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1ST RESPONDER MASS

I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made the First Responder Mass on September 12th in Hopkinsville such a beautiful and meaningful event. It was a true honor to welcome 20 first responders, including representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Hopkinsville Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Storm Chasers, the Mayor, and a Kentucky State Representative.

David Allard
Faithful Navigator

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NOT ALONE PREGNANCY CENTER

In October 2020, during **Respect Life Month**, Council 11470 began a quarterly collection drive in support of the **Not Alone Pregnancy Center**. What started as a small initiative has now reached an incredible milestone.

This month marks our 5th Anniversary, and after 21 collections I'm pleased to share that our council has collected a total of \$22,012 in cash/check over this period including \$1,459 this month alone.

Beyond the financial support, we've also received numerous donations of handmade blankets, diapers, baby wipes, and gently used clothing, all of which have made a meaningful impact for mothers and families in need. Attached is an image of items from our October collection, a clear reflection our **St. Francis and John Parish** family generosity and dedication.

Scott Carter

Treasurer



2025 BELL AWARD

The Knights at St Edward Council 15841 in Louisville have collected food supplies from local grocery stores beginning with the pandemic in 2020, and donating them to local food pantries and shelters throughout Louisville.

One such pantry, is located at the Calvary Episcopal Church, directed by Margaret Dickinson, who is a winner of a prestigious 2025 Bell award for her outreach food program to the poor in Central Louisville.

She emphasizes that "all of our 74 volunteers and contributing organizations are responsible and deserve the credit- NOT ME!

WLKY will be filming our food operations this week, in preparation for a documentary that will air on channel 32 on October 18 at 8pm. Best news is that our food pantry gets a \$500 prize!

The overwhelming stats since Covid onset 3/16/20 are now 111,111 bags of food and toiletries serving 129,075 people. WOW for sure! Our village is amazing!"

Brian Gregory

Program Director



CONSTITUTION DAY

On Wednesday September 17th Assembly 2753 celebrated Constitution Day with the seventh and eighth grade students from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School.

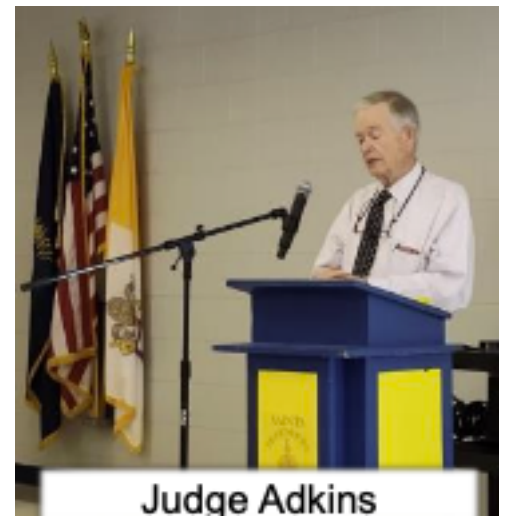
We had the Honorable Judge John Atkins, and Magistrate Russ Guffy as featured speakers.

Judge Atkins spoke about the three branches of government with particular attention paid to the judicial branch. Magistrate Guffy spoke about the difference between the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. He stressed the importance that the Constitution is not and was never perfect. He explained that is why we have twenty-seven amendments, to cover things that were not thought of in years passed. He mentioned the first amendment guarantees free speech, the right to assemble, and religious freedom. He also discussed the amendments abolishing slavery, and giving women the right to vote.

Magistrate Guffey kept the students engaged and participating in the discussion, they really seemed to enjoy his presentation.

David Allard

Faithful Navigator



MIRACLES AT THE TABLE

Miracles at the Table – September 10, 2025

St. Michael the Archangel Council 18284 in Fort Mitchell hosted Fr. Leo Patalinghug for "Miracles at the Table" dinner, a discussion built around Father Leo's concept of the "Theology of Food." 400 enthusiastic attendees gathered to explore the profound connection between faith, food, and family. The engagement was an inspiring talk and cooking demonstration delivered by the charismatic Priest, author, and award winning-Chef, who captivated the audience with his humor and wisdom.

For those who couldn't attend or want to re-experience the evening, the full recording is now available: <https://youtu.be/GDa1F8HXjXk>

As Father Leo put it, the dinner table is "more than just where we eat. It's where God feeds our hearts, our relationships and our faith".

Fr. Leo challenged attendees to consider the art of "**Plating Grace**"—the opposite of the devil's "art of plating," which makes bad things look good. Our mission is to transform ourselves into "culinarian spiritual sommeliers" discerning what nourishes us and what doesn't, ultimately making grace attractive and visible for our families to consume. This central idea came alive during his lively cooking demonstration of Rigatoni Alla Norcina, where every ingredient served as a metaphor for life and faith.



