



# Kentucky State Council Newsletter

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## READING OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

On June 27<sup>th</sup> Father Boehmicke Assembly 2753 handed out American flags and copies of the Constitution to about fifty attendees at the Hopkinsville, KY Justice Center.

Our Circuit Court Judge John Atkins, State Senator Craig Richardson, and twenty-six other individuals including members of the judicial system in Kentucky took turns reading the entire U.S. Constitution. For the past several years excluding during the pandemic, this reading is done close to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday in various venues in the Courthouse. This annual event is sponsored by the local judiciary and the Christian County Bar Association.

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## SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE IN HONOR OF LIFE AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On Thursday, June 5th, and Friday, June 6th at 6:30 PM, St. John XXIII Knights of Columbus Council 5634 sponsored prayer services at St. Rita Catholic Church to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The prayer services, in English and Spanish, included the Holy Rosary, Liturgy of the Word, and Act of Consecration.

The Silver Rose Program is an internationally sponsored K of C prayer service. A “silver rose” is the centerpiece of this program as it makes its way from parishes in Canada through the USA to Mexico on its nine-month journey. The journey will conclude on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the basilica in Mexico City.

Just under 100 adults and children attended and each attendee received a prayer and pledge card as they entered. At the end of the service, they were invited to deliver their pledge to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to defend human life. These pledges will be presented to Our Lady at the Basilica of Guadalupe in Monterrey Mexico, on her feast day on December the 12th.

**Randy Kraemer**  
Grand Knight



## COUNCIL #12923 OFFICER INSTALLATION

District Deputy #11 Will Knight installed Council Chaplain Fr. George, and the officers of Council #12923 for the FY 2025-2026 year.

The picture shows members, wives and newly installed Officers after Mass on June 3rd at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Congratulations to Past Grand Knight B.J. Brady and good luck to new Grand Knight Brandon Quinn, Deputy Grand Knight Nate Davis and all the other officers and members.



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## 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 July 2nd.

We have been doing this for over fifteen years with the number of Veterans entombed growing every year.

**Joe Mezzoni**

Faithful Navigator



## SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX IN VERSAILLES

On June 26th, 2025 Safe Haven Baby Box #54 in KY and #350 in the US was dedicated at Fire Station 1 in Versailles. St Leo KofC Council donated the first \$5K and became the largest private donor for this campaign. The largest donation came via a grant from the Woodford County Health Department making this SHBB a true public/private partnership!

### Damon Sexton, PGK

Right to Life of Central KY President

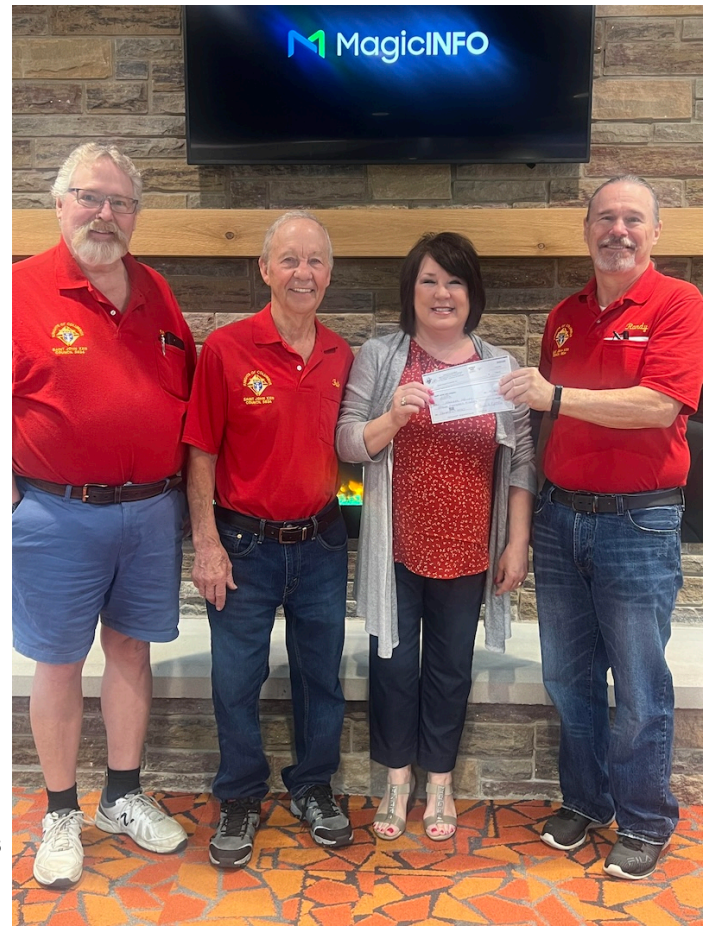


Pictured here left to right: Father Chris Clay, St. Leo Catholic Church, State Rep. Nancy Tate, Addia Wuchner, Executive Director of Kentucky Right to Life and Damon Sexton, President, Right to Life of Central Kentucky.

## TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The St. John XXIII Council 5634 Tootsie Roll Drive collected \$1560 for people with intellectual disabilities. The council decided to add another \$1440 for a grand total of \$3000. The \$3000 was split evenly and \$1000 checks were presented to the following three charities: The Galilean Home in Liberty, KY; Dreams with Wings of Louisville; and Harbor House of Louisville.

