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SPECIAL OLYMPIANS / SPECIAL NEEDS BASKETBALL

Msgr. James H. Willett Council #7847 in Hopkinsville hosted 34 Special Olympian basketball team members and Special Needs individuals at a Christian County High School Lady Colonels basketball match. This is the 20th year the Knights of Council #7847 have conducted this type of event and has been organized by SK Tony Esposito for the past several years. Between the Junior Varsity and Varsity games, each of the attendees were introduced to the crowd and greeted by all of the team players and coaches. The Council also hosted several family members of the attendees. Council #7847 treated all of them to the school's concessions during the match. The Knights of Council #7847 are looking forward to seeing this wonderful group of people again when we host them at a Spring high school baseball game.

Richard Hornbeak
Financial Secretary



HELPING WITH MILITARY MISSIONS

Military Missions is just one of many organizations that sends care packages overseas to our deployed military personnel. In 2004, in Lexington KY, a mother of a marine started this operation that has grown to what it is today. One of the primary activities is to send out care packages to units that have requested them. What began with 16 care packages has grown to over 5,000 per year.

On Ash Wednesday, Joseph O’Callahan Assembly 3929 delivered a donation and stayed to help build 1,050 packages that night. Retired Col. Mark Roland – US Air Force –(pictured) received the donation. Before Easter, Military Missions plans to ship 2,300 care packages.

If your assembly would like to contribute or assist in other care package building in Lexington, please contact Chris Luketich Faithful Navigator | Joseph O’Callahan Assembly 3929.



SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (MAC)

On February 25, Assembly 2753 was proud to support the Christian County Military Affairs Committee (MAC) at their annual Eagle Ambassador Breakfast, held at Oak Grove Gaming, Racing & Hotel. This inspiring event brought together volunteers, Gold Star Families, service members, and local officials to celebrate the committee's impressive record of over 100 events in 2025 and to align on shared goals for the year ahead. We were honored to join this community gathering, which serves as a vital kickoff for the year, ensuring our local heroes and their families remain at the forefront of our collective mission.

David Allard
Faithful Navigator



SUPPORTING GILDA'S CLUB OF LOUISVILLE

Monday, March 2, 2026, Bishop Flaget Council 13053 presented checks to Gilda's Club of Louisville. For over ten years, this Council has run the annual Governors Cup contest, which requires a prediction of the score of the UK vs UL football game. Several hundred tickets are sold and the winner wins \$1,000. In addition, several thousand dollars per year are raised selling ads on the tickets to concerned vendors.

Gilda's Club offers support to children and their families as they go through cancer treatments. In 2025, 44 families received support from the club. Bishop Flaget has raised and donated more than \$75,000 over the past nine years of the program. This program sees more Knight support than any other in the Council.

Pictured are Sir Knight Jack Banbury and Tonya Cook of Gildas Club and Cassidy Stocker, who is 17 years old and in remission.

Jack Banbury



CARING FOR OUR HEROES: SUPPORTING THE PENNYROYAL VETERANS CENTER

On February 24, Faithful Purser of Assembly #2753 presented a monetary donation to the Pennyroyal Veterans Center to assist with the purchase of essential supplies used during the initial intake process. The center’s staff expressed their sincere gratitude, noting that this contribution will have a profound impact on Veterans as they begin their transition through the facility. By providing these critical necessities from the moment a hero arrives, we are proud to support the center’s mission of ensuring every Veteran is met with the dignity and care they deserve.

David Allard
Faithful Navigator



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Brother Knights:

I want to let you know that the 2026 Salute to Summer Games campaign for Special Olympics Kentucky is now underway. The website (sokysalute.com) is now live and ready for Councils to help raise money to support the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Just as a reminder, for the seventh year our Brotherhood throughout the state is working to raise money to support the upcoming Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games.

Once again this year, our goal is to raise \$12,000, or about \$1 for each Knight in the state. This will make the Knights of Columbus a Gold Sponsor of these Games. I know we can accomplish that goal if we work together.

To that end, I am asking each of you to make the Salute a topic of discussion at your March Council meeting. There are two ways your Council can participate:

1. You are always able to write a check to support the Salute. If you choose this route, I ask that it be for \$1 per active Council member or more.
2. I know Councils receive many requests for direct support every year and you cannot fulfill all of them. If you would like to support the Salute but not dedicate Council funds, it is easy to raise money quickly through the Salute to Summer Games website. To do that,
 - Identify one at least one Knight in your Council to participate in this project; however, the more who participate, the more likely we are to meet our goal.
 - Identify one Knight to serve as the Captain for this project.
 - Register your Council team on the official web site at sokysalute.com
 - Have all participating Knights register as part of your Council's team.
 - Have each Knight create a [Facebook fundraiser](#) via his fundraising Participant Center at sokysalute.com.

If each Council participates, we should easily reach our goal, and the Knights will once again be listed as a Gold Sponsor for the Summer Games.

If your Council chooses to make a direct donation, checks can be sent to:

Special Olympics Kentucky
ATTN: Salute to Summer Games
105 Lakeview Ct.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Should you have questions about registering or setting up your Council team, please contact our Special Olympics Chairman Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or mbuerger@soky.org.

Thank you for supporting this important activity.

Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
State Deputy

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Volunteer Opportunities Abound in Coming Months

March through May provides huge opportunities for Knights across the state to volunteer at Special Olympics Kentucky events. From basketball to soccer to track and field, there is no shortage of need for volunteer help. And no sports experience is necessary for most of the positions. Upcoming events include:

April 11 – Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet, Johnson Central High School, Paintsville

April 11 – Area 8 Track and Field Meet – Great Crossing High School, Georgetown

April 12 – Louisville Regional Soccer Tournament, Lynn Family Training Facility, Louisville

April 25 – Area 1 Track and Field Meet – Calloway County High School, Murray

April 25 – Area 2 Track and Field Meet – Owensboro Middle School

April 25 – Area 5 Track and Field Meet – Bowling Green High School

April 25 – Area 6 Track and Field Meet – Southwestern High School, Somerset

April 25 – Area 7 Track and Field Meet – Ryle High School, Union

May 9 – Area 4 Track and Field Meet – Mercy High School, Louisville

For more information about how your Council can volunteer, contact Michael Roy at mroy@soky.org. To register to volunteer, visit <https://soky.org/volunteernow/>.



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



He Leads Me In Right Paths - Part Two

“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” – Knights of Columbus-Kentucky State Council Mission Statement found at kykofc.com

Thanks to “many”, the KY State Council is growing and continuing to adhere to our Mission Statement.

Being in the position of the Kentucky State Deputy these past 20 months has been an “excellent” journey. When I actually started the “planning” for what I felt needed to be the Knights of Columbus - KY Strategic Plan for both the Fraternal Year 2024 – 2025 and the current Fraternal Year 2025 – 2026 terms, I prayed that the direction the KY State Council was headed would be helpful for all local councils along with the proper continuance of the duties for the KY Jurisdiction processes and procedures. The support provided by our Brother Knights has significantly contributed to the improvement of our parishes, communities, commonwealth, and country. This commitment helps further our mission to serve our God.

