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BE AWARE OF THE EMAIL SCAMS

It is unfortunate that we need to publish this, but there are some scammers out there trying to take advantage of the generosity of our members. For many years the fake emails requesting gift cards have surfaced, from time to time, most often pretending to come from the State Deputy or District Master. There are two scams going on right now.

Please be aware that **no one** in the Knights of Columbus leadership will send you an email requesting that you purchase gift cards.

Scammers often pose as trusted leaders, asking you to buy gift cards “for a project” or “to help someone in need.” These messages usually come from a fake address made to look like the person’s—**their real email account has not been hacked.**

Red flags to watch for:

- The email urges urgent action or secrecy.
- The sender’s address is slightly misspelled or not their usual email.
- They ask you to reply by email instead of speaking in person.
- Payment is requested in gift cards with codes sent by email.

If you’re ever unsure, **call the person directly** before taking action. Never send gift card numbers by email.

Stay vigilant!

Cameron Peck

Newsletter Editor

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG PROGRAM

Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390 and Grand Knight Wayne Burd presented a check to Ellen Wichmann, Executive Director of Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center, for the Baby Bottle Boomerang program held between Mother's Day and Father's Day at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Donations in the amount of \$7,836 were raised during this time, a new record amount for the council.

Paul Tadatada

District Deputy



KNIGHTS HOLD PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bishop Mulloy Council #1301 recently held a pancake breakfast after all Sunday Masses at St. Therese Church, our home parish. It was well attended, and our Pastor gave us compliments at the end of the Mass.

Deacon Bill Theis
Financial Secretary



KY KOFC INSURANCE AGENTS AT THE 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Kentucky KofC General Agent Dan Schachle speaking to the Organizational Meeting attendees in Bowling Green. All of the Ky KofC Insurance Agents were at this year's meeting and they are shown standing in the back of the room. We are very thankful for all these Brothers do for the Kentucky Knights of Columbus. (Standing L-R Leonard Walther, Edgar Correa, Chris Cain, Andrew Deja, Greg White, Lee Rivette, and Dwight Frank)

Luke Williams

State Deputy



PHOTOS FROM THE SUPREME CONVENTION



DD Keith & Mary Cahill with SD Luke & Pam Williams visiting DC sites on Saturday before start of Convention



SD Luke and Pam standing at WW2 Memorial with Washington Monument in background.



Opening Mass at Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday.



Part of the KY Delegation posing for picture at the Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel

SUPREME CONVENTION CONT.



Tommy & Megan Johnson watch as the Bishops process out from Wednesday Mass at Washington Hilton Ballroom



SD Luke and IPSD Tom take a selfie before the opening Business Meeting



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly giving his opening address. We also watched a personal address from Pope Leo 14th to the Knights at this meeting



The KY Delegation singing My Old KY Home at the States Dinner with friends from other Jurisdictions.



SUPREME CONVENTION CONT.



Business proceedings at the 143rd Supreme Convention.



More Business proceedings at the 143rd Supreme Convention



SD Luke visits the Relic room and venerates the Mexican Martyrs Reliquary once again this year.



SW John Staudt gives the KY Jurisdiction's approval for a motion on the floor



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Good luck to our newest assembly, they are going to do great. They are full of enthusiasm and drive!

Cameron Peck
District Master



HONOR GUARD FOR BROTHER SIR KNIGHT

On behalf of SRS Mike Ward, Nolan Lockett, and Ken Morales, I want to thank all the sir knights for serving as an Honor Guard for Sir Ed Geilear, who was a faithful member of Assembly 2339 and Council 13917. We know that it was his wish for a Fourth Degree Chalice Honor guard, and you all made it happen.

Thank you for your participation to honor the wishes of a very devout Catholic, patriotic Gentleman, and an honorable Sir Knight. And a special thank you to Sir Knight Chris Luketich for providing the leadership for the honor guard, and a special thank you to Sir Knight Mike Ward for the Chalice Presentation. And above all, a thank you to Sir Knight Nolan Lockett, a very close friend of Sir Knight Ed Geilear, who worked with the family to make this happen.

Honoring the final wishes of a brother Knight, with this ceremony is a major part of being a Fourth Degree Knight. And you all made it happen. Thank you.

Ken Morales



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Pull for a Purpose at a Truck Pull Near You

Does your Council have what it takes to tackle some of the biggest challenges in Kentucky? A great way for Councils to support Special Olympics athletes is through either of the two remaining Truck Pull events this summer and fall. We have Truck Pulls coming up September 20 in Paducah, and on Oct. 18 in Louisville. Teams raise at least the minimum amount to compete and then see who can pull a loaded UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet in the fastest time. Teams can have up to 15 people, and if your Council can't muster enough people to pull, family members can participate, or you could join forces with other Councils in your area. For more information, visit soky.org/truckpull or contact Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or lexbuerger@gmail.com.



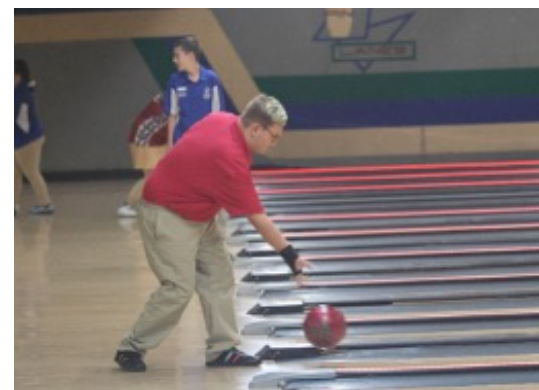
Fall Sports Season is a Great Time to Volunteer

The special Olympics Kentucky Fall Sports Season provides great opportunities for Knights to volunteer on their own or for Councils to volunteer as a group. The biggest opportunities come during October and December when Special Olympics holds its Area and State Bowling Tournaments. Eight Area

Tournaments take place across the state in October, providing a great chance to volunteer no matter where you live. The State Tournament will be held Dec. 6-7 in Louisville and hundreds of volunteers are needed to make the events run smoothly. No bowling knowledge is needed to help out. Sign ups are open now at soky.org/volunteernow or call Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 for more information.

2025 Bowling Schedule

Oct. 4 – Area 8 Bowling Tournament, Lexington
Oct. 11-12 – Area 4 Bowling Tournament, Louisville
Oct. 18 – Area 6 Bowling Tournament, Richmond
Oct. 18 – Area 7 Bowling Tournament, Newport
Oct. 25 – Area 5 Bowling Tournament, Bowling Green
Oct. 26 – Area 1 Bowling Tournament, Paducah
Oct. 26 – Area 2 Bowling Tournament, Owensboro
Dec. 6-7 – State Bowling Tournament, Louisville



INSTALLATION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

July has been a busy month for assembly officer installations. I have had the honor of installing the officers of Archbishop John Floersh Assembly in Louisville on July 9th, Monsignor Bouchet Assembly in Louisville on July 10th, Archangels Assembly in Louisville on July 13th, Monsignor McGee Assembly in Elizabethtown on July 24th, and Monsignor Albert Schmitt Assembly in LaGrange on July 26th.

