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STATIONS AND SOUP

Lent – Stations and Soup

Stations of the Cross at Saint Edward were moved from Friday to Wednesday as not to interfere with the Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry's and in hopes to inspire more people to participate. It didn't work, stations would draw about nine or ten, one week we only had four, so sad. What a horrible show of admiration for the tribulation that our Lord and Savior endured for us.

On a conference call sometime before lent our faithful Knights from Supreme were readying the councils to provide fellowship and offer triduum experiences to our parishioners thru many means by feeding their spirits with faith and prayer.



One idea that caught my ear was Stations and Soup! So simple yet so powerful...our Council, 15841, Saint Edward the Confessor took on this mission to provide soup to the people that prayed the Stations of the Cross.

What an amazing event – Stations were delivered by many different groups from the church, the Deacons, the Youth Group, the Lady's Walking with Purpose, our Council, a parishioner that composed her own stations led. All very different and very moving rendition of the Stations of the Cross. It was so nice to see the crowd and here the responses of the faithful as they were reminded of Christ's walk to our salvation.

STATIONS AND SOUP

After each weeks stations the Knights of our Council and parishioners enjoyed homemade soup and fresh baked rolls. The response was amazing, the first week we had fifty people attend, at one point we had nearly seventy. Our fellow parishioners and brother Knights from other councils were simply moved, so moved they offered to prepare the soup one week. All the soups were fantastic, a fantastic addition to the soup were the fresh baked rolls made by Brother Mike Lohuis, our own six foot four “Pillsbury Dough Boy”. I am confident the Jesus was smiling as well, to see his people come together for Him. The fellowship was an amazing result. The chatter and conversations being had by all, was like a symphony of joy. And a bonus to the six weeks of fellowship was the generosity of the partakers, while this was never intended to be a fundraiser, we ended up raising nearly six-hundred dollars. The funds have been earmarked for our seminarians.



All in all this event is a win-win and now Stations and Soup is a part of our regular program calendar.

Jim Hunnicutt

Deputy Grand Knight
Council 15841

COUNCIL 2761 CHARITY BANQUET



In spite of the Ohio River flooding and filling the Council building with seven feet of water the Charity Committee successfully pulled together and presented the 2025 Charity Banquet on April 28.

The 63rd Annual Knights of Columbus Bishop Spalding Council Charity Dinner was a heartfelt celebration of generosity and community support. During the event, cash awards were distributed to 15 deserving charities, each dedicated to making a profound impact on the lives of individuals in need. The recipients ranged from organizations providing compassionate care for people with intellectual disabilities, such as Cedar Lake Foundation and Dream with Wings, to groups assisting the homeless and vulnerable, including Schumann Social Services Center and Sister Visitors.

Other beneficiaries included the Franciscan Kitchen, which nourishes those in need, and the Little Sisters of the Poor, offering a loving home for elderly individuals. Charities focused on employment and empowerment, like



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Harbor House of Louisville and Custom Quality Service, also received funding. In addition, organizations supporting expectant mothers, families, and individuals with disabilities, such as the Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center and St. Mary Center, benefited from the generosity of the Council.

Funds for these donations were raised through the Knights of Columbus' annual Tootsie Roll bucket collections, aluminum and scrap metal recycling efforts, and contributions from members of the Bishop Spalding Council. This long-standing tradition has resulted in thousands of dollars being donated over the past 63 years, strengthening Louisville's charitable network and making a tangible difference in the lives of many.

Rick Ratterman
Council #2761 FS



LITTLE WAY PREGNANCY CENTER

District Deputy Steve Arnold and Treasurer Gary Browning from council #4665 presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Little Way Pregnancy Center in Louisville, KY.



CEMETERY FLAG PLACEMENT

On Thursday May 22nd, eight members and one spouse of Assembly 2753 Hopkinsville, replaced approximately eight hundred and sixty (860) American flags and added forty (40) more to the graves of Veterans of our community at Green Hills Memorial Cemetery. The worn, torn, and unusable flags will be properly retired at our flag retirement ceremony on June 13th. We have been doing this for over fifteen years with the number of Veterans entombed growing every year.



