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9 NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, March 23rd, Council #13304, Fr. Diersen Council, in Lagrange, Ky, held a 3rd Degree Exemplification and welcomed 9 new members into the council.

The council has now added 18 new members during this fraternal year. Congratulations go to Grand Knight Dave Hotz and his team!

Paul Tadatada
District Deputy 15

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2025 KofC Mexican Martyrs Relics in Kentucky – April 5 – April 11!



Kentucky is honored to receive the KofC Mexican Martyrs “Reliquary” that contains relics of 6 members of the Knights of Columbus who were martyred during the persecution of Catholics in Mexico from 1926-1929. The Reliquary seeks to make known in the United States the testimony of these Knights of Columbus priest martyrs and all those who sacrificed their lives for their faith during the time of religious persecution in Mexico. In 2000, 25 Mexican martyrs were canonized by Pope John Paul II. Six were members of the Knights of Columbus. The tour will be from April 5, 2025 till April 11, 2025. Below is a schedule with the locations where and when the relics can be venerated. There are Spanish speaking prayer cards and booklets for the KY

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Mexican Martyrs Relics tour available for attendees along. English speaking Prayer cards will also be available.

- 4/5/25 Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
107 W 13th St, Beaver Dam, KY
@ 4:00 pm CT till at least 6:30 pm CT
DD Bernie Hayes
- 4/6/25 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
7600 Russellville Rd, Guthrie, KY
9:00 am CT till after the 12:00 pm CT Mass GK#8145 Mark Skipworth/Fr. Ken Milulcik
- 4/7/25 St. Helen's Catholic Church
106 W. Brown St, Glasgow, KY
10:00am CT till 7:00pm CT
C#6368 Antonio Yanes III
- 4/8/25 St. Helen's Catholic Church
106 W. Brown St, Glasgow, KY
8:00amCT till 7:00pm CT
C#6368 Antonio Yanes III
- 4/9/25 Cristo Rey Catholic Church
25 Cavalier Blvd, Florence, KY
4:30pm ET till 8:00pm ET
Alicia Aguirre/Gregory White/DD#22Keith Cahill
- 4/10/25 St. Paul Catholic Church
425 W. Short St, Lexington, KY
6:00pmET/Mass@7pm/Veneration continues till 9:00pm
GK #15707 Martin Lopez
- 4/11/25 St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5431 Johnstown Rd, Louisville, KY
7:00pmET
GK#4665 Terry Nelson

2025 SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM



- Icons have been distributed to District Deputies 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 “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.



4 NEW KNIGHTS

On March 30th, 2025, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #12774 welcomed in 4 new knights, 1 transfer and 1 who completed his second and third degree after being reactivated into our council earlier this fraternal year. This puts us at 6 new members for the fraternal year and at 100% of our membership goal. Thank you to SD Luke Williams for providing us with the Parish Outreach kits.

Congratulations to our recently exemplified candidates: Kaz Blackwell, Michael Cook, Carlos John Guibo, Nathan McNulty and Jim Ruberg, and a special thank you to our Chaplain Fr. Charles Howell and Field Agent Greg White.

Tyler Merkle
Grand Knight



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

Historic Celebration Held at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City

In a momentous event marked by tradition, reverence, and community, the Knights of Columbus celebrated the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree on Saturday, February 22, 2025. The historic walls of America's parish church, Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, stood witness to this grand celebration, which featured the first presentation of the New Fourth Degree Exemplification.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement and pride as families, friends, and members of the Knights of Columbus gathered to witness over 650 candidates being inducted into the Patriotic Degree. This milestone event highlighted the enduring legacy and commitment of the Knights of Columbus to the principles of patriotism, charity, unity, and fraternity.

The New Fourth Degree Exemplification

The introduction of the New Fourth Degree Exemplification was a significant moment for the Knights of Columbus, particularly for the Fr. Edward F. Sorin Province. District Master of the Fourth Degree Patrick Gavin utilized the new ritual to initiate 104 candidates into the Patriotic Degree. This Province, which encompasses Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia, has long been a stronghold of the Knights of Columbus, and the new exemplification was met with enthusiasm and reverence.

In attendance were notable figures within the organization, including the Supreme Master, the Province Vice Supreme Master, and Province District Masters Cameron Peck and Paul Niedbalski. The presence of Tim Gahlinger, Secretary to the Master, Mike Kuchenbrod, District Warden, and Gary Dykhuis and Joe Carter, both Former District Masters of Kentucky, added to the significance of the event to the State of Kentucky.

A Nod to Tradition

During past ceremonies, many Sir Knights who had experienced the "Old" Exemplification expressed a sense of nostalgia and pride. They reminisced about the earlier ceremonies and shared their wish that their families could have attended those solemn occasions to hear the narration of Catholic history in the United States.

The new exemplification, while somewhat shorter than its predecessor, retains the core lessons and values that have been the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. It is designed to be more inclusive, encouraging guests and families to attend and participate in the ceremony. This inclusivity ensures that the rich heritage and teachings of the Knights are shared with a wider audience, preserving their legacy for future generations.