In August I will be installing the officers of Bishop Flaget Assembly in Northern Kentucky and Sacred Heart Assembly (our brand new assembly) in Georgetown.

Cameron Peck

District Master



Monsignor Albert Schmitt Assembly in LaGrange



Archangels Assembly in Louisville



Monsignor McGee Assembly in Elizabethtown

STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Congratulations – What a Fraternal Year 2024-2025! With half the Councils in Kentucky receiving Awards from the Supreme Council, it is a tribute of the dedication of the Knights of Columbus in Kentucky to their parishes, communities and our Order! Here is a list of those **49** councils that have earned Awards from the Supreme Council for their dedication this past year.

30 Star Councils

Triple Star -	2282	Brandenburg
	13304	Lagrange
	15452	Lexington
	18058	Lexington
Double Star -	7847	Hopkinsville
	12965	Oak Grove
	15914	Fort Campbell
	18126	Shelbyville
	18284	Ft. Mitchell
Star -	390	Louisville
	1055	Paducah
	1315	Bowling Green
	4665	Shively
	5453	Hebron
	10725	Owensboro
	10988	Calvert City
	11132	Madisonville
	11470	Georgetown
	12354	Mt Washington
	12502	Independence

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12774	Lexington
12852	Richmond
12923	Campbellsville
14604	Pewee Valley
15181	Dawson Springs
15525	Jeffersontown
15841	Louisville
15979	Louisville
16179	Louisville
17445	Covington

19 Supreme Awards

Columbian & McGivney Award-	2499	Hardinsburg
McGivney & Founders Awards -	702	Covington
	6101	Sorgho
	14372	Lexington
Columbian & Founders Awards -	5634	Louisville
	14290	Owensboro
	15699	Louisville
	15931	Louisville
	17606	Beaver Dam/Morgantown
Columbian Award -	1320	Henderson
	10263	Nicholasville
	10962	Paducah
Founders Award -	1367	Uniontown
McGivney Award -	1418	Fancy Farm
	6317	Danville
	8145	Russellville
	11591	Paducah
	15681	Lawrenceburg
	16956	Middlesboro

49 Councils did not qualify for a Supreme Award this year.



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FY 2025-2026 Jurisdiction Goals needed for Kentucky Jurisdiction to reach Circle of Honor Recognition Announced

The FY 25-26 “Circle of Honor” Goals for the Jurisdiction are:

Membership Intake Goal = 540

Star Council Goal = 25 or better

Faith Formation Goal = at least 3 Holy Hours shall be conducted

KY State Organizational Meeting-July 11th and 12th, 2025 @ Holy Spirit Catholic Church -Bowling Green, KY

At the Organizational Meeting, we presented and reviewed the FY 2025-2026 Strategic Plan which was created this year using the “MOST” method. This plan has a good foundation of means that will help us reach our State and Local Councils’ Goals. We had a Holy Hour on Friday thanks to Council #1315 Chaplain Fr. Christopher Kight. We also started our Business meeting on Saturday with the Rosary. After many presentations and a great lunch, we attended the 4:30pm Mass at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Our humble thanks to Fr. Randy Howard who assisted with the Installation of State Officers and District Deputies afterwards. We also had a great Banquet to celebrate our new Fraternal Year that was set up and prepared by Brothers and Ladies of Council #1315. The slide presentations that were presented at the meeting were sent recently to the attendees, Grand Knights and other officers.

“I am very appreciative to all of you who attended the KY State Organizational meeting”.

Our next State Meeting will be the KY State Mid-Year Meeting that will be held on the second weekend of December in Madisonville, KY. Mark the date on your calendar, details will be sent later.

8 Guides for Successful FY 2025-2026

I am again asking all KY Knights of Columbus leaders to become acquainted with 8 guides that will make us all able to successfully 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.

The Supreme Guides are:

Fraternal Planner 2025-2026

[#5033 2025-2026](#)

Fraternal Excellence Guide

[#11619 Fraternal Excellence Guide](#)

Faith in Action Guide

[#10907 Faith In Action Guidebook](#)

Protocol, Meetings and Ceremonials Guide [#11620 Protocol, Meetings and Ceremonials](#)



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The State Guides are:

Kentucky State Directory	(Sent out by State Executive Secretary from kykofces@gmail.com)
Kentucky State Program Guide with Tally Sheet	2024-2025-Program-Guide-Final.pdf
Kentucky State Membership Guide	KY-Membership-Guide-7-22-24.pdf
Kentucky State Culture of Life Guide	Culture-of-Life-Program-Guide-2024-25.pdf

FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan using the “MOST” method **(MOST=MissionStatement/Objectives/ Strategies/Tactics)**

The State Deputy presentations unveiled the FY 2025-2026 Strategic Plan for the Kentucky Jurisdiction.

Kentucky State Council Mission Statement

“To lead the Kentucky Knights of Columbus councils in an effort to promote the works of the Order, by sharing the founding principles and core values of our founder Blessed Michael J McGivney. Together, we are empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in the communities.”

There are 4 **Objectives** presented that have Strategies and Tactics that will be periodically reviewed-

- A. The Succession Planning objective is asking that The State and Local Councils make succession planning a regular order of business.**
- B. Achieve Membership Growth Goals for the State and Local Councils.**
- C. 25 Councils achieve Supreme Star Council status before June 30, 2026**
- D. Increase COR awareness in Parishes throughout Kentucky**

All our Jurisdiction Goals are certainly achievable, but they will require focus and strong work ethics beginning today.

A. Succession Planning – Slides for the Succession Planning presentation were sent to every council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, State Council District Deputies, State Service Chair/Directors, Past State Deputies, our General and Field Agents and the State Council Officers, on July 26, 2025. If you would like a copy of the slide presentation, please contact our Worthy Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart. The slides provide a basis to start a plan for Succession Planning in all Council, District and State positions in the Knights of Columbus.

Training (goes hand in hand with Succession Training)

All online training sessions are recorded and available to view in the Supreme Council library of “on demand training” providing the opportunity to review essential information and

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best practices on your schedule. All On demand training can be found at kofo.org/training. If you have a question about anything, go check out this link. This subject is a very important part of State and Local Council Succession Planning.