Front row: Tony Esposito, Chuck Spurr, Joe Mezzoni FN, Rich Hornbeak(Faithful Captain) Second row: Chris Thomas, Richard Narkevic. Missing from photo: Jan Hornbeak, Richard Webster

Joe Mezzoni
Faithful Navigator 2753

BISHOP MULLOY COUNCIL 1301 SERVES BREAKFAST

Members of Bishop Mulloy K of C Council 1301 furnished and served a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage at the Henry Hosea House recently. Henry Hosea House serves supper 7 days a week, but it is not often they serve breakfast. They draw clients from Newport, Covington, and lower Cincinnati.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

For the past 2 years Mary Queen of Heaven Council 14993 has sponsored a Scholarship to a MQH School Seventh Grader who has decided to continue their Catholic Education at MQH School for the 8th grade. The students are asked to submit a short essay on a selected topic. This year's topic was How Continuing My Catholic Education at MQH School Increases My Faith. The essays submitted were judged anonymously by a Committee consisting of Our Pastor, A School Teacher and Two Knights . This year's scholarship winner was Catherine Haselwood. The award was announced at the final Student Mass for the 2024-25 School year. Scholarship Committee Chair George DeMarco/PGK presented the award.

Ken Gough
Grand Knight



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Knights Support the Summer Games in Two Major Ways

The Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games wrapped up on June 4 and Knights of Columbus from across the state made an impact on the Games in two major ways.

First, Knights contributed \$7,690 via the annual Salute to Summer Games fundraising campaign to help fund the Games. Special thanks to Paul Tadatada of Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390 who raised \$2,754 for the Salute this year.

Once the Games were underway, Knights were there to volunteer as they have been for more than 20 years with St. Mark Council #12852 in Richmond leading the way. On Saturday, more than 30 Knights and their family members – most from St. Mark Council and St. John Paul II Assembly #3024 – once again provided most of the volunteer support at the softball throw venue. Knights performed more than 200 volunteer hours at the Games.



Knights Contribute more than \$34,000 to Special Olympics in Fraternal Year 2024-25

With the success of the Salute to Summer Games, total Knights of Columbus fundraising for Special Olympics throughout the 2024-25 Fraternal Year exceeded \$34,000. This includes the Salute, all money donated by Councils to Special Olympics programs and teams in their area or to the Special Olympics state office through activities like Tootsie Roll Drives and all money raised at events like the Plane and Truck Pulls. It is the fourth consecutive year that Knights have raised or donated more than \$30,000 to support Special Olympics on the State and local level. Thank you all so much for the important work you do on behalf of Special Olympics athletes.

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Summer Sports Season Offers Many Volunteer Opportunities

The Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Sports Season is one of the smallest in terms of number of events, but still offers several volunteer opportunities for Knights across the state. The season consists of golf and softball events. Golf events have roles for scorers and even course officials for Knights familiar with the Rules of Golf.

Softball leagues in Georgetown and Louisville have openings for scorekeepers. Our Regional



Knights from St. Michale the Archangel Council #18284 volunteered at last year's Northern Kentucky Regional Golf Tournament.

and State Tournaments have opportunities for scorekeepers, announcers and umpires for any Knights who may be certified umpires. For more information visit soky.org/volunteernow.

Show Your Council's Strength at a Truck Pull Near You

The Truck Pull for Special Olympics is a great way to show your Council's strength, have a great time and support Special Olympics Kentucky. The Truck Pull consists of teams of 15 seeing who can pull a loaded UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet in the fastest time. Prizes are awarded for the fastest pull in men's women's and co-ed divisions, top fundraising team and individual, best team t-shirt

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and most team spirit. Teams can be made up of Knights, family members and friends. The Truck Pull also has a fun, festive atmosphere with events for the entire family throughout the day. Events will be held in Lexington, Paducah and Louisville. There is a minimum team fundraising total to compete.

2025 Truck Pull Schedule

Lexington – Saturday, August 16; Texas Roadhouse, Beaumont Centre

Paducah – Saturday, September 20; Four Rivers Harley-Davidson

Louisville – Saturday, October 18; BrightSpring Health Services

You can sign up now for the Lexington Truck Pull at lexingtontruckpull.com. For information about the other two events contact Mallory Jent at mjent@soky.org or 502-326-5002.