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Future Celebrations and Plans

Worthy District Master Cameron Peck has ambitious plans to conduct exemplifications in the Western and Central areas of Kentucky. These forthcoming events are eagerly anticipated, promising to bring the same sense of unity, reverence, and community participation that marked the celebration at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Members of the Knights of Columbus are encouraged to motivate their fellow brother knights to attend these exemplifications. The opportunity to witness and participate in such a significant event is a compelling reason for all members to aspire to the Patriotic Degree.

In Conclusion

The 125th anniversary celebration of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was a resounding success. It not only honors the rich history and traditions of the organization but also sets the stage for future growth and inclusivity. The Knights of Columbus continue to exemplify the principles of charity, unity, and patriotism, inspiring members and their families to uphold the values that have defined the organization for over a century. Along with inviting your brother knights to participate in the upcoming exemplifications, you might also consider attending with your family.

Joe Carter

Former District Master



7 NEW 3RD DEGREE MEMBERS

GK Jim Brian and the St. Michael's Exemplification Team exemplified the Charity, Unity, Fraternity Degree on 7 men on March 23rd. This consisted of four new members, including a priest, and three men advancing to the 3rd degree. And included men from three different councils.



ASSURANCE FOR LIFE DONATION

St. Peter Knights of Columbus Council #18058 held a Trivia night fundraiser on January 18th this year for the [Assurance for Life](#) group. Assurance for Life expresses the love and grace of Jesus Christ to those facing unplanned pregnancy. They provide medical services as well as many other support services for women and men in a pregnancy crisis. Pictured is our Trivia night in action and Paul Pezel Grand Knight of St. Peter Council presenting a check for \$3165.00 to Randy Hardman of Assurance for Life.

Paul Pezel
Grand Knight



\$3,600 FOR HOPE HOUSE

On March 14th, 2025 I had the pleasure and the honor of presenting a check for \$3,600.00 to Mrs. Julia Roberts, Hope House Manager. The Hope House is an effort to give foster children a comfortable, giving home for a short period before they find a forever home.

The amount provided on the check is a result of the proceeds from our Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance fundraiser that was held on February 14th. In addition, we received some donations from a couple of gracious parishioners of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church who wanted to show their support for the Hope House.

Bruce Wilcox
Grand Knight



Special Olympics

Support the 2025 Salute to Summer Games

The Knights of Columbus [Salute to Summer Games](#) is underway, and we need your Council's support to reach our goal. The salute is the biggest fundraising campaign the Knights of Columbus participate in to support the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Once again, our goal is to raise \$12,000, or about \$1 for every Knight in the state. Currently we are at \$590 with two months to go until the State Summer Games, which will be held June 6-8 at Eastern Kentucky University.

There are two ways to participate.

Your Council and individual Knights can sign up on the Salute to Summer Games web site sokysalute.com, and raise money using the tools provided there. Or you can make a donation by sending a check to:
Special Olympics Kentucky
Attn: Salute to Summer Games
105 Lakeview Court
Frankfort, KY 40601

The Salute web site provides a great opportunity for Councils and individual Knights to easily help us support Special Olympics without disrupting existing Council fundraising or charitable activities.

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).

If you have any questions, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org.



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

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events include:

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

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/>.



LIFE-SAVING DEVICES

The Knights of Columbus - Fr. Glahn Council of Madisonville Ky. donated life-saving devices to relieve upper airway obstructions from the throat to Christ the King School, the Parish Center and Learning and Growth Center. Pictured are Jim Donley Grand Knight, Father Steve Holman Paster and Leslie Mills Principial.



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Why did you join the Knights of Columbus?

On Sunday May 4th, Brother Knights listed on the KofC Ky State Necrology will be read aloud by Past State Deputy Rick Arnold to all present at the State Convention meeting room. As I look over the list of our Brother Knights who have passed away in the past year, I am reminded that all 153+ Brothers had a reason they joined the Knights of Columbus. One of them might have been so that all Knights of Columbus can pray for them when they pass away. In that frame of mind, I ask that all councils have regular mass intentions submitted at their parishes for our departed Knights of Columbus Brothers and their families. As always, thank you for your help and support in remembering our deceased Brother Knights.

The Lenten Season/Easter is coming

There are a couple of weeks more of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to prepare us for Easter which is the greatest celebration in our Catholic faith. I know that lots of council and parish programs and activities have been going on since Ash Wednesday. I continue to wish all the best for those events on the calendar and with you personally.

Council Status Report

For all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Council Officers and members...

- Now is the time to be **Inspired** to finish the Councils progress toward earning the **Star Council Award** designation.
- I am thankful for any Brothers who have at least tried to “Invite Every Catholic Man in Kentucky” to become a Knight of Columbus member as I have asked this fraternal year.
- I commend those Councils in KY that did their best to get to the 75% or better of your membership growth goal by March 31, 2025.

