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ST ALOYSIOUS PICNIC

On August 23rd, our St Joseph Council 12354 in Mt Washington helped out at our roundtable parish St Aloysious in Shepherdville KY. We were very grateful to help with their Summer Social Picnic. The council has been frying chicken for their annual picnic for several years. God is good!

Mike Zygmunt
Grand Knight

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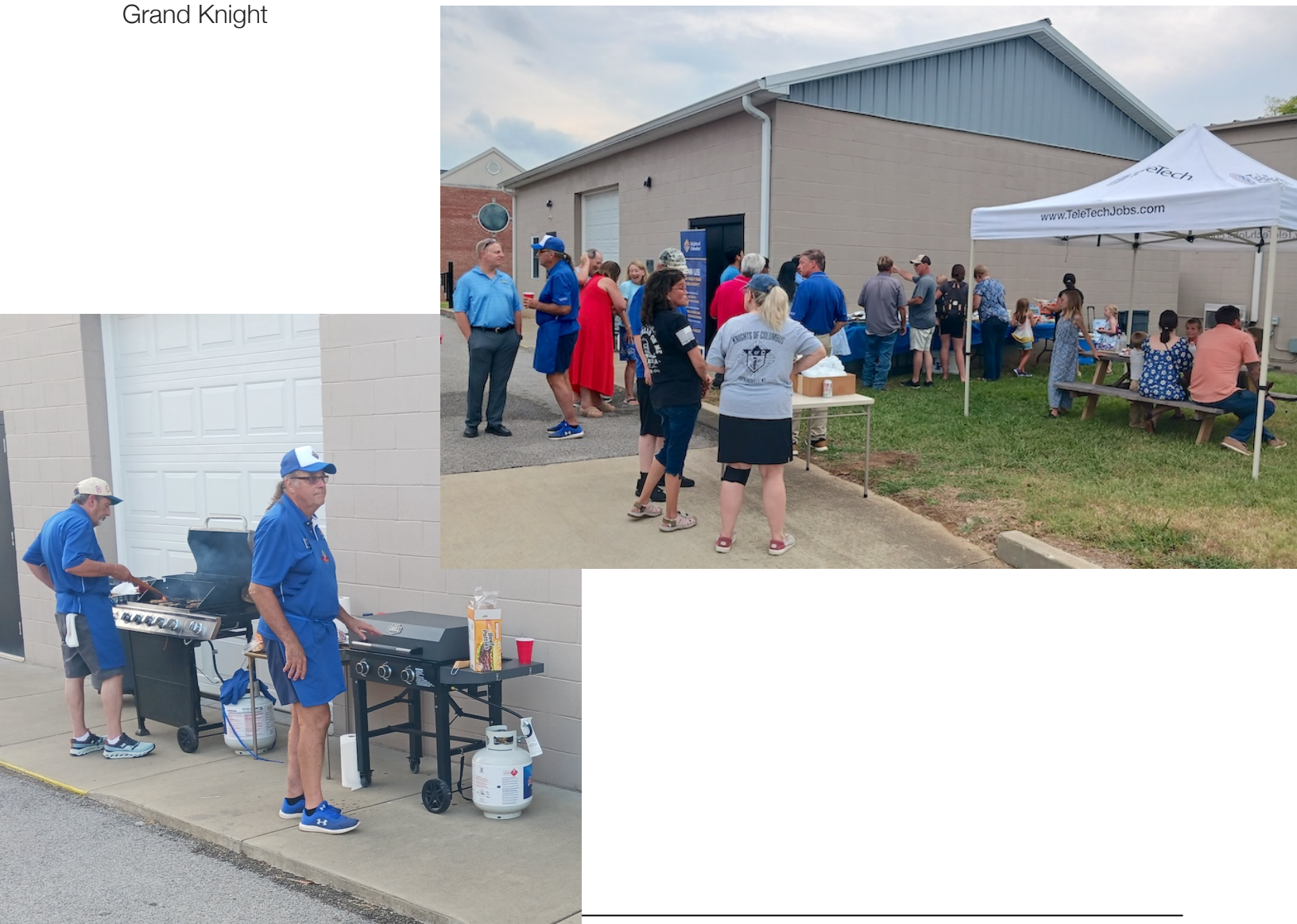
FRANKS WITH FATHERS

On Wednesday, August 13th, the Feast of Father Michael McGivney, Council 7847 in Hopkinsville, KY. hosted our annual "Franks with Fathers" cookout. We invited the parish and the community to the event so our parish community can get to know our priests outside of a church setting. The GK and others from Council 12965 from nearby Oak Grove, KY. joined us. Because of the large gathering that turned out, our local insurance field agent, Andrew Deja, who was also in attendance, was able to conduct a Fraternal Benefit Event. Brother Andrew explained the many benefits available to all men who are members of the Order.

Over 50 were in attendance, several non-knights, along with 24 brother Knights, who enjoyed the evening with their families.

The weather cooperated, and a fantastic time was had by all.