B. Achieve Membership Growth – Don't Stop Inviting men to join us!

- Encourage all brothers to “Invite Every Catholic Man in Kentucky” to become a Knight of Columbus member throughout the summer.
 - Plan or Practice District or Council Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (**CUF**) every month.
 - Parish Outreach Drive (POD)– Membership outreach process with proven successful for getting new members in your council or roundtable. 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.
- Contact Membership Chair Tom O'Hagan for more information.

Kentucky has a history of starting the new fraternal year slow and then works tremendously hard to finish strong in March, April, May and June of every year.

To get the year off to a good start, the KY State Council and the Supreme Council have come up with **Fast Start Incentive plans** that will pay Cash to those councils that get out fast with their Star Council requirements in the first quarter and 2nd quarter of fraternal year.

Fraternal Year 2025-2026 “Fast Start” Incentives

• Ky State Council Membership Incentive

A membership recruitment contest for councils designed to start working towards the Star Council Award designation NOW! Those councils who did not recruit a member last year have a great opportunity to wake up and earn some cash for the council treasury also.

Please check out the attached **“Knights of Columbus-Kentucky State Council Fraternal Year 2025-26 Membership Growth Incentives”** document.

• Supreme Council Membership Incentive-“Fishers of Men: Extend the Invitation” A membership growth competition for Councils from July 1-October 31, 2025.

*The top three recruiting councils by total membership gains (percentage of the council quota) and the top 25 recruiting councils by percentage of quota for the Southeast Territory Jurisdictions (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia). This competition is also designed for councils to start on achieving their goals early. There is a possibility that a council could earn both categories thereby receiving more money for their event. Ask your District Deputy, or any State Officer for the State and Supreme Incentive documents. As always, questions or other information requests are welcome and encouraged. GOOD LUCK!



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C. 25 Councils achieve Supreme Star Council status before June 30, 2026

The Star Council requirement I see as the “Key” to successful councils because if a Council does not have members to participate in programs, there will be no council.

If we can get a jump on the Star Council goal requirements, many of the other goals will come together because of the success in the Star Council goals.

Star Council (8 Requirements)

- Submit form #185 (council officers)
- Submit form #365 (program directors)
- Submit form #1728 (annual survey)
- Comply with safe environment requirements
- Earn Columbian Award
- Earn Founders Award
- Earn McGivney Award
- Be in good standing with Supreme Council (pay Supreme bills)

Every local council should have already submitted their Officer Report Form #185 and Program Personnel Report Form #365. (see “link” to forms in the “Calendar” section). Submission of these report forms in a timely fashion is the only way that local councils can let the Supreme Council know who needs to receive council officer leadership information and programming communications throughout the fraternal year.

D. COR Initiative in Kentucky- Increase COR awareness in Parishes throughout Kentucky- Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF)

Father McGivney had a clear mission: Form men in their faith and Protect the family. This mission is relevant today!

The COR Mission: To help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.

The COR Vision: To aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other.

The COR Overview · Flexible structure of prayer, formation and fraternity · GK appointed Evangelization and Faith Formation Director (EFF) runs Cor · Pastoral approval –collaborate alongside other ministries · Frequent Gathering --Weekly, Bi-Weekly, or Monthly for 60-90 minutes · Supplemented prayer and formation content from K of C.

COR Action Items: District Deputies - Accurate reporting of Cor activity in #944 Form

Grand Knights - Identify or reappoint your Council EFF Director and submit the Council EFF Director Form –www.kofc.org/forms. Please submit even if he is returning and let State EFF

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Director know. Questions-Contact your KY State EFF Director –Dave LeDonne, - dledonne83@gmail.com

Supreme and State Programs

I am pleased to Welcome Joseph Carter as the FY2025-2026 Kentucky State Program Director. Many of you remember Joe as the former KY District Master of the 4th Degree, a former District Deputy and still current RSVP Chairman. Joe put together a great Programs presentation for the July Organizational meeting but was unable to attend so he asked former Program Director Fred Meade to give the presentation. The Goal of every Council is to Qualify for the Columbian Award....Here is an overview of the Program Presentation. This award recognizes excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award your council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. A completed Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) must be received by the Supreme Council office by June 30.

COMPONENTS OF FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action Programs
Safe Environment
Forms and Reporting

SUMMARY

Submit Form 365 (Copy State Program Director)
Complete Each Program
Submit Form 10784 (Copy SPD) - **Fraternal Programs Report Form**
Submit Form SP-7 to State Program Director - **SP-7 Columbian Award**
After SP-7 Approved by State Program Director, Submit to Supreme

KofC Insurance Agency Report

As mentioned earlier in the COR paragraph, Father McGivney had a clear mission: to form men in their faith and to Protect the family. We currently are served by a KY General Agent, a KY District Agent and 6 Field Agents to help us protect our families through the KofC Insurance program and to help us form our faith as fellow Brother Knights. Don't hesitate to invite one of these Brother Knights to speak with you about your family's future. I want to personally Thank General Agent Dan Schachle, District Agent Lee Rivette and our Field Agents, Chris Cain, Edgar Correa, D.J. Deja, Dwight Frank, Leonard Walther and Greg White for all they do to support us by fulfilling Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision. All these Brothers

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took time out of their schedules to all be present and a part at the recent KY State Organizational Meeting that was held in Bowling Green.

FY 2025-2026 Upcoming Important Dates for your Council Calendar

June 30, 2025	Report of Officers Chosen for the Term - Council Form 185
June 30, 2025	Service Program Personnel Report - Council Form 365
August 2025	District Meetings with DD and other GK's in District
August 2025 Weekends	Hold a Parish Outreach Drive (POD) at parish masses
August 5-7, 2025	2025 Supreme Convention in Washington DC
August 12, 2025	Blessed McGivney's Birthday
August 13, 2025	Blessed McGivney's Memorial Day
August 14, 2025	Blessed McGivney's Death Anniversary
August 14, 2025	DD/SD Zoom Mtg 9:00pm ET
August 15, 2025	Semiannual Council Audit (#1295) DUE
August 15, 2025	Feast of the Assumption
August 18, 2025	GK/SD Zoom Mtg 8:30pm ET
September, 2025	Schedule Training Session for Council Officers
September 1, 2025	Labor Day
September 4, 2025	DD/SD Zoom Mtg 9:00pm ET
September 8, 2025	GK/SD Zoom Mtg 9:00pm ET
September 14, 2025	Pope Leo Birthday
September 15, 2025	DD Annual Report on Council Status (#944) DUE December 12-13, 2025
September 15, 2025	Mid-Year Mtg -Madisonville, KY
January, 2025	District Meetings with DD and other GK's in District
February 15, 2026	Big Circle on Calendar – Awards/State Per Capita /State Convention stuff DUE
March 15, 2026	State Award Submissions are due to Program Director
April 24-26, 2026	KY State Convention at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort
March 29, 2026	Founders Day (Have a Membership Drive on 3/30/25)
June 30, 2026	End of FY 2025-2026

KofC Kentucky Charities, Inc - College Football Frenzy fundraiser

Ticket stubs have been or are being sent to Councils to sell. This opportunity not only helps the Charities Account used for grants; it also is a fundraiser in which the Council shares the proceeds based on the number of tickets sold. Any questions can be directed to Kentucky State Warden John Staudt.