Key Takeaways: Why the Family Meal is Non-Negotiable

One of the most impactful takeaways from the evening was the scientific and spiritual case for making the family meal a priority. Father Leo shared powerful data, citing a study that identifies a **regular family meal** as the number one factor in improving a teenager's testing scores and reducing risks such as teen drug addiction, pregnancy, and suicide. This isn't about perfection; it's about priority. To achieve this, Father Leo gave three actionable steps:

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1.Master the Schedule: We must "master our schedule or our schedules master us". Instead of letting extracurriculars dictate the calendar, decide when your family will eat together first. Even two to three planned meals a month can make a huge difference.

2.Make Good Food: Good food is essential because, as he comically noted, a full mouth is a quiet mouth, allowing parents to talk to their kids.

3.Get Everyone Involved: Involve the whole family in every step, from shopping to cleanup. This teaches the essential "gift of serving and therefore the gift of loving".

John Carey
Grand Knight

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Don't Forget to Report Volunteer Hours

If you or your Council have volunteered at any Special Olympics event including fundraising events like Polar Plunges, Truck Pulls and golf outings, don't forget to report your hours to supreme. Every hour you report is figured into the check that Supreme sends to Kentucky to present in May. For more information, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org or 859-338-6075.

Volunteers Still Needed Through End of the Year

There are still great volunteer opportunities through the end of the year, especially at our Area and State Bowling Tournaments. To register, visit soky.org/volunteernow. If you want to volunteer as a group, contact Michaela at mroy@soky.org or 502-695-8222.



Upcoming Competition Dates

Oct. 18 – Area 6 Bowling Tournament, Richmond

Oct. 18 – Area 7 Bowling Tournament, Newport

Oct. 19 – Region 2 Flag Football Tournament, Crestview Hills

Oct. 25-26 – Area 1 Bowling Tournament, Paducah

Oct. 26 – Area 2 Bowling Tournament, Owensboro

Dec. 6-7 – State Bowling Tournament, Louisville

Holiday Gift Card Raffle Returns!

Each year Special Olympics Kentucky gives away a huge gift card package just in time for the Holidays. This year, they are offering a package valued at \$4,900 in gift cards to some of the Holiday Season's most popular retailers, restaurants and more. Tickets are just \$10 each and all the money raised supports Kentucky athletes. For more information or to buy tickets, visit sokyraffle.com



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Peace

After reading the Gospel reflection from Bishop Robert Barron today, he pointed out that “The demonic power is always one of scattering. It breaks up communion. But Jesus, as always, is the voice of *communio*, of one bringing things back together.”

Being different is a gift from our Creator but as we have been told at our joining of our Order, we are individual fibers and bound together for our common causes of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Without actually listening and communicating personally with folks in our lives, one can miss out on that the wonderful gift of communion that Jesus always speaks of in the Gospels.

As the seasons change, I ask that all Kentucky Knights of Columbus come together and work on the 4 points of this Fraternal Year’s Strategic Plan.

1. Make Succession Planning for our leadership a regular order of business for the State and Local Councils. **(Training)**
2. Achieve Membership Growth Goals set for State and Local Councils. **(Ask every Catholic man in Kentucky to join us)**
3. 25 Local Councils achieve Star Council Status before June 30, 2026. **(Be Active)**
4. Increase COR awareness in Parishes throughout Kentucky. **(Pray with your Brothers)**

There are no guarantees we will be successful but if we come together as many, we will at least not have to face our perils alone.



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Pray for Peace this October

Brother Knights, October is traditionally a month dedicated to Mary, and in particular to her title as Our Lady of the Rosary. This month, Pope Leo XIV has **invited** all the faithful to pray the rosary every day for the intention of peace.

Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly asked every member to answer our Holy Father's call and pray a daily rosary for peace. As a council leader, we encourage you to lead by example in answering this call and to promote daily rosaries for peace among your council members and within your parish communities.