Bruce Wilcox
Grand Knight



WHEELCHAIR RAMP FOR SCOTT CHALLENGE

It was exciting to learn our good friend, Scott, was due to be released from rehab after suffering for four months in the hospital with severe pancreatitis. But there was still one catch. Scott needed a wheelchair ramp at his house before he could go home. My brother Knights, at St. Edwards Parish, Council 15841 in Jeffersontown KY, embraced the idea and enthusiastically rose to the “Build a W/CR4Scott” challenge. Our project really flourished when our new Brother Knight, Kevin, recruited his lifelong friends, the St Edward Scout Dads, to partner with the Knights. Together, we had the tools, knowledge, and energy, to design and build the W/CR4Scott in just a couple of weeks. Thanks to our brother Knights who showed up to build the ramp, including Mike, Tom O., Jim, Tom M., Ken, Charlie, and Kevin, along with the St. Edward Scout leaders, Raymond & Jennifer, Michael, Tony, Brad, and Scott’s neighbor, Brian, and our young adult volunteers who donated valuable community service hours by carrying lumber, driving screws, and hauling away trash, all while dodging angry bees, and enduring nasty stings.

Special thanks to Christy’s Godmother, Claudette, who fed the crew delicious sandwiches, chips, cookies, to “The Bill Young Foundation” for financial support, and assistance from the City of Jeffersontown Public Works department and building divisions who helped provide information and advice about the permitting process and a culvert pipe for a new driveway. Christy and Scott, who just celebrated their 22nd anniversary, are thrilled to have such love and support from their family and friends. From your family and friends, welcome home, Scott!

Brian Gregory

Program Director, St. Edwards K of C 15841



COUNCIL 17247 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Below is a picture of Monsignor Braun Council #17247 GK Barry Strehl awarding the Fourth Annual Barry Cecil Memorial Scholarship to Sts. Joseph and Paul parishioner Ariadne Malave. Ariadne, pictured with her family, is an incoming freshman at the University of Kentucky.

Duane Harris

Financial Secretary



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF CLASSIC

Catholic Charities is incredibly grateful to the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus for their generous \$19,000 donation from their recent golf outing at Kenton County Golf Course. With more than 144 golfers participating, the event was a tremendous success and continues a tradition of support that has blessed us for over 15 years.

This year's outing was held in honor of Dennis Elix, who faithfully served as co-chairman of the event for many years before his passing last year. We extend our deepest gratitude to Dennis's family and the Knights of Columbus for honoring his legacy through this impactful event.



DICTIONARIES FOR 3RD GRADERS

On Tuesday, September 2nd, the Grand Knight and two other members of council 7847 in Hopkinsville, KY distributed dictionaries to the 3rd grade students of Sts. Peter and Paul school. We then challenged them to find the word “Scholar”. The first student to find the word and present the definition was rewarded with a \$2.00 bill, which has been a tradition for the last 20 years.

Bruce Wilcox

Grand Knight



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Knights Compete at Lexington Truck Pull

Once again Knights from Christ the King Council #14130 and Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 in Lexington competed in the annual Lexington Truck Pull, a fundraiser that supports Special Olympics Kentucky.

Both teams were among the top fundraising teams, combining to raise \$5,152 of the \$46,000 raised at the event. Christ the King took the fundraising crown with \$2,631 raised, edging Mary Queen by \$110.

The Mary Queen Knights briefly held the lead in the Men's Division of the event before being knocked off the leaderboard. Unfortunately, a storm kept Christ the King from getting their chance to pull.

There are two more opportunities for you Council to test your strength and Pull for a Purpose at the Truck Pull. The Paducah Big Brown Truck Pull presented by

Drakeway will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21. The UPS Truck Pull presented by BrightSpring will be held in Louisville on Oct. 5. You can get more information about both events at soky.org/truckpull.



Knights Support State Softball Tournament in Return to Owensboro

The Special Olympics Kentucky State Softball Tournament returned to Owensboro for the first time since 2007 when teams hit the field at Owensboro's Jack Fisher Park Sept. 6-8. The return produced an outpouring of support from businesses and organizations around the city, including the area's Knights of Columbus. Three Councils - Fr. Connor Council #6101, Bishop Soenneker Council #10725 and Owensboro Council #817 – as well as Owensboro Assembly #2074 combined to donate \$1,650 to sponsor the event. More than 500 athletes from around the state competed during the weekend.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.



Fall Sports Provides Statewide Opportunities to Volunteer

The Special Olympics Kentucky Fall Sports Season provides an opportunity for your Council to volunteer no matter where you are in the state. Our bowling season – a perfect match for Knights – includes nine competitions. From Paducah to Paintsville. Our Flag Football Tournaments – in Crestview Hills, Louisville

and this year in Winchester also give you a chance to volunteer, ESPECIALLY if you are a certified football official looking to help out. For more information about how you or your Council can get involved, contact Michael Roy at 502-695-8222 or mroy@soky.org.

As always, when you volunteer with Special Olympics, please identify yourself as a Knight and let us know which Council you represent. We also encourage you to wear Knights of Columbus gear. And please report your volunteer hours to Supreme.