Honorary & Honorary Life Card Distribution Resuming

In April 2024, the Supreme Council placed a temporary hold on generating Honorary & Honorary Life Cards for members who achieved this status. Starting this month card distribution will resume and the cards for members who achieved this status since April



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2024 will be sent to the attention of the council Financial Secretary or Assembly Faithful Comptrollers for presentation to the respective members. Once the backlog of cards is distributed this summer, Supreme will resume processing cards monthly. Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Supreme Council works to resume this important membership recognition program.

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Brothers,

I have been asked many times why I joined the Knights of Columbus. I believe the answer has something to do with the fact that the continual decree of the Bible is that what we have received as a gift, give as a gift and you will find the original gift multiplied and enhanced. It is called love and all of us know that language. Some don't know how to reach down and get it out to give away, but the Knights have helped me fulfill that gift.

I hope your program planning for the fraternal year is well under way because it is important to get the new year started strong. If you are stuck with the same attitudes that no one wants or is willing to help out, meet with your pastor to identify ways and activities that the Knights of Columbus can support the parish and communities. Most of the things he lists will just require boots on the ground (maybe a shovel or another tool) and a desire to help.

My earnest request again this year as State Deputy is that all Catholic men support our families, parishes and communities.

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

STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



“Sell your belongings and give alms.
Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.
For where your treasure is, there also your heart will be.”
Luke 12:33-34
(From the Mass for the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

I was able to catch our Supreme Knight's address on EWTN and I was, as always, blown away by his summary of the outreach efforts worldwide of our amazing Brotherhood. If you didn't catch it, I'm sure you can view it on Supreme's website. I encourage you to watch it to inspire your own efforts and perhaps to “fan the flame” of those of your own council/assembly.

As a side note, I hope that our delegates and state officers took advantage of the convention's location in our nation's capital to peruse some of the sights, perhaps the patriotic monuments or one or another of the Smithsonian museums. I regret that in my two “tours of academic duty” (theology and canon law) at the Catholic University I only made time for a couple of the Smithsonian museums, and that only because I had a friend come to visit. If I ever get a chance to spend some time in D.C. in the future, I certainly plan to wander through the African American museum which, of course, had not been built when I was there.

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My reflections on the Gospel for this Sunday (above) gave me some perspective on the charitable works of our organization that I would like to share. Too often we may be inclined to think of charity as something we do to demonstrate our goodness, and so we wind up giving ourselves a “pat on the back” or we cast our motivation in a self-interested, humanistic voice: “I do these things because it makes me feel good.” If it makes me feel good, that should be a bonus, but not the reason for being charitable. The foundation for any and all Christian action is our faith, our relationship with God.

We could speak of stewardship: whatever I have, I have received from God. Therefore, let me use what I have as God would want me to use it. Jesus tells us to “sell your belongings and give alms.” We must not get weighed down on our journey to the Kingdom. A readiness to receive the kingdom (which, Jesus says, the Father is pleased to give us) is manifested by taking only what we need to survive and giving the rest away. Check out his instructions to the disciples when he sends them out on mission.

He also provides a look-to-the-future motivation: “Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven.” You may (and certainly should) put money in an IRA for your retirement here on earth, but what about your investment for your celestial home? Almsgiving in its many forms is both a declaration of faith, in the sense of trusting that God will provide, AND a statement about the transient nature of the goods of this world.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Supreme Convention:

This year's 143rd Supreme Convention was held in Washington, DC from August 5th through August 7th. This year's convention was extra special for Janet & I for several reasons, this will be our last Supreme Convention as a State Officer, and our son & daughter-in-law were able to travel with us. We toured the John Paul II Shrine along with a tour of the White House and a lot of walking on our off days.

Once again, the Supreme Convention was an awesome experience. The opening mass was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. There was an estimated 2,000 plus in attendance. It took 45 buses to move the attendees from the hotel to the shrine. It went off flawlessly as far as I could tell. It was probably more like the adage "act like a duck, look calm but paddle like hell".

District Deputies, GKs & FSs

PLEASE NOTE: The following Resolutions were approved by the Supreme Council.

Resolution 401...Repealing Section 108 and Amending Sections 109 & 114 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus

- ...Be it Resolved, that Section 108, which stipulates the appointment of an Admission Committee, be repealed; and
- Be it Further Resolved, that the following Sections be amended as follows:
 - o Sec. 109 – Disposition of Application

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§ 1. The application shall be read by the GK at the monthly council meeting, and the council shall proceed forthwith to ballot for the admission of such applicant after said reading.

o Sec. 114 – Rejection – Effect of

§ Any person rejected by ballot shall not be again eligible to apply for membership in any council until after the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

Resolution 402...Amending Section 145 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus

- Section 145 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus requires the Board of Trustees to conduct a semi-annual audit of the accounts of the Financial Secretary & Treasurer: and
- Whereas, an annual audit is sufficient to ensure proper oversight of the council's fiscal condition;
- Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that Section 145 regarding the duties of the Board of Trustees, be amended as follows:
 - oThey shall audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary & Treasurer and report thereon Annually to their council and the Supreme Council according to the rules set by the Board of Directors. They shall see that the FS & Treasurer.....

Several other Resolutions were approved. If you'd like to see the entire list, please contact a State Officer.

You Should All Be Proud:

The Kentucky Jurisdiction is proud of the work and accomplishments of our WSD Luke Williams, our Membership Director Tom O'Hagan and 12,000 plus members of the Kentucky Knights of Columbus. We achieved Circle of Honor, and our State Deputy was chosen as the chairman of the Good of the Order committee and did an outstanding job of presenting the works of his committee.

Don't Forget:

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.



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Keep your Rosaries with you:

We took a pledge when we made our 1st 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.

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.

Let's make the 2025-2026 fraternal year a year that we reflect on the spiritual & physical events around us and ask God to stand by us and to strength us as we step "Into the Breach".

