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RELICS OF THE MEXICAN MARTYRS

The event began with a bilingual Mass celebrated by Father Mike Tobin, assisted by Deacon Tom Thorson and Father Julián Ibemere. Parishioners from throughout the community gathered to honor the courageous witnesses of the faith whose sacrifices continue to inspire Catholics around the world.

Following Mass, attendees had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and participate in the veneration of the relics.

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COUNCIL 1377 HOSTS SILVER ROSE CEREMONY IN MAYSVILLE

Council 1377 of Maysville was honored to host a Silver Rose Ceremony at St. Patrick Church during the 1:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass on Sunday, June 7, 2026. The annual Silver Rose program, which celebrates the sanctity of life and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, brought parishioners together in prayer and reflection.

Following Mass, a luncheon reception was held at St. Patrick School, providing an opportunity for fellowship among parish members, guests, and Brother Knights.

The council extends its sincere appreciation to Grand Knight Wes Story, Financial Secretary Jim Sandlin, Joe McKay, Phil Germann, and Alejandro Medina for their assistance with the reception. Special thanks are also extended to Fr. Josh and Faithful Admiral Greg White for bringing the Silver Rose to Maysville, as well as to Rita Young and the Ladies Auxiliary for providing desserts for the gathering.

The event also proved fruitful for the Order, as the council welcomed a new Brother Knight who signed up at the reception.

Council 1377 is grateful to everyone who helped make this meaningful celebration a success and for the opportunity to share in the Silver Rose pilgrimage tradition.

Mike Rinehart

State Executive Secretary



THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI · JUNE 7, 2026

Through Kentucky Streets, the Body of Christ

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Catholics across the Commonwealth followed the Eucharist into the open air — down city streets, around parish grounds, through a cemetery, and up the steps of the cathedral. Knights of Columbus councils and Fourth Degree assemblies turned out in number: holding the canopy, leading the faithful, and bearing public witness to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



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OWENSBORO
Hardinsburg Council 2499

Sts. Joseph and Paul Church to St. Stephen Cathedral

Brother Knights of Hardinsburg Council 2499 — among them Chris Brumfield, Paul Moore, Marty Kramer, Loye Lucas with his wife Cathy, and Pat O'Reilly — joined Knights from around Owensboro and well over four hundred of the faithful for the Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession from Sts. Joseph and Paul Church to St. Stephen Cathedral on Sunday, June 7.

“We all got in a good walk, sweated some for Jesus, and — most importantly — it was a blessing to see so many witness to their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.”



The procession makes its way from Sts. Joseph and Paul Church toward St. Stephen Cathedral.



Clockwise from top left: hundreds of the faithful in procession; altar servers leading the way; kneeling for Benediction; and Brother Knights beneath the mosaic of Christ at St. Stephen Cathedral.

LEXINGTON
St. Peter Church

A Eucharistic procession through the city streets

Knights at St. Peter Church in Lexington marked the celebration of Corpus Christi alongside their parish, processing behind the Blessed Sacrament beneath a gold canopy before returning to the church for Benediction. The council also publishes a monthly newsletter to keep parish families informed of its work — an effort its members credit, with the help of the Holy Spirit, for drawing fresh interest in joining the Knights.



The Blessed Sacrament is carried beneath a gold canopy through the streets of Lexington.

ST. PETER CHURCH, LEXINGTON · CORPUS CHRISTI



The procession winds through the city, the faithful following behind, and returns to St. Peter Church for Benediction.

NICHOLASVILLE
St. Luke Council 10263

St. Luke Parish · procession & parish picnic

St. Luke Council 10263 led the Corpus Christi procession at its parish in Nicholasville, with the Grand Knight, council officers, and members all taking part. The Blessed Sacrament was carried through the neighborhood behind the cross and the colors before the celebration closed with a parish picnic.



St. Luke Council 10263 leads the procession behind the colors in Nicholasville.



The honor guard leads within the church; the parish picnic that followed the procession.

SPRINGFIELD Council 4270

Through the streets of Springfield

Council 4270 processed through the streets of Springfield on Sunday afternoon, setting out at 3:30 with more than one hundred of the faithful — led by cross- and candle-bearers and the children of the parish carrying flowers. Afterward the parish gathered for an ice cream and dessert social, with donations benefiting a local pregnancy care center.



A young cross-bearer leads Council 4270's procession through Springfield, the children of the parish following with flowers.

FORT MITCHELL

St. Michael the Archangel Council 18284

Blessed Sacrament Parish

On Corpus Christi Sunday — also the feast day of Blessed Sacrament Parish — St. Michael the Archangel Council 18284 helped lead the procession of the Holy Eucharist at the close of Mass. Chaplain and Sir Knight the Very Reverend Fr. Daniel Schomaker carried the Eucharist, while Deacon Sir Knight Eric Wehrmann, Deacon Jim Fortner, and Brother Knights led the congregation around the church grounds. A parish picnic followed.



The procession sets out from Blessed Sacrament Parish; Brother Knights man the grill for the parish picnic that followed.

A PROCESSION AMONG THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
St. Teresa Council 2282

A Eucharistic procession through Martin Cemetery

St. Teresa Council 2282 accompanied the Blessed Sacrament in a Eucharistic procession through Martin Cemetery, the council's banner leading the way beneath the gates. Carried under the canopy past the graves of the faithful departed, the Eucharist was brought to an outdoor altar for Benediction — a striking witness to the communion of the living and the dead in Christ.



The Eucharist is brought to an outdoor altar among the graves for Benediction.



Led by the council banner, the procession enters Martin Cemetery and moves among the graves of the faithful departed.

HOPKINSVILLE
Council 7847 & Assembly 2753

Msgr. James H. Willett Council · Fr. George P. Boehmicke Assembly · Sts. Peter and Paul Church

The Knights of Msgr. James H. Willett Council 7847 and Fr. George P. Boehmicke Assembly 2753 assisted in the Eucharistic Procession at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville on the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Knights proudly carried the canopy — lovingly made by Lady Dawn Wilcox — during the procession and held it in place as the pastor, Fr. Emmanuel Udoh, flanked by Sir Knight Deacon Tim Barnes and seminarian Juan Carlos, conducted the Benediction and led the congregation in honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus in song and prayer. The canopy was carried by Faithful Navigator SK David Allard, Grand Knight SK Bruce Wilcox, SK Richard Hornbeak, and SK Jefferson Lansford.



The Knights carry the canopy from the church and hold it for Benediction as the faithful kneel in adoration; Fr. Emmanuel Udoh leads the congregation in prayer.

AROUND THE COMMONWEALTH
Three More Witnesses

Bardstown Council 1290

Nelson County

The Corpus Christi procession was a highlight for Bardstown Council 1290. In nearby New Haven, three Nelson County parishes — St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Vincent de Paul, and Immaculate Conception — came together for a Eucharistic procession through town that made the front page of the local paper.



The feast on the front page of *The Kentucky Standard*, June 10, 2026.



The procession at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, led by Fr. Charles Howell.

Bluegrass Assembly 310

Fourth Degree · St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The Fourth Degree was represented as Bluegrass Assembly 310 took part in the Corpus Christi procession at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Sir Knights Steve O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, John Childers, Jerry Price, and Ken Stewart participated, with Fr. Charles Howell leading the procession.

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary

A pause at the rosary garden

At Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary, Sir Knights William Danhauer, Dave Schnurr, and Adam Gilpin, with Brother Knight Dave Bernard, held the canopy as the parish's Eucharistic procession paused at the rosary garden for prayers and adoration.



The procession pauses at the rosary garden as the faithful kneel in adoration.



FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY PARTNERS WITH FAIRDALE HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB TO RESTORE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

A meaningful partnership has brought new life to a cherished piece of Fairdale history. Members of the Fourth Degree Assembly recently joined forces with the Fairdale High School Garden Club to clean, restore, and beautify the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located on the school grounds—a monument dedicated to Fairdale graduates who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War.