It will be my honor to give the “State of the Kentucky Jurisdiction Address” at next month’s 123rd KofC Kentucky State Convention and show my appreciation for all the support given and received that has made the Kentucky State Council and the current 99 Local Councils stronger over the past fraternal year.

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But the fraternal year is not over after that. We will still have till June 30th to finish “shaping the direction of the Jurisdiction”. Let’s continue to get better at what we do and remember the main goal we set every year which is to be a Better Disciple of Christ.

[The Kentucky March for Life in Frankfort is March 11, 2026](#) – Frankfort, KY

You can register at the link below to receive email updates and to stay informed about this year’s KY March for Life. I urge all 99 KY Knights of Columbus Councils to be represented in Frankfort for this year’s March for Life. **Please plan to join us at the Capital!**

[2026 Kentucky March for Life!](#)

2026 Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Convention – The 123rd Annual Knights of Columbus - KY State Convention, will be held at the Clarion Hotel/Bluegrass Convention Center – Lexington, KY on April 10 - 12, 2026. Contact your Grand Knight or District Deputy if you have questions. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Convention in April.

Necrology List for 2026 State Convention

On Sunday, April 10th, the Reading of Necrology will take place at the State Convention. Our Worthy Executive Secretary sent a request to all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies asking to complete a council Necrology form and send to him so that “All” our deceased Brothers from this past year can be honored. We do not want any name omitted. This list is due **before March 11th**. Any questions can be directed to Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart at kykofces@gmail.com. Thank you for your help and support in remembering our fallen Brother Knights.

COR Initiative in Kentucky If you or someone on your team isn't receiving “**Cor Central**” and would like to, you can sign up here: **[Subscribe to Cor Central](#)**

I encourage ALL Councils to appoint an Evangelization Faith Formation Director (EFF) even if there is currently not a small prayer group in your councils parishes. Here is the link to get EFF information and steps to appoint an EFF Director! **[EFF Role Details](#)**

Lent Began Wednesday (2/18)! As we entered this season of reflection and renewal, we pray that it brings you closer to Christ. Explore these resources and share across your councils to help make this Lent intentional and transformative:

- **[KofC Lent Resources](#)**
- **[FORMED Lent Daily Reflections](#)**



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Make Succession Planning for our leadership a regular order of business for the State and Local Councils. Please answer the call to be active in your council. Offer your time for your council's leadership. Remember that "On Demand Training" Is Always Available - Visit [Fraternal Training | Knights of Columbus](#) to find online training for state, council, district and assembly officers, as well as important instruction for handling Operations.

- **Membership Growth** - Now is the time to ensure your council has a Spring Parish Outreach Drive scheduled using the Proof Of Concept method. The Parish Outreach Drive (POD) Membership outreach process has proven success for getting new members in your council or Round Table. Ask KY State Membership Director Tom O'Hagan tohagan.vip@gmail.com for more information! I am also asking all 99 Councils in KY to be "Active" and have recruited at least 75% or better of your membership growth goal by March 31, 2026.

Council Round Table Status Report If your council serves multiple parishes, each Parish should have a Round Table coordinator. The [2629 Roundtable](#) report should be completed to show the Round Table information and who is the "Coordinator" that reports the Round Tables activities to the host Council.

Ensure at least 25 Local Councils achieve Star Council Status before June 30, 2026. Many KY Councils are getting closer to the Star Council Designation. The 9 achievement items required to attain the Star Council Status show that a council is active and serving the parish and community well. Now is the time to be **Inspired** to finish the Councils progress toward earning the [Star Council Award](#) designation.

Programs/Faith In Action-Updates – Review your council's accomplishments and make sure all documentation has been submitted as the Fraternal Year 2025–2026 is nearing a close.

SP-7 Columbian Award review - REVIEW COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, fill out a copy of the SP-7 NOW and send to KY State Program Director Joe Carter

josephcarter5898@att.net for him to review and make possible suggestions before submitting to the Supreme Council Office. Here is a link to the PDF version of the SP-7.

SP-7 Columbian Award The Columbian Award shows anyone interested in joining your Council what you guys do.

I am also attaching the "Link" to a "***How to fill out the Form 10784***" 6 minute and 40 second video. Please watch it and make sure "you" know how to fill out your Councils Faith In Action programs.

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[Fraternal Programs Report Form \(#10784\) Training Video - Forms - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery](#)

KofC Mexican Martyrs relics in Kentucky – May 19 – May 24!



Kentucky and Tennessee are honored to receive the KofC Mexican Martyrs relics that will tour between the two states from May 14, 2026 till May 24, 2026. Kentucky/Tennessee KofC General Agent Daniel Schachle and our Brother Field Agents will be helping to bring the relics to Parishes or Councils in your Kentucky Diocese between May 19th till May 24th. Details are still being worked out, but a schedule with the locations where and when the relics can be venerated are in the works now.

***Kentucky Special Olympics “Salute to Summer Games” needs our support!**

I am happy to let you know that the 2026 Salute to Summer Games campaign for Special Olympics Kentucky is now underway. The website sokysalute.com is now live and ready for Councils to help raise money to support the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be held in Richmond. This is the seventh year Councils and Brother knights throughout the state are working to raise money to support the upcoming Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Should you have questions about registering or setting up your Council team, please contact our Special Olympics Chairman Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or mbuerger@soky.org.

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FY 2025-2026 Upcoming Important Dates for your Council Calendar

*March, 2026	Councils have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*March 1, 2026	Appoint Council Nominations Committee
*March 1, 2026	Council Officers compliant with Safe Environment
*March 11, 2026	Kentucky March for Life – Frankfort-State Capital
*March 15, 2026	Candidate and Council Resolutions turn into State Advocate Deadline
*March 15, 2026	State/Faith In Action Award Submissions due to Program Director
*March 18, 2026	RTL-Louisville Celebration of Life Gala
*March 28,2026	Deadline to make room reservations for State Convention
*March 29, 2026	Palm Sunday/KofC Founders Day
*April, 2026	Councils have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday
*April 10-12, 2026	123rd Annual Knights of Columbus - KY State Convention – Clarion Hotel/Bluegrass Convention Center, Lexington
*April 18, 2026	4 th Degree Exemplification – Bardstown
*April 25, 2026	4 th Degree Exemplification – Oak Grove
*April 30, 2026	RTL-Central KY Respect Life Banquet-Lexington
*May, 2026	Councils have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*May 1 – June 15, 2026	Council Officer Elections held
*May 16, 2026	4 th Degree Exemplification – Bowling Green
*June, 2026	Councils have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*June 6, 2026	4 th Degree Exemplification – Louisville
*August 15, 2026	Annual Audit for 2025-2026 Fraternal Year DUE

State Deputy Notes – There will be LOTS of preparations going on in the next few months! The deadlines will start sneaking up on us sooner than later so plan accordingly. I appreciate the commitment to charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism consistently demonstrated by all Brother Knights and their families. I encourage ongoing active participation in the activities of our order, with particular emphasis on charitable contributions of time, talent, or financial resources. Thank you for your continued dedication.