2024 Bowling Schedule

Oct. 12-13 – Area 4 Bowling Tournament; King Pin Lanes, Louisville
Oct. 19 – Area 3&9 Bowling Tournament; Bowl Rite, Prestonsburg
Oct. 19 – Area 6 Bowling Tournament; Galaxy Bowl, Richmond
Oct. 19-20 – Area 1 Bowling Tournament; Cardinal Lanes, Paducah
Oct. 26 – Area 2 Bowling Tournament; Diamond Lanes South, Owensboro
Oct. 26 – Area 5 Bowling Tournament; Southern Lanes, Bowling Green
Oct. 26 – Area 7 Bowling Tournament; Walt's Bowling Center, Newport
Oct. 25 & 27 – Area 8 Bowling Tournament; Southland Lanes, Lexington

2024 Flag Football Schedule

Oct. 6 – Region 1&3 Flag Football Tournament; St. Xavier High School, Louisville
Oct. 13 – Region 2 Flag Football Tournament; Thomas More University, Crestview Hills
Nov. 3 – State Flag Football Tournament; George Rogers Clark High School, Winchester



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Fraternal Year 2025-2026

September is all about changing seasons. As the days grow shorter and mornings become brisk, there's a real sense of anticipation in the air as members return from summer travels ready to reconnect and support our Order's mission as councils prepare to increase their activity, focusing on food drives, parish events, and a generous dose of just plain helping people.

Growing up in the 60's, I was part of a neighborhood "gang" of kids. The actions of the new day always involved splitting up into sides based on how many had shown up and we would play whatever sports season it was at the time or whoever had the best idea for a game or activity. Whatever the activity of the day was, we learned how to not only be participants, but we learned how to be referees, umpires and spectators.

My favorite activity at a young age was playing "Army" man. There was the most perfect patch of yard between our house and Joe's house next door that had a slight hill and it was a great spot for us to bring out our box of tanks, sandbag walls, men and of course airplanes and helicopters. As many young boys at that time did, we learned how to build the battlefield, and of course, we learned how to destroy it. It now strikes me how the lessons learned on that humble patch of grass echo throughout our lives. Building, fixing, and—above all—collaborating with others are skills and habits that never lose their value. In ways we never imagined, these childhood games were a training ground for the responsibilities and joys that come with service to our parishes and communities.

Just as we once gathered with friends to construct imaginary worlds and solve makeshift problems, so too do we now come together in our councils, pooling talents and energy for the common good. Our Order thrives when every member is invited to help shape the path ahead when enthusiasm, creativity, and the willingness to lend a hand become the building blocks of our shared mission.



WILLIAMS CONT.

I have realized that this “building things” concept is one of my favorite activities in life. This carried over into the love of “fixing” things too. One thing that has become evident through it all is that I need to remember that it is possible to focus so much on what’s wrong with something, that we lose our ability to see what’s right.

We also need to remember that it is possible to give our hearts so fully to opposing evil that there is no room left in it for simply loving the good.

My September message is that we all move on past the obstacles placed before us by the world and work on building ourselves as the good seeds that God has created by remembering why we joined the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country.

2025 Midyear Organizational Meeting – December 12-13, 2025, in Madisonville

It is not too early to start planning for the upcoming Midyear Meeting that will be hosted by Council #11132 in Madisonville. This meeting is primarily for District Deputies and State Program Directors/Chairmen. Council Officers and members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Details will be sent as soon as they are finalized.

KY KofC State Council Website - kykofc.com

Please visit the Kentucky State Council website for information on those who are helping, how to help, and links of where to find out more.

KofC Supreme Council Website - kofc.org

Please visit the Supreme Council website and look around. It has up to date information that helps us to fulfill our 4 principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

2025-2026 Kentucky State Council Motto and State Pin

Our KY State Council motto this year is “He leads me in right paths”.

The new State Pin reflects our commitment to Pope Frances naming 2025 as a “Pilgrims of Hope” Jubilee Year. Kentucky has been a distinct part in Catholic Pilgrimages to Kentucky and beyond starting 250 years ago in 1775. I encourage all to make a pilgrimage to a religious site in Kentucky.

WILLIAMS CONT.

2025 Kentucky State Council Black Friday Coats for Kids BOGO (Buy One Get One) Opportunity

To see if our Jurisdiction qualifies for the Supreme sponsored Black Friday BOGO program, we need to know how many councils will commit to “buying” boxes of coats that will be doubled by the Supreme program. The State Program Director and your District Deputies will be working with Grand Knights to explain what is required to participate in the program. This BOGO opportunity is to encourage coat distributions on Black Friday by your Council sponsored event. Please respond to KY State Program Director Joe Carter **NOW** if your Council plans to purchase any “boxes of coats” from the Supreme Coats for Kids program Buy One Get One opportunity, September 12th is the deadline but don’t wait!

KofC Kentucky Charities, Inc - College Football Frenzy fundraiser

This fundraiser helps the Charities Account used for grants. This fundraiser also helps the Council who shares the proceeds based on the number of tickets sold. You can purchase from your local KofC council or go online at [Football Frenzy Fundraiser](#).