The memorial holds special significance for local Knights. For many years, it was the personal project of Sir Knight George Daniels, a proud Fourth Degree member and Vietnam veteran. George devoted countless hours to maintaining the site, ensuring that the names of Fairdale's fallen and returning veterans were honored with dignity. His quiet, steadfast care kept the memorial a place of reflection for students, families, and the community.

After George's passing in 2020, the memorial gradually fell into disrepair. Weather, overgrowth, and time took their toll. Many in the community noticed—but it wasn't until this spring that a coordinated effort emerged to restore the memorial to the standard George had upheld for so long.

That effort began with a simple conversation between the Assembly and Fairdale High School. The school's Garden Club, led by dedicated faculty advisors and enthusiastic students, eagerly embraced the opportunity to help. Together with Fourth Degree members, they spent several hours clearing brush, trimming shrubs, refreshing flower beds, and



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cleaning the stone markers. Students also helped plant seasonal flowers, trees and spread mulch, transforming the area into a bright, welcoming space once again.

The collaboration not only restored the memorial—it created a bridge between generations. Students learned about the Vietnam War, the sacrifices of local graduates, and the legacy of Sir Knight George Daniels. Assembly members witnessed firsthand the pride and respect the students brought to the project.

The restored memorial now stands as a renewed tribute to Fairdale’s veterans and a living reminder of George Daniels’ dedication. The Assembly plans to continue working with the Garden Club to maintain the site throughout the year, ensuring that George’s legacy of service continues through the hands of a new generation.

This project reflects the very heart of the Fourth Degree: honoring patriotism, preserving memory, and serving the community with dignity.



Joe Carter, FDM
State Program Director



ST. FRANCIS/ST. JOHN COUNCIL #11470 SUPPORTS NOT ALONE PREGNANCY CENTER

During this year's annual Fish Fry, members of St. Francis/St. John Council #11470 collected donations in support of Not Alone Pregnancy Center in Georgetown. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, guests, and community supporters, a total of \$3,500 was raised to assist the center in its mission of providing support, resources, and encouragement to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies.

Members of the council recently presented a check for \$3,500 to representatives of Not Alone Pregnancy Center. The council is grateful to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause and helped make a positive impact in the lives of those served by the center.

Jeff Crump
Grand Knight



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN COUNCIL 14993

AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, Mary Queen of Heaven Council 14993 sponsors an eighth-grade scholarship for a seventh-grade student at Mary Queen of Heaven School who plans to continue his or her Catholic education at the school.

Applicants are asked to submit a one-page essay on a selected topic. The essays are evaluated anonymously by a panel consisting of Knights, clergy, and educators. This year's essay topic was "My Favorite Jesus Parable and How It Inspires Me."

Seven students applied for the scholarship this year. The scholarship committee selected Kinsley Smith as the recipient of the 2026 scholarship award.

The award was presented during the final All-School Mass of the academic year by Scholarship Committee members Neal Reed and George DeMarco.

George DeMarco, PGN
Chancellor, Council 14993



ASSEMBLY 3929 HONORS MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH SERVICE AND PATRIOTISM

In honor of Memorial Day, members of Assembly 3929 – Joseph O’Callahan Assembly distributed American Legion poppy stickers following Masses at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington and St. Luke Church in Nicholasville.

In addition, Sir Knights led the Patriotic Rosary from the ambo at all weekend Masses, inviting parishioners to pray for our nation, its leaders, and those who have served in the Armed Forces.

Continuing their commitment to supporting our military, Sir Knights and several spouses volunteered over two evenings at Military Missions, helping assemble approximately 1,200 care packages for service members stationed in Africa and Europe. The packages



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will be distributed in conjunction with upcoming Independence Day celebrations.

Assembly 3929 has partnered with Military Missions on a quarterly basis and remains committed to supporting the organization's efforts to provide encouragement and care to deployed military personnel.

Chris Luketich
Faithful Navigator



ASSEMBLY 2753 AND COUNCIL 7847 HONOR VETERANS AHEAD OF MEMORIAL DAY

In a profound display of reverence and gratitude, members and families of Knights of Columbus Assembly 2753 and Council 7847 gathered at Green Hill Cemetery in advance of Memorial Day to honor those who served our nation.

With meticulous care, volunteers removed weathered and faded flags from the graves of local veterans and replaced them with more than 800 crisp American flags. The flags now stand in proud formation throughout the cemetery, creating a powerful visual tribute to the men and women whose service and sacrifice helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

This annual effort reflects the Knights of Columbus commitment to patriotism, remembrance, and service. By ensuring that the resting places of veterans are marked with dignity and respect, Assembly 2753 and Council 7847 help keep alive the memory of those who answered our nation’s call.

The sea of red, white, and blue serves as a reminder to the entire community that the sacrifices made by our veterans will never be forgotten.

David Allard
Faithful Navigator



LOCAL JUDICIARY REFLECTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION THROUGH ANNUAL PUBLIC READING

Members of the local judiciary gathered at the Christian County Justice Center on May 29 for the annual public reading of the United States Constitution, an event that highlights the enduring importance of the document that serves as the foundation of our nation's government and legal system.

The reading took place in the courtroom of Christian Circuit Judge John Atkins and featured participation from local judges, public defenders, attorneys, members of the Christian County Bar Association, and paralegals preparing to enter law school. Together, they read the Constitution from beginning to end, including its articles and amendments.

Before the reading began, District Judge Lindsey Adams welcomed those in attendance and reflected on the importance of understanding the Constitution. Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Shea Nickell opened the reading, beginning with the famous words of the Preamble: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union..."



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Throughout the event, participants took turns reading sections of the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights. The occasion served as a reminder of the principles and freedoms established by the Founding Fathers and preserved through generations of Americans.

Members of Knights of Columbus Assembly 2753 participated by distributing American flags and copies of the Constitution to members of the community attending the event.

Assembly 2753 also invited several homeschool students from the parish to attend the reading and meet members of the judicial system. Following the event, the students had the opportunity to interact with Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Shea Nickell and learn more



about the role of the courts in American government.

Portions of this article were adapted from coverage by NewsRadio WHOP.

David Allard
Faithful Navigator

OWENSBORO ASSEMBLY 2074 SUPPORTS PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Owensboro Assembly 2074 of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree recently donated \$1,000 to the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro.

Charity, the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, inspires members to support those in need within their communities. In keeping with that mission, the Assembly was pleased to assist the parish in its efforts to serve local families through its food pantry ministry.

Faithful Navigator Ed Sullivan and several Fourth Degree Knights attended Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on May 10, where they presented the donation to Pastor Father Pat Reynolds, along with Kim Morgan and Germaine Broxon, coordinators of the parish food pantry.

Ed Sullivan
Faithful Navigator



Photo courtesy of Ed Sullivan

COUNCIL HOSTS SPAGHETTI DINNER TO SUPPORT MEDICAL MISSION TO PERU

On April 25, 2026, council 15914 out of Ft. Campbell hosted a Spaghetti Dinner at the Soldiers’ Chapel Annex to benefit a medical mission serving communities in Peru. Approximately 70 parishioners, Brother Knights, and supporters attended the event, which raised \$2,912 in support of the mission.

The mission is coordinated through Global Health Volunteers, a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains healthcare professionals and volunteers to provide medical care, health education, and other vital services to underserved communities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Volunteers work alongside local healthcare providers to improve access to care and help build healthier communities.

The effort was initiated within the parish by Donna Gatto and her husband, Henry Cerritos-Caceres, a member of the council. Both are participating in the upcoming mission trip to Peru, where volunteers will provide healthcare services and educational programs to individuals living in remote areas with limited access to medical care.

On May 24, 2026, council members presented a check for \$2,912 to support the mission and its ongoing efforts to bring healing, education, and hope to those in need.

Dale Guthrie
Financial Secretary



COUNCIL 7847 VOLUNTEERS WITH FEEDING AMERICA

On Saturday, June 13, members of Council 7847 participated in their monthly Feeding America distribution at the Western Kentucky Fairgrounds. Volunteers assembled food boxes, filled them with food provided by Feeding America, and loaded them into vehicles for delivery to individuals and families in Christian County and surrounding communities.

