



# Kentucky State Council Newsletter

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## HOLY HOUR ADORATION SERVICE

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Knights of Council #2499 in Hardinsburg hosted a Holy Hour Adoration Service for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following the service, the Knights presented Father Michael and parishioners of Saint John the Apostle with a replica image of the Tilma of Saint Juan Diego.

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## WE DO IT FOR GOD

Brother Knight Jason Hardy has been faithfully broadcasting the Saturday evening online Mass from St. Edward Church in Jeffersontown, Kentucky since the early days of the pandemic, using computer equipment donated by Council 15841. Jason, who was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease some years ago, approaches this ministry with characteristic cheerfulness. When asked what motivates him, he offered a simple and profound answer: “We do it for God.”

In a creative video partnership, Jason is joined by parishioner Fallon Glick, a news anchor at WDRB, who produces short homily reels featuring St. Edward pastor and Brother Knight Father Scott Murphy. Through these videos, Fallon hopes to inspire viewers to reconnect with their Catholic roots, return to Mass, and encounter God through the sacraments and Eucharistic Adoration.

To see their work, including the moving short “Sometimes Life Can Feel Heavy,” visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/share/v/1D6wkFe2Fr](https://facebook.com/share/v/1D6wkFe2Fr).

**Brian Gregory**  
Program Director



## SEVEN NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AT GUTHRIE EXEMPLIFICATION

Last year, our council received an invitation from District Deputy Tom O’Hagan to form a round table at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Guthrie, Kentucky. On Sunday, March 15, 2026, that effort bore fruit when seven new members were received at an exemplification, bringing the round table one step closer to its goal of reaching thirty members and establishing a new council.

It was an honor to assist and witness the ceremony alongside Grand Knight Bruce Wilcox of Hopkinsville Council and our field agent, Joe Schachle. The new members from Guthrie conducted the exemplification themselves: Joe Park served as the presiding officer; Gino Rinaldi presented the pillar of Charity; Josh Richards presented the pillar of Unity; and his son, Colton Richards, presented the pillar of Fraternity.

We are grateful for the presence and support of St. Francis of Assisi pastor Father Ken Mikulcik and Deacon Tony Carmona, whose dedication to this new council has been invaluable. Brother Frank Amaro also played a key role in bringing in the members needed to begin this effort. With God’s grace, we will continue to walk alongside our brothers in Guthrie as they grow into one of the finest councils in Kentucky.

**Juan Palomino**  
Grand Knight



# MARY QUEEN COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH SCOUT TROOPS FOR CALVARY CEMETERY CLEANUP

Members of Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council 14372 recently joined forces with Boy Scout Troop 282 and Troop 8 for their annual cleanup of Calvary Cemetery, a tradition of service that brings together the Knights and local youth in a shared commitment to honoring the dead and caring for sacred ground.

Forty-one participants turned out for the effort, filling a full trailer along with numerous additional bags of downed branches and debris. The turnout is a testament to the strong community spirit shared between the Council and its Scout partners.

This yearly partnership reflects the Knights of Columbus mission of charity and service in action. Council 14372 is proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with the young men of Troops 282 and 8 in this meaningful work.



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## CHRISM MASS HONOR GUARDS

Kentucky Sir Knights turned out in impressive numbers this year to serve as Honor Guards at two Chrism Masses celebrated across the state, reflecting the deep commitment of the Color Corps to the Church and to one another.

In the Diocese of Covington, Bishop Flaget Assembly 307 fielded a record sixteen Sir Knights in uniform for the Chrism Mass — three more than the previous year. It was a meaningful evening, as Catholics from every parish in the Diocese gathered together alongside priests, deacons, and seminarians preparing for the Easter Vigils to be celebrated on Holy Saturday.

In the Diocese of Owensboro, an Honor Guard of ten Sir Knights stood in service at their Chrism Mass — a group that also included brothers who traveled from Tennessee to participate. Their presence is a fine example of the fraternal bonds that cross state lines and unite Knights in service to the Church.

Together, twenty-six Sir Knights represented Kentucky's Color Corps with distinction at these two sacred celebrations. Though no photos of the honor guards were captured at either Mass, their dedication to faith and fraternity speaks for itself.