KAPID fundraisers

All Kentucky Knights of Columbus members recently received a letter from the Kentucky Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc (KAPID) asking for your individual donations to help KAPID support the agencies that are helped by your donations.

I wish all Councils that are sponsoring Tootsie Roll Drives in the coming months to have successful drives help support local agencies.

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



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Supreme Convention:

The 143rd Supreme Convention is over, and I suspect that it will be my last one. As always it was a wonderful, beautiful and inspiring event. Our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, along with our Supreme Officers and staff did an outstanding job of welcoming and inspiring the attendees. While Supreme is working on many things to support and strengthen our Catholic men, they are also continuing to support life at all stages.

Are you Ready!

I'm happy to see that several councils that struggled with membership recruiting this past FY, have already recruited a member for this FY. Keep up the good work.

September also means that Fall is right around the corner. Many councils will be gearing up for their parishes' fall festivals. While you are busy with those fun things, don't forget why you do the things you do. We are called to be a living example to those around us. To those that go to church with us and to those that don't. You may just be the face of Jesus to that young father struggling to raise his family or to that young man struggling with gender identity issues or to that mother in the pew praying that her husband can find the strength he needs to make the right decisions. Whether you know it or not, you are being watched. While folks like their privacy, they also enjoy being social. Interacting with those around them. What you do & how you act matters. If you have a KofC shirt wear it to Mass on Sundays or to a social event or when working at a festival. Be proud of the organization you belong to.

JOHNSON CONT.

Proof of Concept:

What is Proof of Concept? I'm glad you asked. Proof of Concept was developed over several years by the South Carolina Jurisdiction. Our State Deputy brought the concept to the KY Jurisdiction this past Fraternal Year. He and our Membership Director, Tom O'Hagan, did an awesome job in rolling it out to the councils, and the results for the councils that embraced it, it was amazing. So much so that I believe that it is one of the reasons why the KY Jurisdiction was able to achieve Circle of Honor. Not to lessen the hard work of both Luke & Tom.

If your council wants new members. The Proof of Concept tool is a game changer. All you have to do is to embrace it. Don't try to change it. Just do it!

Keep your Rosaries with you:

We took a pledge when we became a Knight 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".

**Vivat Jesus,
Tom Johnson
Immediate Past State Deputy**



STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Blessed McGivney Feast Day

Fr. Bill Hammer, Chaplain of my home council St. Margaret Mary Council 15979 got permission from Archbishop Fabre to say what we think may be the first celebration of the votive Mass of Blessed McGivney in the state at noon mass on Wednesday, 8/13. We had a couple of dozen Knights and family members from Fr. Dentinger Council 390, Bishop Spalding Council 2961, Holy Innocents Council 12562, Father Diersen Council 13304, St. Michael Council 15525, St. Edward Council 15841, Ave Maria Council 15931, and 15979. We also had Sir Knights in uniform from my home assembly of Archbishop Floersch Assembly 2008, Msgr. Schmitt Assembly 3075, and Archangels Assembly 3877. My apologies if I missed anyone.



St. Gabriel Council 15699 also celebrated the votive mass that evening.

I encourage every council to work with their Chaplain to celebrate the votive mass net year on Thursday August 2026.

BURNS CONT.

Congratulations!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 12774 in Lexington celebrates its 25th Anniversary September 5th. They were also one of our Star Councils last year!

Have We Got an Opportunity for You!

Tommy and Megan Johnson are stepping down as the State Hospitality Couple next May after four years of MUCH appreciated service. They are the most popular people at our three state meetings a year, holding court as the suppliers of drinks and snacks. They get to see different parts of the state and meet attendees from across the state. It's where the real fraternalization takes place. You also get your hotel room, meals and mileage reimbursed, as well as all your purchases. If you're interested or have any questions, send me a note at dburns.kykofofc@gmail.com I'm sure you'll enjoy it!

New Council Development and Round Tables

State Deputy Luke Williams has given me the goal of getting 6 new councils to help keep Kentucky in the Circle of Honor (like the Star Council for States).

Luke has notified Supreme of our intention to establish a new council at St. Peter Claver parish in Lexington. It'll be an ethnic council, primarily from the Congolese members of the parish.

If you're a member of a council that is homed in a different parish than the one you attend and would like to have a council in your parish, let me know!

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.



BURNS CONT.

Kentucky is historically a slow starter, but this year we're off to a very strong start. As of 9/3, we're actually 8 new members ahead of our YTD Quota of 95 (537 for the year).

We have 3 councils that have already met their Quota!

- Sebree Council 7531 (200%)
- St. Mildred Council 14128 in Somerset (200%)
- Holy Spirit / Newman Center in Lexington (120%)

2 months into the year, 66 of our 98 active councils have not recruited a new member. Join the 22 which have recruited 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!

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,

Welcome September!!

Please remember this is time of the year when Yellow School Busses are on the road. Watch out for the Farm Machinery also. Please welcome our new 84 Brothers that have joined our Order and their Families.

