't know if abstinence is really a hardship when we look forward to the Fish Fries so much). Most of us give something up, but give some thought to doing something positive to strengthen your relationship with God. Definitely receive the sacrament of Reconciliation – what better time? Try to make it to the Stations of the Cross at least once. Really work on one thing in your life where you need to improve – maybe patience with your family. Take advantage of the seasonal aids that your parish distributes. Do something to say thank you to the one who gave His life to bring us salvation.

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

Thanks! to these 4 Councils which recruited their first new member for the fraternal year in the last month:

- Brother Christopher Council 4170 in Springfield
- St. Elizabeth Seton Council 12774 in Lexington
- Bishop Flaget Council 13053 in Louisville
- St. Lawrence Council 15681 in Lawrenceberg





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As of March 1st, that still leaves **34** councils who haven't recruited a new member with only 4 months left in the Fraternal Year. We're 67% of the way through the year, but we're only 56% 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. The state has always been backloaded on recruiting. We've still got time for your council to meet its quota – 17 councils already have, and many more are within one or two!

Supreme expects councils to hold a Membership Drive in March. You ought to be able to at least do some recruiting at your Fish Fries – what a perfect time to follow Supreme's goal for us to be "Fishers of Men"!

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!

New Council and Round table Development

A great way to give those Catholic gentlemen an opportunity to become a Knight is by creating new Councils and Round Tables.

DD14 Dennis Scanga and I spent the weekend at masses at St. Francis of Assisi in Louisville. With almost 800 families and a strongly supportive pastor, this parish is a great candidate for a new council. Hopefully, we'll recruit enough new members to have that council in place by the end of the Fraternal Year. If not, it'll be a Round Table of St. Brigid and St. James Council 16179 and put them in place for a multiple Star Council award this year.

I ask the DDs for their help in identifying parishes in their district with no Knights of Columbus presence who are good candidates for a new Council or Round table.

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Celebrations!

No significant council anniversaries this month – must be something about March?

p.s. Last month, I asked If anyone from Council 16206 could you let me know what the H.M. in Fr. John Garvey, H.M. stands for? Either they don't know or no one from Council 16206 read the State Newsletter last month.

Per Capita Billings

Billings got sent out early February a month later I've received payment from about 2/3 of our councils – thanks to those who have responded so quickly! I'll be sending out reminders to those that haven't responded yet. If your Council needs, let the State Deputy or me know. We can help.

Payment must be received before the Convention or your council delegates will not be allowed voice or vote at the business meetings, and will not receive mileage or per diem.

State Convention Delegate Certification

The State Convention will be held May 3rd and 4th in Frankfort. Councils should be receiving their Delegate and Alternate Certifications shortly. These need to be completed and in my hands by April 12th in order for your council to have voice and vote at the convention and for your delegates to receive mileage reimbursement and per diem payment.

Vivat Jesus,
Dick Burns
State Secretary
State New Council Director
State Round Table Director

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,

This is the Seasons!!

With Lent starting Wednesday March 5, have made your Lenten resolution? Maybe attending Daily Mass may be a good resolution, fasting not only on Fridays, or giving up some device you have. Have a Blessed Lent.

We are two thirds of the way on the side of this Fraternal Year. And the last four months left. Are you ready, how are your Goals? Have you held a Church Drive? 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.

Maybe a Good time to invite that Family that is helping you at the Fish Fry, 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. March comes in like a Lion, out like a lame.

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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March History,

March 1, 1781, formal ratification of the <u>Articles of Confederation</u> was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the 13 original states. The Articles remained in effect through the <u>Revolutionary War</u> until 1789, when the current U.S. Constitution was adopted.

Kentucky State Convention

The Kentucky State convention is fast approaching, May 2-3, 2025, will be here before you know it. We will be in Frankfort, at the Capital Plaza Hotel. It will be a time to celebrate our great successes. Watch for the Registration Packet.

Recruit and Retain

This is the Ninth 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.

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day! Vivat Jesus!! Gary Dykhuis State Treasurer



STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,

The weather was great on March the 8th as we celebrated the St Patrick's day parade here in Louisville Ky with a good showing from the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.

Former District Master Joe Carter and your Marshall Mike Kuchenbrod were joined by a number of Knights from Newman Council (Steve Arnold, Joe Underwood, Paul Burks, Adam Thieneman, Dan Benningfield, Gene Blair, and many of their wives). We were also joined by Dana and Dave Carroll from the Wednesday's Child Foster care program that the Knights have supported for the last 20+ years.