# COUNCIL 15914 SUPPORTS SPECIAL EDUCATION AT PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY

Council 15914, serving the community along the Kentucky-Tennessee border, recently made a meaningful impact in Christian County with a \$500 donation to Pembroke Elementary School.

On February 12, 2026, four Brother Knights gathered at Pembroke Elementary to present the check to Principal Jason Russell and several members of the school staff. The funds were designated for the benefit of the school's Special Education class, supporting students with unique learning needs.

Council 15914 has a long tradition of service to the schools in their area, many of which serve the children of soldiers stationed at Fort Campbell. This donation reflects the council's ongoing commitment to strengthening the communities they call home on both sides of the state line.

**Dale Guthrie**  
Financial Secretary



# KARAOKE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Brother Knights from Bishop Mulloy Council #1301 in Fort Thomas recently spent an afternoon bringing smiles and good cheer to the residents of Carmel Manor Nursing Home with a combination Karaoke Night and Ice Cream Social.

Six Knights, joined by their wives, made the trip to Carmel Manor for the occasion. The event was a hit on both sides of the microphone, with residents and Knights alike enjoying the music and fellowship. Gatherings like this reflect the heart of what the Knights of Columbus are called to do -- bringing charity and community to those who need it most.

**Deacon Bill Theis**  
Past Grand Knight



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## Salute to Summer Games is Underway

In last month's newsletter State Deputy Luke Williams announced the start of the 2026 Salute to Summer Games to support Special Olympics Kentucky's largest event of the year. We are one month in and to date we are running behind previous years. To date we have raised just over \$700.



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.

The website ([sokysalute.com](http://sokysalute.com)) is now live and ready for Councils to help raise money to support the Salute.

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](http://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](http://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

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105 Lakeview Ct.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

This is the seventh year that the Knights have held the Salute as a way to support the 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](mailto:mbuerger@soky.org).

Thank you for supporting this important activity.

### Volunteer Opportunities Abound from April to June

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 – Lloyd High School, Erlanger

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

**June 5-6** – State Summer Games – Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond



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

# STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



## **Welcome to the Easter Season!**

I hope your Lenten Season was productive for your spiritual life. If I am counting correctly, we have 87 days until June 30, 2026 which is the end of this fraternal year and excitement is in the air all around us. We have survived this past winter, and Spring has been toying with us with 80+ temperatures and then back to the 20's in some areas of Kentucky. The dogwood in my neighbor's backyard is a beautiful sight nowadays, especially when the wind is rocking the blooms back in forth with all the wind that has been carried over from March. I am thankful to all my Brother Knights across Kentucky for already making this current fraternal year a successful period. We have achieved the Circle of Honor membership goal that the Supreme Council gave us last June and we now have our sights set on achieving the Pinnacle goal that has not been achieved in Kentucky since 2016.

Please continue the good works each Brother is accomplishing this year along with inviting all Catholic men over 18 to join and experience the benefits of being a Knight of Columbus in Kentucky.

## **2026 Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Convention**

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Convention will be at the Clarion Hotel/Bluegrass Convention Center – Lexington, KY on April 10 - 12, 2026. We are still signing Knights up to attend. Contact **[KY State Secretary Dick Burns](#)** for help to sign up as a delegate. If a council still wants to send delegates, fill out the Delegate Certification Document and bring it and your current membership card to the Convention. I encourage all to come and celebrate our founding principles.

# WILLIAMS CONT.

## **Necrology List for 2026 State Convention- We Need Your Help!**

On Sunday, April 10th, the Reading of KY Jurisdiction Necrology will take place at the State Convention. Names of our deceased Brothers from all KY councils who died since last year's Convention, are still being taken so they can be read and prayed for. Contact **KY Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart** for more information.

## **Waive “Supreme” Per Capita Agent Recruitment Incentive for Councils**

Effective immediately every council who refers a prospective field agent who ultimately 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 on this council incentive can be found **here**.

## **2025 Council Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**

As of today, there are still 24 councils who have not filled out the 2025 Fraternal Survey form showing what the council donated in time and contributions to charitable causes . Here is the link to the **1728 Activity Survey Council** form. This link is for a **short training video** that explains the simple process of online submission. **It is essential** for all councils to fill this form out as it was due on January 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. We will be contacting you about this so that we are 100% turned in before my State Deputy term ends. Contact your District Deputy with any questions.