**Randy Kraemer**  
Grand Knight



## 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IN NORTHERN KY

On June 14th, which also happened to be Flag Day, 15 men were exemplified in the Patriotic Degree in Elsmere, KY. 11 men joined Bishop Flaget Assembly #307 which covers the Northern KY area and 4 men joined Marian Assembly 311 in Maysville.

This was the 2nd time we have used the new exemplification and the first time for the Central KY Degree Team with the new format. And it went very well. It is great having friends and families there to witness their loved ones being exemplified.

### **Cameron Peck**

District Master



## 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IN LOUISVILLE

We had a very successful 4th-degree exemplification in Louisville on Saturday, June 21, 2025. On that day, 39 men became Sir Knights. The exemplification was hosted by Monsignor Bouchet Assembly 308, and we brought in new 4th degree members for assemblies 308, 309, 310, 2008, 2834, 3075, 3877, and 3929. Assembly 3877, led by Faithful Navigator Jim Brian, brought in 18 new Sir Knights.

A big thank you goes out to Faithful Navigator of 308, Tim Gahlinger, for all his work organizing this event.

The exemplification started at 10 am, Fr. Gary Padgett and Fr. Van Tran (brand new 4th degree knight) celebrated Mass at 12:15, and we had a great buffet lunch following. I would like to extend a special thank you to State Deputy Luke Williams and Former District Masters Joe Carter and Gary Dykhuis for assisting me with the knighting of the candidates.

### **Cameron Peck**

District Master



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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## 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 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](http://soky.org/volunteernow).

### Summer Sports Competition Dates

July 13 – Northern Kentucky Regional Golf Tournament; Kenton County Golf Course, Independence

July 19 – Lexington Regional Golf Tournament; Lakeside Golf Tournament, Lexington

July 26 – Western Kentucky Regional Golf Tournament; Miller Memorial Golf Course, Murray

Aug. 2 – Region 1 Softball Tournament; Lone Oak Park, Paducah

Aug. 8-9 – Region 2 Softball Tournament; Marshall Park, Georgetown

Aug. 8-8 – Region 3 Softball Tournament; Lyndon Recreation Center, Louisville



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

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### 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 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](https://lexingtontruckpull.com). For information about the other two events contact Mallory Jent at [mjent@soky.org](mailto:mjent@soky.org) or 502-326-5002.



# STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



## **WOW – What a Fraternal Year 2024-2025!**

Brother Knights, For the first time in 9 years, Kentucky has achieved the Circle of Honor designation!

I am so thankful to all of the State Officers, District Deputies, Service Program Chairs and Directors, Grand Knights and Council Officers, our General and Field Agents, and all the Kentucky Jurisdiction Knights for all the dedication to make the Knights of Columbus in Kentucky a great success this past year. The number of Councils in Kentucky that will be receiving Awards for their success is a tribute to the dedication the Knights in Kentucky has to their parishes, communities and our Order!

## **Fraternal Year 2025-2026 has begun!**

Congratulations to all the newly elected council officers. I would like to thank all who accepted their nominations and were elected as Council Officers or ask to serve as Directors, Chairmen or Committees for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year.

As part of the follow up, we have already started planning for a quick start (not taking the summer off) and strive to do more to promote our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in our Parishes and communities this coming Fraternal Year that started July 1, 2025.

At the July 11&12, 2025, KY Organizational Meeting in Bowling Green, I will be asking all KY Knights of Columbus leaders to again become acquainted with 8 guides that will make us all able to be charitable, promote unity, practice good fraternity and do our duty with true patriotism. These guides are made up of 4 Supreme Council guides and 4 State Council Guides.

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The Supreme Guides are:

Fraternal Planner 2025-2026	#5033
Fraternal Excellence Guide	#11619
Faith in Action Guide	#10907
Protocol, Meetings and Ceremonials Guide	#11620

The State Guides are:

Kentucky State Directory	
Kentucky State Program Guide with Tally Sheet	<a href="#">Program Overview and Guide</a>
Kentucky State Membership Guide	<a href="#">KY-Membership-Guide-7-22-24.pdf</a>
Kentucky State Culture of Life Guide	<a href="#">Culture-of-Life-Program-Guide-2024-25.pdf</a>

To get the year off to a good start, you need to plan your activities now, including Parish Outreach Drives (POD), charitable and social activities and those actions our Pastors need us to accomplish for them. As always, your District Deputy or State Officers are available for any questions. Don't wait – Start Now!

As your State Deputy for most of the “Pilgrims of Hope” Jubilee 2025 year, I ask that we all remember those Catholic Pilgrims who first came to Kentucky in 1775 and started settling in what is known as the “Kentucky Holy Land” . We are here today across the Commonwealth because our ancestors were committed to searching for the right path to practice our Catholic faith. The 2025-2026 KY State Pin reflects our commitment to Pope Frances naming 2025 as a Jubilee Year to encourage pilgrimages to repent, forgive and renew our focus on the spiritual life. Our motto this year is taken from Psalm 23:3 “He leads me in right paths” to remind us that we have been given hope, a trusting heart and a renewal of faith we primarily desire.