Labor Day was September 1st; with its annual celebration of the social and economic achievements the American Workers have achieved. In the late nineteenth century, Labor activists pushed for a Federal Holiday in recognition of workers that made America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Hope you had very Happy Labor Day.

Please remember Pope Leo's Birthday, September 14.

Eighty years ago, World War II ended, with the Japan's Surrender.

As we get into Fall, vacations are over, Councils need to get down to the business at hand. How is COR doing in your parish? This is a Great way to involve your fellow Catholic Men in your Parish.

State mid-Year Meeting!

This year's Mid-Year Meeting is coming and will be here before you know it, December 12-13, 2025. This is a Great Meeting with lots of information and fellowship for District Deputies, Grand knights, and Financial Secretaries. This year's meeting will be in Madisonville. State Deputy Luke Williams will have the New and Great Information.

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Recruit and Retain

We are getting to the end of the first quarter of this New Fraternal Year, keep up the momentum, don't stop, keep asking that new parish member to join us. The race has begun; have you held an Exemplification? You need to hold one every month. Hand the prospective new member your iPhone, and use "Join KofC" and Promo **Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**. Have you asked that young man, talk to that is a new High School Senior, 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 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.

Council Officers

Any new changes, of address and phone numbers, please keep the Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart (miketheresa@gmail.com) has your 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 District Deputies and District Wardens.

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!
Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Gary Dykhuis
State Treasurer

STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,

As we launch back into the school year, for those councils that have a parish school take this opportunity to review the various programs available for the fall. Soccer challenge, poster contests, citizenship essay contests, and many others are an easy way to reach out to the students and engage with the parish. Be thinking about tootsie roll drives and supporting a seminarian with RSVP.

Checking the reports on forms submitted shows 10 councils still not reporting officers chosen for the new year. This will result in a loss of access to member management and your Youth Protection status will also be lost with no Grand Knight identified. Get those forms in!

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.

Reports as of today show 35 councils not submitting their 365 successfully. This can result from either not submitting at all, or not filling in one of the required positions. These could be Youth Protection required Directors or your Membership Director as that position also needs to be filled for the 365 to be complete. Please review your status and add those missing position assignments.

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

KUCHENBROD CONT.

Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, etc. “Safe Environment 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).

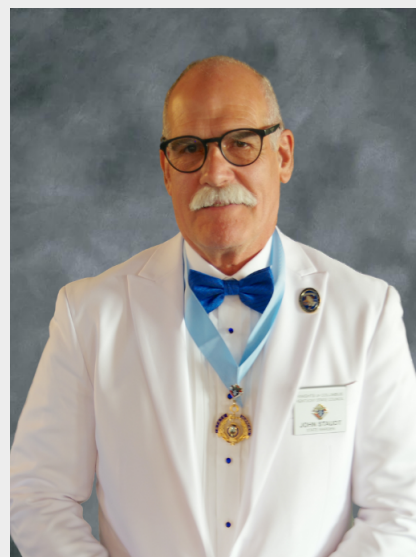
Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have nine more 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,

September is here and summer is winding down. Before you know it, it will be Halloween with costumed kids coming to the door for treats. Maybe your council is involved in a Trunk or Treat. Soon after we are getting ready for Thanksgiving, and then we are into the Advent Season, Christmas and New Year's holidays, and of course, visits with family and friends. Prepare yourselves, it becomes the busiest time of the year, but don't forget about what the holidays are all about; faith, family, community and helping one another.

If you haven't already, take a look at the Supreme Convention events. 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 September/October issue of the Columbia magazine, our Supreme Knight and Chaplin, discuss loneliness and isolation in young men. It is a good read and something to think about. New technologies such as A.I. and social media are poor substitutes for the physical interaction with other human beings. Getting young men, and husbands and their families involved in what we do in Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and Cor, gives men the chance to interact with genuine friendships with others and make a difference with those interactions. Being connected to something bigger than ourselves and making a difference is what, we as men, need.



STAUDT CONT.

Our 2025 Football Frenzy is winding down. The ticket stubs and checks are due to me by September 10th. I hope your council sells the tickets to help with 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 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



WE GROW TODAY FOR TOMORROW

In his annual report at the Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly expressed his gratitude for those who invited someone to join the Order during the last Fraternal Year. Additionally, he called on every Knight to invite two men to join in this new Fraternal Year. Be sure to share this challenge with Knights within your council! It's a great way to help meet membership goals.

Don't overlook the power of partnering with your pastor!

Your pastor is one of your strongest allies as you work to welcome more men to your council. Consider these ways he can help you grow your council:

- If you haven't already planned a POD Church Drive, work with him to find a weekend to hold a POD after all Masses or during a parish-wide event.
- Ask him if there are men in your parish 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 and extend personal invitations to these men.

Supreme Training

Visit kofc.org/training to find our complete library of on-demand training, where state, district, and council officers can go to learn more about their duties and responsibilities, as well as review best practices for the daily operations of an assembly or council, tips for membership growth, and timely suggestions for using programs to keep members actively engaged.