## **Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF)**

• 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**

## **Succession Planning**

- Please remind your councils that Nomination Committees need to be formed and be ready to present a slate of nominees for Elections to be held between May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- Here is a link to a list of “Suggested Training by Office” listing of online courses... **11843 Suggested Training Audiencies**

I encourage Everyone, Especially Grand Knights and all of the Council Officers to watch one session of training a month!

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## **Membership Growth – Don't Stop Inviting men to join us!**

- Ensure all your councils have a Spring and Summer Parish Outreach Drive using the Parish Outreach Drive (POD) method.
- Parish Outreach Drive (POD)– This Membership Outreach process is a proven success method for getting new members in your council or roundtable. Ask KY State Membership Director Tom O'Hagan for more information!

## **Supreme Council Membership Incentive for State Council**

The Kentucky Jurisdiction is coming off a historic membership year in 2025. To keep our jurisdiction on track to hit the upcoming FY 2026-2027 Circle of Honor intake goal for new members, it's important that we all work to keep the momentum going. Kentucky can now earn a 2% reduction off of next year's goal before the next fraternal year even starts. If 148 new members join our ranks here in KY between April 1 - June 30, the yearly goal will be reduced before the start of the new fraternal year. Let's finish the fraternal year strong and help out next year's State Officers achieve this important membership goal.

## **At least 25 Councils achieve Supreme Star Council status before June 30, 2026**

Here is a short take on Star Council requirements that show a council is active and serving the parish and community well.

- 40 Councils have achieved Safe Environment Training (SET) Compliance. (59 have not)
- 18 Councils have achieved the Founders Award Requirements as of 3-26-26. (19 more have one total or the other)
- 29 Councils have achieved the Fr. McGivney Award Requirements as of 3-26-26.
- 75 councils have turned in the form #1728 Annual Survey. It is not too late! We will continue **encouraging** those who have not (24).

## **Supreme and State Programs**

- **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](mailto: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 Columbian Award**. The Columbian Award shows anyone interested in joining your Council what you guys do. Don't wait, send in now and beat the rush before June 30, 2026.

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• If you have never filled out a Fraternal Programs 10784 report form, I ask you to watch this short video on how and why all Knights should know how for the future. Here is a link to a short video on how to submit a 10784 form.

**[Fraternal Programs Report Form \(#10784\) Training Video - Forms - Fraternal Mini Videos Video Training Gallery](#)** Here is the link for the online **[Fraternal Programs Report Form 10784](#)** that is easy to fill out and submit.

• **KY March for Life @ Frankfort** – Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and their families who participated at the recent KY March for Life event. We didn’t get anywhere near my request of “at least one Knight attend from each of the 99 KY councils” request but I am very proud of those that did come. Go ahead and put on your February 2027 calendar to look for the date to attend next year.

• **Kentucky Special Olympics** The Special Olympics Salute to the Summer Games is still accepting donations as a Knight of Columbus for the KY Summer games. The website **[sokysalute.com](http://sokysalute.com)** is now live and ready for Councils to help raise money to support the 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](mailto:mbuerger@soky.org)**.

## **FY 2025-2026 Upcoming Important Dates for your Council Calendar**

*NOW	<b><u><a href="#">Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) Not Too Late to turn in!</a></u></b>
*April, 2026	Councils have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*April, 2026	Multiple CUF Exemplifications planned in your District
*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 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – Bardstown
*April 25, 2026	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – Oak Grove
*April 25, 2026	C# 6742 50 year Anniversary – Clarkson (St. Elizabeth Church)
*April 30, 2026	RTL-Central KY Respect Life Banquet-Lexington
*May, 2026	Councils have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*May, 2026	Multiple CUF Exemplifications planned in your District
*May 1 – June 15, 2026	Council Officer Elections held
*May 19 – 24, 2026	Mexican Martyr Relics Tour (More details coming soon!)
*May 17 – June 13, 2026	Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Tour (More details soon)



# STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



“You uttered your sentence from the heavens;  
the earth in terror was still  
when God arose to judge,  
to save the humble of the earth.”  
(from Psalm 76, Midday Prayer on Holy Saturday)

The course of the Church’s celebration of the Paschal Mystery through the Sacred Triduum walks us through a kind of roller coaster of highs and lows: Jesus’ serenity in the face of his imminent betrayal (not just by Judas) and suffering -Holy Thursday; the ugliness of vanity and human blood-thirst for power that demands crucifixion- Good Friday; and the assurance of God’s response, redemption from the grave. Perhaps I look too hard to find parallels in current events, but I couldn’t help but marvel at the contrast between the darkness of international relations reflected in the hostilities in the Persian Gulf and the dawning of human possibilities ignited by the launch of Artemis II.