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

STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



*“And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit...” (Romans 5:5)*

Although I am writing this as I am preparing for the Third Sunday of Lent, I note that by the time the next newsletter deadline rolls around (unless the editor sees fit to give a week’s Easter grace), we will be smack in the middle of the Triduum, the liturgical and, I hope for you and me, spiritual highlight of the year. So, while I believe what Paul says, that hope does not disappoint, at least hope that is rooted in God’s fidelity, my mortal experience knows that, as the old Scottish proverb says, “Time bides na man.” Here we have the great contradiction between our spiritual and physical selves: the soul is embraced by eternity while the tick-toc of time marks off the transience of this here and now. But each has its part to play, and its own fatal flaw.

The latter holds out the shadow of our mortality – memento mori; tempus fugit – and spurs us to “take time by the forelock”, a reference to an image of Time as bald except for a lock of hair on the forehead, signifying that time past cannot be grasped but time present may be seized (attributed to one of the seven sages of Greece, Pittacus of Mitylene). The dark side of this otherwise sound awareness (“remember, man, that you are dust...”) is the seductive (and prideful) belief that my worth shall be measured by my accomplishments, however I might measure them: degrees earned, promotions awarded, honor bestowed or

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mammon heaped up. And so, I am enslaved by the need to work harder, longer, never to find rest or believe that enough is enough.

But the former also has its consolation and desolation. “In vain is your earlier rising, your going later to bed,” advises Psalm 127 (one of my personal faves.) My faith is grounded in the goodness of God, not the security of my efforts nor the accumulation of earthly treasure (see Matt. 6:19-21.) On the other hand, Paul has little patience with those Thessalonians who had so much “faith” in the God and the imminent return of Jesus that they decided that the order of the day was leisure and languor (see 2 Thess. 3:6-13.) Contemplation is not an invitation to a listless existence, but an openness to God’s call to holiness.

And the call to holiness is what Lent is all about. A closer following of Christ requires both reflection on the why and how of his Passion AND a renewed commitment to take up our cross and follow him. “We proclaim Christ crucified...” Only when I nail my ego to the cross is my soul opened to the grace of God.

May your Lenten journey carry you over Calvary, all the way to the empty tomb.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Immediate Past State Deputy's Report:

Brother's our **UPHILL** battle continues but we are further up that hill than we have been in the past. Just this past week we have seen nearly 30 plus e-members join the KY Knights of Columbus. Much of that growth can be attributed to the new council development happening in Lexington at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church. Much credit goes to Field Agent Edgar Correa, District Deputy Ed Quinn & State Secretary Dick Burns. We've got about 3 ½ months to go. Don't let up. Membership growth is critical to the future and health of your councils.

State Deputy Luke Williams tells me that Circle of Honor is within reach again this year especially if those e-members sitting out there in council's "Prospect Tabs" are exemplified.

March 29th is Founder's Day. It's a Sunday this year which makes this Founder's Day weekend a great weekend to hold pulpit talks, say hello to someone you don't know or to hold a CUF Exemplification.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Your council should be gearing up for all the upcoming activities over the next several months.

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- March 2nd Diocese of Lexington was established by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1988.
- March 8th Daylight Saving time begins.
- March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in April.
- March 17th St Patrick's Day
- March 29th is Founder's Day & Palm Sunday and the Start of Holy Week
- March 30th Archbishop Shelton Fabre was installed as the Archbishop of Louisville.

APRIL

- April 3rd is Good Friday
- April 5th is Easter Sunday
- April 10th – April 12th is the State Convention in Lexington
- April 15th Federal & State Income Tax Day

MAY

- May 5th Bishop John Stowe was installed as Bishop of Lexington in 2015
- May 10th Mother's Day
- Hold Council Elections!!

These are just a few that quickly come to mind. I'm sure there are many more.

HEADS-UP!

KY has received 4 Sacred Heart icons to be shared across the state. WPSD Steve Zanone will be coordinating the movement of these icons.

What an opportunity and blessing for all KY Catholics.

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

STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Tempus Fugit!

#1) The sacred season of Lent is here, with ashes, fasting, and abstinence (although I don't know if abstinence is really a hardship when we look forward to the Fish Fries so much). Most of us give something up, but give some thought to doing something positive to strengthen your relationship with God. Definitely receive the sacrament of Reconciliation – what better time? Try to make it to the Stations of the Cross at least once. Really work on one thing in your life where you need to improve – maybe patience with your family. Take advantage of the seasonal aids that your parish distributes. Do something to say thank you to the one who gave His life to bring us salvation.

#2) The days are counting down to our State Convention on April 10th in Lexington, and to our Fraternal Year on 6/30/2026.

Councils need to send me their Delegate Certification Form in order for their Delegates to have volte at the Convention. So far I've only gotten 6 Councils' Form. Please take care of this ASAP.

Memento Mori

We know not the day nor the hour.

It's always sad to have to report on the passing of a Former District Deputy or Past State Officer. It's even sadder to report the death of a current District Deputy.

DD15 Paul Tadatada passed away unexpectedly on February 23rd. After a long career in fast food restaurant chain management, Paul's last 10 years were spent managing the Daily

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Lunch Program at the Archdiocese of Louisville's Cathedral of the Assumption daily lunch service, feeding the homeless and needy members of society. He was an active leader in the Men's Ministry at his home parish of St. Patrick. We had a great turnout of 4th Degree Knights in uniform at the viewing and funeral. There were six priests concelebrating his mass, and the church had a sizeable crowd of hundreds. He was a fine example of what it means to be a Knight.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Council Progress

As we approach the end of the Fraternal Year, I hope that all councils are focused on filling in all the requirements to win Supreme Awards, especially the Star Council Award.

Membership (McGivney Award)

- 2 more Councils have now reached their Membership Quota for a total of 24.
- 9 other Councils are over 50% of their quota, of which 5 need only 1 or 2 more members to meet quota
- 4 Councils gained their first new members of the year taking us down to the still too high number of **30** Councils which have yet to recruit a new member.

Three of those councils are struggling, and more will be if they don't keep new blood coming into their council. It's simple – you just have to ask. We've got a great new tool called the Parish Outreach Drive to help you. My council got 11 signups when we did it the first time. Your District Deputy, your Field Agent, our State Membership Director DD Tom O'Hagan, and your State Officers are all willing and able to help you out.

Fraternal Benefits (Founders Award)

- 2 more councils have qualified for the Founders Award this month, raising the total to only 14 Councils have met the requirements of having had members attend at least 2 Fraternal Benefits presentations with at least 10 members total

This is so easy. Brothers can attend these virtual presentations online, register their presence online, and let their Grand Knights know. Grand Knights can schedule a watch party after their council or officers meeting – feed them pizza if you need to to get them to stay. You can have your Fraternal Agent give an in-person presentation. Or you can have just your Grand Knight and Financial Secretary have a discussion with the Fraternal Agent.



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Service Programs (Columbian Award)

So far no Council has submitted its SP-7, which isn't due until June 30th, but you don't want to wait that long. There's still plenty of time, but last year 2 of the 41 Councils which submitted their SP-7 had it denied. If they had submitted it earlier, they might have had time to amend it and get it accepted.

I'm sure that most of the 50+ Councils which didn't submit their SP-7 actually did the programs, but just didn't submit it.