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- I am encouraged by all KY councils or districts who have or are going to hold a Knights of Columbus Parish Outreach Drive in memory of Our Founder – Fr. Michael McGivney between now and June 30, 2025.
- I appreciate the increase in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF) exemplifications during the month of March. Please keep the progress going forward.
- The KY Jurisdiction has rolled out a new method for our Parish Outreach Drives. This past month, materials for a “Proof of Concept” Grey Packet process has been distributed to councils who are willing to try the process. This process has simple instructions on how to conduct a Parish Outreach Drive using a pulpit announcement, a “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. Hint: the key is that when a new Catholic man is registered, we remind them that they will need to respond “Yes” when they receive an email from Supreme confirming they signed up online. Stay tuned as we will be reporting results at the State Convention.

Family/Chaplain/Knight/Service Program Awards

I am thankful to those councils in Kentucky who sent in submissions to be considered for the KY State Awards. The Awards Committee met on March 22nd and chose the Kentucky State Council winners. Each State Winner submission was sent to Supreme to be considered as Knights of Columbus International Program awards as well as for the International Family of the Year award and the Blessed Michael McGivney Medal. The KY State Winners Grand Knights were contacted and asked to have themselves or representatives of their councils present at the May 3, 2025 KY State Convention Banquet to receive their State Award. Congratulations to those councils, Chaplains and individuals who have been chosen for one of the State Awards. I am looking forward to presenting the award in person to the winners.

Programs/Faith In Action – 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. This means that the council needs to **REVIEW COUNCIL ACTIVITIES from July 1, 2024 till June 30, 2025 and fill out a copy of the SP-7 NOW** – Here is a link to the PDF version of the SP-7. [SP-7 Columbian Award](#)



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The Columbian Award shows anyone interested in joining your Council what you guys do. I advise the council program director or someone else that keeps track of the council programs, fill out an SP-7 and send to State Program Director Fred Meade (fsmeade@fuse.net) so he can review and make suggestions so there is a better chance the Supreme Office accepts the submission on the first try. Do it now while there is still time to submit again if necessary. You are allowed to include activities that “will be completed” between now and June 30th on the form. Any questions, contact SPD Fred Meade.

KofC Fraternal Benefits

I personally ask you to contact a Brother KofC Field Agent to review your plan to ensure that your family is taken care of if something happens to you. 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 or district 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 and our families as members.

Upcoming Important dates- April 1, 2025 – July 15, 2025 Calendar

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| *April 3, 2025 | Zoom DD/SD Meeting @ 9:00 PM EST (Regular Scheduled) |
| *April 5-11, 2025 | Mexican Martyrs Relics in Kentucky |
| *April 9, 2025 | Right To Life-Louisville Banquet-Crowne Plaza 6pm-9pm |
| *April 13-19, 2025 | Holy Week |
| *April 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday |
| *April 21, 2025 | <u>Zoom GK/SD Meeting @ 8:30 PM EST (NOTE Date Change)</u> |
| *April 22, 2025 | Zoom State Officer Meeting@8:00 PM EST(<u>NOTE Date Change)</u> |
| *April 24, 2025 | Right To Life of Central KY Banquet-Lexington @Embassy Suites 6:30pm-9pm |
| *May 1, 2025 | Safe Environment training/Background check deadline |
| *May 1-June 15, 2025 | Election of Council Officers |
| *May 2-4, 2025 | 122 nd Annual Knights of Columbus - KY State Convention |

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*May 5, 2025	FY2025-2026 Organizational Meeting Information Packets send out for registration and reservations
*May 8, 2025	Zoom DD/SD Meeting @ 9:00 PM EST (<u>NOTE Date Change</u>)
*May 11, 2025	Mother's Day
*May 12, 2025	Zoom GK/SD Meeting @ 8:30 PM EST (Regular Scheduled)
*May 13, 2025	Zoom State Officer Strategic Plan Meeting @ 8:00 PM EST
*May 24, 2025	4 th Degree Exemplification-Fancy Farm, KY
*May 25-June 21, 2025	Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kentucky
*May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
*May 29, 2025	Ascension Thursday
*June 8, 2025	Pentecost Sunday
*June 11, 2025	Cutoff date to make OrgMtg Hotel reservation
*June 21, 2025	4 th Degree Exemplification-Louisville
*June 27, 2025	Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day
*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 **let me know** 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 and current 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:



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“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.

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. Many thanks to our Convention Chairman and Co-Chairman as well as others who have been busy with planning so this Convention will be the best! Although they are not listed on the current convention agenda included with the Information Packet, I am happy to announce that Confession will be held on Friday at 5:30pm ET in the Conference Room at the upper level of the first floor, to the right of the indoor waterfalls. Confession on Saturday will also be available starting at 3:30pm ET (after the Awards Ceremony) in the same location. Please send a Council Representative to receive any awards your council is receiving at the Council Awards presentation starting at 1:30PM ET in the Convention Meeting room. If you cannot be a part of the 2025 KY State Convention, please pray for those who will be attending.

Special Olympics –

The 2025 Salute to Summer Games campaign for Special Olympics Kentucky is well underway. The website (sokysalute.com) is live and ready for Councils to help raise money to support the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Just as a reminder, the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Brotherhood have been vital supporters to raise money to support the upcoming Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Please consider giving you help with your time, talent or donations. 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.