I recently initiated a subscription to La Civiltà Cattolica, and just today I was reading a short reflection by the editor in chief, Nuno de Silva Gonçalves, S.J. Since he invited readers to share his thoughts, I don’t think he’d mind if I share some of what he had to say: “This Easter 2026 we have a desperate need for the greeting of the Risen Christ to come true: ‘Peace be with you!’ In a shattered and troubled world, our hope is that these words will reach everyone: those who think they can resolve conflicts with weapons, as well as those who suffer the tragic consequences of war, especially the innocent victims. May the words of Christ truly stir consciences to courageously take up once more the paths of

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peace, the only ones compatible with respect for human dignity...

As Christians we know that peace is possible in Christ. We cannot help but share this knowledge with everyone. For Christians, peace is not a theory, but a Person who brings forgiveness, reconciliation, fraternity and new life. We experience and proclaim this in a special way at Easter.”

I am sure that some will want to argue that the present conflict is somehow “justified”. I can only respond that violence only demonstrates a failure to find a solution other than violence, a continuation of human deficiency rather than national superiority. I am frankly disturbed how much more attention has been given in the media to rising prices at the pump than the deaths of 150+ innocent school girls in the opening days of attacks from on high. Is this the “litmus test” of American human sensibilities? I shudder to think that it is so; I grieve that it may be so.

May the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus call us to repentance even as it holds out to us the hope of new life.

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

# IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



Happy Easter!

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy & Blessed Easter! As we reflect on Holy Week, we recall Palm Sunday which celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem amongst the cheers & joy of the people and then five days later we are humbled and saddened by the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday. While the six weeks of Lent can be a bit overwhelming considering everything that "LIFE" throws at us, the period between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday can make a true difference in your spiritual & family lives. Make sure you take time to thank God for all that He has done for you and to thank Him for all that He may do for you?

Immediate Past State Deputy's Report:

I've been asked what I plan on doing as my term as Immediate Past State Deputy comes to an end, and I'm no longer a current State Officer. Like most of you, I don't know what the future holds or what plans God has for me. I do know that my plans and God's plans aren't always the same. In fact, more times than not, they're not even close. Like many of you, I'll say, "Why God? I don't understand and then eventually He shows me the "Why" and then I do.

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It's been like that for many years. Probably longer than that, it took me a while to recognize God's voice. Like we've read so many times over the years, God's voice isn't in the pouring rains or the blustery winds, but in the quiet gentlest breeze. I remember well the night when I finally stopped long enough to hear God's voice and surrender myself to His Will. My life today is much different than what I had imagined, yet it is a life filled with gratitude, appreciation and love.

My mother is 95 and her body is giving out. Janet & I are committed to being her primary caregivers and keeping her in her home, which means I'm in Louisville 4 days a week and Janet 3 days a week. It's not easy but we both know that it's what God wants, and we are committed to doing His Will. I tell you this not for pity's sake but to acknowledge the kindness and greatness of God. God gave her the strength and ability to care for herself right up until my term as State Deputy was over. I can't thank God enough for all that He has done for me and for my family. I only pray that you hear God's voice and listen to Him.

Upcoming Council Elections:

June still seems like a ways off, but it will be here before you know it. If your council only meets once a month, then you're looking at next month's meeting to nominate and hold your elections. I would suggest that you solicit nominations at your April meeting and hold your election at your May meeting. That way your council will be ready to hit the ground running as the new fraternal year begins in July. Last year we had several councils that were still struggling to elect officers after July 1<sup>st</sup>. We can do better.

**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 almost over. Easter is right around the corner. I hope you had a blessed Lent. Still time to continue your use of the Lenten opportunities for personal growth in your faith. He is truly risen!

## **Tempus Fugit! (2)**

For the State Secretary, this is the **Fugit**-iest time of the year!