Be sure to fill out a Form 10784 and submit it to Supreme with a copy to State Program Director Joe Carte. It'll help you remember them for your SP-7 and speed up approval of your SP-7 by Supreme.

Other Requirements for Star Council

Form 185, Report of Officers Chosen

The same 4 Councils as last month have failed to submit this form, down from 10 last month. A couple of those are on struggling list. I'm sure the other two have officers, but not sure why they don't fill out the form.

Form 365, Report of Service Personnel

We're still at 28 Councils which haven't submitted their Form 385. Again, I'm sure almost all these Councils have people in these positions, and I'm not sure why they don't send it in. Some of these Councils may have submitted the Form, but if you don't fill in the required 4 positions, it won't be accepted.

Safe Environment Training

2 Councils have fallen off the Safe Environment Training Compliant list, taking us down to only 38 Councils in compliance. Of the 61 which aren't, completed their Safe Environment Training. The 28 who haven't submitted their Form 365 can't be, because Supreme doesn't have the information to send them the training link.

Diocesan Safe Environment Training does not satisfy KofC Office of Youth Protection requirements.

Form 1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

This report provides necessary information for Supreme to provide to the IRS and maintain our status as a 501c8 tax exempt fraternal organization. It was due January 21st. There are

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still 30 Councils which have not yet submitted this form. Last year only 16 Councils didn't submit it.

The good news is, Supreme will accept this form late, so you've still got time to remain qualified for the Star Council Award

Form 1295, Annual Council Status and Audit

This once semiannual report is now down to just an annual report for the Fraternal Year, not due until August 15th.

Summary

So far, of the 22 Star Councils that Supreme has tasked the State with this year, only 5 have met all of the requirements except for the SP-7. There's still plenty of time for you to get there. Ask your District Deputy or State Council Officers to help you find a way!

**Unity and Fraternity are two of the 4 principals of the Knights.
Please practice them by joining the councils who are working
toward the Star Council Award!**

Celebrations!

No Council Significant anniversaries this month. I did get a note from PSD after sharing the date of his birthday last month. He wanted to let me know that he quit celebrating his birthday several years ago, so he doesn't get any older!

State Convention April 10-12 at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington

37 days to the State Convention!

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State Executive Secretary has sent out a request for Councils to register their Delegates for the Convention. So far, I've heard from only five– 4665, 5220, 6897, 11132, and 15181. If you sent it to me and you're not on that list, please send another copy. If you haven't sent it, please get them to me by March 15th so we can plan meals and delegate materials.

The State Convention is a really great weekend! You get to meet Brothers from all over the state, celebrate and share our successes and learn from each other, and Fraternal gatherings Friday and Saturday night. This year we also get to elect the New State Officers. **Please join us there!**

Council per Capita Billing

The Council Per Capital assessments have been sent to all the Councils. So far I've received payment from 68 Councils. Please make sure that I receive your Council's check by March 15th, \. Your Council will not have voting rights at the State Convention if you are in arrears to the State or Supreme.

Please, please, please, don't confuse this assessment with your Supreme assessment that comes out at the same time. I had several councils swear to me that they had already paid the State last year, only to find out that they had paid Supreme, delaying the State Payment. Especially with the early Convention it's important to get this in.

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,

This is the Season!!

With Lent starting early this year, Ash Wednesday, February 18, did you make your Lenten resolution? On might be attending Mass, fasting not only on Fridays, but giving something up. Have a Blessed Lent.

The Spring weather is here, are you checking on your elderly neighbors? Please stay safe during the spring storms. March comes in like a Lion, and out like a lame. It is also the time to start watching for farm machinery.

We are two thirds of the way on the downhill side of the Fraternal Year. We have four Months left. Have been on track to meet your Goals? Have you got your Councils Goals in sight? Have you done an Outreach Drive? With Fish Fries, this is a great time to ask our other brothers to join our order. This is the time help our Parishes and Communities by promoting our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

How is your goal on COR doing in your Parish?

February was another Great Month Recruiting Year so far, 375 new Brother Knights. We are on a Great Month for this fraternal year. Keep going, the race is still going, keep the “metal to the petal” to meeting your membership Goal?

Is there a new Family to your parish and your council? Is your council struggling and need help, please contact any state officer, or your District Deputy. We are all just a phone call away, but you need to make the call.

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

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March History

March 1, 1781, formal ratification of the Articles of Confederation was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the original states. The Articles remained in effect through the Revolutionary War.

Kentucky Knights of Coumbus State Convention

This year's State Convention has been moved to April 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2026 at the Clarion Hotel, Lexington. Watch for more information coming. I am looking forward to seeing you in April. It will be the time to celebrate our great successes.

Recruit and Retain

We have five months left of this Fraternal Year, let's keep up the momentum, keep asking that new parish member to join us. Have you recruited one New Member? Have you held an Exemplification? Your council needs to hold one every month. If you don't have any Candidates, do a practice. Hand that prospective your iPhone, and use "Join KofC" and Promo **Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**. It is time to start asking that young man, who is a new High School Senior, or a College Student to consider becoming a Knight. Ask 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

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let the Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart (miketheresa@gmail.com) know 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 and District Wardens. 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 Lent!

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Vivat Jesus!

Gary Dykhuis

State Treasurer

STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,

Have a Blessed Easter! There is still time to plan a “stations of the cross” or run the “Good Friday Family Promotion”, and of course plan to reach out to the men in your OCIA programs as they graduate to Practical Catholic status and become eligible to join your council.

Holy hours such as saying a rosary or engaging in the Stages of the Cross event are just two ways to serve the faithful and get a step closer to your Star Council Award.

Council Elections are coming up!

Your council should form a nomination committee and consider who will be your officers for the next fraternal year. Don't wait till the election to speak to a capable brother knight about stepping up and taking an officer role.

Council Forms

You should have submitted most of your forms for this Fraternal year, and yet some councils still have forms missing at this point. GK and FS, as well as others, have access in the supreme portal – check there to make sure none of your forms show as missing. For your director positions there are some that are required for Youth Protection but others such as Membership Director must also be filled or Supreme will report your council as having not reported your 365. There is still time to submit those missing forms, let's get them in.

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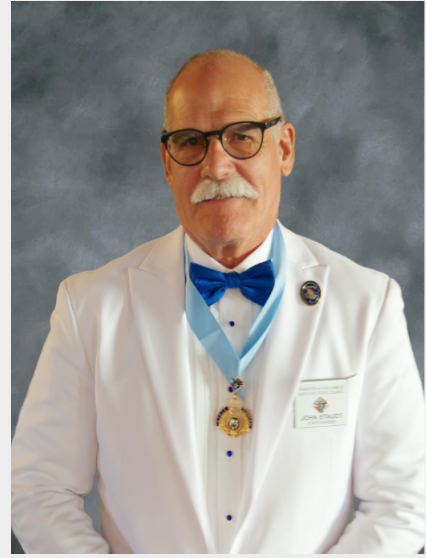
We have 28 councils not submitting the Fraternal Survey, 28 have not submitted the 365 (needed for SET compliance), and 4 without their 185 submitted. Not all positions have to be submitted with the officer and director forms, but some are required (Safe Environment Directors and Membership Director).