Building Better Disciples – This “motto” for the KY Jurisdiction during the Fraternal Year 2024-2025 has helped keep us focused on our pursuit of discipleship as Catholic Men. One of the reasons given for joining the Knights of Columbus is to become a better man. As with any project, this requires a plan with blueprints, specifications and deadlines. Whether we choose to use the tools available to us for this “project” is a large factor on the success of the plan. We have almost 3 full months to complete our plan and we all have a part in this plan. If you have any questions, there are many tools and people to help with an answer or solution.

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As mentioned in the first paragraph of my article, what is your reason for joining the Knights of Columbus? If we all strive to be Building Better Disciples in our daily life, I feel we all will be doing our best to fulfill our baptismal call with creative courage and contribute to the sanctification of the world.

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

STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting.” (1 Corinthians 15:54-55)

Pope Francis couched his Lenten reflection this year against the backdrop of the Jubilee Year. If he had known at the time he was composing his Lenten reflection how close during Lent he would come to shaking off “this mortal coil”, he might have drawn more directly from the citation above, which he refers to in the opening paragraph. However, he went beyond the obvious to the sublime, expanding his horizons, so to speak.

He begins by drawing on the Jubilee motto, “Pilgrims of Hope”, to remind us that our life is a journey of conversion, foreshadowed by Israel’s sojourn in the desert and echoed today by “our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their families.” The judgement parable of Matthew 25 makes me shudder to think about how our nation may be held to account for its current policies, but Pope Francis’ application raises questions on a more personal level: “Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and helplessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity?” He suggests a novel examination of conscience, one of empathy with the experience of “some migrant or foreigner”, to remind us as St. Peter says in his second letter that, as members of God’s people, we “are strangers and in exile” (2 Peter 2:11).

Secondly, Pope Francis points out the communal dimension of the journey. Contrary to the preferred American myth of the lone wolf, “the Church is called to walk together, to be synodal... The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters.” It is only pride that clings to the illusion that

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one can only be secure when counting on oneself. The surrender of the Cross is precisely to die to self.

Finally, he turns to the other component of the Jubilee motto, that which sustains us for the journey, hope. Of course, this finds its final validation in the Resurrection, but like a precious metal it is purified by the questions that the challenges of life cause to rise within: “Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as though I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God’s help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?”

May the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus be for you an impetus to take up the journey of conversion, that you may be a source of ever-new hope for your family and your brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Happy Easter!

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy & Blessed Easter! Easter is late this year with Palm Sunday being on April 13th, Good Friday on April 18th and Easter Sunday on April 20th. You can bet that churches will be packed on Easter Sunday, but what about Palm Sunday & Good Friday... maybe not as much, and that's a shame. Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem amongst the cheers & joy of the people and then five days later we are humbled and saddened by the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday. While the six weeks of Lent can be a bit overwhelming considering everything that "LIFE" throws at us, the period between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday can make a true difference in your spiritual & family lives. Make sure you take time to thank God for all that He has done for you and to thank Him for all that He may do for you?

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report:

Like most of you, I too don't truly know what the future holds or what plan God has for me. I do know that my plans and God's plans aren't always the same. In fact, more times than not, they're not even close. Like many of you, I'll say, "Why God? I don't understand and then eventually He shows me the "Why" and then I do.

It's been like that for many years. Probably longer than that, it took me a while to recognize God's voice. Like we've read so many times over the years, God's voice isn't in the pouring rains or the blustery winds, but in the quiet gentlest breeze. I remember well the night when I finally stopped long enough to hear God's voice and surrender myself to His Will. My life today is much different than what I had imagined, yet it is a life filled with gratitude, appreciation and love.

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My mother is 94 and her body is giving out. Janet & I are committed to being her primary caregiver and keeping her in her home, which means I'm in Louisville 4 days a week and Janet 3 days a week. It's not easy but we both know that it's what God wants, and we are committed to doing His Will. I tell you this not for pity's sake but to acknowledge the kindness and greatness of God. God gave her the strength and ability to care for herself right up until this past year and He enabled me to fulfill my term as State Deputy without the added burden of caring for my mother. I can't thank God enough for all that He has done for me and for my family. I only pray that you hear God's voice and listen to Him.

Upcoming Council Elections:

June still seems like a way off, but it will be here before you know. If your council only meets once a month, then you're looking at next month's meeting to nominate and hold your elections. I would suggest that you solicit nominations at your April meeting and hold your election at your May meeting. That way your council will be ready to hit the ground running as the new fraternal year begins in July. Last year we had several councils that were still struggling to elect officers after July 1st. We can do better.

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



STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Tempus Fugit! (1)

The sacred season of Lent is almost over, Easter is right around the corner. Still two more weeks to continue your use of the Lenten opportunities for personal growth in your faith.

Tempus Fugit! (2)

For the State Secretary, this is the ***Fugit***-iest time of the year!