### **State Per Capita Assessments**

I'm still receiving council per capita assessment checks. To the 91 of 99 Councils which as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, Thank You! GKs, FSs, and DDs of those Councils yet to pay their assessment should expect second notices shortly. **REMINDER!** If your council hasn't paid its assessment, your delegates will not be recognized at the convention. They won't be able to make motions, partake in discussions, or vote on motions or resolutions. If a Council is having difficulty making its per capita assessment payment, please bring it to the attention of the State Deputy and your District Deputy.

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## State Convention

State Convention is coming up quickly! Be sure to send in your registration and make your reservations for the 123<sup>rd</sup> State Convention in Lexington April 11-12. I hear the convention hotel is full, but people are staying at nearby hotels. This is a great weekend of fraternity, of reviewing our accomplishments and celebrating our successes for the fraternal year, and for conducting the final year end business of the State, including our resolutions for Supreme and next year's budget, and election of our State Officers for the 2025-2026 year,

My major tasks for the Convention are preparing the Annual Report from last year's Convention and certifying Convention Delegates from the councils.

Delegate Certification Documents are due in by April 12<sup>th</sup>. As of April 3, I only have 18 Delegates registered from 9 councils. I know we'll have many more, but that probably means more last-minute rush for me. Don't worry, I know the State Secretary – he's a nice guy, and I'm sure you can convince him to let you in if you bring the councils form with you to the convention (hint – he likes jelly beans if you have any left over from your Easter Baskets, and he is not above being bribed!).

## Recruit! Retain! Grow! (or else...)

**27** Councils have already recruited 100% or more of their membership Quota the hardest part of qualifying for Star Council, 2 more only need 1 more and 5 need more. This outstanding performance is what has led to jurisdiction to already earning Circle of honor and we're well on the way to making Pinnacle.

On the opposite end of the spectrum **28** councils have yet to recruit their first new member. If we truly believe in Bl. McGivney's vision of a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish we need to improve.

Ask yourself again "am I glad I became a Knight?". Ask yourself "do I owe it to my fellow Catholic gentlemen to invite them to become a Knight?" I hope the answer to both is a resounding "YES!" and you'll have the courage to be a Fisher of Men and invite a man you know at church or a family member to join the Knights.

# BURNS CONT.

***If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says yes, you'll still double the size of your council. If you don't ask, you don't grow!***

## **New Council and Round table Development**

DD Ed Quinn and FA Edgar Correa have done an outstanding job and recruited over 30 online members from the Congolese Community at St. Peter Claver parish in Lexington! They're working with Bluegrass Council 762 to get them exemplified so we can start a new council.

## **Celebrations!**

St. Vincent de Paul Council 26179 in Hebron celebrated its **100th** <sup>(1)</sup> Anniversary on April 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!

**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,**

**Happy Easter!!**

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter. Hopefully your Lent season went well and you made your Lenten resolution? It is a busy week with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The Lord has Risen!!

We are three months away on the Fraternal Year. Have you met your Goals? Have you got your Councils Goals in sight? Have you done an Outreach Drive? Have your Fish Fries, got you New Members? Have you been helping our Parishes and Communities by promoting our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

How is your goal on COR doing in your Parish?

March was another Great Month Recruiting Year so far, 422 new Brother Knights. We are on another Great Month for this fraternal year. Keep going, the race is still going, keep the “metal to the petal” to meeting your membership Goal?

Again, Spring is here, and so is the weather is here, are you checking on your elderly neighbors? Please stay safe during the spring storms. It is also the time to start watching for farm machinery.

Has a new Family joined your parish and have asked them join 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.

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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.

## Things to Consider

Nominations committees should start considering nomination for upcoming Council Elections. Please consider volunteering for a Council Position. According to Section 128 of the Charter Constitution Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Council elections are held between May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. After Elections, Council Officer and Chairman information needs to be sent to the State Secretary for state records and the Executive Secretary for the state Directory.

## April History

April 6, 1917, following a vote by Congress approval, the United States entered World war one.

April 10, 1942, during World War Two, the Bataan Death March began as American and Filipino prisoners were force to on a six-day march, 60 miles. Some 76,000 Allies POWs including 12,000 Americans marched under blazing sun and without food or water, resulting in over 12,000 American deaths.