We need to achieve our “**Safe Environment Training**” goals. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training. If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is on line training and takes about an hour to complete. Don’t let this be a stumbling block to achieving Star Council or a possible opening to liability should some adverse event occur during a council program, assist your members and get fully Safe Environment trained.

There are currently issues with Supreme’s council Audit report (due now every 12 months), as it still calculates on 6 months and so shows the entire state delinquent...Performing my own analysis on the data it looks like 22 councils are behind. This is required for your Bond on the FS and Treasurer, don’t leave your council at risk and get those in!

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate**

STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

We are well into the Lenten season with fish fries and Stations of the Cross and other local parish traditions and events as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

I wish to recognize our brother, District Deputy Paul Tadatada for District 15, who passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 23, 2026. He succeeded me as DD in 2024 when I became State Warden. Paul was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Louisville. He served 10 years with the Cathedral of the Assumption Daily Lunch Program and soup kitchen in downtown Louisville. He was compassionate in his Catholic faith with his involvement with the Bible Fisherman Bible Study Group at St. Patrick's and as Past Grand Knight of Fr. Roy Dentinger Council, #390. A true leader and I was honored to know him and hope to emulate his leadership and caring examples to others. Paul will be sorely missed. May our brother Paul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Keep Paul and his wife Nancy, daughter Amanda, son Ryan and all of his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The March/April Columbia magazine is available on-line at [March Columbia Magazine](#) if you have not yet received it in the mail. Read our Supreme Knight's message titled, "Terror of Demons" and Supreme Chaplin's message, "On the Whine List". Both messages ask us to be humble and courageous men to walk the talk and say "yes" to the things we may not be comfortable with in our leadership positions, either in the home, work or council. I have found saying "yes" opens new and maybe challenging opportunities I may not have considered, but has strengthened me in leadership roles, faith and family. Try it. It can be scary in the beginning, but the reward of learning more about what you are capable of and strengthening your confidence is powerful.

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I attended the Catholic Men's Conference in Owensboro, KY on February 21, 2026. It was fantastic and I was glad to have attended. The speakers, Bob Allen Kroll, Dr. Jason Winkle and Fr. Larry McBride, were excellent and spoke of the challenges both personal and what we all face with thought provoking perspectives for personal reflection. One of my favorite thought provoking perspectives was said by Dr. Jason Winkle when he spoke on leadership defined, "The activity of ethically modeling people and resources to solve adaptive challenges". Think about and apply it. There was also the opportunity for confession and fellowship. I am looking forward to next year and I urge you to try to attend. It was a great way to prepare myself for the Lenten season.

Councils participating in the Basketball Free Throw have already had their Basketball Free Throw Contest. Council level competition held in January, District level in February, Regional in February/March have all been completed and the winners of the Regional competitions will compete at the State Competition on March 15, 2026 at Bethlehem High School in Bardstown, KY at 1:00 pm EST.

The Basketball Slam tickets were distributed at the Mid-Year Meeting in Madisonville, KY. We are three months into the distribution of the Basketball Slam tickets. Half of the ticket packets have already been returned to me. Thank you to those councils who have sold and returned their ticket stubs and checks. All individuals and councils can still purchase more tickets for their councils by going to Green Bee and purchasing more tickets on-line. For example, if your council sold all 25 tickets assigned, individuals purchasing additional tickets on-line, say 10 tickets, the tickets will be added to the total tickets sold for a total of 35 tickets sold by the council. The following link will take you to on-line purchasing at Green Bee: www.basketballsweeps.com, click **Order Tickets Online**, button and enter code **BK26KENTUCKY**. Final day to purchase on-line tickets is March 30, 2026.

The basketball teams are all college teams. U of L and UK are featured as two of the listed of teams competing for the championship. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Buy two (2) tickets and register them on-line with Green Bee, get a third ticket free. **I encourage those who purchase one or more tickets to register them online in case the stub(s) is lost or misplaced.** If the teams on your ticket(s) do not make it into the playoffs, a team or teams will automatically replace the disqualified team(s). The sale of the tickets helps to fund the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Program. The funding for this program assists resource and distribution centers, first responder support and staging, points of distribution, emergency volunteer personnel support for shelters and food distribution, and parish preparation support. All unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money are to be returned to the KY State Warden, John Staudt by **March 6, 2026**. Please follow the instructions in the distributed packet assigned to your council.



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

Thank you and I appreciate all what your councils do for the communities and people you serve. May the, “Peace of Christ”, be with you all.

**Vivat Jesus,
John Staudt
State Warden**

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O’HAGAN



There are options to add your e-members to your council. Let me know if you need assistance.

There remain 32 Councils that have not recruited a new member this Fraternal Year. When was the last time you engaged your council leadership with your General Agent and Field Agent? They are some of the best recruiters in the Order

It is also time to begin taking the steps to create a Slate of Officers for your council for the new Fraternal Year, which begins on July 1st. Succession planning is a crucial step in achieving a successful council.

Keep up with the Star Council and District Award Status Reports to see where your council/district stands.

What is needed to reach Star Council and Star District?

INCENTIVES Kentucky State Council

Fraternal Year 2025-26 Membership Growth Incentives

There’s one month to go to earn Cash! Check the Star Council Award Progress Spreadsheet. Some councils have earned the McGivney Award for Membership, while others have earned the Founders for Fraternal Benefits award, and a few have earned both. However, many councils need to be SET-compliant to be considered for the award. Submit Form 185, 365, 1728, and reach 100% of Membership Quota, FBEs completed, and SET Compliant. There’s still time.

- Every Council that has achieved the McGivney and Founders Award requirement, SET compliance, and submitted completed Forms 185, 365, and 1728 by the end of the day on 3/31, the council will receive \$50.

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o Councils that have qualified – 4665, 7847, 11132, 12965, 15841, 15979
 Congratulations!

· 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 – Councils 7831, 11132, 12965, 14128, 15452, 15979
 Congratulations!

Supreme Incentives

1. **District Deputy Quarter 3 Incentive:** January 1 - March 31

Every district deputy* who attains 110% or more of his District Intake Goal by March 31, 2026, will receive a KofC Branded Port Authority short sleeve UV dockside shirt. Similar contests will be run in each quarter. Qualified so far – Districts 06, 09, 14, 17, 18, with several others very close

2. **ASAP Council Incentive**

Councils that exemplify 3 members between February 1 and March 31 AND donate at least \$500 through the ASAP program any time during the 2025-26 fraternal year will receive an additional \$250 for the pregnancy resource center or maternity home they supported.

3. **State Incentive**

Online Membership Goal: reduction of 1 for every 10 online joins. Only applies to those who join AND transfer to a council between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

4. **Agency Council Incentive**

This year, councils that recruit at least one successful candidate who contracts as an agent and tenures for a minimum of 6 months will have all per capita fees* waived for the next two billing cycles. Full details of this council incentive can be found here. Go to kofc.org/agentcareers to help you identify what a successful candidate for this career looks like. We have also created a KofC Agent Career folder on Supplies Online, where you will find items for order and download that you can share with your council and community members.