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Worthy Brother Knights:

It was with great joy and honor to welcome all Brother Knights and their families to the 122nd Annual Kentucky State Convention in Frankfort this past month. We came together to reflect on our past, celebrate our present, and look ahead to the bright future that lies before us. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are part of a global brotherhood that stands for charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We are called not only to be men of faith but also to be men of action—men who are willing to serve those in need, stand up for what is right, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood wherever we go. I am very thankful for all who have given their time and talents to our noble cause.

This first weekend in June has us in New Haven CT for the Supreme Council State Deputy Organizational Meeting for new and returning State Deputies across the world. It has been a very informative meeting, and the highlight has been that we were able to sit again in the “Kentucky Pew” at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven. To think that possibly every Kentucky State Deputy before me has sat in this pew, is very humbling. I am honored to be elected for another term as the 61st Kentucky State Deputy. FYI, if you are ever in New Haven, Connecticut, stop by St. Mary’s Catholic Church and sit in the Kentucky Pew. It is 6 rows from the back on the left of the center aisle.

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

STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



Solemnity of Pentecost

I write to you, Brother Knights, from the annual meeting of State Chaplains, in lovely downtown New Haven, Connecticut, home to the Supreme HQ of the Knights of Columbus. What a diverse and international gathering we have, chaplains from Mexico and Canada, from the Philippines and Poland, from the Dominican Republic (one of my favorite vacation destinations) and, of course, from throughout the United States.

I want to share with you some of the highlights from the address given by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Lori, touching on some of the remarkable outreach he has personally witnessed in the past year. The Philippines have seen the most vibrant growth of the Order worldwide, with 5-6,000 new members each year, but Archbishop Lori was even more impressed with the work he witnessed by the Knights there, caring for the widows and orphans, reflecting Fr. McGivney's originating concern, in the poorest places, among the landfills where they take refuge. And a gathering of chaplains from across Ukraine, gathering under threat of fire as they traveled to Lviv, sharing stories of gratitude for the winter coats for so many orphans and building housing for those whose homes had been bombed. He credited the Knights of Poland as well for driving 18-wheelers full of supplies into the war-torn country.

He said that this was all faithful to the spirit of Fr. McGivney, to "do what is ordinary with extraordinary dedication and care", and he found in this a synodal character, because Fr. McGivney listened to the needs of his people and he took them seriously and with compassion: listening, reflecting, acting with charity. Indeed, Archbishop Lori said (or at least I heard), the very nature of the K of C councils are to be synodal: to listen, with the help of their chaplain/pastor, to

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the needs of the parish/community, to reflect on what can be done, and to act with the grace of God.

It may not be a surprise that he also saw this as constitutive of COR, or perhaps we might say that COR is a strategy for instilling this dynamic in a parish: men coming together to reflect upon and share experiences of faith, helping themselves and others to believe in God's Love as something real and active. In other words, unity, fraternity, and charity. Need I say more?

During the follow-up sharing opportunity, a priest from Quintanaroo, Mexico, shared how, as a new pastor, he came into a parish where only the women came to church while the men were largely absent. Of course, we know this is not a cultural deficit unique to Mexico. But he invited a few men to come for a conversation, which led to fraternity and prayer. After a year, the men began to be as present in the church as the women, the women thanked him for making their husbands better fathers (and husbands), and some of the men decided they wanted to create a KofC council. A similar witness about the transformative power of COR was shared from the Philippine representatives.

Archbishop Lori concluded by noting that one can do charity through many organizations, but COR meets a spiritual hunger unmet elsewhere.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



The 2024-2025 Fraternal Year is quickly coming to a close, and I'm reminded of the watchwords of the Order...Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori! Time Flies...Remember Death!

While "death" carries with it a very definitive meaning, it can also be a reminder that your time as a State or Council Officer is coming to an end, that is unless you're getting ready to serve your second term.