The monthly outreach helps ensure that food reaches those in need throughout the region and reflects the Knights of Columbus commitment to charity and service.

Council members were pleased to welcome summer seminarian Juan Carlos, who joined the volunteers for the day's activities. His participation provided an opportunity to experience firsthand the charitable work being carried out within the community and to work alongside parishioners and Brother Knights in service to others.

Pictured is summer seminarian Juan Carlos volunteering during the June Feeding America distribution at the Western Kentucky Fairgrounds.

Bruce Wilcox
Grand Knight



COUNCIL 13053 HONORS FALLEN HEROES ON MEMORIAL DAY

Knights of Columbus Bishop Flaget Council 13053 honored America's fallen military heroes throughout the Memorial Day weekend with a special display in the narthex of St. Bernadette Parish.

The respectful memorial, created by Brother Dan Block, served as a visible reminder of the sacrifices made by the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to our nation.

While a small gesture, the display provided parishioners and visitors an opportunity to pause, reflect, and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. Through this tribute, Council 13053 expressed its gratitude and respect for our nation's heroes and their enduring legacy of service.

Jack Banbury
Deputy Grand Knight



COUNCIL 17247 AWARDS FIFTH ANNUAL BARRY CECIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Monsignor Braun Council 17247 of Owensboro recently awarded the Fifth Annual Barry Cecil Memorial Scholarship to Levi Congleton, a member of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish.

The scholarship recognizes a deserving student and honors the memory and legacy of Barry Cecil, whose dedication and service continue to inspire members of the council and parish community.

Pictured with Levi are members of his family, along with Grand Knight Barry Strehl and Financial Secretary Duane Harris.

Duane Harris
Financial Secretary



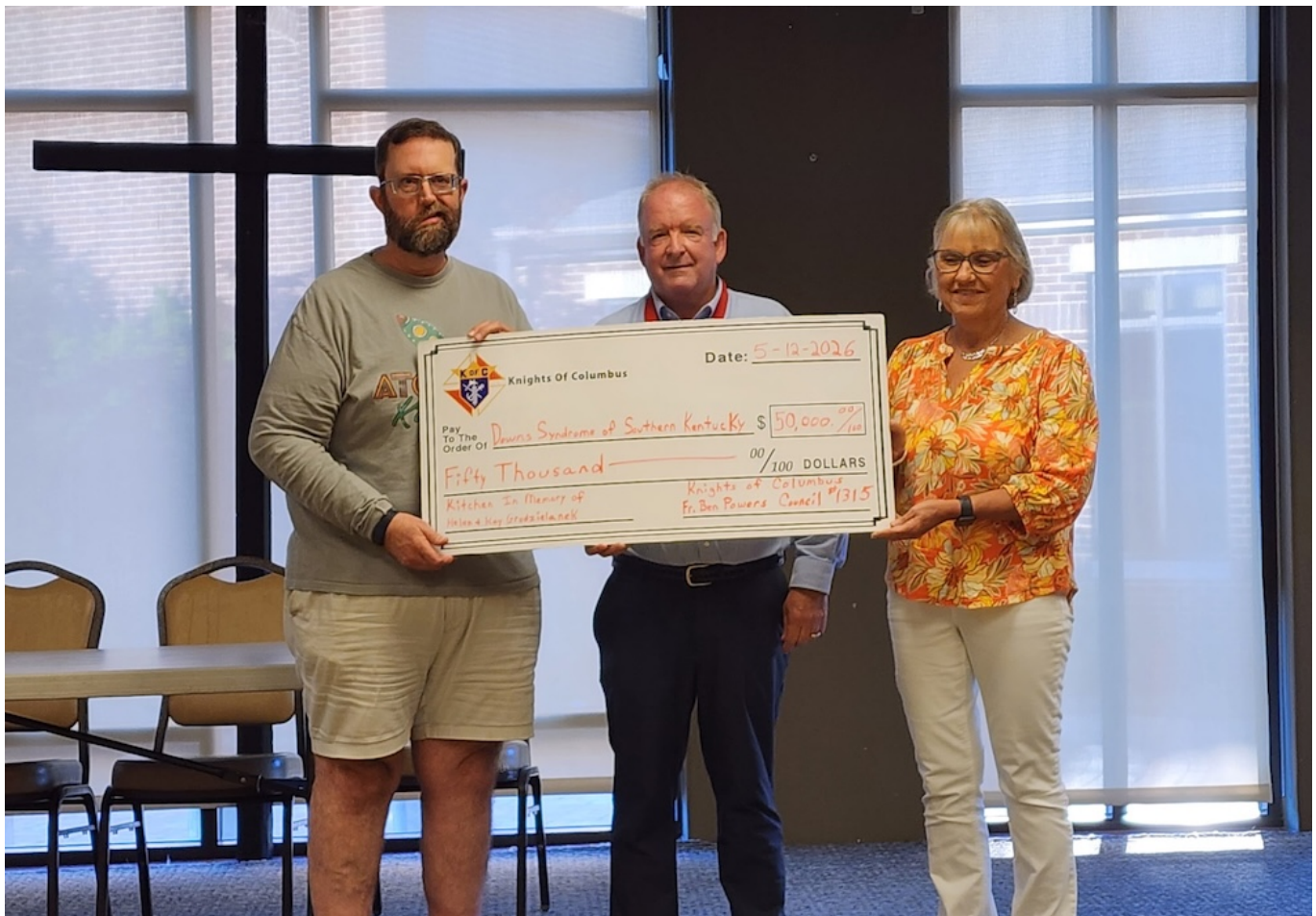
COUNCIL 1315 PRESENTS \$50,000 DONATION TO DOWN SYNDROME OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY

Fr. Ben Powers Council 1315 recently presented a \$50,000 donation to Down Syndrome of Southern Kentucky during the organization's May 12, 2026, meeting.

The donation was made in memory of Ray and Helen Grudzelanik, longtime supporters and advocates for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Funds from the donation will be used to provide the kitchen for the organization's new facility, which is expected to break ground in the near future.

The contribution reflects the Knights of Columbus commitment to charity and their long-standing support of programs that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Pictured from left to right are Eric Leach, President of the Board for Down Syndrome of Southern Kentucky; Rick Osborne, Charity Chairman and District Deputy 9; and Pam Spangler, daughter of Ray and Helen Grudzelanik.



COUNCIL 2499 WELCOMES SIX NEW KNIGHTS

Friday, May 15, was a memorable evening for Hardinsburg Council 2499 as family members, friends, and Brother Knights gathered at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in McQuady for an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

The ceremony welcomed six new members into the Knights of Columbus: Todd Pate, Montgomery Moorman, William Moorman, Marty Kramer, James Whitfill, and Christopher Whitfill.

The Exemplification provided an opportunity for candidates and their families to learn more about the principles of the Order while celebrating the beginning of their journey as Knights of Columbus.

Council 2499 extends its congratulations to these new Brother Knights and thanks all those who participated in and assisted with the exemplification ceremony. Their efforts helped make the evening a meaningful and successful event.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH HOSTS RELICS OF THE MEXICAN MARTYRS

The St. Michael the Archangel community was blessed to host the relics of the Mexican Martyrs on Sunday, May 24, for a special day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.



The event began with a bilingual Mass celebrated by Father Mike Tobin, assisted by Deacon Tom Thorson and Father Julián Ibemere. Parishioners from throughout the community gathered to honor the courageous witnesses of the faith whose sacrifices continue to inspire Catholics around the world.

Following Mass, attendees had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and participate in the veneration of the relics. A brief presentation was also given on the history and significance of the Mexican Martyrs, helping those present gain a deeper appreciation for their steadfast faith and witness.

After the religious services concluded, members of the St. Michael the Archangel community, together with the Knights of Columbus and many parish families, gathered in the

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parish hall for a shared meal and fellowship. Parishioners generously prepared and brought food to share, creating an atmosphere of fraternity, hospitality, and faith.

The event was a meaningful experience for all who attended and served as a reminder of the enduring example of courage, sacrifice, and devotion demonstrated by the Mexican Martyrs.