State Per Capita Assessments

I'm still receiving council per capita assessment checks. As of April 3rd, 86 of 98 Councils have submitted their payments – Thank You! GKs, FSs, and DDs of those Councils yet to pay their assessment should expect second notices shortly. **REMINDER!** If your council hasn't paid its assessment, your delegates will not be recognized at the convention. They won't be able to make motions, partake in discussions, or vote on motions or resolutions. If a Council is having difficulty making its per capita assessment payment, please bring it to the attention of the State Deputy and your District Deputy.

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State Convention

State Convention is coming up quickly! Be sure to send in your registration and make your reservations for the 122nd State Convention in Frankfort May 3-4. This is a great weekend of fraternity, of reviewing our accomplishments and celebrating our successes for the fraternal year, and for conducting the final year end business of the State, including our resolutions for Supreme and next year's budget, and election of our State Officers for the 2025-2026 year,

My major tasks for the Convention are preparing the Annual Report from last year's Convention and certifying Convention Delegates from the councils.

Delegate Certification Documents are due in by April 12th. As of April 3, I only have 18 Delegates registered from 9 councils. I know we'll have many more, but that probably means more last-minute rush for me. Don't worry, I know the State Secretary – he's a nice guy, and I'm sure you can convince him to let you in if you bring the councils form with you to the convention (hint – he likes jelly beans if you have any left over from your Easter Baskets, and is not above being bribed!). **REMINDER!** Certified Delegates will be entitled to mileage reimbursement from the State!

Memento Mori!

My council lost two more Brothers in the past week, 3 so far this year. All three of them were younger than I am (which is the case, of course, for most of the general population!) but it certainly reminds one that “you do not know the day or the hour...”. More reason to be sure to take some time every day in prayer, trusting in the Lord and making yourself ready.

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

Congratulations to the 9 to the Councils which recruited their first new member for the fraternal year in the last month:

- Fr. Durbin Council 1004 in Morganfield
- Msgr. John Danz Council 2459 in Winchester

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- Fr. Thomas Malloy Council 6317 in Danville
- Msgr. Higdon Council 10962 in Paducah
- St. Christopher Council 12623 in Radcliff
- Our Lady of Lourdes Council 14290 in Owensboro
- Mary Queen of Heaven Council 14993 in Erlanger
- St. Gabriel the Archangel Council 15699 in Louisville
- Sts. Brigid and James Council 16179 in Louisville

As of March 1st, that still leaves **24** councils who haven't recruited a new member with only 3 months left in the Fraternal Year.

5 more councils made or exceeded their Quota this month, bringing us up to 22 councils for the year! 4 more are just 1 new member short. 8 more are within 2. If they all make it (and we've got plenty of time left) we'd have a fantastic 34 councils eligible for the McGivney Award needed to earn Star Council honor!!!!

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 have the courage to be a Fisher of Men and 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 (St. Francis of Assisi in Louisville) and DD13 Steve Arnold (St. Peter the Apostle in Louisville, a possible new Hispanic Council) are working on new councils. It's looking like they'll only be new Round Tables for now, but Round Tables grow to be Councils.



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There's still a lot of low hanging fruit out there, and 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. Ask me or your Fraternal Agents, who are tasked with new council development, for our help!

Celebrations!

Sts. Brigid and James Council 16179 in Louisville celebrated its **100th** ⁽¹⁾ Anniversary on April 1st!!!!

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

(1) April Fools! It's really their 10th Anniversary



STATE TREASURER GARY DYKHUIS



Worthy Brothers,

Happy Easter!!

Hoping everyone is having good Holy Week and a Happy Easter. With the arrival of Easter is a sign that warmer weather. Just as Christ has died and rose from the dead, the renewal of life is all around us. Trees are blooming and grass is starting to grow. Make sure you take time to thank God for all the great blessings he has given you.

Lenten weekly fish Frys are coming to an end, it is time to focus on the last quarter of the Fraternal Year. Grand Knights should be asking if you have accomplished the goals set? Are you a Council Officer, have you got everything you wanted to do? As a Council could you do more? As brother Knights, what more could we do?

2025 Kentucky KofC State Free Throw Championship at Bardstown

Congratulations to All the participants and the winners March 16th. Thanks to the State Free Throw Chairman, George Hayes, and Council 1290 and the volunteers that made this a successful program. This is good time to start planning for next years Council's K of C Free Throw contest.

Kentucky State Convention

It is time to start thinking about the State Convention May 3-4, 2025, in Frankfort, KY. The convention is being held at the Capital Plaza again this year. Packets have been sent to Grand Knights. I look forward to seeing you and all our Brothers and Families.

Other things to consider

Nominations committees should start considering nominations for upcoming Council Elections. Please consider volunteering for a council position. According to Section 128 of the Charter Constitution and

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Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Council elections are held between May 1st and June 15th. Please consider being a District Deputy, please contact our State Deputy Luke Williams.

After Elections, Council Officer and Chairman information needs to be sent to the State Secretary for state records and the Executive Secretary for the state Directory.

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.

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.

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,

Have a Blessed Easter! There is still time to plan a “stations of the cross” or run the “Good Friday Family Promotion”, and of course plan to reach out to the men in your OCIA programs as they graduate to Practical Catholic status and become eligible to join your council.