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To commemorate this Jubilee year and our Catholic ancestors who were “Pilgrims of Hope”, the State Pins will be available at any State Meeting, or you can contact our State Warden. They are \$2.00 each or get 3 for \$5.



Let's start with a positive program development which encourages the involvement of the family and an integration of Council Activities with the Parish Activities.

## **KY State Organizational Meeting-July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ Holy Spirit Catholic Church -Bowling Green, KY**

At the Organizational Meeting, we will be reviewing and learning the means that will help us reach our State and Local Councils' Goals. We will have a Holy Hour on Friday, start our Business meeting on Saturday with the Rosary, and end up at 4:30pm Mass with the Installation of State Officers and District Deputies afterwards. We will also have a Banquet to celebrate our new Fraternal Year that is ahead of us. The slide presentations that will be given will be sent to the attendees, Grand Knights and other officers very soon after the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you that are attending the Organizational meeting.

After our Saturday meeting, we will attend a Mass at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Bowling Green. I will have the honor to install our new State Officers and District Deputies after the Mass at Church which is truly a special event to watch or be a part of. We will then move to the Parish Hall to have a Banquet.

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Finally, The Strategic Plan for the Kentucky State Council has 4 Goals we want to achieve. These goals will be introduced at the Bowling Green Organizational Meeting. The purpose of the Fraternal Year 2025-2026 plan is to improve the charitable means we work so hard for and give to others. If you know a Catholic man who is not a Knight, ask him to join...Let's make this fraternal year the best ever!

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

# STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



Brothers,

I am on my last day of my participation in the Jubilee Pilgrimage for Priests, with an extension to Paris to see the resurrection of Notre Dame. So many museums, so little time! And I'm sure you would want to hear all about the ordination Mass with Pope Leo. But what has stood out for me, and what I would really like to share with you, is several interactions I have had with people during my journey.

The first was a priest who, like myself, had arrived in Rome for the Jubilee and, like myself, had found the guesthouse of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters as suitable lodging. It is located very close to St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican where, he said, he had some "serious business" to attend to while in Rome. Like myself, he was celebrating an anniversary, his 25th of ordination, and again like myself, he mentioned that he served more than just one parish. In fact, he said that he had the care of 18 (yes, eighteen) churches between Cologne and Bonn, many of which had little or no congregation but were unable to be closed, although whether this was due to reluctance by his bishop or the Vatican he did not say. Surely, there was resistance by the few members loyal to each of these churches. And so he was obligated to run from church to church, celebrating in each a Mass for a few congregants, and then on to the next. "I need a helicopter", he joked. It seemed that the weight of his responsibilities lay heavy on his shoulders and, quite frankly, he looked like he had way more than 25 years in. I suspect his serious business may have had to do with finding some resolution to his untenable position.



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Then there was the couple from Cleveland whom I met over a "continental breakfast" at a restaurant around the corner from my hotel in Paris. It turns out that she is an Episcopal priest who also has the care of more than one congregation, also in the process of discernment about how best to serve the needs of both in the face of diminishing numbers. She explained their process as one in which the congregations themselves determine their next step, while I shared that, while Rome has stepped in from time to time to require consultation with the congregants, the decision is made by the local diocese. She mentioned that her husband was celebrating his 70+something birthday that day, and he said that he was originally from Kentucky. I talked about the location of my parishes in Garrard and Lincoln counties, but it was only when I connected them geographically to Danville that we were on the same page. He said that his mother, a Catholic, still lived in Louisville and that sometimes when he visited he would take her to Mass at St. Rose in Springfield. He asked about my Saturday vigil Mass schedule, and said that he might bring his mother Lancaster sometime in the future. What a small world!

My fondest memory, however, will be the Sisters at the guesthouse who were so gracious and welcoming. When I first arrived on the Tuesday before the pilgrimage, I asked if it would be possible to offer a private Mass; they had it set up and ready in ten minutes. On Saturday after the pilgrimage, they invited me to concelebrate at their communal Mass in a chapel next door. But my greatest joy was to offer Mass for them on Sunday, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. I had not made a reservation to concelebrate the pontifical Mass at Peter's and, to be honest, I had "filled my quota" for high liturgy on the prior Thursday and Friday. So there, in that simple chapel, the Sisters sang like angels and I felt the evangelizing presence of those martyrs in our presence together.

Got to go now- petit dejeuner awaits!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Fr. John List**  
**State Chaplain**



# IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KY JURISDICTION, STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS, OUR STATE OFFICERS, OUR DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O'HAGAN ON ACHIEVING CIRCLE OF HONOR, WELL DONE KENTUCKY!!

And Happy New (Fraternal) Year!

Congratulations to all newly elected council officers and newly appointed District Deputies

...And to all you old guys that already have at least one year under your belt as a council officer or DD!

## Corpus Christi Processions:

I was happy to see & hear about the number of parishes & councils that held a Corpus Christi Procession on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. As a young boy and altar server, it was always exciting to look forward to attending the Archdiocese Corpus Christi Procession at the KY Fair Grounds. Parishes from throughout the archdiocese would send their Priest, servers and parishioners along with their church banners and

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process around the stadium singing & praising God. What a huge public statement proclaiming the goodness and greatness of God.