Juan Palomino
Grand Knight



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Knights Support the Summer Games in Two Major Ways

The Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games wrapped up on June 4 and Knights of Columbus from across the state made an impact on the Games in two major ways.

First, Knights contributed \$7,690 via the annual Salute to Summer Games fundraising campaign to help fund the Games. Special thanks to Paul Tadatada of Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390 who raised \$2,754 for the Salute this year.

Once the Games were underway, Knights were there to volunteer as they have been for more than 20 years with St. Mark Council #12852 in Richmond leading the way. On Saturday, more than 30 Knights and their family members – most from St. Mark Council and St. John Paul II Assembly #3024 – once again provided most of the volunteer support at the softball throw venue. Knights performed more than 200 volunteer hours at the Games.



Knights Contribute more than \$34,000 to Special Olympics in Fraternal Year 2024-25

With the success of the Salute to Summer Games, total Knights of Columbus fundraising for Special Olympics throughout the 2024-25 Fraternal Year exceeded \$34,000. This includes the Salute, all money donated by Councils to Special Olympics programs and teams in their area or to the Special Olympics state office through activities like Tootsie Roll Drives and all money raised at events like the Plane and Truck Pulls. It is the fourth consecutive year that Knights have raised or donated more than \$30,000 to support Special Olympics on the State and local level. Thank you all so much for the important work you do on behalf of Special Olympics athletes.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

Summer Sports Season Offers Many Volunteer Opportunities

The Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Sports Season is one of the smallest in terms of number of events, but still offers several volunteer opportunities for Knights across the state. The season consists of golf and softball events. Golf events have roles for scorers and even course officials for Knights familiar with the Rules of Golf.

Softball leagues in Georgetown and Louisville have openings for scorekeepers. Our Regional and State Tournaments have opportunities for scorekeepers, announcers and umpires for any Knights who may be certified umpires. For more information visit soky.org/volunteernow.



Knights from St. Michale the Archangel Council #18284 volunteered at last year's Northern Kentucky Regional Golf Tournament.

Show Your Council's Strength at a Truck Pull Near You

The Truck Pull for Special Olympics is a great way to show your Council's strength, have a great time and support Special Olympics Kentucky. The Truck Pull consists of teams of 15 seeing who can pull a loaded UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet in the fastest time. Prizes are awarded for the fastest pull in men's women's and co-ed divisions, top fundraising team and individual, best team t-shirt and most team spirit. Teams can be made up of Knights, family members and friends. The Truck Pull also has a fun, festive atmosphere with events for the entire family throughout the day. Events will be held in Lexington, Paducah and Louisville. There is a minimum team fundraising total to compete.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

2025 Truck Pull Schedule

Lexington – Saturday, August 16; Texas Roadhouse, Beaumont Centre

Paducah – Saturday, September 20; Four Rivers Harley-Davidson

Louisville – Saturday, October 18; BrightSpring Health Services

You can sign up now for the Lexington Truck Pull at lexingtontruckpull.com. For information about the other two events contact Mallory Jent at mjent@soky.org or 502-326-5002.



STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Welcome to June!

June always has the smell of “change” in the air every year. School is out, pools are opening, picnics and festivals are on our calendars, and the Knights of Columbus Supreme, State and councils are headed towards the end of this Fraternal Year on June 30, 2026. At publication of this last Kentucky State Deputy newsletter article for me, there will be 17 days left as opportunities for all of us to achieve the goals we or someone else set so we can show how we as Brothers lived the 4 principles of the Knights of Columbus. Here are a few activities that happened recently that I want to mention along with some last minute tasks that are still opportunities for the 4 principles to shine.

Congratulations to our newest Kentucky Council #18908– St. Francis of Assisi in Guthrie!

The process for this new council has brought a lot of current and new Knights together in order for this new Council to start its journey to serve the parish, community, and families. Many thanks to Fr. Ken Mikulcik, District Deputy Tom O’Hagan, Grand Knights Bruce Wilcox and Juan Palimino, and ALL those who helped bring this new beginning into being. The Kentucky State Council pledges our support for many coming years of success in serving others.

Reminder of the Waive “Supreme” Per Capita Agent Recruitment Incentive for

Councils Every council who refers a Brother “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](#).

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2025 Council Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity it is still not too late fill out the 2025 Fraternal Survey form (#1728) showing what the council donated in time and contributions to charitable causes. Contact your District Deputy with any questions.

Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF)

• We currently have 29 Councils who have reported small prayer groups activity across KY this past fraternal year. If you or someone would like to learn more about Cor and receive the regular *Cor Central* Advisory, you can sign up here: [**Subscribe to Cor Central**](#)

Succession Planning –

• Congratulations on new Officers Elected between May 1st and June 15th. I invite all members to 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 Audiences. I encourage Everyone, Especially Grand Knights and all of the Council Officers to watch one session of training a month!

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. 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 “Pinnacle” intake goal for new members, it’s important that we all work to keep the momentum going. Also, Kentucky can now earn a 2% reduction off of next year’s goal before the next fraternal year even starts. As of June 12, If 16 new members join our ranks here in KY before July 1st, the State membership goal for next year 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

Congratulations to the 16 Councils who have met all the Star Council requirements for this fraternal year. Here is a short list with some Star Council requirements numbers that show a council is active and serving the parish and community well.

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- 47 Councils have achieved Safe Environment Training (SET) Compliance.
- 35 Councils have achieved the Fr. McGivney Award Requirements.
- 29 Councils have achieved the Columbian Award Requirements.
- 30 Councils have achieved the Founders Award (FBE) Requirements.

Congratulations to the 48 Councils who have qualified for at least one Supreme Council Award (McGivney/Columbian/Founders/Star)

I would like to recognize the 78% of our Kentucky Jurisdiction Councils who have brought at least one new member into their ranks.

Supreme and State Programs

- The Supreme Office will be accepting completed SP-7 Columbian Award forms from Councils as long as they receive before midnight of June 30, 2026.

2026 KofC Mexican Martyrs Relics in Kentucky – May 19 – May 24, 2026

Kentucky was honored to again have the opportunity for the KofC Mexican Martyrs “Reliquary” to tour parts of our state this month of May. There were 5 stops at parishes that were sponsored by local councils and the Schachle KofC Insurance Agency. The tour made stops at St. Mildred Catholic Church (C#14128) – Somerset, St. Paul Catholic Church (C#15707) - Lexington, St. Rita Catholic Church (C#5634) - Louisville, St. Thomas More Catholic Church (C#11591) – Paducah, and St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church (C#12965) - Oak Grove. The State Deputy sends his Gratitude and Thanks to ALL who helped coordinate and participate in these events. My personal thanks go out to Dan Schachle and his Brother Insurance Agents for all their help and support so that this tour became a reality. Viva Cristo Rey!

- **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 which was held the weekend of June 5th - 7th. Should you have questions about any Special Olympics opportunity, 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

- *NOW ***Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) Not Too Late to turn in!***
- *June 11, 2026 FBE-ESP 8pm ET – “Wisdom in the Management of Family Financial Assets”
- *June 12, 2026 Feast Day of Sacred Heart of Jesus
- *June 11-14, 2026 KY Holy Land Conference – Consecration of our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Marion, Washington and Nelson Counties
- *June 16, 2026 FBE-ESP 10:30pm ET – “Wisdom in the Management of Family Financial Assets”
- *June 22, 2026 FBE 7pm ET – “How your Field Agent can help your Family”
- *June 30, 2026 **LAST DAY OF FY 2025-2026**
- *July 10-11, 2026 2026 Organizational Meeting -Brandenburg
- *Dec. 4-6, 2026 2026 Midyear Meeting – Madisonville
- *April 23-25, 2027 124th Kentucky State Convention - Lexington

Since this is my last Newsletter article as the Kentucky State Deputy, I would like thank all who have been a part of the Knights of Columbus during the last 24 months. Because of the support that has been given, Kentucky has risen into the top 10 of the Knights of Columbus 75 Jurisdictions this year and I am very excited to support new State Deputy Gary Dykhuis and all the State Officers in my new role as Immediate Past State Deputy that starts on July 1st.