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.

Council Elections are coming up!

Your council should form a nomination committee and consider who will be your officers for the next fraternal year. Don't wait till the election to speak to a capable brother knight about stepping up and taking an officer role.

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 have 26 councils not submitting the Fraternal Survey, 25 have not submitted the 365 (needed for SET compliance), and 3 without their 185 submitted. Not all positions have to be

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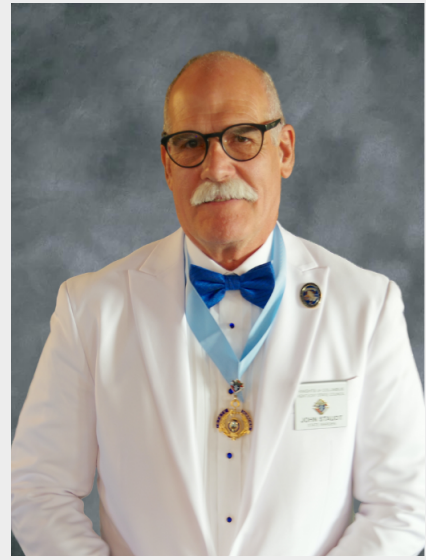
submitted with the officer and director forms, but some are required (Safe Environment Directors and Membership Director).

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.

We are showing 35 councils delinquent on their council Audit report (due every 6 months), without this your bond on the Financial Secretary will lapse – don’t leave him hanging, get it submitted!

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**

STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

Welcome to April!!! Holy Week and Easter Sunday are two weeks away. I enjoy attending Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service and Easter Vigil Mass and finally Easter Sunday Mass. It is a time of reflection and renewal for our family. I hope you and your families have those special moments and traditions during the Lenten and Easter season.

I suspect your council's fish fries have been successful. It is always a good time with the gathering of parish community and local community for food and fellowship.

Our 2025 Basketball Slam sales have wound down and results of the winners will be communicated after the final basketball game. At this time, 93 councils have responded with 1,764 tickets sold and 736 unsold tickets. The 1,764 tickets were sold by 60 of the Kentucky councils. I want to thank all councils participating this year. 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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

With the recent severe weather, I hope your family and friends are safe and healthy. If you see or know someone or family who needs financial help as a result of the severe weather, the following link is for requesting funds: [State Charities Request](#)

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The Basketball Free Throw State Contest for 9 – 14 year old boys and girls was Sunday, March 16th 2:00 pm EST, at Bethlehem High School in Bardstown. We had great participation and there were winners in all boys and girls age groups. I wanted to give a shout out to both Kentucky State Basketball Free Throw Chairman George Hayes, and the Bardstown Council, #1290, for coordinating, reserving the location and hosting the state contest. Thank you.

I hope to see you at our Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Convention on May 2-4, 2025. I look forward to attending as your State Warden and representing my home council.

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’s April, so we know the Councils that have qualified for the “State Membership Growth Incentive” Awards. These awards will be presented at the annual State Convention in May.

KY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH INCENTIVE – WINNERS!

July 1st thru March 31st

200% Membership Growth of Quota: a 1.75L bottle of Woodford Reserve Bourbon inscribed with the KofC logo.

Council – 2282, 13304, 15452, 15914, 18284

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

Council - 702, 7847, 12774, 18126

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

Council - 390, 1055, 11132, 12502, 12774, 12923, 12965, 14372, 14604, 15525, 15681, 16956, 17445, 18058

- Nearing 100% - 1315, 2046, 5453, 11470, 11591, 12354, 15181, 15979,
- SET, Founders Awards - Council 390, 4665, 5634, 7847, 15525, 15841, 15931, 15979
- SET, McGivney, and Founders Awards - Councils 1055, 7847, 12923, 12965, 13304, 14604, 15914, 18126

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

There is a new Supreme-sponsored Membership Growth Award

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Supreme Fishers of Men – Banner Incentive

Details: This is a membership recruitment contest for councils. Councils that recruit 125% or more of their annual intake goal between March 1 and June 30 will win the incentive.

For example: If the annual intake goal (for McGivney Award) = 8 • 125% of 8 = 10.

Winning councils will select between a Blessed McGivney 'join us' banner or a Cor banner and Cor startup kit. New and readmitted members only

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 2-piece Pen set with the KofC logo.

- D6, 8, 15, 18, 21, and 22 are 100% or above. Congratulations!
- Parish Outreach Drive – District Deputies are in the process of distributing pamphlets to councils in the Jurisdiction. WGKs, if you would like to participate, please contact your DD.
- We still have far too many '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, so 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

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

We still have 3 months to reach Star District, Star Council, and Star Assembly

- 74 councils have welcomed new members. Congratulations! Where are the other 25 councils in Kentucky? Remember, you must ask them to join your council.

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- Stay focused on reaching Star Council – McGivney, Founders, Colombian, 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.