## Kentucky Knights of Coumbus State Convention

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Come join us for the celebration at this year's State Convention on April 10th, 11th, and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Clarion Hotel, Lexington. I am looking forward to seeing you in April.

## Recruit and Retain

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We have three 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.

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## **Council Officers**

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let the Executive Secretary Mike Rinehart ([miketheresa@gmail.com](mailto: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 Happy Easter!

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 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 22 councils not submitting the Fraternal Survey, 27 have not submitted the 365 (needed for SET compliance), and only 2 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).

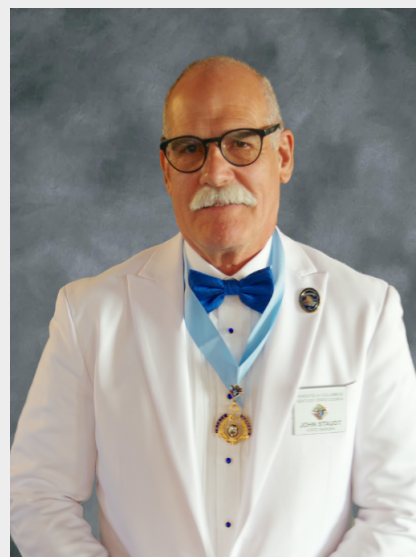
We need to achieve our “**Safe Environment Training**” goals. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the training. If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is on line training and takes about an hour 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.

We are showing 31 councils delinquent on their council Audit report (now due August 15th), without this your bond on the Financial Secretary will lapse – don’t leave him hanging, get it submitted!

Supreme has not updated the Audit report to properly show the new annual reporting instead of the old semi-annual reporting. Some councils will show delinquent even though they submitted their Audit at the end of the last Fraternal year. The issue has been raised and hopefully will be resolved as part of the update to the Member Management web site that is expected in the near future.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Kuchenbrod  
State Advocate**

# STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

As I write this, it is Easter Week with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Vigil Mass as we prepare for Easter Sunday. Many of us will gather with family and friends on Easter to celebrate with food and family traditions. Happy Easter!

The March Columbia magazine is also available on-line at [April Columbia Magazine](#). Read our Supreme Knight's message titled, "The Argument for Holiness" and Supreme Chaplin's message, "It's for Real". Supreme Knight's message is about Archbishop Fulton Sheen who, "spent his entire life bringing people to Christ. He was particularly eloquent when urging the laity — and especially the Knights of Columbus — to take bold action in defense of our faith." Supreme Chaplin's message is about the unprecedented numbers of people entering the Church and many are young adults. Both messages are about faith and bringing people closer to Christ.

Congratulations to the participants of the Basketball Free Throw State Competition on March 15, 2026 at Bethlehem High School in Bardstow, KY at 1:00 pm EST. The competition was amazing with several competitors competing in tie-breakers. Their scores will be sent to Supreme to compete in the National Competition and any winners will be announced later.

The Basketball Slam tickets were distributed at the Mid-Year Meeting in Madisonville, KY. Most 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. Winners will be announced and posted on-line April 8<sup>th</sup> after the championship game. I will follow-up with an email to the councils on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

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The basketball teams are all college teams. Sadly, U of L and UK are out of the championship race but did make it into the playoffs. If the teams on your ticket(s) did not make it into the playoffs, a team or teams automatically replaced 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.

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

I look forward to seeing you or your council representative at the Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Convention on April 10-12, 2026.

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



We have entered the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the 2025-26 Fraternal Year, a year of tremendous membership growth for the State of Kentucky. Every council requires continuing to grow, to evangelize, and to grow the Church and the Order. Every practical Catholic man needs to join the Knights of Columbus. You just need to ask.

Let's Keep Growing!

When a man expresses interest in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus:

1. Sign them up

- Regular member: Use the Enrollment Form
- Online member: Have your candidate enroll at:
  - English: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)
  - Spanish: <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/es/registration/index.html>

Tip: Remember to give the candidate your member number so you get credit and your council number so the candidate appears in your council's Prospect tab, and your Field Agent code.