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



STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Supreme Convention

I'm just back from the whirlwind that is the Supreme Convention. Always busy, informative, full of fraternity meeting Knights from all over the world. This year it was in our nation's capital.

For the first time in almost 40 years, we got a video greeting from our pope! You can see it and other highlights of the Convention at <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/supreme-convention/2025/index.html>. You should at least check out the procession before the Opening Mass at the Basilica.

Two revisions to the Supreme Constitution and Bylaws were announced. One had already been leaked, the reduction of Council Audits from twice a year to once a year. The other was removing the requirement (they're still optional) that councils must have Admissions Committees.

Our Supreme Chaplain also announced a new Beatitude – “Blessed are the brief, for they shall be invited back” as he prepared for the closing prayer of the convention and he was all that stood between us and going home!



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Something not great usually happens to me at Convention. Coming home from Quebec last year one of my bags magically disappeared. At Nashville I bought home a polo shirt and Covid (as did four others from Kentucky). This year, I tried to prevent that by not buying the shirt, but I still brought home the crud (as did State Advocate Mike Kuchenbrod). At least my at home test for Covid was negative!

Congratulations!

We finished the year BIG on not just membership, but we also had over 25 Star Councils!

Thanks to all the Grand Knights, Program Directors and District Directors that helped us achieve this fantastic accomplishment! If we could do that this year, we should be able to do even more next year, as we still had several councils come very close.

New Council Development and Round Tables

The Supreme Report shoes that we have one Round Table already recorded this year with a Form 2629. Unfortunately, this report doesn't give me the parish or the council.

As a reminder to all District Deputies and Grand Knights of councils that have Round Tables, you need to submit a new Form 2629 Report of Round Table Coordinator every year, should be copied to the State Deputy, to me (as State Round Table Director), to the District Deputy, as well as sending the form to Supreme's Department of Fraternal Mission.

I'm going to be working hard on this in this Fraternal year, since Round Tables are such a valuable tool in promoting membership and new council development. We only had 8 last year. I know that there are many more that are de facto Round Tables, especially with council halls that have close relationships with several local parishes. We have records of about 100 Round Tables in the past that haven't been renewed. *(And can someone let me know who is the Council that already recorded a round table, please?)*



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We have many current development programs for new councils, mostly in northern Kentucky, but we're working to get at least 6 new councils and 25 round tables all over the state.

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.

Kentucky is historically a slow starter, but this year we're off to a very strong start. As of 8/7, we're only 2 new members short of our Quota of 55 (540 for the year).

In July 10 Councils recruited 30 new members! Council 7831, where State Membership Director and DD Tom O'Hagan is developing an Hispanic Round Table, has recruited 10 of those!

Join those councils in taking advantage of the incentives State Deputy Luke Williams announced at the Organizational Meeting in July! They put a lot of value on getting things done early in the year, especially recruiting. If you don't know what they are, ask your DD. Be Fishers of Men! Ask them, they will join. If you don't ask them, they won't join. At the Supreme Convention, we were told there are 7 million Catholic men in the US who aren't Knights simply because no one has ever invited them to 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". This 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

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- Wednesday, August 13th is his Feast Day
- Thursday, August 14th is the anniversary of his death in 1890

Fr. Bill Hammer, the chaplain of my home council, St. Margaret Mary #15979 in Lyndon, received permission from Archbishop Fabre to use the votive mass of Bl. McGivney on his feast day at our noon Mass. We're also going to have a rosary the evening of his birthday. St Gabriel parish in Fern Creek is also saying the votive Mass at 6:30.

All Knights in the Louisville area are encouraged to attend.

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 intentions available for the votive Mass next year.

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns

State Secretary

Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18

STATE TREASURER GARY DYKHUIS



Worthy Brothers,

Please remember Blessed Father Michael McGivney's Birthday August 12th, his Feast Day August 13th, and the day that he died, August 14th. Hopefully you would be able to attend MASS one of these days, or everyday this week in his honor.

144th Supreme Convention.

This year's Supreme Convention was held in our Nation's Capital, Washington DC, August 5th to August 7th. The opening MASS was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Pope Leo had sent a message, in English to Knights at the Convention. It was great to meet old friends, as I have been a Knight three other states. District Deputy Keith and Mary Cahill were given the opportunity attend the Convention.

Terri and I were able to attend an Officer Installation at the Council, at Quantico Marine Corp Base. This is the Council where I was Grand Knight while I was stationed in Washington DC. It was a reunion of brother Knights.

We are in the second month of this New Fraternal Year, let's keep the momentum going, don't stop, keep going, let's get going. The race is 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, talk to that is a new High School Senior or that new parish member, to consider becoming a Knight. Have your Parish to be a part of the in the Exemplification. These New Third-Degree member, with some Great New Ideas and can help with our projects the

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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.

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State Organizational Meeting!

What a Great turn out at the Organizational Meeting in Bowling Green. Great information for old and new District Deputies, Grand knights, and Financial Secretaries, was given. State Deputy Luke Williams and state Membership Chairman Tom O'Hagan presented New Recruiting ideas.

Council Officers

For all the new and reelected Officers, welcome and thanks for stepping up and please take advantage training online at Knights of Columbus Website. Also make sure the Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart (miketheresa@gmail.com) has your Officer changes, for the state Directory. 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.

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.

May you have a Blessed Year!

Have a Blessed Day!

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Vivat Jesus!!

Gary Dykhuis

State Treasurer



STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,

Greetings from Washington DC as we wrap up the 143 Supreme Convention here and start our journeys back to Kentucky!

Seeing all the presentations on what the order has accomplished in the past Fraternal year makes you proud to be a Knight of Columbus and inspires us for greater things this year.

Your State Deputy was selected to stand before the convention and read his committee's report on the last day of the convention. He made us proud with his performance and I shouted our Kentucky when they asked for a second to the motion on his report. We have a great SD in Luke Williams.

I hope everyone has submitted their 185s and updated the executive secretary with contact info for the GK and FS, we cannot see elected positions so that is the only way to keep our directory up to date.

For those who have turned in their Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report), Thank You. Please watch for the invitation from Praesidium Academy to meet the Safe Environment Training for those who need to complete this training. If you have completed this training in the last 2 years, the training is good for three years.

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. The Councils that sponsor youth events like Free Throw Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, eta. "Safe Environment

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Training” (SET) is a must. You must have at least two SET Knights at these events (one must have a background check). If you cannot meet this requirement, you should not conduct this event. The same requirement is for youth helping you in your events (Fish fries, pancake breakfast, chicken cooks).