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

STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST



“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”

1Corinthians 10:16

The Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* provides me with an excellent foundation for my farewell submission as your State Chaplain, for it focuses our attention on the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith, the Eucharist. The words of St. Paul above remind us that wherever we may be, whatever the nature or circumstance of our association, the unbreakable bond that binds us is our participation in Christ.

We are pilgrims with a common destiny, a shared roadmap that is “the way”, yet we are also sojourners who must each follow the call as he hears it in obedience. It has been my privilege to share this path with you these last five years. I hope that I have, from time to time, shed some light on the road to a greater fidelity to the vision of Fr. McGivney and, more importantly, to the following of Christ. If I have at times added weight to your pack instead of water to your canteen, I ask your pardon.

My prayer for the Knights of Kentucky is that you continue to live out your discipleship to Christ with the zeal of Blessed Michael McGivney. Know that he is waiting for you further up the road and the closer you embody his love of Christ for those in need, the clearer his direction and the stronger his assistance will be.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON



The 2025-2026 Fraternal Year is quickly coming to a close, and I'm reminded of the watchwords of the Order...Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori! Time Flies...Remember Death!

While "death" carries with it a very definitive meaning, it can also be a reminder that your time as a State or Council Officer is coming to an end. For me, not only is my term as Immediate Past State Deputy coming to an end, but my time as a State Officer of the KY Jurisdiction is also coming to an end.

My journey as a Knight began 29 years ago on June 6, 1997. I have served as DGK, GK, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, District Deputy, Field Agent and for the past 12 years as a State Officer. I can honestly tell you that I never sought any of those positions. Like many of you, I was comfortable in simply being a member of my local council and letting someone else be in charge, but that was not to be. God's ways are not always our ways. Before I knew it, I was a council officer. No big deal, Deputy Grand Knight not much to do, just fill in if the Grand Knight was absent and help with council activities. The friendships started to develop and the desire to serve the parish and to help the council grew. A lot was happening back then, three teenagers, a failing business venture, mounting debt, questioning myself and God on how I was going to pay for my kids' college and so on and so forth. It all came to a head one night when I finally stopped trying to do things my way and decided to put all my troubles and worries into God's hands.

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That night of desperation, tears and uncertainty was a defining moment in my life. From that point on to this very day, I do not challenge what God puts in front of me. I don't always understand and it's not always what I want, but it always works out.

As I write this finally goodbye as a current officer of the KY State Council, my thoughts are on those of you that may be reading this article. Those of you who have been sitting on the sidelines for whatever reason and battling with yourself when it comes to whether I should get involved or not..."you know, I'm awfully comfortable with where I'm at, if I step up and get involved then I'm committed and I don't know if I want that". I understand those thoughts and feelings, but the real question is what does God want and am I willing to listen to His desires for me. To know God's desire for you will require you to humble yourself, pray, ask God to guide you and have faith that everything will work out.

I truly believe that we are in a Spiritual Battle between Heaven and Hell". The signs are everywhere. People are confused, they no longer recognize Good vs Evil, Truth vs Lies, that Marriage is a Blessed Sacrament between a Man and a Woman, a person is no longer Innocent until proven Guilty but now one is Guilty until proven Innocent, that the taking of an Innocent Life is **murder** whether that life is an unborn child, a 3 year old on playground, a teenager at the wrong place at the wrong time, an elderly person beaten and robbed or one that is thrown into jail for praying to our Lord and God. There are factions within our own Church that add to the confusion. What are we to do, or what should we not do, may be the better question.

- We should not cower in the face of adversity. We must Step Into the Breach.
- We should not stop going to Mass. Mass is the only place where you can receive the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We should not stop praying. Our Blessed Mother gave us the most powerful tool to pray for the Salvation of the World...pick up that Rosary and pray it.
- And we shouldn't stop believing in our Catholic Faith. We are the only ones that have and celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist.

JOHNSON CONT.

Don't let that precious gift slip away. The Catholic Church is the "LIGHT of the WORLD" and you are the beacon of hope for the members of your parish.

In Closing:

You now know a little more about me & the reason why I'm driven to serve God. Suffice it to say...I owe Him a lot. He has opened doors and has led me in directions that serving Him is all that matters. It's not about "me" or even "we", it's about trusting in God and His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. June is the month of the "SACRED HEART OF JESUS", let us rejoice in his Love.

Pick up your Rosary & Pray. Don't be afraid to Step Into the Breach. It's our time to serve the Lord!

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

STATE SECRETARY DICK BURNS



Brothers Knights,

Celebrations!

Congratulations to Fr. Emil Kapaun Council 12965 in Oak Grove for their 25th anniversary on June 18th!

Tempus Fugit!

It was only 8 years ago that I accepted the honor of serving the Jurisdiction of Kentucky as a State Officer. For personal and family health reasons, I have decided to end my service now. It has been a rewarding experience, getting to meet Brother Knights from all over the state and participate in our many successes.

I congratulate the Brothers who have been elected to serve for the coming year and wish them the best, and I look forward to staying involved in a different capacity and continuing to serve as a proud Knight of Columbus.

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,

State Deputy Organizational Meeting

June 3rd to the 7th, I had the honor to attend the Supreme Council State Deputy Organizational Meeting for State Deputies from all over the world. A lot of information in meetings and the humble experience to sit in the “Kentucky Pew” at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven. As I was sitting there, I thought of All the Kentucky State Deputies that sat there before me, a humbling experience. I am truly honored to be elected as the 62nd Kentucky State Deputy. If you are ever in New Haven, Connecticut, stop by St. Mary’s Catholic Church and in the Kentucky Pew. It is 6 rows from the back on the left of the center aisle.



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2026 Organizational Meeting – July 10-12, 2026 – Brandenburg

This meeting is Primarily for District Deputies, but any knight is welcome to attend, but it is up to the Council to reimburse any of your expenses, or it is called “stewardship”. If you need information about this meeting, contact the Kentucky Executive Secretary Rick Arnold.

Upcoming Important Dates-

NOW!	“Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity” Form 1728.
*June, 2026	Council have Parish Outreach Church Drive
*June, 2026	Multiple CUF Exemplifications planned in your District
*June 8, 2026	FBE 7pm – “How your Field Agent can help your Family”
*June 11,2026	FBE-ESP 8pm – “Wisdom in the Management of Family Financial Assets”
*June 12. 2026	Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
*June 11-14, 2026	Kentucky Holy Land Conference – Consecration of our Country to the Sacred of Jesus – Marion, Washington, and Nelson Counties
*June 16,2026	FBE-ESP 8pm ET “Wisdom in the Management of Family Financial Assets”
*June 30, 2026	Last Day of FY 2026-2027
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How is your goal on COR doing in your Parish?

Inviting New Members

May was another Great Month Recruiting Year so far, 564 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?

We are now 22 days from the end of this fraternal year. Keep inviting men to join us. It is no time stop, lets keep going. Let’s finish the fraternal year strong, Keep metal to the floor.

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It that Time Again

Are your nominations committee started 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 1st and June 15th. It will be time to submit **Form 185 “Report of Officers Chosen for the Year.”** After the 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. Please consider being a District Deputy or District Warden, contact me.

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.

Request for Prayers

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Please keep our Worthy State Secretary Dick Burns and Suzanne in your prayers.
Sandy Motz, wife of DD Paul Motz, as she is in the hospital with kidney failure.
Please for the success of the Sacred Heart Conference in the Kentucky Holy Land June
11-14

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. And effective July 1, Rick Arnold, PSD, will be the Executive Secretary, rickd.arnold@gmail.com, for changes.

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.

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A New Friend



Terri and I got a New Friend.

Thanks for the District Deputies and District Wardens.

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Vivat Jesus!
Gary Dykhuis
State Deputy-Elect

STATE ADVOCATE MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,

Council Elections

Your council has probably had their elections already or will be having them shortly, make sure you fill out the 185 or use member management to set the officers. Under Council Administration you can enter the officers for Current and Next, if some of the officers will retain their roles you can copy from the current year and it will duplicate the assignments with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Then remember to rotate your Trustee positions (it won't do that for you) and assign the new officers into the roles that have changed. When done scroll all the way to the bottom to use the Submit button (which is often not visible due to the height of the page), without clicking Submit your work will be discarded when you leave the page.