I truly believe that we are in a Spiritual Battle between Heaven and Hell". The signs are everywhere. People are confused, they no longer recognize Good vs Evil, Truth vs Lies, that Marriage is a Blessed Sacrament between a Man and a Woman, a person is no longer Innocent until proven Guilty but now one is Guilty until proven Innocent, that the taking of an Innocent Life is murder whether that life is an unborn child, a 3 year old on playground, a teenager at the wrong place at the wrong time, an elderly person beaten and robbed or one that is thrown into jail for praying to our Lord and God. There are factions within our own Church that add to the confusion. What are we to do, or what should we not do, may be the better question.

- We should not cower in the face of adversity. We must Step Into the Breach.
- We should not stop going to Mass. Mass is the only place where you can receive the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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- We should not stop praying. Our Blessed Mother gave us the most powerful tool to pray for the Salvation of the World...pick up that Rosary and pray it.
- And we shouldn't stop believing in our Catholic Faith. We are the only ones that have and celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist.

Don't let that precious gift slip away. The Catholic Church is the "LIGHT of the WORLD" and you are the beacon of hope for the members of your parish.

Hopefully your council elections were held in May and should now be completed. I realize that a few councils don't hold their elections until June, but regardless, all councils are to submit forms 185 & 365 by July 1, 2025 and send a copy to your State Executive Secretary so that he can update the Directory.

SHOUT OUT:

As the interim District Deputy for District 19, I'd like to give a "Shout Out" to Councils 6317 Fr. Thomas Malloy, 12774 St Elizabeth Seton and Council 14372 Mary Queen for meeting or exceeding their membership goal. I also want to congratulate Council 12774 for achieving "Star Council" for 2 years in a row and Council 14372 which on track to make "Double Star". Great job gentlemen!

Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon:

The icon for the Diocese of Lexington has been delivered. I am the keeper of the icon and supporting materials. The icon is available to every parish within the Lexington Diocese, but you must coordinate its use with me. If your DD hasn't mentioned it to you, and you would like to know more about the icon please call or email me.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Please plan to attend the upcoming Organizational Meeting in July. The meeting will be held in Bowling Green, KY on July 12th. I'm sure that State Deputy Luke Williams will be addressing this more in his newsletter article.



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In Closing:

I won't go into all the reason of why I'm driven to serve God but suffice it to say...I owe Him a lot. He has opened doors and has led me in a direction that serving Him is all that matters. It's not about "me" or even "we", it's about trusting in God and His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. June is the month of the "SACRED HEART OF JESUS", let us celebrate in his Love.

Pick up your Rosary & Pray. Don't be afraid to Step Into the Breach. It's our time to serve the Lord!

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

STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Tempus Fugit!

The 2024-2025 Fraternal Year is quickly coming to an end.

We have **16** Councils that have already earned the Star Council Award. 14 more Councils have already earned 2 of the 3 (McGivney for Membership, Columbian for Programs, and Founder's for Insurance) awards that are needed to get Star Council. 9 of those just need to get their SP-7's submitted and approved to make it (the sooner the better in case you have any problems and need time to resubmit!). That would be an awesome accomplishment!

And the State is on the precipice of earning its equivalent of Star Council called the Circle of Honor for the first time in 7 years. We need 48 new members this month to make it. We CAN do it. You Councils who have made their Quotas and are holding off on one or more other new members to get a head start on next year, PLEASE bring those potential new Brothers in NOW. You'll replace them next year.



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Celebrate!

Fr. Durbin Council 1004 in Morganfield celebrates its 120th Anniversary June 4th!

Ashland Council 1487 Celebrates its 115th Anniversary June 5th!

Christ the King Council 16232 in Scottsville celebrates its 10th Anniversary June 9!

I appreciate the hard work of all the Brothers who have persevered over the years to keep these councils running and doing good works.

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Special Olympics

Brother Mark Buerger gave a nice presentation at the State Convention on the value that the Knights bring to the Special Olympics Program in Kentucky. He challenge us to reach his goal of \$1/Knight in donations from individuals and Councils to the Special Olympics. Last year we donated over \$10,000 and we're well on our way to doing it again tis year. He thanks us for our generosity and we're listed as Gold Sponsors at their events.