Schedule a Parish Outreach Drive

Follow Up When Using Membership Enrollment Cards

Since their release this fall, Membership Enrollment cards have aided council recruiting efforts, especially Church Drives. It's important that when your council uses Membership Enrollment cards, you have a plan to follow up with each man who completes

one. [Membership Outreach Steps](#)

· As a reminder, Membership Enrollment Cards and Materials can be found on Supplies Online under Membership & Recruitment >> Membership Enrollment Cards.

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Conduct a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification

The On-Demand ceremony, in English, Spanish, and French, can be accessed by candidates online 24 hours a day. [Fraternal Operations | Knights of Columbus Exemplification | Knights of Columbus](#)

Upon completion of a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification, please complete Form 450 and send a copy to the SD and KYMD – [Form 450 blank.pdf](#)

Also, complete Form 10784 and forward a copy to the SD and State Program Director Joe Carter – [Form Invitation](#)

[Fraternal Programs Report Form \(#10784\) Training Video - Forms - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery](#)

The new kofc.org is now live! We encourage you to explore the site, especially the Officers' Resources section. To familiarize yourself with the new site, watch this [video](#) to get you started.

	Actual v Quota MTD	Actual v Quota YTD
New Members	54 v 45 = 120%	419 v 496 =84.5%
Councils With No YTD Adds		32 v 100
Form 365 Not Submitted		28 v 100
Form 185 Not Submitted		4 v 100

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



One of the mystifying operations at the Supreme Council is the Form 10784 process. I get numerous questions connected with this form.

“What do they do with the data we provide?”

“They have the information, why can’t they complete the Forms 1728 and SP-7?”

Good questions.

The Supreme Council tracks 72 possible data fields that, depending on the activity, may appear on Form 10784s. While I will not mention all of them here, I will mention, in plain English, some of the fields that are fairly common to most Form 10784s and typical entries:

Org Number	4665
Jurisdiction	KY
Member Reporting Number	Joe Blow 9999999
Date Submitted	06/06/25
Month Activity Started	05
Day Activity Started	30
Year Activity Started	2025
Monty Activity Ended	06
Day Activity Ended	06
Year Activity Ended	2025
FIA Category and Program	Faith-Pilgrim Icon Program
How the Council Named the Activity	Held Icon Prayer Services
Total Number of Volunteers	10
Total Number of Volunteer Hours	40
Number of Members Recruited as a Result of the Activity	1
Dollar Amount of Donations to the Activity	0
Description of Program	Enthronement Mat Provided

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Distance Traveled	20
Family Name	John Doe Family
Reason Family Selected	Parish & Comm. Activities
Month Family Selected	(5) May

When the Supreme Council captures this data, it is recorded on an Excel spreadsheet and placed in a Folder which is made available to various State Council staff. State Program Directors use the data to determine various award recipients.

There are three periods during which Form 10784s are used:

- January 1st through December 31st, which is used for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728.
- April 1st through March 31st, which is the period used for the State Program Director and State Deputy’s Award.
- July 1st through June 30th, which is used for the Supreme Council Awards, i.e., Star Council Award, etc.

Knowing these dates is key, particularly when it comes to the State Deputy’s Award. Many of you mistakenly think the “Date Submitted” is the date the Order goes by – it is not. For example, a council might schedule an activity from March 30th to April 2nd, 2025, and submit the Form 10784 on April 3rd, assuming it counts for the 2025–2026 State Deputy's Award. However, only activities starting after April 1st are eligible.

Dates are just as important when it comes to the Star Council Award. The date on forms sent to the Supreme Council is not as important as the date the Supreme Council accepts the information.

A council can submit a Form SP-7 to the Supreme Council online on June 25th, but if the Supreme Council rejects the Form for any reason and you cannot resubmit the form before June 30th, the council will not qualify for Star Council.

If you don’t remember anything, remember that submission dates are not the deciding factor.

Joe Carter, FDM
Program Director
RSVP Chairman
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DISTRICT MASTER CAMERON PECK



Brother Knights,

As we journey through the season of Lent, I hope each of you is finding time for prayer, reflection, and renewal. Lent is a powerful reminder of the sacrifice at the heart of our faith and of the call we each have to serve others with humility and purpose. It is a season that aligns naturally with the values of the Fourth Degree, as we are men who strive daily to live out our commitment to faith, patriotism, and fraternity.

This time of year also invites us to look inward as assemblies. Just as Lent calls us individually to examine our lives and recommit ourselves to what matters most, it is a fitting time to reflect on the health and vitality of our local assemblies. Are we growing? Are we welcoming new men into our ranks? Are we visible in our parishes and communities in ways that reflect the best of what the Fourth Degree represents?

I also want to make sure everyone has marked their calendars for our biannual district meeting, which will take place on March 28th in Clarkson, Kentucky. This is an important gathering for our assemblies, and I encourage all faithful navigators and assembly representatives to plan on attending. These meetings are a vital part of keeping our district connected, informed, and moving forward together.

With that in mind, I also want to remind everyone that our upcoming exemplifications are approaching quickly. Bardstown on April 18 and Oak Grove on April 25 are just around the corner. If you have been meaning to speak with an eligible Brother Knight about taking this next step, now is the time. More information can be found [here](#). A personal invitation, offered in the spirit of this season, can make all the difference.

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As we look ahead to Easter and the joy it brings, I wish each of you and your families a holy and blessed remainder of the Lenten season. May this time of preparation renew your spirit and strengthen your commitment to the mission we share as Fourth Degree Knights.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for all that you do. Your service, your example, and your dedication continue to make the Kentucky District strong.

Vivat Jesus!
Cameron Peck, PSD
District Master

GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus – Helping to Secure your Financial Future

Brothers, Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates – for example, if your salary changes, or if you retire and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned.

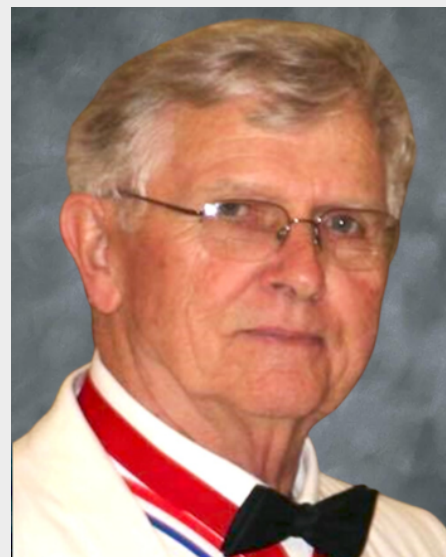
You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA.

By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month. Reach out to your K of C Field Agent today so you can arrange a meeting. .

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



I wrote this article for the newsletter five years ago and made some minor updates to it. Enough time has passed and the State membership has grown so there are enough potential readers to warrant publishing it again. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Blessed Easter.

One year after the Kentucky State Council was instituted, the Supreme Council Meeting of 1904 was held in Louisville. Charles J. O'Connor was State Deputy. Subsequently the Supreme Council Meetings of 1954 and 1981 were also held in Louisville. In 1954 the words "under God" were added to our Pledge of Allegiance. Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart spoke on the Knight's role in helping to bringing this to fruition.