Somewhere over the years, that tradition took a back seat to whatever else might be going on within the church & world. Diocesan processions gave way to local parish processions which took place on the parish grounds and provided very little public acknowledgement. Thankfully that all changed last year with the Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis, IN along with the 4 nationwide Eucharistic Processions that lead up to it. The Knights of Columbus were major sponsors & participants. I whole heartily believe that one reason the Knights of Columbus as a whole and the KY Jurisdiction have achieved a record-breaking year is because we “Stepped into the Breach” and showed the world who we are and what we hold sacred. The Eucharist is what we live for. The Eucharist is the foundation of our Faith. The Eucharist is the Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sacred Heart Icon:

How many of you have taken advantage of sharing the Sacred Heart Icon with your parish. There are 4 icons within the state. One for each diocese. These are beautiful copies of the Most Sacred Heart painting. The icon is encased within a gold frame and is accompanied by prayer cards & prayer booklets. I was present at the Ss Francis & John outdoor mass & procession on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and was delighted to see the local council carrying the Canopy covering the Blessed Sacrament, the banner of the parish and the GK & DGK processing with the Sacred Heart Icon. I truly hope that all councils take advantage of the opportunity to praise God.

## Organizational Meeting:

The one-day meeting will take place on Saturday July 12th in Bowling Green. The July Org meeting is geared towards District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Program Chairs. I highly encourage you to attend this important meeting.



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Keep your Rosaries with you:

We took a pledge when we made our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree to carry our Rosary with us and to pray it as often as we can. Let us honor that pledge and dedicate our works and deeds to Mary, Mother of the Church and patroness of the United States of America.

Thank You:

The State and the Order have had a great year, but most importantly, we gave praise and glory to God and worked hard to strengthen our Catholic families. Thank you, brothers, for all that we accomplished this past fraternal year.

Need help or assistance:

If you have an issue that you would like help with, please contact your DD or a State Officer. We're here to help.

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



# STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

## **Tempus Fugit!**

The 2024-2025 Fraternal Year has come to an end. Seems like the older I get the shorter the years are. I'm wrapping up my first year as your State Secretary, and I thank the delegates at the State Convention for allowing me to serve a second term. As you move up the chain of Officers on the State Council you learn more about the inner workings of what it takes to keep this train on its tracks, both the background and the good works of the Councils on the front line, and I gain more respect for the leaders who've preceded me.

Congratulations and thanks to all Brother Knights who are continuing their roles as council officers, District Deputies, and State Program Chairmen. and to those who have accepted new roles! Your District Deputies and State Officers are here to help you and your councils be successful. Feel free to contact us anytime to help you out.

## **Congratulations!**

**Big** congratulations to State Deputy Luke Williams and State Membership Director/DD Tom O'Hagan for leading the State to Council of Honor status for the first time in 9 years. Circle of Honor for States is a similar honor to what the Star Council Award is to the councils.

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The major hurdle every year has been to meet our quota, just as it is for councils. With the help of our DDs and GKs. The new Fishers of Men Program and the new Church Drive procedure have keys to our success. With a last-minute push, we exceeded our quota for 482 new members by seven new Brother Knights. After this outstanding performance, I'd be surprised if the quota isn't higher next year – let's keep up the high-level of performance we had at the end of the year all year long in the new Fraternal Year.

With a couple of weeks left in the year, we had already exceeded the 16 Star Councils we had last year with **18** Councils that have earned the Star Council Award. We have several more that had only to submit their SP-7 or get one new member to also earn Star Council. It's been an outstanding year for the State of Kentucky!

## **Celebrate!**

Bishop Spalding Council 2791 in Louisville celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 7/24!

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

## **New Council Development and Round Tables**

Unfortunately, we had no new councils in the last year, although we had a couple of attempts that so far have at least led to Round Tables. I plan to work more closely with the District Deputies and Fraternal Agents this year to help State Deputy Luke Williams get the 6 councils he set as a goal during his two-year tenure.

As a reminder to all District Deputies and Grand Knights that have Round Tables, you need to submit a new Form 2629 Report of Round Table Coordinator every year. That Form should have been submitted by June 30. And please don't forget to send a copy to the State Deputy, to me (as State Round Table Director), and your District Deputy, as well as sending the form to Supreme's Department of Fraternal Mission.



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## **Other Start of the Fraternal Year Tasks**

- Councils should have submitted their Form 185 (Report of Chosen Officers for Term) and Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report) by 7/1.
- Use your Fraternal Planner to select and schedule the Faith in Action programs your council is going to participate in.
- Start planning for your first Church Drive

## **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.

There are incentives for councils that recruit early in the year, and I hope your council gets the year off to a great start!

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!***

## **The Knights' Triduum**

Triduum means "three days". Next month has a special three-day period for all Knights:

- Tuesday, August 12 is the anniversary of Bl. Fr. Michael McGivney's birthday in 1852
- Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> is his Feast Day
- Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of his death in 1890

Those members of your council who are able to attend daily Mass might consider a Corporate Communion on Bl. McGivney's feast day, and maybe share a meal afterwards. You might have the Prayer for Canonization prayer cards available for everyone in attendance and ask your pastor to make it a part of the intentions or a prayer at the end of

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Mass. There is a votive mass available that can be used with the Bishop's approval. See the Father McGivney Beatification toolkit at <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/toolkit.html>. Ask your pastor about using the prayers and intention available for the votive Mass.