Ash Wednesday is behind us and the first Fish Fry of the season was well attended at St Teresa this past Friday, I hope your parish has begun the Lent season with a new focus on prayer and community as we head towards Easter. You should be executing those March recruiting event plans 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.



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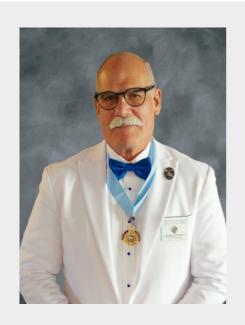
Council Forms

You should have submitted most of your forms for this Fraternal year, and yet some councils still have forms missing at this point. GK and FS, as well as others, have access in the supreme portal – check there to make sure none of your forms show as missing. For your director positions there are some that are required for Youth Protection but others such as Membership Director must also be filled or Supreme will report your council as having not reported your 365. There is still time to submit those missing forms, let's get them 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 March, Winter seems to want to hang on with the cold and another snow. I hope you have all safely survived the snowfall and the cold.

Lent is here and many of you are sponsoring fish fries. Some of you have already started, with a few already having had two fish fries before Ash Wednesday. I hope and suspect the guests you serve always look forward to this time of year, whether they're Catholic or not. There is nothing like a good fish fry and all the tasty accourtements that go along with the lunch or dinner, like baked beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies and the list is endless. Let us never forget the fellowship that goes along with a fish fry. Good luck to all of your council fish fries.

Our Basketball Slam sales are winding down. I have already received many of your council's returned ticket stubs and checks, "Thank you". I also want to thank you for not sending cash in the mail or checks made out to me. So far, so good. 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, 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.



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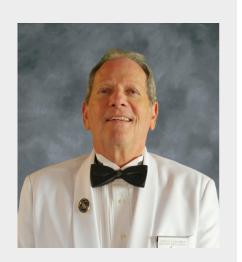
The Basketball Free Throw State Contest for 9 – 14 year old boys and girls is planned on Sunday, March 16th 2:00 pm EST, at Bethlehem High School in Bardstown. Contact Free Throw Chairman, George Hayes at george.h.hayes@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

I appreciate all your councils do for the communities and people you serve, "Thank you".

Vivat Jesus, John Staudt State Warden



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O'HAGAN



It is early enough in the 2nd half of the fraternal year to help our councils have a successful year. Forms, Safe Environment Compliance, FBE's and Programs will assist our councils earn STAR Council.

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

We still have 4 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.

O'HAGAN CONT.

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)
- 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 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

O'HAGAN CONT.

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...

Actua	ıl 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 CAMERON PECK



Brothers,

As you may have heard already, District Master Jim Wharton has stepped down due to his health. The Supreme Master has appointed me to fill the remainder of his term. I would like to thank Jim for his service to the order and especially the 4th degree. Jim, in addition to all the other jobs he has done, was the first Faithful Navigator of our newest Assembly (Fr. Joseph O'Callahan #3929, in Lexington) and got them off to a great start.

We have two 4th Degree Exemplifications scheduled for the remainder of this fraternal year. The first one will be held in Fancy Farm on May 24th, and the second one will be held in Louisville on June 21th. I will be posting the info packets in the next week. Please contact your grand knight or faithful navigator for more information.

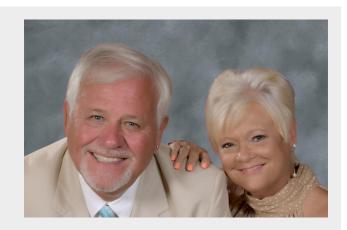
We have 29 assemblies across Kentucky and they do a lot of great patriotic work to help others. Please send photos and write ups of your assembly's events to kykofcnewsletter@gmail.com so we can make sure your great work gets shared with everyone. Who know, your event could spark a good idea for another assembly that is looking for ideas. Don't hide your light under a bushel basket!

I look forward to serving the Jurisdiction as District Master once again, and if you need anything, please give me a shout.

Vivat Jesus!
Cameron Peck PSD
District Master



CULTURE OF LIFE COUPLE



RICK & CELESTA ARNOLD

Dear Brother Knights and families,

It has been a very busy time for the Pro-Life community here in Kentucky, especially where the Knights of Columbus were involved.

Pro-Life Mass

The annual Mass for Life was held in Louisville at Saint Gabriel Catholic Church in January. The mass was very well attended by Brother Knights and their families. Several Sir Knights in uniform formed an honor guard before and after mass.

Archbishop Fabre was the celebrant with a special guest homilist, Father Jeff Nicholas giving us all a very special message about the need to defend life from conception to natural death.