In the February 2021 issue of the State Council Newsletter, I submitted Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant's greeting scanned from the 1981 Supreme Meeting States Dinner booklet. For March, I have included Supreme Knight Luke Hart's greeting scanned from the 1954 Supreme Meeting States Dinner booklet. Looking back 121 years, I hope a Knight saved some memorabilia from the 1904 Supreme Meeting and passed it on to an ancestor to be someday discovered in a dusty attic. Should anything exist, please loan it to me so I will have some record of all three Supreme Meetings held in this Jurisdiction. Again, a special thanks to Mike Peak, PSD, FSW, now deceased, for loaning me both booklets. He, Deacon Bill Theis and DD Paul Motz have contributed a considerable number of memorabilia items for the archives.

The Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights of Columbus was the leading proponent of the 1954 addition of the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. U.S. Knights began including the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance in 1951 after the organization's board of directors adopted a resolution mandating that the amended pledge be formally recited in

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each of its 750 Fourth Degree assemblies. A year later, the Supreme Council adopted a resolution that urged Congress and the White House to add the words “under God” to the Pledge. Supreme Knight Luke Hart, who was also president of the National Fraternal Congress, persuaded the other 110 fraternal societies to support the resolution as well. The Pledge of Allegiance was formally amended by Congress and signed into law by President Dwight Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. In a letter following the action, President Eisenhower thanked Supreme Knight Hart for the K of C’s work in making the addition of the words “under God,” to the Pledge a reality.

**Submitted for the March 2026 Newsletter by:
Billy R. Hancock, PSD
State Historian**

Enclosure: Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart’s Greeting (following page)

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Greetings

TO MY BROTHER KNIGHTS:

Every annual meeting of our Supreme Council is an occasion anticipated with pleasure by our Brother Knights who represent our Order's Jurisdictions, and by members of their families and visiting friends, because they are sure of the fraternal hospitality of their hosts. Coming to Louisville in Kentucky, I speak for all when I say that we are doubly sure.

Our Supreme Council last met here in 1904 and it was my privilege to be at that meeting. Louisville was a friendly, eager, growing city. Our Order was young, purposeful and growing, too. In the fifty years that have passed, your city has progressed tremendously. And so has our Order.

In 1904, our membership was 125,833; today, it is 917,682. Our assets then were a little more than \$1 million; our assets now exceed \$100 million. We then had insurance in force amounting to slightly less than \$38 million; the total now is more than \$458 million.

On this fiftieth anniversary of our first Supreme Council meeting in Louisville, therefore, the pleasure of these days we spend with you is enhanced by the satisfaction of being able to say truly, "We both have done well!" We can reflect, too, on the meaning the inscription on the seal of your State has for all of us in all the Jurisdictions of our Order: "United we stand, divided we fall". May we always stand united in the principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.



Supreme Knight

Local Events

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Have Your Candidate Apply

Scan the QR code below, and be sure the candidate uses the referral code: **2026Incentive**

3

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After becoming an Agent, he will complete a training program

4

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Your candidate must complete six months under contract as an Agent for your council to qualify

5

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Referral Incentive only applies to FA's with at least 6 months of tenure. Per Capita includes all Supreme Council Assessments for the 2026 Fraternal year.

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Local Events

JOIN US FOR 2026 KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

9:30 AM CELEBRATION OF LIFE MASS
JOIN BISHOP IFFERT
AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH,
FRANKFORT

11:30 AM PRAISE RALLY WITH
DYNAMIC SPEAKERS

1:00 PM LIFE IS A GIFT
PRAYER MARCH

2:00 PM CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE
Kentucky Memorial to the Unborn

TO REGISTER, VISIT THE LINK BELOW:
kentuckymarchforlife.org

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Life IS A Gift

BE PART OF A MOVEMENT THAT
STANDS FOR HUMAN DIGNITY,
COMPASSION, AND COURAGE.



Local Events

As has been our beautiful tradition over the past four years, we will begin our morning with prayer and **Celebration of Life Mass at Good Shepherd Church** with Bishop John Iffert of the Diocese of Covington. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Lunch Reminder

- Friends, it will be a long day, and we encourage everyone to eat well and stay hydrated.
- Please consider bringing snacks and a bagged lunch.

After Mass, students traveling from across the state traditionally bring their own lunch and drinks.

We encourage all participants to do the same.

The Gathering Praise & Prayer Rally & Pre March Mini Concert with Lee Roessler

begins at 11:30 AM (**rain or shine**) on the front lawn and steps of the Kentucky State Capitol on Capital Avenue.

The Life Is a Gift Rally and Speakers will begin at Noon -

with special guest Marlana VanHoose, Miss Bridget & Mrs. Melody, Matthew & Rebecca Seifried and other.



Local Events

Bus & Visitors Drop off and Parking Info:

- Bus and driver drop-off is at the top of the circle on Capital Avenue in front of the Capitol.
- Please note: the Capitol is currently under renovation and is surrounded by chain-link fencing, but we have secured the entire front lawn for our gathering.
- To accommodate those unable to stand...seating will be available at the front on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking Information

Parking is available along Capital Avenue and surrounding side streets, as well as in the Capitol Parking Garage on levels 4, 5, and 6, and on the top level if space is available.

Additional parking is available along 2nd Street near the American Legion Post at the corner of Capital Avenue and 2nd Street.

Let's March will begin immediately following the Life is a Gift Rally at approximately 1:00 PM.

This year, we are offering (3) options for our Prayer Walk & March:

1. **The Pilgrims Path of Perseverance: (1.75 miles):** *From the Capitol to the Kentucky Memorial*

for the Unborn in the Frankfort Cemetery (Capital Avenue, over the bridge, right on Main Street to the cemetery).

2. The Path of Hope: (0.5 mile): *The traditional route from the Capitol to the VFW at 2nd Street, then gathering again at the cemetery gates for those who wish to continue in prayer to the Memorial.*

3. Or the driving option directly from the Capitol to the cemetery.

At 2:15 to 3:00 PM, we will gather for the **Solemn Service of Remembrance** at the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn in the Frankfort, Cemetery.