I had the opportunity to join about 50 other Knights and family members at the Special Olympics of Central Kentucky Track and Field competition at Mercy HS in Louisville on May 10th. The Knights conduct the Softball Competition and it's a rewarding and enjoyable activity I look forward to every year. Bending my old knees and picking up the ball isn't as easy as it used to be, but my job is pretty much to just stand in the field and give them a big target to throw at. Turns out it's something I can do very well!

Happy Father's Day!

The third Sunday of June is the day set aside to honor our Fathers. Whether or not you're blessed to still have your dad living, make sure you let him know how much you love and appreciate him, even if it's by a prayer!



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Congratulations to Bishop Spalding Council 2761 on River Road in Louisville. They plan to re-open from the “flood of 2025” in time to host their annual Father’s Day Feast. They had water up to 6-1/2 feet on the first floor of their clubhouse!

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

You can’t make Star Council if you don’t make your new member quota, which was lowered this year to make it more easily attainable. You can’t keep your Council sustainable if you don’t recruit.

We’re down to “only” 20 Councils have not recruited a new member this year. That’s over 20% of our Active Councils that haven’t made the effort to protect the future of their councils. Brothers, if we don’t recruit, we die. And it’s a slow death. Regretfully, we’ve had several councils go inactive in the past few years.

Be Fishers of Men! Ask them, they will join. If you don’t ask them, they won’t join.

If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says yes, you’ll still double the size of your council. If you don’t ask, you don’t grow!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns
State Secretary



STATE TREASURER GARY DYKHUIS



Happy June!!

We are on the Home Stretch, don't stop, keep going, let's have a strong Finish. Don't hold back any members that are wanting to join the order. We need to do a Full Court Press. The race isn't done until the last day of June. Hold an Exemplification by the last day. Use your iPhone, and search for "Join KofC" and Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. Ask the young man, that is a High School Senior or a Collage Student, in your Parish, to consider becoming a Knight. 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. Good Work to all the Star Councils, and their can be more Star councils.

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Council Elections

Congratulations to All the new Council Officers elected or Re-elected. For all the new Officers, there is training online at Knights of Columbus Website, please take advantage of it. Also make sure the Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart (miketheresa@gmail.com) has your Officer changes, for the state Directory. It will be time to submit Form 185 "Report of Officers Chosen for the Year." 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 consider being a District Deputy, please contact our State Deputy Luke Williams.

Is your Council using COR in your Parish?



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

Father's Day!!

Happy Father's Day, please remember All Fathers, both young and old. If your Dad is alive, take him out to his favorite restaurant, if he plays golf, do 18 holes, or if loves fishing, take him fishing.

Army Birthday!!

June 14, is both the Army Birthday, (1775) 250 years, and Flag Day. The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed by a unanimous vote to command the army.

June History

June 6, 1944, D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

May you have a Blessed Year!

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Vivat Jesus!!

Gary Dykhuis

State Treasurer



STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Council Elections

Your council has probably had their elections already or will be having them shortly, make sure you fill out the 185 or use member management to set the officers. Under Council Administration you can enter the officers for Current and Next, if some of the officers will retain their roles you can copy from the current year and it will duplicate the assignments with an effective date of July 1, 2025. Then remember to rotate your Trustee positions (it won't do that for you) and assign the new officers into the roles that have changed. When done scroll all the way to the bottom to use the Submit button (which is often not visible due to the height of the page), without clicking Submit your work will be discarded when you leave the page.

If you have not submitted officers for next year prior to July 1 then access to member management will expire and you will have to email the form to fraternal mission and there will be a delay before anyone can access member management again – so get that 185 submitted before June 30th!

If your GK or FS has changed for the new year, be sure to provide their contact info to the State Deputy and Executive Secretary. At the state level we cannot see assigned officers and won't have any reports from Supreme for several months – update the SD and ExecSec so that your council will be informed of state events and your former GK will not have to keep forwarding everything to the new officers.

Council Forms

You can submit the 365 for the next year as well, It was previously due in August but that caused a delay with getting the new directors Safe Environment trained so now it is preferred to

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submit that by July 1st as well. Don't forget you need to include your Membership and Retention Directors as well as the ones required for SEP compliance, Supreme will not consider your council as having completed the 365 without a Membership director.