2. Vote on your council's candidate(s) during a council meeting or by emailing council members.

3. If approved for council membership, your candidate(s) will attend a CUF exemplification:

- Council-held: Schedule and hold the exemplification. Remember to inform your DD and State Membership Director by completing Form 450, and the State Program Director by completing Form 10784.
- Online: Send the appropriate link to your candidate(s):
  - English – [Layout 1](#)
  - Spanish: [11609-S Ceremonials Invitation](#)
  - French - [11609-F Ceremonials Invitation](#)

4. Bring Your candidate(s) into your council.

• Regular Member:

- Prospect Tab -. When an Online Member joins, they will automatically be

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specific council number when joining, they will be automatically sent to the assigned list of that council.

- Congratulations, you are done!
- Online Member: After the candidate takes the degree, the council GK and FS receive an email indicating the candidate’s completion of the degree. In Member Management, the GK or FS navigates to the Candidate tab and enters the date the candidate took the degree in the Ceremonial/Process Date field, then clicks Process.
- Well done! The candidate is now a member of your council and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight

## INCENTIVES Kentucky State Council

### Fraternal Year 2025-26 Membership Growth Incentives

Check the Star Council Award Progress Spreadsheet regularly

We have **5** Star Councils. Congratulations!

We now have another 22 councils, one or two elements away from earning the Star Council award

Some councils have earned the McGivney Award for Membership, while others have earned the Founders for Fraternal Benefits award, and several 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.

Congratulations to each Council that has earned the various State and Supreme Incentives offered this year.

- 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.
  - Councils that have qualified – 4665, 7847, 11132, 12965, 15181, 15525, 15841, 15914, 15979, 16179

### 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 390, 6897, 7831, 7847, 11132, 12965, 14128, 15452, 15979

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## 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 – Districts 01, 06, 08, 09, 14, 15, 17, 18, 22. Congratulations!

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. None Qualified

3. 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](http://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 - [11872 Membership Drive Steps\\_Council](#)

### 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.

The new [kofc.org](http://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.

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

# O’HAGAN CONT.

What is needed for you to reach Star Council and Star District?

	<b>Actual v Quota MTD</b>	<b>Actual v Quota YTD</b>
New Members	91 v 50 = 182%	510 v 496 =103.45%
Councils With No YTD Adds		29 v 100
Form 365 Not Submitted		29 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**

# DISTRICT MASTER CAMERON PECK



Brother Knights,

As we celebrate the joy of Easter this month, I want to wish every Knight, family member, and friend of our Order a blessed and hope-filled Easter season. The Resurrection is at the heart of who we are as Catholic men, and it is the foundation from which all of our fraternal and patriotic work flows. In the triumph of Christ over death, we are reminded that hope is never lost and that we are called to be men who carry that hope into our families, our communities, and our nation. May this Easter season renew your commitment to faith, family, and the Order.

April also gives us an opportunity to reflect more deeply on our identity as Fourth Degree Knights. In April, we observe Patriots' Day, commemorating the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, the moment when ordinary men, grounded in conviction and courage, stood firm in defense of liberty. Their example reminds us that patriotism is not merely something we celebrate. It is something we live. As members of the Patriotic Degree, we are called to be visible witnesses of both our faith and our love of country, setting the example for others through our actions, our service, and our leadership.

To that end, I want to remind all Sir Knights and assembly officers about the upcoming exemplifications scheduled for this year. These are vital opportunities to grow our assemblies and bring worthy Third Degree Knights into the Patriotic Degree. Every new Sir Knight strengthens our ability to live out the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Please encourage eligible candidates in your councils, coordinate with your Faithful Navigator and assembly leadership, and make sure your assembly is well represented. Full details on all upcoming 4th degree exemplifications can be found at [kykofc.com/upcoming-4th-degree-exemplifications/](http://kykofc.com/upcoming-4th-degree-exemplifications/).

Thank you for all that you do in service to the Order and to our country. Your leadership and example make a difference.

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

# GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



## **Knights of Columbus can provide holistic financial wellness**

Brothers, trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full.

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus solutions can be a part of that foundation.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time.

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights of Columbus has solutions to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

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Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at [www.kofc.org/calculator](http://www.kofc.org/calculator). With a few key details, it will help you assess your life insurance needs.