Here's an example of what you will find – click on the links below to register and view at any time:



O'HAGAN CONT.

[Conducting Church Drives](#) – Find out what a successful Church Drive looks like, and how to plan one for your council.

[Conducting Activity Drives](#) – Make your council a visible part of the Church and Community.

[Online Tools and Resources](#) – How to find the guides, forms and information housed in the Officers Online and For Members portals of the [kofc.org website](http://kofc.org).

[Time Management](#) – An opportunity to learn some best practices for handling everyday tasks and long-term goals when limited time is available to manage the day-to-day operations of a council.

[Working With Your Pastor](#) – We discuss the necessity of building strong relationships with our pastors, so that we can assist them in strengthening and growing parish communities.

Council Incentives

Reminder: Local councils can compete to receive prizes from the Supreme Council Home Office when they meet a minimum of 100% of their 2025-2026 Fraternal Year membership quota between July 1 and October 31, 2025!

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

¾ Pole – July 1st thru March 31st



O'HAGAN CONT.

- 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. [Click here for the Competition Criteria.](#)

Parish Outreach Drives

- Parish Outreach Drive pamphlets are ready for distribution. 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.



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

	Actual v Quota MTD	Actual v Quota YTD
New Members	51 v 50 = 122%	101 v 540 = 18.8%
Councils With No YTD Adds		69 v 98
Form 365 Not Submitted (99)		36 x 98
Form 185 Not Submitted (99)		11 v 98
Roundtable		1 v 13
Form 1728		60 v 98
Form 1295 SA Audit (108)		v 98

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



PROGRAM DIRECTOR RSVP CHAIRMAN JOE CARTER



Many of you may have read the novel *Charlotte Gray* by Sebastian Faulks or seen the movie. It is a WWII story of a girl from Scotland named Charlotte Gray. She went to London to work and met and fell in love with an RAF pilot named Peter Gregory. After a period of time, Gregory was flying a mission over France and was shot down. Charlotte was determined to find Gregory. She joined the British spy group and was sent to France, where she looked for Gregory. *Charlotte Gray* depicts experiences of love, loss, and survival as interconnected elements within the story. At one point in Charlotte's sojourn, she meets a character called Levade. Levade is a Catholic Jew who is living in Vichy, France, in 1942. The character writes a diary entry that resonates with me.

"No child born knows the world he is entering, and at the moment of his birth, he is a stranger to his parents. When he dies, many years later, there may be regrets among those left behind that they never knew him better, but he is forgotten almost as soon as he dies because there is no time for others to puzzle out his life. After a few years, he will be referred to once or twice by a grandchild, then by no one at all. Unknown at the moment of birth, unknown after death. This weight of solitude! A being unknown."

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Those of you in District 14 have heard me mention that the most important thing we brother knights do is to honor our brothers when they pass. The Supreme Council agrees.

Our Faith-in-Action programs have been upgraded to include a new program in the Family Category – Remembering Our Faithful Departed.

The **Remembering Our Faithful Departed** program by the Knights of Columbus honors deceased council members, their families, and the parish community through prayer, tradition, and community activities. Its goal is to offer comfort and spiritual support; see below for key activities and objectives.

Purpose and Impact

- **Spiritual Support:** Encourages prayers for the souls in purgatory and invokes the intercession of saints.
- **Emotional Healing:** Helps families and parishioners process grief through shared remembrance.
- **Cultural Enrichment:** Promotes traditions like ofrendas and All Saints Day celebrations, reinforcing Catholic identity.
- **Community Bonding:** Strengthens ties within the parish by honoring those who came before.

Suggested Activities

- **Create an Ofrenda or Altar:** Set up in the church or at home to honor deceased loved ones. Include photos, candles, and religious symbols.
- **Cemetery Visit:** Pray the Memorial Rosary (#11844), One Hundred Requiem Prayer (#11852), or Prayer for the Holy Souls (#11787) while cleaning and decorating graves.
- **Mass for the Departed:** Organize a special Mass to pray for deceased council and parish members.

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- **All Saints Day Party:** Invite children to dress as their favorite saints to celebrate the lives of holy men and women.
- **Promotional Outreach:** Use posters, bulletins, and social media to invite parishioners to participate.

Timing and Recognition

- **Ideal Dates:** Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 (All Saints and All Souls Days), though events can be held year-round.
- **Columbian Award Credit:** Councils earn two program credits by organizing a remembrance event.

For assistance with implementing the program, please reach out to me or any State Officer for support.

RSVP CHAIRMAN

The Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP) – the name seems to say it all - Councils will be refunded a certain amount for supporting someone involved in a vocation program. This is truly an important and highly recommended activity. RSVP fosters a bond between councils and seminarians. Council members work together to encourage, pray for, and assist with the material needs of seminarians.

“Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a mother, a father, a community.” - **Pope Francis**

But, as Lee Corso would say, “Not so fast – My friend!” The RSVP is so much more than that. Pope Francis's quote refers to “before every vocation.” The Knights of Columbus has incorporated a “before” in its RSVP.