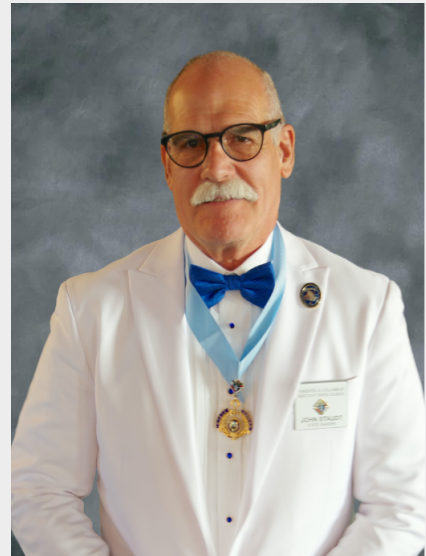
Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have ten months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. This is a Gift that needs to be offered to each Catholic man and his Family. There still is FREE MEMBERSHIP. for a New Member and he can join on his iPhone, cell phone by going to www.KofC.Org. The new Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

I just returned from the 143rd Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. This is my second convention. There was a lot of information reported from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, in his opening report, and from the Chairmen of the different committees. The opening Mass was at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, August 5th. If you ever get the opportunity, please attend the opening the convention opening Mass. It is one of the highlights of the week. A link to the convention and Masses is: [2025 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention](#). Also on the [K of C Website](#) is a 3 minute video greeting from Pope Leo XIV, commending the Knights of Columbus for our faith filled fraternal charitable works we do for those who need our help at home and abroad. Some of you may have watched the convention live and saw the Pope's greeting and Patrick Kelly's opening report. It was a pleasure and honor attending to see and meet other like minded brother knights with the same mission we all have here in Kentucky.

In the July/August issue of the Columbia magazine, our Supreme Chaplin, Archbishop William E. Lori's challenge is about exalting yourself vs. self-giving and striving to live as servants to others.

Our 2025 Football Frenzy is well underway. I hope your council sells the tickets to help this fundraiser for the Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities. The funds raised go 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. When your

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council sells 25 or more tickets, your council earns 25 points towards the State Deputy Award.

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](#)

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

**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 of Hope!

2024-25 Achievements

Fantastic News! The Kentucky Jurisdiction 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.

Star Councils 30 - AWESOME!

- 4 Triple Star – Council 2282, 13304, 15452, 18058
- 5 Double Star – Council 7847, 12965, 15914, 18126, 18284
- 21 Star – Council 390, 1055, 1315, 4665, 5453, 10725, 10988, 11132, 11470, 12354, 12502, 12774, 12852, 12923, 14604, 15181, 15525, 15841, 15979, 16179, 17445

19 Additional councils will receive Supreme Awards

49 Total Councils will receive a Supreme Award

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

Star District 7 – Great Job!

- 2- Dennis Herricks, 6- Tom O'Hagan, 12- Eric Guy, 14- Dennis Scanga, 15- Paul Tadatada, 21- Mike Nachazel, 22- Keith Cahill



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Let's not take the summer off. There are some exciting 2025-26 Incentives available
WE GROW TODAY FOR TOMORROW

Knights of Columbus – Kentucky State Council

Fraternal Year 2025-26 Membership Growth Incentives

Quick Start – July 1st thru September 30th (First Quarter)

- Every council that has submitted a completed Form 185, Form 365, a minimum of one Fraternal Benefit Event (FBE), Safe Environment Training (SET) compliant, a minimum of one Parish Outreach Drive (POD) (scorecard submitted to SD and MD), and add at least 50% of their yearly membership goal by the end of the day on 9/30, will receive \$50
- For those councils that did not add at least one new member to their council in FY 2024-25 – If that council adds at least one new member by a Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) exemplification by the end of the day on 9/30, the council will receive \$50.
- For those councils that did not receive any Supreme Awards in FY 2024-2025 (i.e. McGivney, Founders, Columbian or Star Council) , if they submit a completed Form 185, 365, Adds at least one new member by a Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) exemplification and attends at least one FBE by the end of the day on 9/30, the council will receive \$50

Halfway – July 1st thru December 31st (Second Quarter)

- Every Council that has achieved the McGivney Award, the Founders Award, SET compliance, and submitted Forms 185, 365 by the end of the day on 12/31, the council will receive \$50

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- Every Council that has achieved the McGivney and Founders Award requirement, SET compliance, and submitted completed Forms 185, 365, 1728, and 1295 by the end of the day on 3/31, the council will receive \$50.
- Those councils that reach 200% Membership Growth of Quota/Goal and above by the end of the day on 3/31, the council will receive \$75 (Awards to be presented at the State Convention)

Fishers of Men: Extend the Invitation

A Membership Growth Competition for Councils July 1 – October 31st, 2025
Every Catholic man should know about the Knights of Columbus and the membership benefits available to him and his family. [The good news is, they are willing to join us on our mission.](#) But they're waiting to be invited. That's why we're encouraging you to extend the invitation as soon as possible and meet 100% of your membership quota by October 31! The competition criteria can be found [here](#) and posted at the end of my report.

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- 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.
 - o Each council should schedule a CUF monthly. They want to help your council succeed, so contact them.
 - o Extend the Hand of Brotherhood with a Church Drive
- Is your council using the State Council Recruitment Card? Your membership team should be handing them out to every prospective Catholic 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.

KY Population – 4,505,836

Hispanic Catholic 18+ - 23,215

Catholic – 531,602 -11.82%

Total Members – 12,508

Hispanic – 207,854 – 4.61%

% Market Penetration – 6.29%

Hispanic Catholic – 67,723

Eligible Knights – 186,352

Catholic Men 18+ - 198,860

186,352 eligible Catholic men are waiting to be asked to join your council. You just need to ask.

	Actual v Quota MTD	Actual v Quota YTD
New Members	40 v 40 = 100%	40 v 540 = 7.4%
Councils With No YTD Adds	86 v 98	86 v 98
Form 365 Not Submitted (99)	44 v 98	44 x 98
Form 185 Not Submitted (99)	22 v 98	22 v 98
Roundtable	8 v 13	8 v 13
Form 1728	20 v 98	20 v 98
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)	30 v 98	30 v 98



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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.

“The Order grows one member at a time, and with a personal ask.”