Reach out to your K of C Field Agent today so you can arrange a meeting.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Dan Schachle, FICF, PGK**

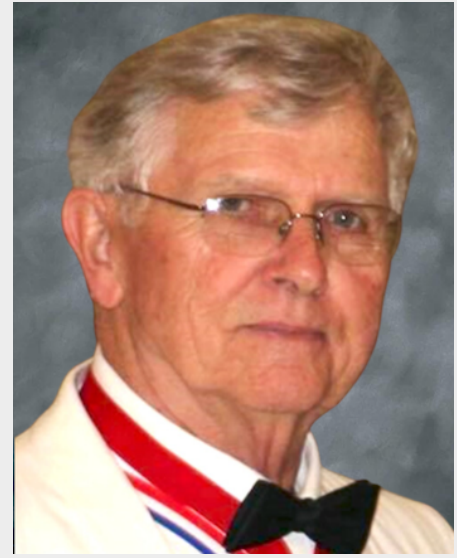
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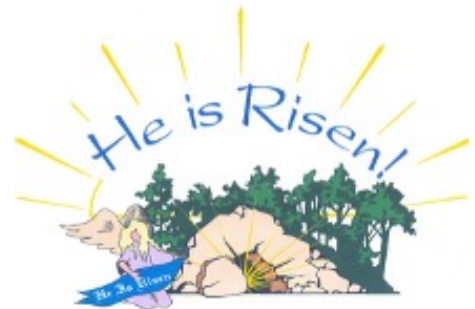


# STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



Harriette, Will and I wish our Brother Knights and their Ladies a Happy Easter.

**Submitted for the April 2026 Newsletter by:  
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State Historian**



# Local Events

## Do you want to *waive* your *per capita* this year?

Recruit your top men to become Knights of Columbus Financial Professionals! Just **one** successful candidate equals 100% reduction in assessment.



1

### Promote the Career to Your Members

Learn more about the career at [www.kofc.org/agentcareers](http://www.kofc.org/agentcareers) and visit Supplies online to find all promotional materials

2

### Have Your Candidate Apply

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

3

### Your Candidate Becomes an Agent

After becoming an Agent, he will complete a training program

4

### Your Agent Completes Six Months

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

5

### All Per Capita Fees Waived

All per capita fees waived at the end of the applicable billing cycles



# Knights of Columbus®

To apply, scan the QR Code, using the referral code: **2026Incentive**



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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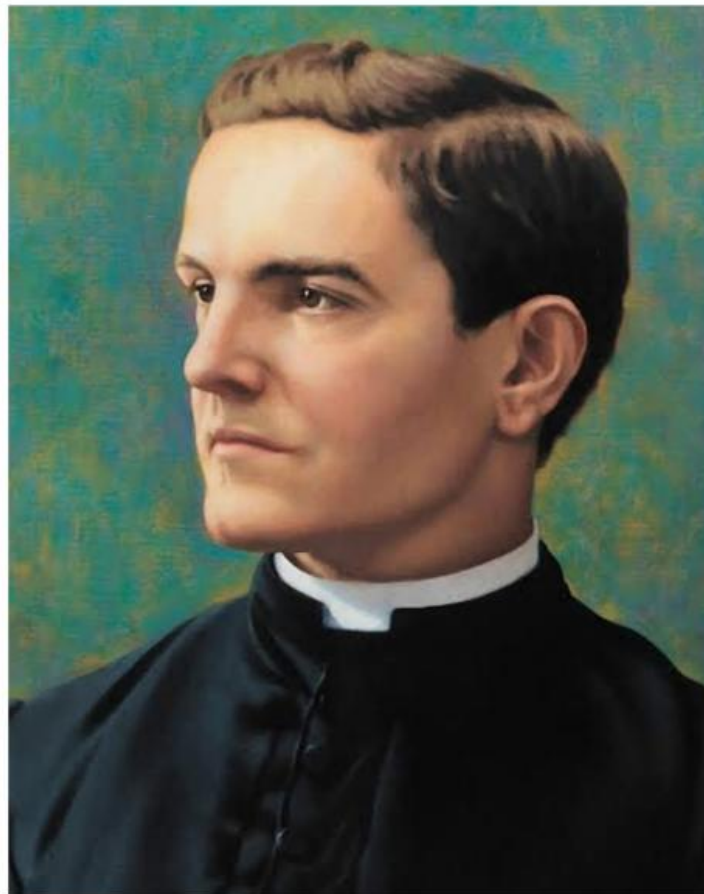
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# CALENDAR

## 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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