If you have not submitted officers for next year prior to July 1 then access to member management will expire and you will have to email the form to fraternal mission and there will be a delay before anyone can access member management again – so get that 185 submitted before June 30th!

If your GK or FS has changed for the new year, be sure to provide their contact info to the State Deputy and Executive Secretary. At the state level we cannot see assigned officers and won't have any reports from Supreme for several months – update the SD and ExecSec so that your council will be informed of state events and your former GK will not have to keep forwarding everything to the new officers.

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Council Forms

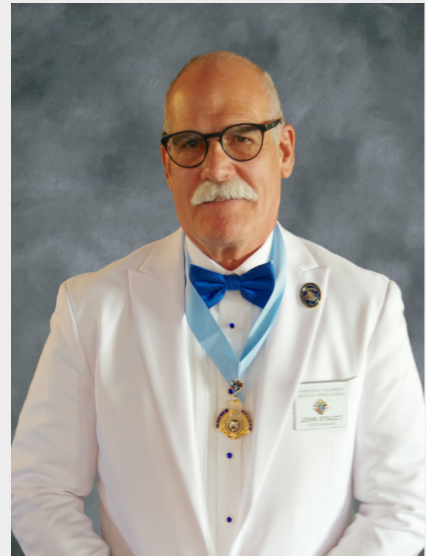
You can submit the 365 for the next year as well, It was previously due in August but that caused a delay with getting the new directors Safe Environment trained so now it is preferred to submit that by July 1st as well. Don't forget you need to include your Membership and Retention Directors as well as the ones required for SEP compliance, Supreme will not consider your council as having completed the 365 without a Membership director.

You should submit your SP7 Columbian award form ASAP if you have not already done so, including any projects you plan to complete later in this Fraternal year. Supreme can take some time to process, and if there is an issue you will want time to correct that and resubmit. If you have questions on properly reporting an item our State Program Director will be happy to review your form and provide insightful comments on any item that may need a bit of polish to pass Supreme on the first attempt.

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 have 5 councils still showing “All Roles Vacant” which means they have not submitted their 185 or 365 for this year, get those forms in!

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Advocate

STATE WARDEN JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

We are in the last month of the fraternal year. I hope you have completed SP-7 for the Columbian Award and Star Council requirements. You would be surprised by how many events your council plans and executes throughout the fraternal year. With my council, I have found completing the Form #10784 helps to determine what can be used to complete the SP-7 in May and June.

My wife, Deanna, and I attended the Special Olympics opening ceremony on June 5th in Richmond, KY with our State Deputy, Luke Williams and his wife Pam. We accepted a recognition award for the Kentucky Knights of Columbus. The Master of Ceremonies was, our own Special Olympics Chairman, Mark Buerger. He energized the participants and teams for their week of competition. It is quite the scene with authentic cheerfulness of all involved; contestants, family, coaches and referees. If you ever have the opportunity to participate as a volunteer, it is always a happy and cheerful event and you come away with a new respect for the capability our young mentally and physically challenged.

Kentucky was honored to again have the opportunity for the KofC Mexican Martyrs “Reliquary” to tour parts of our state this month of May. There were 5 stops at parishes that were sponsored by local councils and the Schachle KofC Insurance Agency. The tour made stops at St. Mildred Catholic Church (C#14128) – Somerset, St. Paul Catholic Church (C#15707) - Lexington, St. Rita Catholic Church (C#5634) - Louisville, St. Thomas More Catholic Church (C#11591) – Paducah, and St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church (C#12965) - Oak Grove. I had the opportunity to be a part of the Mexican Martyrs exposition at St. Rita’s Catholic Church in Louisville on May 22nd. I was an Honor Guard for the relics as people came to pray. Following the exposition, Mass was said. Joe Sadtler, GK, St. John XXIII, Council 5634 helped to organize the event. Following the Mass, an exemplification was held in Spanish for 6 new members. I want to thank General Agent, Dan Schachle and

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Field Agents, Dwight Frank and Lee Rivette for bringing the relics to the State of Kentucky and the Louisville Archdiocese.

Our 2026 Football Frenzy tickets are being readied for distribution at our Organizational Meeting on July 11, 2026 in Brandenburg, KY. This fundraiser for the Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities goes to the General Fund. This fund is for people in need through grant requests and also takes care of the administrative costs associated with running the State Charity, such as mailings and supplies. Your new State Warden, Eric Guy will be distributing them at the meeting.

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](#).

Having been elected to State Treasurer, I am honored to serve the State Jurisdiction and look forward my new position for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year.

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**

STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MIKE RINEHART



As my last few days, as KY State Executive Secretary, come to a close, I would like to thank both WIPSD Tom Johnson and WSD Luke Williams for the trust and confidence they had in me.

The last 4 years have been sometimes hectic but always fulfilling.

It has certainly been an honor to serve the Kentucky Jurisdiction as your Executive Secretary the past 4 years; and thank you for your cooperation and support.

Congratulations to the Kentucky Jurisdiction on achieving Circle of Honor this fraternal year. The councils and their officers have done a fantastic job.

Congratulations to the incoming State Officers.

Vivat Jesus.

Mike Rinehart

KY Executive Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O'HAGAN



There are three weeks left in this fraternal year. The mission at hand is to help every council be successful. How do we measure success? STAR Council.

Please check your Prospect List. 130 E-Members are waiting for a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification. These Brother Knights want to be members of your councils. Convert them either with an In-Person or an On-Demand Exemplification.

Check the Star Council Award Progress Spreadsheet regularly.

We have 16 Star Councils. Congratulations!

We now have another 30 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.

There are Fraternal Benefit Events scheduled before the end of this Fraternal Year. Take advantage of them and earn the Founders Award.

- June 8th (Spanish presentation with English subtitles)
- June 11, 2026, at 8:00 PM EDT <http://kofc.org/FBE11deJunio>
- June 16, 2026, at 10:30 PM EDT <http://kofc.org/FBE16deJunio>

Open to members, families, and guests. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable financial insights as we close the Fraternal Year!

Email YouthLeader@kofc.org to find out what your Council needs to be SET Compliant

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Conduct a Parish Outreach Drive (POD) before the end of the Fraternal Year. Membership growth is the lifeblood of a council and provides the fuel to expand your mission and increase your impact in your parish and community. [11872 Membership Drive Steps Council](#)

Then conduct a CUF Exemplification and add them to your Council. In-Person and/or On-Demand

Go for double, triple, quadruple, etc., STAR. Every man counts. The last thing we need is for someone to be ready, but we failed to ensure he immediately joined. If that man were to die in an accident, his family would miss out on the \$1500 Accidental Death Benefit that every member benefits from. Let's not hold anyone back. What do you say??? You must create serious momentum for the next fraternal year.

Brothers, it's that time of the year that we must all act with a sense of urgency and fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's vision to unite Catholic men in faith through Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

I highly recommend that each council develop a membership committee because the GK cannot do it all alone. With a membership team, we are all more successful. [Organizing Your Membership Committees | Knights of Columbus](#)

The Supreme website KoC.org provides numerous links and ideas for membership growth. They are easy to find and to institute within your councils - [Inviting Men to Join | Knights of Columbus](#)

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 essential that when your council uses Membership Enrollment cards, you have a plan in place to follow up with each member 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.

We have had tremendous membership growth in the Kentucky Jurisdiction this Fraternal Year. Every council needs to continue 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.

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Let’s Keep Growing!

We are working on new and exciting Council Incentives for the upcoming Fraternal Year. They will be announced soon!

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	45 v 50 = 90%	622 v 484 =128.51%
Councils With No YTD Adds		25 v 99
Form 365 Not Submitted		29 v 99
Form 185 Not Submitted		4 v 99
SP7 Not Submitted		76 v 99

The Knights of Columbus offer every man the chance to live his faith and be an example for others to follow. We owe it to all Catholic men to provide them with this opportunity—the opportunity to be a better Catholic, a better man, a better husband, father, grandfather, brother or son, and friend.