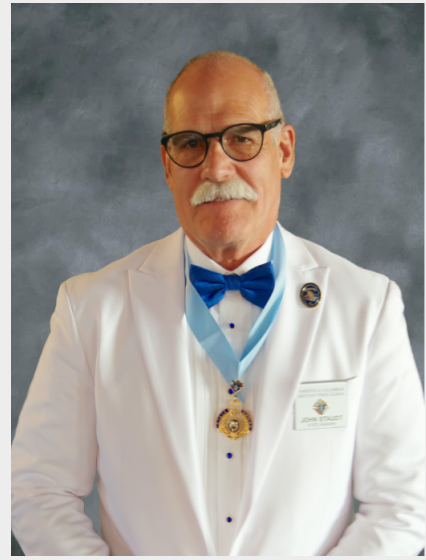
You should submit your SP7 Columbian award form ASAP if you have not already done so, including any projects you plan to complete later in this Fraternal year. Supreme can take some time to process, and if there is an issue you will want time to correct that and resubmit. If you have questions on properly reporting an item our State Program Director will be happy to review your form and provide insightful comments on any item that may need a bit of polish to pass Supreme on the first attempt.

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 have 5 councils still showing "All Roles Vacant" which means they have not submitted their 185 or 365 for this year, get those forms in!

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

First, I want to congratulate our State Chaplin, Fr. John List who celebrated his 40th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest on June 1st.

I hope you all celebrated Mother's Day with your wives and moms and now we turn to celebrating Father's Day for dads on June 15th. For those of you who still have dads present in your lives, let them know how much they mean to you. For those whose dads have past from this life, remember them and how they helped to shape your life and give thanks for the role they played your life.

If you haven't done so already, read our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly's, "Making Room for Grace", in the May 2025 Columbia magazine. Patrick's address is about the virtue of humility. As we approach Father's Day, we need to remind ourselves of our own strengths and weaknesses and how they can shape us and give us the courage to be better leaders. Patrick says in the article, "True humility is a virtue and a sign of personal strength, even freedom. The humble leader knows how to 'get out of his own way'. He's willing to subordinate his own ego and focus on the strengths and needs of others". This is a reminder of who we are and who we should be with others. The article continues with Blessed Michael McGivney's own humility when he founded the Knights of Columbus and how he surrounded himself with the best men he knew to lead and build the organization we know today.

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Our 2025 Football Frenzy tickets are being readied for distribution at our Organizational Meeting on July 12, 2025 in Bowling Green, KY. This fundraiser for the Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities goes to the General Fund. This fund is for people in need through grant requests and also takes care of the administrative costs associated with running the State Charity, such as mailings and supplies. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

With any disaster, if you see or know someone or family who needs financial help as a result of severe weather or other natural disaster, the following link is for requesting funds: [State Charities Request](#)

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 June, and there's still time for your council to earn the Star Council Award, but you must act NOW! DDs check the June 2 Star Tracker. Get with your councils and help them complete all the requirements they need. Conduct district-wide CUFs. Over 100 E-Members are waiting to transfer to your council(s)

Make certain that all requirements have been satisfied – Membership goal, Form 365 and 185 completed, SP7 submitted, SET Compliant, at least 2 FBEs have been attended, Form 1728 Fraternal Activity Survey, Form 1295 Semi-Annual audits are all submitted/completed. Check the boxes!

We still have 24 days to reach Star District, Star Council, and Star Assembly

- 78 councils have welcomed new members. Congratulations! Where are the other 20 councils in Kentucky? Remember, you must ask them to join your council (it is not too late)

Congratulations to the 16 Councils that are officially "Star Council" – 390, 1315, 2282, 4665, 5453, 7847, 11132, 11470, 12774, 12923, 12965, 13304, 15181, 15525, 15841, 15979

- 5 councils are only an approved SP-7 away from Star Council – 1055, 12502, 14372, 18126, 18284
- 5 councils need both an approved SP-7 and SET Compliance – 702, 14604, 15452, 15914, 18058,
- 3 councils only need 3 or fewer new members to attain Star Council designation – 15699, 15931, 17606
- 18 councils need 3 or fewer new members to reach the McGivney Award – 762, 1004, 1320, 1418, 1487, 2046, 6101, 7387, 8145, 10725, 10988, 11591, 12354, 12852, 14130, 15211, 16179

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- 14 councils are Safe Environment Compliant and have the potential to be Star Councils if they get their membership, SP-7, and Fraternal Benefit requirements all fulfilled.
- 19 Councils that have not found anyone to fill out the Annual Survey form 1728 for the calendar year 2024.