FY 2025-2026 Upcoming Important Dates for your Council Calendar

*1st Thursday of every Month	Zoom DD/SD Meeting @ 9:00 PM EST
*2nd Monday of every Month	Zoom GK/SD Meeting @ 8:30 PM EST
*October, 2025	Respect Life Month
*October, 2025	Month of the Holy Rosary
*October 10, 2025	Council Suspension date if July Supreme Per Capita Bills not paid.
*October 14, 2025	Columbus Day
*October 18, 2025	St. Luke Feast Day
*October 22, 2025	St. John Paul II Feast Day
*December 12-13, 2025	Midyear Meeting – Madisonville, KY C#11132 Hosting
*January, 2026	Councils order Parish Outreach Church Drive materials for March
*January, 2026	District Meetings with DD and other GK's in District
*TBD , 2026	Kentucky March for Life – Frankfort-State Capital
*February 15, 2026	Awards/State Per Capita/State Convention Stuff
*March, 2026	Councils have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*March 15, 2026	Candidate and Council Resolutions turn into State Advocate Deadline
*March 15, 2026	State Award Submissions due to Program Director
*March 29, 2026	Founders Day – Have a Membership Drive on 3/29/26
*April 24-26, 2026	123rd Annual Knights of Columbus - KY State Convention – Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort

2025 Midyear 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.



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Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)

A reminder that Councils need to submit Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) for each program that has been conducted since July 1, 2025

- **Fishers of Men for Southeast Territory invitation** - We currently have 3 councils from KY on the list that are qualified to receive money from the Supreme Council for their membership status....the incentive ends October 31st so I wish all "good luck" with the October Parish Outreach Drives (POD's)

Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF)

Each Council should have an EFF Director to ensure that the COR model and the KofC materials available for use in all KY Parishes are promoted. In order to effectively promote COR, all Councils should have an EFF Director appointed to lead us. Here is a link to the KofC EFF Director guide that tells what is involved.

[11825 Cor Council EFF Director Role Guide](#)

Fraternal Benefit Events – Founders Award Qualification

There will be an online event that will count for 1 FBE and the # of attendees will count towards the FBE council total. I encourage all Knights of Columbus members to attend the upcoming virtual webinar. This Fraternal Benefit Event will take place live on **Monday, October 27th at 8pm ET**. This virtual event will allow members to learn more about the living benefits of life insurance and see if they are missing out on often-overlooked financial features to help shield their family.

To register, visit this link - [Maximize your Living Benefits - 1734524](#)

- **Safe Environment Training** – The Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director and Family Director for each Council is required to have completed the Safe Environment Training courses administered by "Praesidium" for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. There are 3 short courses to be taken via internet (hard copies are available if necessary). The Family and Community Directors also need to have background checks (no charge) thru the Supreme Council. Please look for email notifications from Praesidium in your "inbox" or "spam/junk" folders for assigned username and password to complete this important training. We currently have 30 councils that are SEP compliant and doing well towards the Star Council achievement.

Contact your District Deputy or any State Officer for more information or help.

- **New Supreme Membership Incentive (Encourage Members to Go for Two)** Knights who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st, 2025, will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500! Ten second-place winners will receive a customized K of C-branded football. Send copies of the flyer attached at the end of this

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agenda to all members to help them lead their councils to membership success towards the McGivney (membership) and Star Council (Excellence) Awards.

– Brothers,

We currently have 357 **online members** who potentially want to join a council in Kentucky.

Please help by asking your Pastor and scheduling a Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification at your Parish. There are many Knights in leadership positions across the Commonwealth that will help with getting these men into a council. The local District Deputy, State Membership Director Tom O'Hagan or I will send a list that is separated by Parish or city of those who should be contacted. The first step is to schedule and set up a CUF exemplification. The next step is to ask these men along with all other catholic men over 18 of your Parish to attend this exemplification with their families. I also recommend that your District has at least one CUF a month. Let your District Deputy know when, where and what time scheduled CUF's are made. Invite other councils to attend.

I would like to put this in perspective; this amount is larger than our largest local Council that now supports 2 parishes. Please don't make these members wait any longer to enjoy the full benefits of being a Knights of Columbus Brother to help his Parish, community and family.

We all need each other. The Devil has been creating division amount all the human race since the fall of those angels. I ask that you don't fall into the "Division" trap. Seek Peace in all things even when they seem hard to do. I want all who read this to know how proud I am to be a part of this organization. There are so many great people that I would not know about if I was not a member of the Knights of Columbus family. Invite prospective Knights of Columbus members to all Council/Parish activities and please continue to pray daily, we all need help from our Father.

Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
KY State Deputy



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Wisdom 2:12 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

**Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.**

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

**Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.**

Brothers, this reading really hit home. As I watch our Catholic faith come under constant attack, these words continue to ring just as true today as they did in Jesus' time.

I am honored and proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and to profess our Catholic Faith. I hope that by now most if not all of you have watched the Into the Breach videos. Bishop Olmstead's writings encourage Catholic men to step up and take your place as the head of your household and be a role model for your family.