Vivat Jesus!
Tom O'Hagan
KY State Membership Director





Fishers of Men: Extend the Invitation

A Membership Growth Competition for Councils

July 1 – October 31, 2025

(Insurance Jurisdictions Only)

By Total Gains (min. 100% of Quota)

- **1st Place** (1 per territory) – \$2,000 + a film crew at event *(see details below)*
- **2nd Place** (1 per territory) – \$1,000
- **3rd Place** (1 per territory) – \$750

By Percentage of Quota (min. 100% of Quota)

- **1st Place** (1 per territory) – \$2,000
- **2nd Place** (1 per territory) – \$1,000
- **3rd Place** (1 per territory) – \$750
- **4th - 25th Place** (22 per territory) – \$250

Rules and Criteria

The United States and Canada are split into five territories as shown below. The **top three recruiting councils by total membership gains** and the **top 25 recruiting councils by percentage of quota** in each territory will receive money from the Supreme Council Home Office to use toward holding a council/parish event during the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

Councils must meet a minimum of 100% of their 2025-2026 fraternal year membership quota between July 1 – October 31, 2025, to earn the award. Refer to the breakdown of payouts above and the criteria for hosting your event below.

A council can potentially earn the award in both categories, thereby receiving more money for their event.

Jurisdictions by Territorial Growth Director

- **Ken Latham** – Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Newfoundland/Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island
- **Steve Cohen** – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia
- **Alain Cayer** – Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, Ontario, Quebec, Vermont, Wisconsin
- **Jim Caffrey** – Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas
- **Bob Kish** – Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Winners Criteria

Each council that receives money for their event from the Supreme Council Home Office is **required to use the money to host a council/parish event during the 2025-2026 fraternal year**. The event should ultimately help drive additional growth for your council and attract men in your parish and community. For example, you might host a family friendly event, a charitable event, or parish men's retreat. *Councils are encouraged to take pictures of their event, share them on Facebook and/or Instagram, and tag @kofc_official so the Supreme Council can reshare your post with brother Knights around the world.*

The five councils from each territory that earn first place for total membership gains will be *required* to work with their state council and regional growth director on planning their council event. The Supreme Council Home Office will send a film crew to the event if it meets proper criteria (more details to follow). The video will be shared Orderwide and on social media, including YouTube, to highlight the council event and encourage other men to join the Order.





Fishers of Men: Extend the Invitation

How can my council achieve 100% of quota and earn this award?

Work with your District Deputy to create a strategy. Develop a membership growth strategy and action plan with your DD. Consider the tactics below as you create this plan. **There are many resources on Supplies Online** to help you invite new members to join — these include the “Fishers of Men” catalog and “Membership Videos” to use at events and on council social media accounts.

Talk with your pastor. Your pastor is one of your strongest allies. Work with him to find a weekend to hold a Church Drive after all Masses or during a parishwide event. Additionally, ask him if there are men in your parish that he thinks would be good additions to your council. Using this list, utilize the invitational resources in the “Fishers of Men” catalog on Supplies Online. Extend personal invitations to these men by either sending a card, text message or email. Samples of these can be found in the *Fishers of Men Guidebook*.

Plan a Church Drive. Plan at least one Church Drive during the quarter. Consider partnering with your local General Agent/Field Agent. They are professional recruiters and can offer excellent assistance with your event. Along with the Church Drive Kit available on Supplies Online, here are some suggested supplemental items to consider using:

- (11586) “Point the World to Jesus Christ” – Trifold
- (11730) Fraternal Benefits Card_Generic (insert these into a brochure)
- (11689F_E) – Join Online Card – Fraternal
- (10099E) – “24 Hours Can Change Your Life” Brochure
- (FOM-GUIDE) Sample Pulpit Announcement in the *Fishers of Men Guidebook*

Plan an Exemplification in honor of Pope Leo XIV. Work with your DD and pastor to plan and hold an exemplification during the incentive period in honor of our new Holy Father.

Invite men to Cor. If your council is hosting *Cor*, be sure you’re extending invitations to all men of your parish. Have membership materials available to attendees who are not yet Knights. Personally invite these men to join your council and explain all the benefits they will receive when they join (refer to the *Fishers of Men Guidebook* and Fraternal Benefits Card for more information).

Don’t forget wives. Wives can also be one of your strongest partners in inviting men to join. When picking a pulpit announcement to use, consider using the sample for couples in the *Fishers of Men Guidebook*, so that a wife of a current Knight can share the impact membership has on their family. Share the following link with the women’s ministries in your parish: [Kofc.org/MyKnight](https://www.kofc.org/MyKnight)

This page is designed specifically for wives to learn more about how the Knights of Columbus enhances family life. By completing the form on the page, they will receive a free gift and can send an invitation to join online directly to their husband.

Stay attentive to the Fraternal Leader Advisory for updates and tips. The Fraternal Leader Advisory is sent out via email on the first and third Thursday of every month. Each edition will include a leaderboard, updates and tips for achieving your goals.

Reach out to Regional Growth Director with questions.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOE CARTER



WHO ARE YOU?

Now and then, someone you know, or a TV personality, will reminisce and recall the old skit performed countless times by the famous comedy team of Abbott and Costello - **Who's on First?** It goes like this:

Lou Costello: Look, Abbott, if you're the coach, you must know all the players.

Bud Abbott: I certainly do.

Lou Costello: Well, you know I've never met the guys. So, you'll have to tell me their names, and then I'll know who's playing on the team.

Lou Costello: Are you the manager?

Bud Abbott: Yes.

Lou Costello: You gonna be the coach too?

Bud Abbott: Yes.

Lou Costello: And you don't know the fellows' names?

Bud Abbott: Well I should.

Lou Costello: Well then, who's on first?

Bud Abbott: Yes.

Lou Costello: I mean the fellow's name.

Bud Abbott: Who.

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Lou Costello: The guy on first.

Bud Abbott: Who.

Lou Costello: The first baseman.

Bud Abbott: Who.

Lou Costello: The guy playing...

Bud Abbott: Who is on first!

Lou Costello: I'm asking YOU who's on first.

Bud Abbott: That's the man's name.

Lou Costello: That's who's name?

Bud Abbott: Yes.

Lou Costello: Well, go ahead and tell me.

Bud Abbott: That's it.

Lou Costello: That's who?

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The routine goes on seemingly forever as Costello attempts to identify the entire team:

Who's on first base; **What's** on second; **I Don't Know** is on Third; **I Don't give a Damn** is the short-stop; **Why** is in left field; **Because** is in center field; **Tomorrow** is the pitcher; and **Today** is the catcher. The right fielder is never identified.

I know, some of you are wondering, "Where is Joe going with this?" Well, there are parallels between this comedy routine and what we at the Knights of Columbus' Supreme Council, and the State Council's Executive Secretary, Program Director, and others, experience every Fraternal Year.