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	63 v 95 66.3%	340 v 493 69%
Councils With No YTD Adds		25 v 99
Form 365 Not Submitted (99)		28
Form 185 Not Submitted (99)		6
Roundtable	3 v 13	8 v 13
Form 1728		28 Delinquent
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)		36 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,

We are currently in the 125th year of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The first 4th degree exemplification was held on February 22, 1900. In honor of this monumental anniversary, Supreme has updated the 4th degree exemplification ceremony. Most of the changes are subtle and it is an even better experience for the candidates than it has been in the past. But the biggest change is that the ceremony is now open to the public. Now your families are encouraged to come and watch while the lesson of patriotism is exemplified upon you. I witnessed the new ceremony a few weeks ago and it was a great change. I wish my family could have witnessed my exemplification back when I joined.

We have two 4th Degree Exemplifications scheduled in the Kentucky District before the end of this fraternal year. If you have candidates ready to join your assembly or you are a brother knight ready to join the 4th Degree, these are two great opportunities to make that happen. Please take advantage of one of these opportunities.

Monsignor Albert Thompson Assembly #1594 will be hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification in **Fancy Farm, KY on May 24th** at St. Jerome Catholic Church.

And Monsignor Bouchet Assembly #308 will be hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification in **Louisville, KY on June 21st** at St. Brigid Catholic Church.

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All the details along with registration forms can be found on the State Council's website at <https://kykofc.com/two-upcoming-4th-degree-exemplifications/>.

I would like to remind you of a couple of deadlines we have coming up. If your assembly is planning on submitting an entry for the "To Be a Patriot Award", those entries are due to me by April 30th. Also, I need the list of Korean War and Vietnam War veterans in your Assemblies' by April 20th. Let's make sure these men don't miss out on the honors they deserve.

I am excited for the future of the 4th Degree in Kentucky. We have a great group of men in our Assemblies and we get stronger every time a new member joins our ranks. With two exemplifications coming in the next few months, we will continue to get even stronger! Let's keep building.

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

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

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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 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.

Brother Dave Holzworth deserves a very special thank you for organizing and leading a very moving prayer service at the memorial for the Unborn in the Frankfort Cemetery. It was a terrific ending to a great day. I was especially impressed with the participation of the students in attendance. Great job Dave!

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, the Knights of Columbus was able to provide the \$2000 in prize money for the Pro-Life Essay Contest in the Covington Diocese.

Celesta and I, along with Brother Jan Wurchner were honored to be invited to the awards dinner in Covington. It was a great pleasure to be seated with Bishop John Iffert as we heard parts of every finalist' essay and the three top winners' complete essay. It was very reassuring to hear the incredible insight of these young students. It was a great evening to be enjoyed by all.

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Bishop (and Brother Knight) Iffert had great things to say about the Knights of Columbus especially regarding the work we do to help build a Culture of Life. Thanks so much to Faye Roch for inviting us and the great work she is doing in the Covington Diocese.

Well done!

Celesta and I pray that each of you and your families are having a wonderful Lenten Season.

Vivat Jesus!

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



K of C Agents provide solutions to achieve members' needs and goals

Brothers,

Are you on track to reach your financial goals? Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals? Our K of C Field Agents are dedicated to helping you find the right insurance solutions, no matter your stage of life. Whether you are in your working years with young kids, living paycheck to paycheck, or knocking on the door of retirement, I'm excited to help you protect what matters most and build financial security with insurance-based solutions tailored to meet your priorities.

The first thing to consider is whether your family would be financially taken care of if something happened to you. Would they struggle to meet the mortgage payments or to payoff other debts? Term life insurance can be an affordable option to give you protection in case of the unexpected. You'll also have the option to convert to a permanent insurance plan in the future without additional underwriting. Terms and conditions may apply.

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Second, start preparing for retirement, no matter how far away it may seem. The Knights of Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed. We also offer K of C mutual funds via K of C Asset Advisors.

Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you.

I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. Our Field Agents are here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your K of C Field Agent so you can schedule a time to meet.

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



HONORARY AND HONORARY LIFE Ceremony

Members who have attained the actual age of 65 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years shall be designated as Honorary members; they shall be exempt from general fund charges except payment of \$10 per annum which shall include state and Supreme Council per capita charges and levies. Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years, regardless of age, shall be designated as Honorary Life members; they shall be exempt from further payment of dues, per capita charges and assessments.

When a member has attained either the actual age of 65 or 70 and has been a member 25 consecutive years or who has been a member for 50 years, regardless of age, he is entitled to have this distinction conferred regardless of whether he continues to pay dues or takes advantage of the reduction or exemption. If the member has been a member for 25 consecutive years and has reached age 70 or has been a member for 50 years, regardless of age, the only change in the following ceremonial is to substitute the words "Honorary Life Member" for "Honorary Member" wherever the latter appears.

The honor may be conferred upon one individual member or in groups of two or more. If a group, change singular to plural where necessary. The following items should be obtained by the financial secretary prior to the ceremony. Honorary member (#1457) and Honorary Life member

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(#1458) certificates are available at no charge from the Supreme Council Supply Department. Honorary member (#PG-109) and Honorary Life member (#PG-110) lapel pins are available for purchase through the Supreme Council Supply Department. Careful preparations for this solemn ceremony should be made and every care taken to make its impressions lasting. Each officer should be prepared to deliver his part without notes or prompting. For an officer to read his part is strictly forbidden.