A special thanks goes out to Brother Knight Deacon Stephen and the fine parishioners at Saint Gabriel for their hospitality.

It was great to have members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians join us for this wonderful mass.

March for Life

Please see the separate article on page 2 of this newsletter for details about this great event.



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Pro-Life Essay Contest

We are happy to report that due to the hard work, dedication and generosity of our Brother Knights in Northern Kentucky, we will be sponsoring the Pro-Life Essay Contest in the Covington Diocese.

Well done!

Celesta and I wish each of you and your families a wonderful Lenten Season.

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

GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Tax Day April 15, 2025 - Permanent Life Insurance is a Tax-Free Asset

Tax Day, April 15, will be here before you know it. Do you know if your tax rate or bracket has changed? If so, are you aware of the implications?

Your income throughout life can fluctuate, causing you to potentially end up in a higher tax bracket than anticipated. And following an election year, each new administration can change tax brackets and tax rates. As a result, you may not have as much disposable income or as much money to leave to family as you planned. This can be true earlier in life, or in retirement when your income sources may change. You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus.

Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA. But permanent life insurance can be a useful tool for tax and estate planning in a range of situations.



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In partnering with you to secure your financial future and legacy, we're fulfilling the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 143 years ago this month. Our K of C Field Agents would love to share how permanent life insurance may be able to help you prepare for the unexpected and create a tax-free asset. Reach out to your Field Agent, he looks forward to meeting you soon.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle, FICF, PGK

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SACRED HEART OF JESUS ICON CHAIRMAN STEVE ZANONE



Brothers,

Our Worthy State Deputy has asked me to chair the Sacred Heart Icon program for him. I am honored to undertake this task. WSD Luke has secured one icon per diocese, which will give every council in the jurisdiction the opportunity to participate in the program. Each icon has everything with it to do the ceremony. Please be sure to tell everyone up front we need the prayer booklets back to send along to the next council. The Sacred Heart Prayer cards are available in the supply bag so that all in attendance may take one home. In the past, these icons have started moving and became lost, given away by councils or District Deputies, or buried under a bed somewhere. (If you have an old icon, let me know so we can get the proper PSD to place these). We will strive this time to keep a log of who has the icon for their diocese. When it is moved, I am to be notified so I can update location and plan for the next stop. Also, and I can't stress this enough, **ONLY** the State Deputy has the authority to permanently place these icons. Luke has already found homes for these icons.

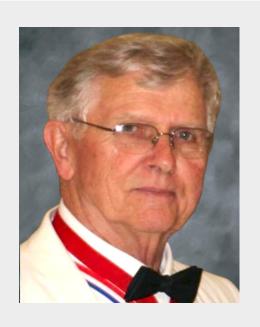
Please reach out to me via email, text, or phone call with your questions. I am excited to see a new icon program and hope all councils will participate. These prayer services are a great way to deepen our faith, so let us all take advantage of the opportunity.

Fraternally,
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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



March 29, 1882 - March 29, 2025

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney and incorporated in New Haven, Connecticut on March 29, 1882. March 29 has been celebrated as Founders Day annually, as of this March, for the past 143 years. As a Knight you should take the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the life, holiness and legacy of Blessed Michael McGivney. The KofC website has an excellent article on him which can be reached through this link. <u>A PRIEST FOR HIS PEOPLE</u>.

Following is the title of the article:

A PRIEST FOR HIS PEOPLE

Father McGivney's personal relationships reveal his practical leadership and compassionate heart.

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As a Council, the Chaplain's Handbook offers this suggestion:

Honor Father McGivney Through a "Clergy Night"

As we prepare to mark Founder's Day and remember Father McGivney's faithful dedication to his priestly vocation, consider welcoming local pastors, retired priests and members of religious communities to your parish for evening adoration or, as a Lenten observance, the Stations of the Cross. Afterward, council members can greet the priests and welcome them to a simple reception to thank them for their ongoing dedication to the consecrated life.

More ideas on hosting on a clergy night can be found in the *Chaplain's Handbook* (#945).

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



Local Events



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



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.

9AM Check-in & Light Refreshments
9:30AM-12PM Retreat
Cost \$15

Please join us!

Contact JoAshley Hall with questions (270) 498-6270



Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church 902 E. 9th St. Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Nursing babies welcome



Sponsored by the Roses of Sts. Peter & Paul

Local Events

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	1st 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		

Contact Us: Dustin Reed (859)866.2122 / dustin.reed5453@gmail.com or Don Ward (859)240.8464 / donward1777@gmail.com

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