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The following is an excerpt from the Knights of Columbus RSVP Handbook.

“The Knights of Columbus cherishes and celebrates all forms of vocation as gifts of God. But because of the Church’s urgent need for priests and consecrated religious women and men, the Order’s vocations program gives special priority to **promoting** (emphasis added) these vocations.”

The next section outlines the objectives of RSVP:

- **Awareness:** The aim is to explain the meaning of different vocations, underline the Church’s urgent need, and encourage people – young people in particular – to hear what God is asking of them.
- **Climate:** This means being aware – and working to make others aware – of the social, cultural, and religious spirit of the times and how it impacts – for good and for ill – people’s readiness to heed and answer God’s call.
- **Motivation:** The intent is to move people to respond positively to God’s call by entering seminaries and novitiates, if this is what God is asking of them, and to persevere in the program of formation for the priesthood or religious life after having done so.

Steps that councils can use to satisfy the objectives:

1. **Traveling Chalice/Crucifix** - The Traveling Chalice or Crucifix activity is a simple, effective way to get parishioners directly involved in supporting vocations. If placed in a prominent place in the home, the Chalice/Crucifix becomes a visual reminder of vocations. The family or individual prays for vocations for a week. This process often prompts valuable self-reflection on one’s common Christian vocation. Councils may purchase a Chalice/Crucifix or borrow one from a supportive Fourth Degree Assembly.

On Sunday, an individual or family takes the chalice. This can be done in different ways. The priest can present the chalice at the end of Mass, or the chalice can be picked up in the sacristy after Mass. The recipient(s) then take the chalice home, put it in a prominent place in their home, and pray every day for vocations during the week.

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Recipients should be reminded to return the chalice to the parish on Friday or Saturday following pick-up. The Chalice/Crucifix can then be reassigned every two weeks.

2. Saint Carra Club suggests informing the parish about vocations, praying and supporting seminarians, identifying potential candidates for the priesthood or religious life, and collaborating with other parish committees.
3. The Carra Club further suggests planning for an annual Church vocation appreciation and awareness event, like Priesthood Sunday. Priesthood Sunday is designated as a day to recognize the priesthood and its role within the Church. It brings the entire parish together to thank the pastor and associate priests for their prayerful and spiritual leadership. Traditionally scheduled for the fourth Sunday of October, councils are encouraged to choose any Sunday that works best with their liturgical and priest schedule.
4. Vocations awareness days at Catholic elementary, secondary schools, or colleges.
5. Sponsorship of poster or essay contests in Catholic elementary and secondary schools.
6. Organized prayer to promote vocations, especially Holy Hours.
7. Effective distribution of Knights of Columbus and Catholic Information Service vocations materials in parishes, Catholic schools, and retreat houses.

“Where there is life and fervor, and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations spring up.”

- Pope Francis

Knights of Columbus councils provide financial support to seminarians. However, supporting seminarians also requires encouraging vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, not only financial assistance.

**Joe Carter, FDM
Program Director**

GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus Insurance Protection – Are you adequately protected?

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need? Maybe you wonder about this occasionally, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now. According to the most recent Insurance Study performed by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association ("LIMRA"), 40 percent of American adults say they need life insurance or need to obtain more life insurance coverage.

That's a lot of people wondering, "What if?" What if you need more? What if you're not prepared for the unexpected? Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap: Young adults. If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is, buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now. Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

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Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone. Life insurance can help provide security for the unknown. Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

Small business owners. You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensure your business will operate if the unexpected happens. There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs. Don't wait — ensuring you and your family are protected can be quicker and easier than you may imagine. Set up time to meet with a Field Agent to start the process together.

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



Stars and other awards fell on the Kentucky State Council Councils at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 fraternal year. In my August newsletter article, I wrote on the Star District Award and the five known recipients (DDs 6, 12, 14, 15 and 22. I later became aware of two other District Deputies that achieved the Star District Award. They are:

District 2 Dennis Herricks (now Former District Deputy. Den served eight years as a DD)
1055 Paducah*, 10962 Paducah, 10988 Calvert City, 11591 Paducah

District 21 Mike Nachazel

12502 Independence*, 16424 Walton, 17445 Covington

• DD's home Council. Congratulations Den and Mike.

In total 49 Councils earned 58 Supreme awards 30 of them Star Councils.

I have created two charts showing the 49 Councils and the 58 awards they earned. Chart 1 lists the Councils earning the Star Council Award and Chart 2 lists the other 19 Councils and the awards they earned.

Congratulations to the officers and members of the Councils that were recognized by Supreme for service to their community, parish and the Kentucky State Council.