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Let us continue to “Be Fishers of Men”. Every Jurisdiction throughout the Order is committed to not only growing its members, but to arm their members with the knowledge and faith foundation to stand against the evils of Satan and his non-believers. Let us not cower to the temptations of the evil one but stand strong and step Into the Breach. Let us joyfully be known as the “just one”, for we know that God will take care of us.

COR: To help us in our efforts to strength our faith & the faith of our fellow parishioners, Supreme implemented the COR program about 2 years ago. One does not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to benefit from the lessons learned from COR. Consider talking to your Pastor and ask him if this is something that he feels will benefit the parish. For more information, contact Dave LeDonne or State Chaplain Fr. John List.

October... Fatima, the Rosary, Christopher Columbus, Halloween:

Welcome to October and the start of our 2nd quarter. There are a lot of opportunities out there for you and your council to get active. October is recognized as the Month of the Rosary for it was on October 13th, 1917, that Our Lady appeared to the children of Fatima and instructed them to pray the Rosary daily for the salvation of the world.

- Oct 11th is the 12th Anniversary of the Bluegrass on Beshear: Pick ‘in Life event in Dawson Springs. Jeff Smith & his wife Laura will gladly accept help and donations from any council that wishes to participate.
- Oct 14th is Columbus Day in honor of Christopher Columbus.
- October 22nd is the Feast Day of St John Paul II.
- and on October 31st we traditionally celebrate Halloween and prepare for All Saints Day & All Souls Day.

4th Degree:

Congratulations to our newest Assembly located in Georgetown, KY. The members have chosen the name Sacred Heart for their Assembly.

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Please Pray:

Pick up your Rosaries and pray. Pray that through the intercession of Mary the United States of America may once again turn from our sins of abortion, hatred, jealousy, anger and envy. For without God, we are nothing.

Let's make the 2025-2026 fraternal year a year in which we turn to God and give Him thanks for all things. We were blessed with earning Circle of Honor last year, let's make it 2 years in a row!

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



STATE TREASURER GARY DYKHUIS



Worthy Brothers,

Happy October!!

We are having a Great Recruiting Year so far, 152 new Brother Knights. That is a Great Accomplishment in the first Quarter. Let's keep going, the race is still going, is your council going to be a Star Council?

Saturday October 11th is the 12th Anniversary of the Bluegrass on Beshear: Pic 'in Life in Dawson Springs. A fun family event.

Columbus Day is October 13th, in honor of Christopher Columbus.

October 13th, is the United States Navy Birthday, Happy Birthday to all the Navy Veterans and Navy Personnel.

October 22nd is the Feast Day of St. John Paul II.

October 31st is Halloween and need to prepare for All Saints Day & All Souls Day.

October is the month to pray the Rosary every day.

How is **COR** doing in your parish? This is a Great way to involve your fellow Catholic Men 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**.

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State mid-Year Meeting!

A Great Meeting will be the Mid-Year Meeting in Madisonville, December 12-13, 2025. A good meeting with lots of information for District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries. Our State Deputy Luke Williams will have the New and Great Information from the Mid-Year Meeting with Supreme.

Recruit and Retain

This is the Fourth month of the 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.

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.

May you have a Blessed Year!

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Have a Blessed Day!

Gary Dykhuis
State Treasurer

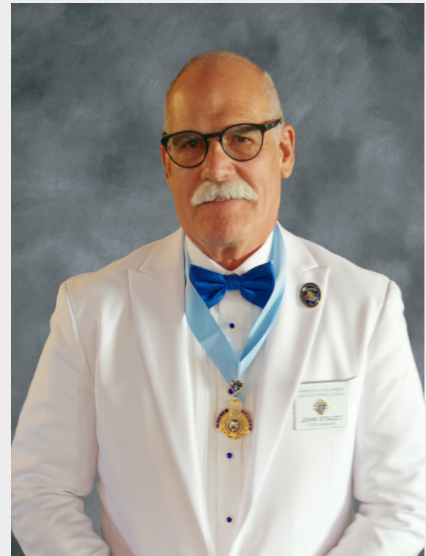
STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



I am away in the United Kingdom and will be back next month.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**

STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

October is here and fall is upon us. This is the month of Halloween with costumed kids coming to the door for treats. Maybe your council is involved in a Trunk or Treat or other parish activity for the youth. Before we know it, we are preparing for Thanksgiving, and then we full swing 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.