Every new Fraternal Year, councils across the State elect or reelect officers and program personnel. The Knights of Columbus, at both the State and International levels, welcome and encourage the election of officers with new ideas and innovative approaches. Predictable change in leadership through succession planning is supported by the upper echelon at every level of the Knights of Columbus. Effective planning helps avoid stagnation and ensures ongoing progress. In the Kentucky Jurisdiction, all councils hold officer elections at the start of each Fraternal Year. These officers guide their councils. But we have a problem! **WHO ARE YOU?**



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Is the **Membership Director** on first base; **Deputy Grand Knight** on second; **Chancellor** is on Third; **Recorder** is the shortstop; **Treasurer** is in left field; **Program Director** is in center field; **Retention Chairman** is in right field; **Family Director** is the pitcher; **Community Director** is the catcher; and the **Grand Knight** is the manager/coach.

The umpire relies on the manager/coach to give him the batting order to identify the players. Likewise, the only way the Supreme Council and State Council can identify the individuals elected to lead local councils is if they tell us using Forms 185 and 365. Here's where we are as of the beginning of our Fraternal Year:

COUNCILS NOT SUBMITTING FORM 185

702	762	1301	1361
1487	1764	2046	6317
8145	11191	14130	14728
15613	15707	16125	16206
17234	18058		

COUNCILS NOT SUBMITTING FORM 365

702	762	1004	1301
1320	1361	1367	1418
1455	1483	1487	1764
2046	2459	2761	3379
4270	6101	6317	6897
8145	10725	11191	11453
13917	14128	14130	14234
14471	14728	15063	15211
15452	15613	15707	16125
16206	16232	17234	17247



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The numbers are in. **Seventeen** councils have not fielded a team – no chance of winning. Forty-one councils have not fielded a full squad in the game - they are in the game, but not competitive. If you need assistance, please contact your DD, me, or a State Officer for support.

I am the State Program Director. If you aren't in the game, neither am I. We work together. That's how it rolls. I'm in it to win it. I want every council to join me and be fully committed to winning. You can contact me by phone, text, or email. My contact information is listed in the directory.

BATTER UP!!

Joe Carter, FDM
Program Director



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Retirement Planning – Guaranteed Income and Permanent Life Insurance

Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years.

An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream. How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income.

Unlike other ways you may be saving for retirement, annuities remain stable during volatile market conditions. In fact, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount, on an annual basis.

As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement.

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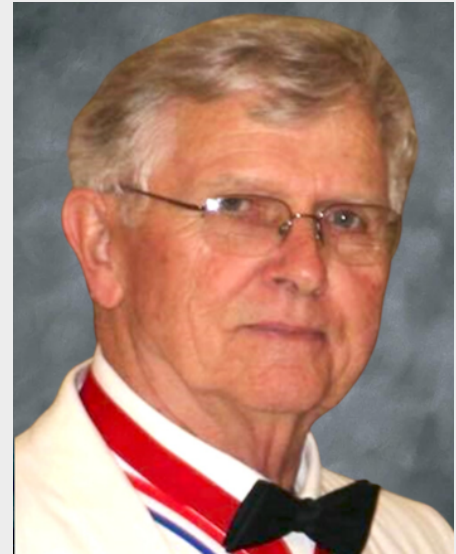
Please reach out to your K of C Field Agent to review your finances and see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with him in the coming weeks!

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



Star District Award

2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year

The Star District Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, insurance and overall excellence by the councils within the territory of a district deputy.

Membership Growth

The district reaches 70% of combined council membership quotas.

Promotion of Our Insurance and Fraternal Benefits

The Founders Award is earned by at least 50% of the councils within the district.

Overall District Excellence

- At least one council in the district earns the Star Council Award
- Submit a [District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status](#) (#944) for each council in your district, which is due on 9/15. The report should be submitted for all councils – even councils that are currently suspended or inactive.

A Star District Award cannot be earned without cooperation between a District Deputy and the Councils he oversees. As you can see in the requirements for the award, the councils

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recruit members, earn the Founders Award and the Star Council Award. The DD submits a written evaluation on each of his Councils. At the end of this past fraternal year six District Deputies achieved the Star District Award:

DD6 Tom O'Hagan

7847 Hopkinsville*, 12965 Oak Grove, 15181 Dawson Springs/Princeton/Eddyville, 15914 Ft. Campbell, 7831 Sebree, 11132 Madisonville, 15484 Calhoun

DD12 Eric Guy

4473 Louisville, 12354 Mt. Washington*, 14234 Taylorsville, 15699 Louisville, 18126 Shelbyville

DD14 Denis Scanga

15525 Jeffersontown, 15841 Louisville, 15931 Louisville, 15979 Louisville*, 16179 Louisville

DD15 Paul Tadatada

390 Louisville*, 2761 Louisville, 13053 Louisville, 13304 La Grange, 14604 Pewee Valley

DD22 Keith Cahill

5453 Burlington*, 14993 Erlanger, 15211 Union, 18284 Ft. Mitchell

The * is shown to indicate the DD's home Council.

Congratulations to the six District Deputies and to all the Councils that supported them to achieve this honor.

The article was to include the Star Council Award winners. However, the information I have is conflicted. At the Organizational Meeting the State Deputy reported 27 Star Council Awards

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earned. The Supreme Council 2023-2024 published Star Council Award document listed only 21 Councils. With the State Officers at the Supreme Convention, I was unable to reconcile the difference in the different count. So, the Star Council Award winners will be the subject of a future article.

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



Special Request

Greetings Brother Knights.

We currently have 110 signed up for the five sessions on the Senior Priest Apartment Campaign. We're hoping to get a great turnout after this weekend. We currently have 23 people signed up from St. Henry in Aurora and St. Stephen in Cadiz alone!

Please help us bring these numbers up by sharing this message with your Council and perhaps attending yourself if you are able. Your support is so much appreciated!

Reception Dates and reservation numbers:

- **August 13th at 6:00 pm** Immaculate Parish Hall 2516 Christie Place, Owensboro - **31**
- **August 14th at 6:30 pm** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro - **21**
- **August 19th at 6:00 pm** St. Thomas More Parish Hall 5645 Blandville Rd., Paducah - **28**
- **August 20th at 6:00 pm** Holy Spirit Parish Hall 4754 Smallhouse Rd., Bowling Green - **7**
- **August 21st at 6:00 pm** Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall 902 E. Ninth St., Hopkinsville - **30**

RSVP today at the bottom of this link: <https://owensborodiocese.org/senior-priests-apartments/>

Peace & Blessings,
Jeff



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Local Events



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

20th Annual – Charity Golf Scramble
Friday, October 3rd, 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) Bruce Wilcox (brucewilcox89@gmail.com)
 PO Box 1215 PO Box 1215
 Hopkinsville, KY 42241 Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Make Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus, Council #7847



Local Events



**Knights of Columbus
Council 7847
Hopkinsville, Kentucky
20th 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



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