This ceremony may be conducted with the presence of the family and other guests or in private under "The Good of the Order." Council officers should be neatly dressed for this ceremony.

HONORARY (HONORARY LIFE) MEMBERSHIP CEREMONIAL

G.K. - Our laws provide for conferring a degree of honor upon any member of this council who by reason of age and years of service is worthy of that distinction. The Worthy D.G.K. will announce the name(s) of our brother(s) to be so honored today (or tonight).

D.G.K. - Worthy G.K., the Worthy F.S. has certified to me the name(s) of Brother(s) as meriting this honor. (Asks brother(s) so to be honored to step forward.)

Chan. - Worthy G.K. and brothers, the Knights of Columbus is a strong lay arm of the Church. In the solemn ceremony of initiation, you promised unswerving loyalty to her. You learned also the powerful lesson of unity; and unity, my brothers, means keeping ourselves together in carrying out the high aims and purposes of our Order. When receiving Knightly honors in this Order, you were pronounced the hope of Church and State. Be you ever, therefore, valiant sons of Holy Church and upright and loyal citizens of the State.

Our Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ on earth, looks with gracious favor upon this our Order and asks our valor and aid in subduing the forces of error and irreligion that attack the Citadel of Christ.

The Order has acquired fame and honor throughout the land for its community service work, its works on behalf of the Church, its pro-life work, its work with Catholic education, its work to support and foster religious vocations, its involvement with the Vatican, its fraternity, charity and benevolences.

How important it is, therefore, that each member of this council should continue steadfast in his fidelity to the Order. The brother who would surrender or abandon his membership is like unto the soldier who fails his country in the time of stress and struggle - our Order becomes like unto the cable whose strands become bruised or broken.

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Let us be ever mindful, therefore, brothers, to maintain our membership in the Order to the end that our Knightly forces be not weakened or diminished in the ever impending battle for God and for truth and that we be better enabled to promote and carry on our humanitarian work.

And so, I say, Worthy G.K., that the purpose of this ceremony is to seek out and reward the persistent and faithful members of this council; and from this station I pronounce the brother(s) designated by the Worthy D.G.K. truly deserving of the honor you are about to confer.

(One Rap)

G.K. - (Addressing the brother[s]) Brother(s), -----, the Supreme Council of our Order has empowered ----- Council No.----- to confer upon you the title of Honorary Member (Honorary Life Member) and this decoration of honor and loyalty. You have merited this distinction because you have kept yourself in good standing in the Order for (announce the actual number of years applicable) and with self-sacrifice and unselfishness have aided the Order in the accomplishment of its noble aims. Whether as a humble member in the ranks or as one honored by your brothers with place or position in this society, your earnestness and zeal have been noted by your superior officers as well as by your brothers of the council. The Order needs such men, men of character, men of principle - stalwart Catholic men. By virtue, therefore, of the authority conferred upon me by the supreme council of the Order, I pronounce you an Honorary (Honorary Life) Member of the Knights of Columbus - and by like authority I bestow upon you this Honorary Member (Honorary Life Member) travel card and lapel pin, a mark of merit and distinction among your brother knights. It symbolizes your loyalty, devotion and obedience to the principles of our honored Order.

(G.K. hands the travel card to the brother(s) and inserts the emblem in coat lapel. The brother(s) should be called upon to give expression of his (their) thought and feelings, after which proceed as follows.) The council sings one stanza of an appropriate hymn.

(After which proceed with the remaining business under "Good of the Order," or the next order of business is conducted at such time if conducted during a council meeting.)

Honorary & Honorary Life Cards

In the past the financial secretary had to apply to Supreme for these cards to be issued for distribution. Then Supreme automated the process and it broke. The following announcement has appeared in Member Management for more than a year.

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The generation of Honorary & Honorary Life Cards is currently on hold, while we work to update our process to produce and distribute these cards for our members. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

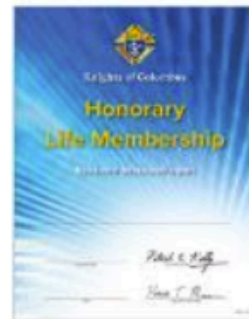
Although the cards are not available, a member should be recognized when he reaches this point in his tenure as a Knight. The following items are available from Supreme Supply.



\$15.00



1457E
Certificate: Honorary
Member - English



1458E
Certificate: Honorary
Life Member - English

Wishing all a blessed Easter.

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

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 sitting at a table with a cross behind him, and the text 'JUST A GUY IN THE PEW'. Below the photo is the name 'JOHN EDWARDS'. To the right of the logo is a QR code with a white arrow pointing to it and the text 'Reserve Your Spot Today!'. At the bottom of the poster is the website 'JUSTAGUYINTHEPEW.COM'.

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MEN'S RETREAT
APRIL 25TH - 26TH, 2025
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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	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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CALENDAR

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4th Degree Exemplification	24

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