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

Vivat Jesus!
Tom O’Hagan
KY State Membership Director

PROGRAM DIRECTOR RSVP CHAIRMAN JOE CARTER



Councils are encouraged to submit their Columbian Award applications. Submitting the SP-7 form early gives councils time to revise and resubmit if needed. It also helps the Supreme Council process forms more efficiently by reducing the end-of-June backlog. If an early application is denied, Fraternal Mission will email instructions for correcting and resubmitting it.

Faith Programs

Reminder: America 250

This summer, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and are urging all parishes to commit to 250 hours of Eucharistic adoration and 250 works of mercy.

Knights and their families can dedicate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by obtaining the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from the State Council. With the cooperation of the pastor, a Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be held with the Icon displayed. Alternatively, The council can purchase **Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart** Kits for its members who wish to participate the at a cost of \$3.00 each at Supreme's Supplies Online or at shopcatholicinfo.com.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

August 1 is the 100-year anniversary of the Cristero War. All councils are encouraged to pray a Novena or attend Mass to celebrate. The ¡Viva Cristo Rey! program celebrates the sanctity of the Mexican Martyrs, including members of the Knights of Columbus, who were killed for their faith during the religious persecution of Catholics by the Mexican government in the early 20th century. Resources can be found free on Supplies Online.

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RSVP Forms Due

June 30 is the deadline for councils to submit the RSVP refund application for donations made to seminarians and postulants during the past fraternal year. For every \$500 donated, \$100 will be refunded by Supreme to the council. You can find the form to share with councils.

Family Programs

Faith, Family and Futbol

Supreme encourages councils to watch this summer’s international soccer matches and host a special-edition 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge. Winners from each state or province will receive a state champion T-shirt. Councils are encouraged to invite friends, enjoy the games together, and use the event as an opportunity to increase membership. Councils that host a 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge and exemplify three members between June 1 and July 31 will also receive two commemorative T-shirts for members of their choice. An event guide is attached.

Food for Families

Councils that collect at least \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food and donate it to their local food banks and parish pantries earn a \$100 refund. The Food for Families application Form 10057 is due June 30.

Family of the Month

Did you know that each month, Supreme chooses one family of the month in each state and province to receive a special diptych (a pair of pictures on two panels hinged together) featuring the Holy Family? To qualify, councils must submit their entries through the **#10784 form**.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH WINNERS		
Month	Council	Family
July-25	11470	Rock Wood
Aug-25	7387	Josh G. Ballard
Sep-25	11470	Donald Dickson
Oct-25	17606	Calvin Ho
Nov-25	No Family Submitted	
Dec-25	2955	Joseph M. Gleason
Jan-26	11470	James Drummond
Feb-26	2499	Ort Critchelow
Mar-26	7378	Andrew Hagman
Apr-26	2499	Bobby Henning

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Community Programs

Coats for Kids

We are preparing for the 2026–27 fraternal year Buy-One-Get-One (BOGO) Coats for Kids program. Supreme has set an initial cap of 130 BOGO coat cases for Kentucky. We will do our best to keep the distribution a true BOGO. To help manage inventory and ensure fair distribution across the jurisdiction, please respond promptly when council order submissions open. The Kentucky Jurisdiction must submit its BOGO proposal to the Supreme Office by **September 1** to claim its cases. Proposals received after that date may not qualify for the BOGO incentive. Any unclaimed *BOGO cases will be* made available to *other jurisdictions* afterward.

Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage

As the fraternal year ends, councils can plan a celebration to honor saints important to their parishes - for example, St. Michael in Louisville. The canonical decree establishing the parish of St. Michael was issued in 1976. This year is its 50th year of recognition as a parish. The council at that parish can sponsor or have significant participation in celebrating and sharing the faith heritage with the wider parish community and host a meal or get together to foster an appreciation of the parish.

Another example is Historic St. Paul Catholic Church in Lexington, KY. This church is approaching its 200 year, having been consecrated by the Rt. Rev. G. A. Carroll, Bishop of Covington, on Oct. 18, 1868. This is a very diverse parish that may welcome a council sponsoring a celebration of their heritage.

Life Programs

ASAP

Through ASAP, when a council or assembly donates \$500 to a qualifying nonprofit pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council provides a \$100 grant to that same organization, up to \$2,000 in donations. If your council made a qualifying donation after July 1, 2025, you must submit the grant forms by June 30, 2026. Along with the grant form, include either an ASAP Donation Receipt Letter or a copy of a canceled check from the council's account. A signed IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification) completed by the pregnancy resource center or maternity home is also required.

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State RSVP Chairman Update

Whether you mark summer by the meteorological calendar on June 1 or the astronomical calendar on June 21, this is the time for each council to decide whether to support a seminarian. Councils may continue supporting a current seminarian or choose a new one, depending on who is available. With most schools on summer break, many students are considering whether to stay on their current path or pursue a different one. Our young men are no different. Some will return to the seminary, while others may discern a different path. The Knights of Columbus will support them either way.

I will meet with each diocese's vocation director(s) to discuss the Knights of Columbus vision of support for the seminarians. That includes more than just the names, school information, but also each seminarian's parish. We will also collect information from councils, such as council number, city, grand knight's name, grand knights' telephone number, grand knight's email address, and the parish(es) the council is associated.

In addition to a very strong effort to ensure every seminarian is affiliated with the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) program. Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. While councils have been generously supporting those in formation financially, they must also support these individuals morally and spiritually.

Moral support is not about solving problems or providing financial aid, but about standing by someone emotionally, reminding them they're not alone, and reinforcing their inner strength. Spiritual support can help individuals find peace, resilience, and a sense of belonging to a higher purpose or community. Based on the outline of duties assigned to by the CHARTER CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, this is a perfect assignment for the council chancellor.

School has just ended. This is a perfect time for councils to send a note or card to the person they support offering congratulations for successfully completing the school year.

After a period of discernment, men enter seminary formation, which has four stages: Propaedeutic, Discipleship, Configuration, and Vocational Synthesis. Councils can learn a seminarian's current stage by contacting him, the diocese's vocation director, or me. This also gives councils an opportunity to congratulate him as he advances from one stage to the next.

For the us, members of the Knights of Columbus, we consider caring for seminarians as an adoption. Not in the sense of the legal definition of adoption, but the biblical meaning.



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Biblical adoption is a spiritual and transformative concept rather than merely a legal or social act. In the Old Testament, God describes adoption in familial terms, such as a special covenantal relationship of care, guidance, and protection. In the New Testament adoption is described as an intimate, personal relationship.

We are called to build a relationship with each seminarian so he can also become familiar with the council. The State Council will assist by providing the seminarian's name, parish, school address, email address, and stage of formation. We will also share the grand knight's name, phone number, and email address with the seminarian, along with the council's meeting date and time so he can attend when he is home. Whenever possible, seminarians will be assigned to the council closest to their home parish. If you need additional assistance, please contact the RSVP Chairman.

Joe Carter, FDM

Program Director

RSVP Chairman

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DISTRICT MASTER CAMERON PECK



Brother Knights,

As we close out this fraternal year, I want to begin by thanking each of you for the role you played in making it one of the most successful in our district's history. The work you do in your assemblies, in your parishes, and in your communities is the foundation of everything we accomplish together.

This month, we held an exemplification in Louisville at St. Michael Catholic Church, where 21 men were exemplified into the Fourth Degree. Welcome to these new Sir Knights. Your willingness to step forward and take up the responsibilities of the Patriotic Degree is a tremendous gift to your assemblies and to this district.

That brings our total to seven exemplifications this fraternal year, with Sir Knights exemplified in Georgetown, Fort Mitchell, Brandenburg, Bardstown, Oak Grove, Bowling Green, and Louisville. This is already a record for our district, and I am grateful to every assembly officer, degree team member, and Sir Knight who helped make these events possible. Each of these new Sir Knights strengthens the presence of the Patriotic Degree in their assembly and gives their council another visible witness of Catholic patriotism in the community.