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

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Kentucky State Council					
Supreme Council Awards 2024-2025 Chart 1					
Council	Name	Location	Star	Star District	District Deputy
2282	St. Theresa	Brandenburg	Triple	2	Dennis Herricks
13304	Fr. Diersen	Lagrange	Triple	6	Tom O'Hagan
15452	Newman Center UK	Lexington	Triple	12	Eric Guy
18058	St. Peter	Lexington	Triple	14	Dennis Scanga
7847	Msgr. Willett	Hopkinsville	Double	15	Paul Tadatada
12965	Fr. Kapaun	Oak Grove	Double	21	Mike Nachazel
15914	Fr. Sampson	Fort Campbell	Double	22	Keith Cahill
18126	Fr. Badin	Shelbyville	Double		
18284	St. Michael	Ft. Mitchell	Double		
390	Fr. Dentinger	Louisville	X		
1055	Holy Rosary	Paducah	X		
1315	Fr. Powers	Bowling Green	X		
4665	Msgr. Newman	Shivley	X		
5453	Bishop Ackerman	Burlington	X		
10725	Bishop Soenneker	Owensboro	X		
10988	Msgr. Thompson	Calvert City	X		
11132	Fr. Glahn	Madisonville	X		
11470	St. John/St. Francis	Georgetown	X		
12354	St. Joseph	Mt. Washington	X		
12502	Fr. McGivney	Independence	X		
12774	St. Elizabeth Seton	Lexington	X		
12852	St. Mark	Richmond	X		
12923	Fr. Creed	Campbellsville	X		
14604	Mount Mercy	Peewee Valley	X		
15181	Blessed Trinity	E/P/DS**	X		
15525	St. Michael's	Jeffersonville	X		
15841	St. Edward the Confessor	Louisville	X		
15979	St. Margaret Mary	Louisville	X		
16179	Sts. Brigid and James	Louisville	X		
17445	Bishop Maes Holy Cross	Covington	X		
			30		
** Eddyville/Princeton/Dawson Springs					



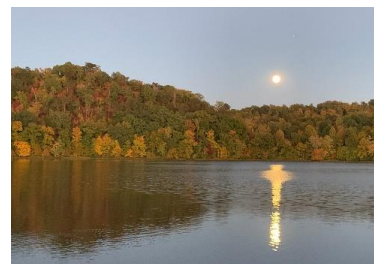
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Kentucky State Council								
Supreme Council Awards 2024-2025 Chart 2								
Council	Name	Location	C/M	C/F	C	M/F	M	F
2499	Hardinsburg	Hardinsburg	X					
5634	St. John XXIII	Louisville		X				
14290	Our Lady of Lourds	Owensboro		X				
15699	St. Gabriel	Louisville		X				
15931	Ave Maria	Louisville		X				
17606	Fr. O'Donnell	BD/M*		X				
1320	Henderson	Henderson			X			
10263	St. Luke	Nicholasville			X			
10962	Msgr. Higdon	Paducah			X			
702	Bishop Carroll	Covington				X		
6101	Fr. Connor	Sorgho				X		
14372	Maey Queen of the Holy Rosary	Lexington				X		
1418	Msgr. Russell	Fancy Farm					X	
6317	Fr. Malloy	Danville					X	
8145	Sacred Heart	Russellville					X	
11591	Devine Mercy	Paducah					X	
15681	St. Lawrence	Lawrenceburg					X	
16956	Fr. Stern	Middlesboro					X	
1367	Uniontown	Uniontown						X
19			2	10	3	6	6	1
								28
* Beaver Dam/Morgantown								
C = Columbian, M = McGivney, F = Founders								

Local Events



PRESENTS:
12TH ANNUAL



BLUEGRASS ON (LAKE) BESHEAR

Sat, October 11, 2025 11:45 AM to 5 PM

(Grounds Open at 11 AM – Rain or Shine)

On beautiful Lake Beshear. Bring lawn chairs & coolers.

Food, drinks, baked goods, merch available.

RAFFLE – Dozens of Prizes - \$1000 Grand Prize!

FREE ADMISSION.....FEATURING:

11:45	Bright Life Farms Choir (Inspirational)	Special Appearance By: Grand Harmony
Noon	South Union Band (Bluegrass)	
1 PM	Lighthouse Vocal Band (Country/Gospel)	
2 PM	Chris Rogers & the Kentucky Troubadours (Country)	
3 PM	Alonzo Pennington (Blues/Rock)	
4 PM	Cutter & Cash & the Kentucky Grass (Bluegrass)	

Location: 307 Island Cove Lane Dawson Springs, KY
(West fork of Lake Beshear off Rt 672, 4 mi. SW of Dawson Springs)

“Bluegrass on Beshear” supports 5 pregnancy care centers in western KY:

Door of Hope (Madisonville)

H.O.P.E. Clinic (Benton and Eddyville)

Alpha PCC (Hopkinsville)

Pathway of Hope (Greenville)

Money raised up to \$15,000 will be matched!!

Visit: www.BluegrassonBeshear.com or Facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear for info



WE ARE...PICKIN' LIFE!!!

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 #: _____

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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

CALENDAR

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September

Coats for Kids BOGO deadline 12

October

Columbus Day 13

November

All Souls Day 2

1st Sunday of Advent 30

December

Midyear Meeting 12-13

Christmas 25

February

Ash Wednesday 18

March

St. Patrick's Day 17

Good Friday 29

Founder's Day 29

April

Easter Sunday 5

Divine Mercy 12

State Convention 24-26

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