## **Supreme Convention**

The Kentucky delegation is getting ready to represent you at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C. the first week of August. We don't get much rest. They keep us going. Tuesday night there's a caucus that doesn't start until after the Dinner Banquet.

We'll have Mass every morning. EWTN broadcasts live from the convention site, and you should make the effort to at least record and watch the opening Mass on Tuesday morning at 9:30. It's going to be at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. I've been blessed to have attended Mass there several times in the past, once on Pentecost with dozens of priests in red vestments that was an extraordinary moment. The opening procession with hundreds of 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees in uniform, Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals, and representatives from orthodox churches from Eastern Catholic churches takes about 15 minutes to get to the altar and is awe-inspiring. The homilies are always motivating.

The greetings we get delivered from the Pope show his deep appreciation and gratitude for our good works. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will, I'm sure, have a strong message to give us on the direction of the Order, with special emphasis on growing in Faith. I'm really looking forward to it, and hope you get to view at least part of it.

Vivat Jesus!

**Dick Burns**

**State Secretary**

# STATE TREASURER GARY DYKHUIS



Worthy Brothers,  
Happy New Fraternal Year!!

It is a New Fraternal Year, let's keep the momentum going, don't stop, keep going, let's have a strong Start. If you were sandbagging, don't hold back any members that are wanting to join the order. We need to do a Full Court Press. The race is just beginning, Hold an Exemplification once every month. Hand the prospective new member your iPhone, and use "Join KofC" and Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. Now is the time to Ask the young man, that is a new High School Senior or a Collage Student, in your Parish, to consider becoming a Knight. Have your Parish to be a part of the in the Exemplification. The 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. Graduations to all the Star Councils.

## State Organizational Meeting!

Congratulations to All the new and returning District Deputies and Grand knights. The Organization Meeting will be for New and Old District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries. State Deputy Luke Williams and state Membership Chairman Tom O'Hagan will presenting New Recruiting ideas. Hope to see you at the meeting in Bowling Green.

## Council Officers

Council Officers elected or Re-elected. For all the new Officers, welcome and thanks for stepping up and 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](mailto:miketheresa@gmail.com)) has your Officer changes, for the state Directory. It will be time to submit Form 185 "Report od Officers Chosen for the Year." If your

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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.

Thanks for the New District Deputies returning District Deputies.

Is your Council using COR in your Parish?

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

Happy Birthday, 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!

Hope you have Happy and Safe Nation's Birthday, 249 Years.

Fourth Degree

Congratulations to All the New Sir Knights that joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, the Patriotic Degree. Great job, the Degree Teams.

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



## **Worthy Brother Knights,**

Congratulations on completing another Fraternal year, and welcome to the new year.

This past Fraternal year Kentucky achieved Circle of Honor status, a distinction based on our success in Activities and Recruiting. This is a great honor for all your works over the past year, your State Council appreciates all your hard work.

We had many councils succeed in achieving Star Council, while others earned the various awards that lead up to Star. Now is the time to schedule those planning meetings for this year if you have not already. Having a calendar for the years events ensures that your members can reserve time to participate in your events, set up your calendar early and have a successful year.

Congratulations to all our Newly elected Council Officers and the new District Deputies and those who are returning. We just completed a Great Fraternal Year, and now we have New Goals and Accomplishments to do. For those who have turned in their Form 185 (Officer Chosen for this year) and Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report), Thank You. If you have not turned in the 185 you will lose access to Member Management (you may have already) and will need to email the form to get that resolved.

Ensure your Directors (365) are submitted so that any training for new Directors gets scheduled by Supreme, the invitation email and training setup is initiated by that Form 365.

You must identify the Directors that are part of Safe Environment (Family, Community, and the Program Director) as well as the Membership Director before Supreme considers the Form submitted.

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If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is online training and takes about an hour to complete. The Councils that sponsor youth events like Free Throw Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, etc. "Safe Environment Training" (SET) is a must.

## **State Organizational Meeting**

This year's Organizational Meeting will have new information for District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Program Directors. Everyone is welcome, you need to register for the Banquet and send in that check.

## **Recruit and Retain**

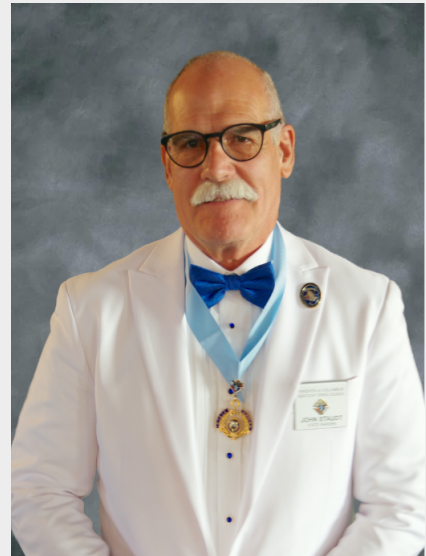
We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have Twelve months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. The new Young Members and Families have some of the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

Please remember, Supreme has the 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.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Kuchenbrod  
State Advocate**

# STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

First, I want to congratulate our State Deputy, Luke Williams and our Kentucky State Jurisdiction, for attaining the Circle of Honor designation. SD Luke is thankful for the State Officers, District Deputies, Service Program Chairs and Directors, Grand Knights and Council Officers. As an officer for this jurisdiction, I thank all of you as well for the hard and rewarding work you have done and I look forward to another successful fraternal year.