We have one more opportunity to close out the year. This coming Thursday, June 18, we will hold an additional exemplification in Louisville. When this exemplification takes place, it will bring our total to eight for the fraternal year, an extraordinary achievement for this district. If you have candidates who are ready, or if you would like to participate, please contact me as soon as possible so we can finalize the details. This is truly a last chance opportunity before the fraternal year closes on June 30.

Speaking of June 30, this is also a good reminder that the deadline for the Civic Award is fast approaching. If your assembly has held patriotic events this year and has not yet

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reported them to me, please do so right away so we can get your application submitted in time. I want to see as many assemblies as possible recognized for this award.

As we look ahead, this summer brings a milestone that holds special meaning for us as members of the Patriotic Degree. On July 4, 2026, our nation will mark the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the moment our founders formally declared the thirteen colonies free and independent from British rule. This act marked the birth of the United States of America as a nation, built on the principle that all men are created equal and endowed with unalienable rights, and that governments derive their authority from the consent of the governed. It is the foundational document upon which our nation's identity and government were built, and it is the reason we celebrate Independence Day every July 4. This is a once in a lifetime moment for our country, and as Fourth Degree Knights, we have a unique opportunity to be visible witnesses of both faith and patriotism as our communities celebrate. I encourage every assembly to look for ways to participate in local 250th anniversary events, whether that is an honor guard, a color corps presentation, or simply showing up in regalia to represent the Order.

Thank you again for everything you have done this year. It has been an honor to serve as your District Master, and I am excited for what we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

Vivat Jesus!
Cameron Peck, PSD
District Master

GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus – Father’s Plan, Father’s Protect

Brothers,

Father’s Day is June 21. When you think of the qualities of a good father, what comes to mind?

You might picture someone who leads by example, works hard, makes sacrifices, and loves unconditionally.

I think one of the most important ways a father shows his love is when he protects his family in this world that can be so uncertain.

For example, we can’t always control what influence the world might have on our family’s lives. That’s why a father knows it’s crucial to guard his family spiritually, leading by example in faith.

Similarly, we can’t always predict how life circumstances might impact our ability to provide for our families financially. Will our employment remain secure? Will we experience a long-term disability? And, as much as we don’t like to think about it, will the Lord call us home at a time we don’t expect?

There are many unknowns, but there are things you can do to protect your family and build security. For example, you can guard your loved ones through life insurance, long-term care

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insurance and disability income insurance. You can create guaranteed income for life that you cannot outlive.

Reach out to your K of C Field Agent today so you can arrange a meeting. He would be glad to discuss the various ways that “Father’s Plan, Father’s Protect” with the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



It was my privilege to be the keynote speaker at the Fourth Degree Exemplification hosted by the Fr. Calhoun Assembly 3611 in Oak Grove on April 25, 2026. In my May article I wrote about the first part of the speech, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. I would like to share with you the second part of the speech about another event that took place almost sixty years later.

Flash forward to the second day of infamy - September 11, 2001. This time the attacks were not carried out in military aircraft but in aircraft bearing commercial logos of American and United airlines – 2 departing Boston’s Logan International Airport – 1 from DC’s Dulles International Airport and 1 from Newark Liberty International Airport. The 4 flights were hijacked by foreign terrorists and used to strike major targets in the United States.

Aircraft 1. American Airlines Flight 11 was targeted for the World Trade Center North Tower. About 15 minutes after taking off from Logan at 7:59 a.m., five hijackers took control of the aircraft. The hijackers flew the plane into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. At 8:46 a.m., the aircraft hit the building between the 93rd and 99th floors. The crash caused severe damage and trapped hundreds of people on the floors above where the plane hit.

Aircraft 2. United Airlines Flight 175 was targeted for the World Trade Center South Tower. It departed Logan at 8:14 a.m., and five hijackers took control of the plane about 28 minutes after the flight began.

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The hijackers on this flight did not turn off the equipment that allows air traffic control to track the plane. This meant controllers could see that the plane had changed its path. At 9:03 a.m., the aircraft struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center between the 77th and 85th floors.

Aircraft 3. American Airlines Flight 77 was targeted for the Pentagon. It departed Dulles International Airport in Virginia at 8:20 a.m. There were 64 people on board including five hijackers. The takeover happened about 31 minutes into the flight while the plane was over Ohio.

The hijackers turned the plane back toward Washington, D.C. At 9:37 a.m., Flight 77 was crashed into the western side of the Pentagon in Virginia. The plane hit a section of the building that had recently been updated. Everyone on the plane died, along with 125 people who were working inside the Pentagon.

Aircraft 4. United Airlines Flight 93 was probably targeted for Washington, DC. This flight departed Newark, New Jersey (Newark Liberty Int Airport), at 8:42 a.m. The flight was delayed because of heavy airport traffic. This delay ended up playing a very important role in how the events unfolded.

Hijackers took control of the cockpit at 9:28 a.m. Because of the earlier delay, passengers were able to make phone calls and learn about the other attacks that had already happened. Realizing the plane was being used for a similar mission, the passengers and crew decided to fight back to regain control.

Recordings from the cockpit and official reports confirm the heroic efforts of the passengers and crew to resist. During the struggle, the plane crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at 10:03 a.m. This prevented the plane from hitting its likely target saving countless lives.

Deaths from the 4 hijackings totaled about 3,000. This is about the same number of deaths from the Pearl Harbor attack.

These attacks led to a significant change in how the country handles national security and air travel. As a result, Homeland Security and Transportation Security Agency were formed to ensure the safety of air travel.

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Admiral Nimitz was a man who looked at total devastation and chose to see possibility. Your obligation is to carry that same spirit into your service as Fourth Degree Knights. The Order has been producing patriots through peacetime and wartime for well over a century.

You learned the names of a few of them during today's exemplification. As Knights and citizens, we must be ever vigilant to defend the United States of America from its enemies foreign and domestic.

God Bless America!

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

PS Wishing all fathers a Happy Father's Day. Enjoy your day!

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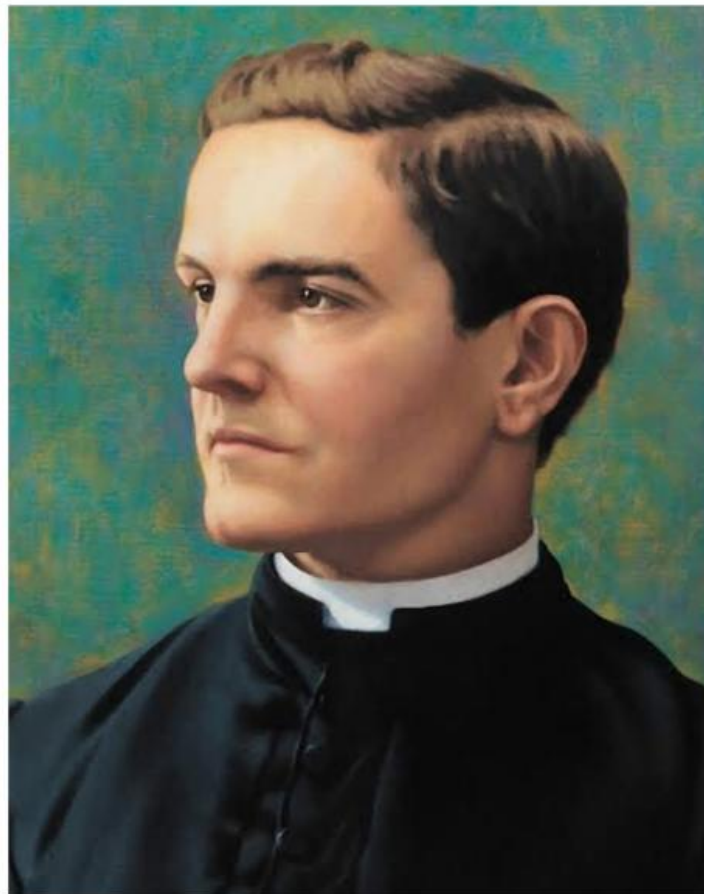
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