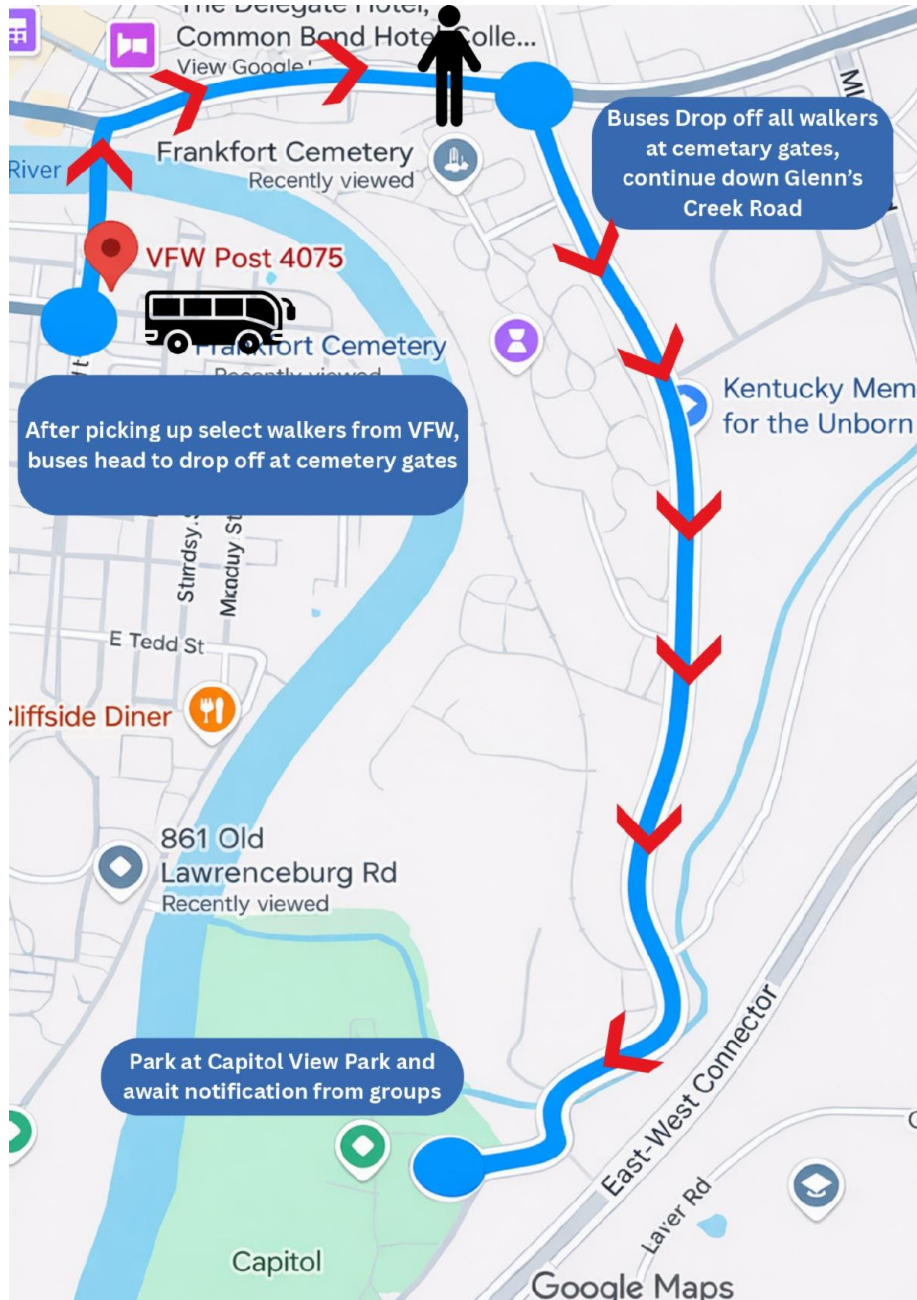
No matter which path you choose – whether you join us for an hour or the entire day – thank you for spending your time giving voice to the most vulnerable among us: the unborn, the infirm, the disabled, and the dying. We honor every sacred moment – from the first breath to Heaven’s embrace.

**Look forward to seeing you next
Wednesday!**

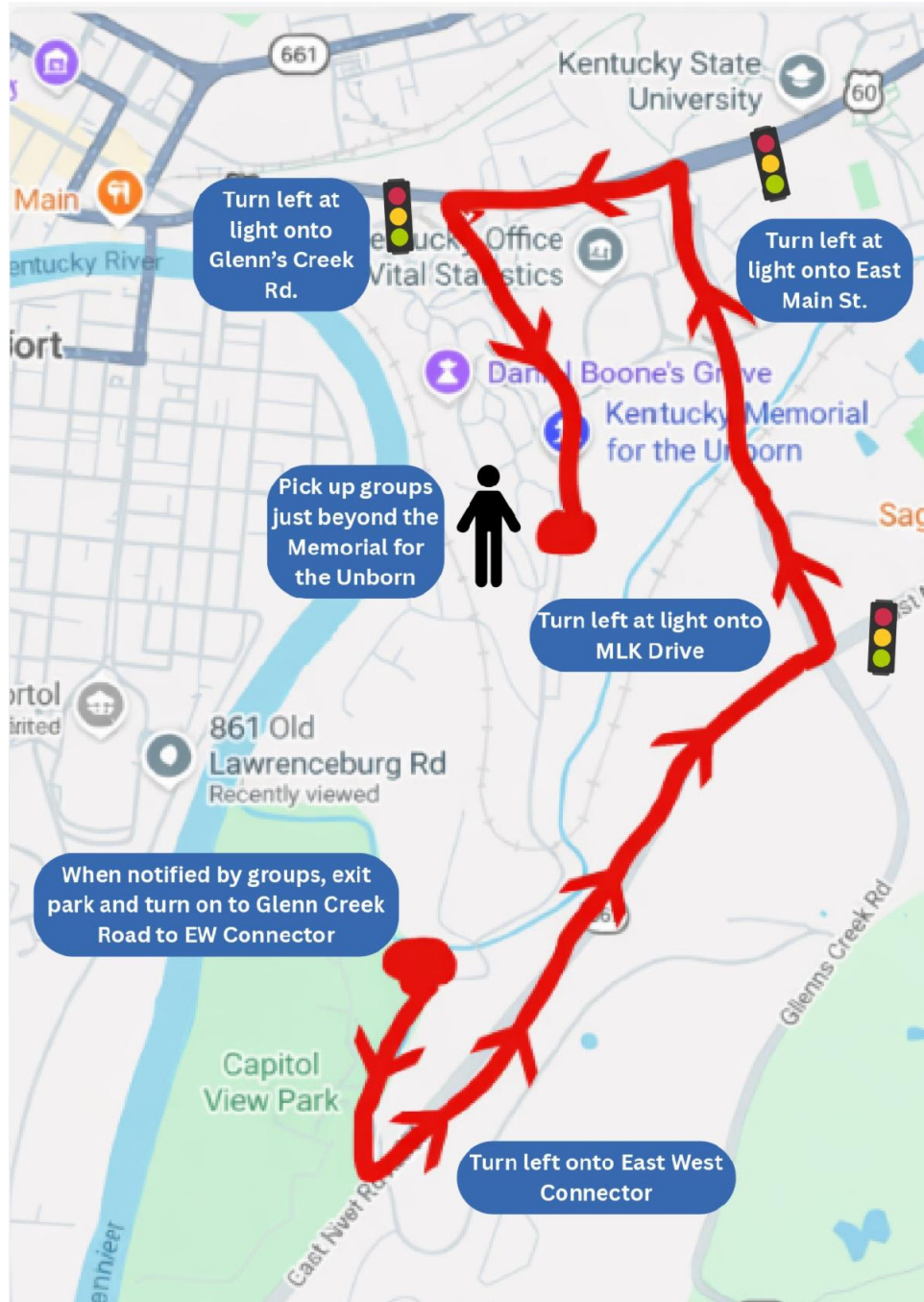
Every Life is a Gift,



Local Events



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[Click her to Register for Kentucky March for Life](#)
[While registration is it is not required to attend-](#)
[we just like to keep you updated](#)

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CALENDAR

March

St. Patrick's Day	17
Founder's Day	29

April

Good Friday	3
Easter Sunday	5
Divine Mercy	12
State Convention	10-12
4th Degree Exemp. Bardstown	18
4th Degree Exemp. Oak Grove	25

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