I hope you all celebrated Father's Day on June 15<sup>th</sup> as great grandfathers, grandfathers and fathers. 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.

Speaking of Father's Day, in the current issue of the Columbia magazine, there is an article called, "A Father's Field". It is a good read about the author's journey as a father of six children and an event that was a proud and moving moment.

Our 2025 Football Frenzy tickets are ready 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 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.

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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



## **Welcome to the Fraternal Year 2025-26.**

It's a new year with new goals. Continue to grow your councils and assist your Pastor with Evangelization in this Jubilee Year!

## **2024-25 Achievements**

Fantastic News! The Kentucky Jurisdiction has achieved the Circle of Honor designation. Congratulations to all SOs, DDs, GKs, FSs, and Membership teams for this distinguished accomplishment. Pinnacle is our 2025-26 Membership Goal.

### **We also have 28 Star Councils.**

- 3 Triple Star – Council 2282, 18058, and 15452
- 6 Double Star – Council 7847, 12965, 13304, 15914, 18126, 18284
- 19 Star – Council 390, 1055, 1315, 4665, 5453, 10725, 10988, 11132, 11470, 12354, 12502, 12774, 12852, 12923, 15181, 15525, 15841, 15979, 16179

Fishers of Men – Banner Incentive - 7 winners Councils 2282, 7847, 12923, 12965, 13304, 16179, 18058

## **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. Districts that may qualify:

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18 Ed Brown (228%), 6 Tom O'Hagan (207%), 8 Gary Dykhuis (187%), 14 Dennis Scanga (172%), 15 Paul Tadatada (162%), 22 Keith Cahill (155%), 17 Ed Louisignau (136%), 9 Rick Osborne (133%), 21 Mike Nachazel (127%), 2 Dennis Herricks (124%), 19 Tom Johnson (110%), 12 Eric Guy (110%), 16 Chris Muzinic (95%), 1 David Dean (95%), 13 Steve Arnold (91%), 4 Tim Molner (72%) - Congratulations!

As we enter the new Fraternal Year, let's not take the summer off. There are some exciting 2025-26 KY Statewide Incentives being created. Details soon!

- 78 councils welcomed new members. Congratulations!
- Parish Outreach Drive pamphlets are ready for distribution. Contact your DD. Every council should conduct one in the first quarter of the new fraternal year!
- 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.
- Each council should schedule 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

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...

	<b>Actual v Quota MTD</b>	<b>Actual v Quota YTD</b>
New Members	56 v 45 = 107%	498 v 482 = 103.32%
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



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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**

# PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOE CARTER



Over its 144-year history, the Knights of Columbus has responded to the myriad needs of churches and individuals in the United States and abroad. Here in Kentucky, for the last 122 years, we have addressed the needs of our churches and neighbors caused by various disasters. We not only provide physical help but also spiritual help. Our local Knights of Columbus Councils provide charitable support to organizations and causes within their community consistent with the Order's Faith in Action initiatives. Each council specializes in tailoring these initiatives to meet the unique needs of its community.

At least 26 Kentucky councils have received the Columbian Award this Fraternal Year. That translates to at least 415 programs being conducted by those councils. Some councils carried out programs but did not qualify for the Columbian Award. In total, I'm guessing that nearly 500 programs were initiated by councils here in Kentucky. Those accomplishments are worthy of praise and recognition for a job well done. We should celebrate our successes and be thankful for the awards we receive.

July 1<sup>st</sup> starts a new Knights of Columbus Fraternal Year and judging from the comments of secular and religious leaders, we will have to increase our program efforts significantly.

It is reported by Kentucky leaders from both sides of the aisle that the State of Kentucky may experience the following in the months ahead:

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- Closing as many as 35 rural hospitals according to the University of North Carolina's Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research.
- Hospitals affected include St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, Pineville Community Health Center, Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, Bourbon Community Hospital in Paris, and several Appalachian Regional Healthcare hospital locations, including in Whitesburg, Middlesboro, Harlan and South Williamson.
- Dismissal of 20,000 health care workers.
- Kentucky hospitals are the largest private employer in the Commonwealth, employing 90,000 people, generating \$630 million in state and local taxes, and contributing \$14 billion to the state's economy.
- Greater demand for large regional hospitals that are currently struggling to accept patient transfers from rural parts of the state.
- Reduction in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which may adversely affect upwards of 562,000 low-income Kentuckian individuals and families who receive support to buy groceries.
- Roughly 50,000 Kentuckians are at risk of losing their SNAP benefits entirely.
- 210,000 Kentuckians may lose their Medicaid coverage, which is more than any other state.