I just returned from a two week trip to Italy. Our first stop was Rome. I toured the Vatican, participated in a pilgrimage through the Holy Doors and was blessed by Pope Leo XIV on his birthday, September 14th. The crowd in the St. Peters Square was packed. Pope Leo blesses the crowd every Sunday at noon. On this eventful day, his birthday, after blessing the those in the square, we all sang Happy Birthday in our native language. It was a sight to see and hear. This is the Jubilee Year for the Church and happens every 25 years at the start of Advent. That is when the Holy Doors into St. Peter's Basilica are opened. To have the privilege to walk through the doors with others from all over the world was a something I could not pass up. By-the-way, the food in Italy was great too.

In the September 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

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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.

Our 2025 Football Frenzy is almost done. The ticket stubs and checks were due to me by September 10th, so I would have time to process them. But there is still a little bit of time to get them to me before October 10th. Call, text or email me to find out what needs to be done to still participate. I hope your council has sold 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

The first quarter of the Fraternal Year is complete. How well did your council and your district grow?

Have you transferred your e-members prospects via a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification? We should have only a few e-members at any one time, not over 100 prospects, waiting for an exemplification. Either transfer him or reject him.

Have you completed at least one Parish Outreach Membership Drive? Let's encourage our councils to take advantage of every opportunity they have by inviting a new Catholic man and his family to join our Order. It's FREE, they literally have nothing to lose, but so much to gain.

BRINGING ONLINE MEMBERS INTO YOUR COUNCIL

Be proactive to reach these prospects

- They want to join your council
- Prospects see delays as "You aren't interested in them"
- Call them within 1-2 weeks

Don't make this too complicated

- Just follow your normal council process to "Admit" new members

The hardest part of Membership work is already done

- These men already want to join your council
- Just vet them, get them through an exemplification, process the paperwork &
- get them actively engaged.

Remember why you're doing all this

- Strengthen your church
- Grow the Order
- Help these men become better Catholics, husbands, fathers, and men

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SUPREME TRAINING

Officers Online (Login Required): <https://www.kofc.org/oo>

Website – Online Membership Resources: [Inviting Men to Join | Knights of Columbus](#)

Video – How to Sign Up an Online Member: [Online Join Video - Membership - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery](#)

Video Prospect Tab Training: [Prospect Tab Training Video - Officers Online - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery](#)

Video – Candidate Tab Training: [Candidate Tab Training - Officers Online - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery](#)

Guide – Online Application Walkthrough: [11422 Online Membership Walk through](#)

Guide – Prospect Tab Walkthrough: [prospect-tab-walkthrough.pdf](#)

Webinar - Transitioning from Online to Council Membership: [Transitioning Online to Council Membership - 1708692](#)

Website – Fraternal Operations: [Fraternal Operations | Knights of Columbus](#)

COUNCIL INCENTIVES Kentucky State Council

Fraternal Year 2025-26 Membership Growth Incentives

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

- #1 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
 - Councils that have qualified – 7847
- #2 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.
 - Councils that have qualified - 1301, 3379, 4473, 14128, 15707
- #3 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
 - Councils that have qualified – NONE

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

- #4 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, will receive \$50
- Councils that have qualified so far – 7847

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¾ Pole – July 1st thru March 31st

· #5 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.

Councils that have qualified so far – 7847,

· #6 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)

Councils that have qualified so far – 7831, 14128

Fishers of Men: Extend the Invitation

A Membership Growth Competition for Councils July 1 – October 31st, 2025

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!

Every Catholic man should be aware of the Knights of Columbus and the membership benefits available to him and his family. The good news is that they are willing to join us on our mission. But they're waiting to be invited. That's why we encourage you to extend the invitation as soon as possible and meet 100% of your membership quota by October 31.

Leaderboard- [db9d653a-e3d1-497a-a33f-f70edfcafc0.pdf](#)

Go For Two!

Recruiter incentive running until December 31.

Chance to win for every 2 (two) men recruited • Drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500!*

Ten second-place winners will receive a customized, KofC-branded football. • Additional Materials Coming • Game Watch * For insurance jurisdictions only. Cash prize is in USD.

Other restrictions apply.



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Parish Outreach Drives

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.

	Actual v Quota MTD	Actual v Quota YTD
New Members	73 v 45 = 162%	174 v 520 = 34.04%
Councils With No YTD Adds		57 v 99
Form 365 Not Submitted (99)		29 v 99
Form 185 Not Submitted (99)		8 v 99

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



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus Living Benefits within Whole Life Insurance Protection

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.” One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow tax deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness. One of those riders is the new Knights of Columbus Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. Please contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent to discuss and review the value of the Knights of Columbus Living Benefits within our Whole Life Insurance protection.

Vivat Jesus!

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