You are so close. It's time to get it done! I see the State reaching Circle of Honor, 30 Star Councils, and 15 Star Districts. Can you see it!

The "State Membership Growth Incentive" Awards were presented at the State Convention in May. Congratulations to all winning councils.

There is a new Supreme-sponsored Membership Growth Award
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 a 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 a 2-piece Pen set with the KofC logo.

- D6, 8, 9, 15, 18, 21, and 22 are 100% or above. Congratulations!
- Parish Outreach Drive – Packets have been distributed
- 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



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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

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	52 v 42 = 123%	440 v 488 = 90%
Councils With No YTD Adds		20 v 98
Form 365 Not Submitted (99)		24
Form 185 Not Submitted (99)		6
Roundtable	0 v 13	8 v 13
Form 1728		20 Delinquent
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)		32 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



Brother Knights,

It is a busy season for the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in the Kentucky District. We held a 4th degree exemplification in Fancy Farm on May 24th. It was the debut of the newly revised 4th degree exemplification and the Western Kentucky Degree Team did a great job with the new format. And the new format was very well received by everyone. As you may have heard, the new format allows for friends and family to be present and witness the exemplification. This exemplification was a first for me in another way as well. St. Jerome's Music Minister, Lacy, Wilson, played all the music for us (other than the two bugle calls) on the piano and organ. I had never been to an exemplification with live music before and it really added a lot to the ceremony. Thanks to Lacy for her efforts and to Fr. Darrell for suggesting that we have live music. Good call!

Assembly #1594, Monsignor Albert Thompson in Fancy Farm, did an outstanding job hosting the exemplification. They went all out! We exemplified 30 men into the 4th degree and had over 100 people for the banquet. The entire day was a great event. This was my first trip to Fancy Fam, KY and I was thoroughly impressed. I look forward to returning sooner rather than later. Thank you, sir knights! And, congratulations to our newest sir knights, I hope you get as much out of the Patriotic Degree as I have gotten through the years.

The next 13 days will be quite the whirlwind for myself and the Eastern Kentucky Degree Team. We are holding an exemplification in Burlington on Saturday, June 14th (Flag Day), and then another one in Louisville one week later on the 21st. There is still time to register for the Louisville exemplification (but you will need to act fast) and the information can be found [here](#).



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I would like to wish everyone a Happy Father's Day! I hope you all get to spend time with your families this Sunday. And for those of you that are planning on a family cook out, have a hotdog for me.

I look forward to “speaking” with you all next month as I will be reporting on a couple more successful exemplifications. Until then...

Vivat Jesus!
Cameron Peck, PSD
District Master



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus - Father's Day

On June 15, 2025, we celebrate Father's Day. During this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life – spiritual fathers like the great priests who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man. Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service. To give of oneself.

When I think about the many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). "A cheerful giver" — that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus General Agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give of themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through K of C insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

Our Field Agents, remind the brother Knight that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order. That's what sets Knights of Columbus apart. Members who've purchased K of C insurance protection or invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are doing business with an organization that aligns with their Catholic faith.

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Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus was able to donate more than \$193 million to charity last year alone. That doesn't even include the distribution of funds through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via grants by donor clients. To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving – it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.

Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our K of C insurance program.

As the 2024-2025 fraternal Year comes to an end, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes you've achieved as members and as a council. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, we truly make a great impact. Thank you, and I wish all the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.

Vivat Jesus!

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CALENDAR

June

4th Degree Exemplification	14
4th Degree Exemplification	21

July

New Fraternal Year	1
Organizational Meeting	11-12

August

Supreme Convention	5-7
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