The chief executive officer at St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) states that budget cuts at HUD will affect how and if SVDP can serve homeless individuals through its various programs:

- The agency serves men in the Ozanam Inn, a 24/7 emergency shelter that houses about 40 men each night.
- Its veteran housing offers 24 single rooms to female and male veterans.
- A family housing program offers 32 apartments to homeless families. The program also offers case management and mental health counseling services.
- Through a Section 8 housing assistance program, there are 12 Efficiency Apartments.
- The domestic violence transitional housing and rapid rehousing program serves individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence or other situations such as human trafficking.
- The agency also offers off-campus housing for families.

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Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, lamented the great harm the Big Beautiful Bill will cause to many of the most vulnerable in society,

“My brother bishops and I have repeatedly and consistently urged lawmakers to use the budget reconciliation process to help families in need and to change course on aspects of the bill that fail the poor and vulnerable. The final version of the bill includes unconscionable cuts to healthcare and food assistance, tax cuts that increase inequality, immigration provisions that harm families and children, and cuts to programs that protect God’s creation. The bill, as passed, will cause the greatest harm to those who are especially vulnerable in our society. As its provisions go into effect, people will lose access to healthcare and struggle to buy groceries, family members will be separated, and vulnerable communities will be less prepared to cope with environmental impacts of pollution and extreme weather. More must be done to prevent these devastating effects.

“The Catholic Church’s teaching to uphold human dignity and the common good compels us to redouble our efforts and offer concrete help to those who will be in greater need and continue to advocate for legislative efforts that will provide better possibilities in the future for those in need.”

This year appears to demand an increased need for Faith in Action Programs. Councils may benefit from reviewing previous programs and considering modifications to address greater demand. In some regions, especially rural areas, councils could explore collaboration with neighboring councils to strengthen their programs. Councils located near areas losing healthcare services might consider partnering with social service organizations to organize transportation pools for access to distant medical facilities. Expanding food drives may be necessary to collect and store more items. Collaboration with parish, community, and outreach programs can facilitate the collection and inventory of food and sanitary items.



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Councils can also support unemployed individuals by researching available job opportunities. These are representative of the opportunities for assistance we can furnish. Talk among yourselves and you will develop ideas that meet your community's unique needs.

If all council members attend and participate, and we collaborate with other councils, our achievements can significantly prove our Catholic Citizenship.

If you need help in developing ideas for programs, planning programs, reporting programs or how to collaborate with others to implement programs, check the directory for Joe Carter and give him a call or email him.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Joe Carter, FDM**  
**Program Director**



# DISTRICT MASTER CAMERON PECK



Brother Knights,  
Congratulations to the Kentucky Jurisdiction for making Circle of Honor! As State Deputy Luke said, it took effort from everyone to make it happen. Great job everyone! The official numbers have not be released for the 4th Degree yet, but the Kentucky District also made their membership goal as well. I would like to extend a hearty thank you to everyone in the district for making that happen. Great job, again!

Happy 249th Birthday, America. I hope everyone had a safe and fun Independence Day! My mother and I went to a painting class (one of those where you can drink while you paint) a couple days before the 4th and we had a lot of fun. My “masterpiece” is shown to the right.

I will be doing several Installation of Assembly Officers’ in the next few weeks. If your assembly is interested in doing the Assembly Officers Installation Ceremony, email me and let’s see when we can do it.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Cameron Peck, PSD**  
**District Master**



# GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



## **Knights of Columbus – new fraternal year! July 2025**

This month is the start of our new Fraternal Year together as Knights — a big congratulations to all new council leadership! This is always a time of new beginnings, when councils can start fresh and reassess where they stand in relation to their goals. Now is the perfect time to meet with your K of C agent to review the existing insurance plan you have in place or to help you take the initial steps to create one.

As a brother Knight, it's my privilege, and those of our KY Agents, to carry out Blessed Michael J. McGivney's mission by serving your family and helping you gain a clear picture of your financial protection needs, no matter what your current situation. I think this is one the most underappreciated benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and if you've never taken advantage of getting a complimentary financial needs review, I encourage you to make this the year!

With a personalized review using top-tier financial software, our KY Agents can give you a transparent illustration of your finances with insights on how your current situation aligns with your future objectives. Together, he'll review your current insurance coverage and identify potential protection gaps, ensuring your plan aligns with your goals.

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Knights of Columbus, your premier partner for financial services, is for brother Knights, by brother Knights. We are here to partner with you. Please see your Field Agent and he will set up time to work together to financially safeguard your family.

**Vivat Jesus!**

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# STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



## A Tale of Three Councils

Following this past State Convention, District Deputy Tom O'Hagan delivered to me two boxes of records and assets that represented a once active council. This got me to thinking about other inactive councils. I chose three to write about.

### Council



**BLESSED MOTHER**

**Council 4089**

**Council Location:** LOUISVILLE

**District:** 026

**Jurisdiction:** KY

**Date of Institution:** 07-31-1955

This council instituted when Clifford J. Haury was State Deputy and was located at 226 Kenwood Way, Louisville. In the early 1990s their membership was 60. They were an affluent council owning a ball field and club house. Their membership slowly diminished to the point they were not collecting sufficient member fees to pay state and supreme assessments. The council had slowly become inactive. In 1996 State Deputy Bernard Stottmann, Jr. along with Phillip Carr, Gene Roberts and I met with six officers of the council to see if wanted the council to live or die. With tears in their eyes, they chose death. Supreme carried them as an "active" council in good standing for a number of years. Somehow the supreme assessments were being paid for the members on the roster. In 2012 there were nine members on the roster. Today there are



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none. Many attempts have been made to resurrect Blessed Mother Council. None have succeeded.

## Council



### AUGUSTA-BROOKSVILLE

**Council 5070**

**Council Location:** AUGUSTA

**Jurisdiction:** KY

**District:** N/A

**Date of Institution:** 12-18-1960

Augusta-Brookville Council was started under the direction of State Deputy Joseph E. Dilger with a membership of 66. The council was very active. In 1964 during the State Convention the council received many awards. However, time took its toll with deaths and inactivity. The membership decreased and as a result, in 1983, the council became inactive. There was \$12,000 in the treasury and it was used to purchase a new organ for Saint Agusta Church. Seven years later, in 1990, and many hours of hard work on the part of Brother Habermehl, Kern and others the ground work was laid to reactivate the council. Under the guidance of District Deputy Gary Berkemeier and State Deputy Robert Hood the council reactivated and the charter reinstated. The formal presentation was made at the 1961 State Convention in Louisville. Unfortunately, history at times repeats its self. The council has again gone inactive.

## Council



### FATHER FRED J GITTELFINGER

**Council 10987**

**Council Location:** FULTON

**Jurisdiction:** KY

**District:** N/A

**Date of Institution:** 11-01-1992

District Deputy Mike Stevenson met with Father Martin “Marty” Hayes, the Pastor of parishes in Fulton, Hickman and Clinton, during August 1992 to lay the ground work for a new council. Father Marty blessed the endeavor. Later in life Father was exemplified as a Sir Knight. He was a very enthusiastic supporter of the Knights. The council chartered with 35 members. State Deputy Carl Biery presented the charter to this council on February 27, 1993. I have a 2008 roster showing a membership of 46. As in many areas of Kentucky Catholic men to recruit from



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is limited. This was the situation for this council. Again, time took its toll with age, deaths and inactivity and the council went inactive. The longevity of the council must be credited to the tenacity of two members – Paul Pennell and Gary Jez. Active members decreased to the point where Paul would serve as Grand Knight (12 years) and Gary Jez Financial Secretary. After a few years they would switch roles. During this time Paul also served as a District Deputy (7 Years). Paul is now 88 years of age. Gary is 63. They are Knights to be proud of.

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

PS: It is the responsibility of a State Officer or District Deputy to secure the assets and records of a council that is determined to be inactive.

# Local Events



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Msgr. James H. Willett Council #7847**  
**Hopkinsville, KY 42240**

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual – Charity Golf Scramble**  
**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

Shotgun Start - Tee Time: 1:00pm

Western Hills Golf Course, Hopkinsville, KY  
 (Metal spikes are not permitted at Western Hills)

## Entry Fee

**\$65 per person**

Price includes: Cart, Greens Fees, Beverages, and Lunch

All Golfers are welcome  
 Individual entries are welcome

## Prizes

1st Place - \$400.00 Cash  
 2nd Place - \$300.00 (Random Draw)  
 3rd Place - \$200.00 (Random Draw)  
 4th Place - \$100.00 (Random Draw)

First Hole-in-One at 16 wins \$500  
 Closest to the Pin  
 Gift Cards and many other prizes



## Entry Form

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry form to:

Richard Webster ([geeandjay54@gmail.com](mailto:geeandjay54@gmail.com)) Bruce Wilcox ([brucewilcox89@gmail.com](mailto:brucewilcox89@gmail.com))  
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*Make Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus, Council #7847*



## Local Events



**Knights of Columbus  
Council 7847  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf  
Scramble October 3rd, 2025**



The Knights of Columbus, a 501(c)(8) organization, will once again host its 20th Annual Golf Scramble on Friday, October 3rd, 2025, at Western Hills Golf Course in Hopkinsville. Our council assists all those in need in our community. Proceeds from the Scramble are used to support the following activities and many more:

- Trace Industries
- Alpha Alternative
- Camp MARC
- Hands of Hope
- Wreaths Across America
- Special Olympics
- Pennyroyal Veterans Center
- Aaron McNeil
- Food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive

We are asking your business to consider becoming a hole sponsor for this event. As a hole sponsor, we will feature your company name as a sponsor. We will prepare and post a sign with your company name at a hole of your choice. The sponsor list is displayed prominently on the leader board and on Scramble material. **A hole sponsorship is a \$100 charitable donation.**

Since this is a local community event, we ask that you post the golf registration form on your company bulletin boards. Golfers and nongolfers alike are all welcome. We encourage your employees to sign-up and join us for this charitable and enjoyable event.

The format is a 4-person scramble. The entry fee is \$65 per person. Green fees, cart, beverages and lunch are included in the entry fee.

Shotgun start - 1:00 PM. There will be performance prizes and gifts for the golfers.

Any and all donations are accepted and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and support. We realize there are many demands on an organization, and we appreciate your participation. To help our planning, please RSVP as soon as possible and direct any questions to either of the below individuals. Thank you.

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Please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 7847 and mail to PO Box 1215, Hopkinsville, KY 42241



# CALENDAR

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