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\$1,500 FOR GLORY BABY MINISTRIES

Rick Osborne, District Deputy 9 and Baby Bottle Drive Chairman for Council #1315, presents a \$1,500 check to Jessica Heffinger, Founder and Executive Director of Glory Baby Ministries. The donation was made possible through the council's recent Baby Bottle Drive at Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green. Glory Baby Ministries provides comfort and support to families grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant loss.

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PREP WORK FOR FRANKS WITH FATHERS

On a very hot morning in July, Msgr. Willet Council #7847 sanded, prepped, stained, and sealed three picnic tables in preparation for their annual “Franks with Fathers” at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville. The picnic tables were in a bit of disrepair, but the Knights worked tirelessly through the heat so that the participants will have clean and safe tables for this annual outdoor affair in mid-August where they will have the opportunity to informally mingle with and get to better know our pastor, Father Emmanuel Udoh, and our Parochial Vicar, Father Conrad Jaconette.

Richard Hornbeak
Financial Secretary



Brother Paul Shade begins the staining process while Brother Richard Webster and DD Tom O'Hagan finish sanding and prepping another table.



GK Bruce Wilcox joins Brother Paul Shade in staining a table.



DD#6 Tom O'Hagan along with Brother Richard Webster begin applying filler to one of the three picnic tables.

HELPING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

The Golden Arrow Center is a non-profit agency which provides assistance to mothers and children. Established in 1997 as an outreach ministry of St. Martin of Tours, the center works in conjunction with the Schuhmann Center.

We believe that if you help the mother, you will also help the child. Our program is designed to encourage the client to make constructive changes in her life and therefore, improve the future of her child as well.

With the proceeds from our golf scramble for family and community Saint Edward the Confessor 15841 Grand Knight, Jim Hunnicutt, was able to present a check to Emily Nolan with GOLDEN ARROW. The donation will be used to provide “back to school” items needed.

Jim Hunnicutt
Grand Knight



144TH SUPREME CONVENTION

Kentucky Honored at the 2026 Supreme Convention

The 144th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus was held August 4-6 in Denver, bringing together Knights, families, clergy, and guests from jurisdictions around the world for three days of fraternity, faith, and celebration of the Order's accomplishments.

During his Annual Report, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly highlighted the tremendous impact of the Knights of Columbus, including the millions of volunteer hours given by members and the charitable contributions made by Supreme, State, and local councils. The convention also recognized jurisdictions that achieved Circle of Honor and the prestigious Pinnacle Award.



My wife, Pam, and I had the honor of being recognized onstage with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his wife for Kentucky's achievements. Our jurisdiction earned Circle of Honor for the 2024-2025 fraternal year and followed that accomplishment by achieving Pinnacle status for 2025-2026. It was a proud moment for us, but more importantly, it was recognition of the hard work and dedication of Knights throughout Kentucky who made these accomplishments possible.

The convention also celebrated outstanding programs from across the Order with the presentation of the International Service Program Awards in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth. Seeing the work being done by Brother Knights throughout the world was both impressive and inspiring.

One of the most memorable aspects of every Supreme Convention is the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. "Awesome" is the only word I can use to describe the experience. On opening day, approximately 70 bishops and cardinals, along with numerous priests and deacons, were in attendance. Watching a convention hall transformed into a cathedral-like setting and joining thousands of fellow Catholics in worship is an experience that is difficult to adequately describe.

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The convention offered many other opportunities for fellowship and faith. Monday's State Pin Exchange brought together Knights, wives, children, priests, and guests from around the world to trade pins and meet one another. An Adoration Chapel provided a quiet place for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation was available throughout the convention.

It was an honor to represent the Kentucky Jurisdiction as a delegate to this year's Supreme Convention. After spending a week surrounded by so many examples of faith, charity, unity, and fraternity, I came home with an even greater appreciation for what our Order accomplishes.

More coverage of the Supreme Convention can be found [here](#).

To all those who proudly call themselves Knights of Columbus: **Thank you.**

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

KY Immediate Past State Deputy



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ASSEMBLY #308 OFFICER INSTALLATION

On July 9, the officers of Monsignor Bouchet Assembly #308 were formally installed at Saint Brigid Catholic Church by District Master Cameron Peck.

The installation marked the beginning of a new fraternal year and provided the assembly's officers an opportunity to formally accept the responsibilities of their respective offices. Best wishes to the officers and Sir Knights of Assembly #308 for a successful and productive year ahead.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Pull for a Purpose at a Truck Pull Near You

Does your Council have what it takes to tackle some of the biggest challenges in Kentucky? A great way for Councils to support Special Olympics athletes is through either of the three Truck Pull events this summer and fall. We have Truck Pulls coming up August 15 in Lexington, September 20 in Paducah, and on Oct. 18 in Louisville. Teams raise at least the minimum amount to compete and then see who can pull a loaded UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet in the fastest time. Teams can have up to 15 people, and if your Council can't muster enough people to pull, family members can participate, or you could join forces with other Councils in your area.

For more information, visit soky.org/truckpull or contact Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or lexbuerger@gmail.com.



Fall Sports Season is a Great Time to Volunteer

The special Olympics Kentucky Fall Sports Season provides great opportunities for Knights to volunteer on their own or for Councils to volunteer as a group. The biggest opportunities come during October and December when Special Olympics holds its Area and State Bowling Tournaments. Eight Area Tournaments take place across the state in October, providing a great chance to volunteer no matter where you live. The State Tournament will

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be held Dec. 5-6 in Louisville and hundreds of volunteers are needed to make the events run smoothly. No bowling knowledge is needed to help out. Sign ups are open now at soky.org/volunteernow or call Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 for more information.

2026 Bowling Schedule

- Oct. 3** – Area 5 Bowling Tournament, Bowling Green
- Oct. 3** – Area 8 Bowling Tournament, Lexington
- Oct. 11-12** – Area 4 Bowling Tournament, Louisville
- Oct. 17** – Area 3&9 Bowling Tournament, Prestonsburg
- Oct. 17** – Area 6 Bowling Tournament, Richmond
- Oct. 24** – Area 7 Bowling Tournament, Newport
- Oct. 24-25** – Area 1 Bowling Tournament, Paducah
- Oct. 25** – Area 2 Bowling Tournament, Owensboro
- Dec. 5-6** – State Bowling Tournament, Louisville



STATE DEPUTY GARY DYKHUIS



Worthy Brothers,

Congratulations – An Outstanding Fraternal Year 2025-2026!!

Twenty-Seven Councils are Star Councils. Eight Districts are Star-Districts. This is a tribute of dedication of all the Knights of Columbus in Kentucky, to their parishes, communities, and our Order. Great Job, ALL!!

Fraternal Year 2026-2027

Our Goals for this year for “Circle of Honor” for Kentucky Jurisdiction are:

- Membership with the 2% reduction is 550
- Start Councils Goal of 25 Councils or better
- Faith Formation Goal at least three Holy Hours to be conducted

Kentucky Organizational Meeting- July 10th and 11th at St John the Apostle Catholic Church-Brandenburg, Ky

At the Organizational Meeting we laid out and reviewed the FY 2026-2027 Strategic Plan which is the “MOST” method. The plan is a good foundation as a means to help our State and local Councils with our Goals.

The Holy Hour on Friday with thanks to Fr Patrick Doland, State Chaplain and Council 2282’s Grand Knight Stephen Spohn.

We started our Business meeting Saturday, after the presentations and great lunch we attended 4:00pm MASS at the St John’s. Fr Doland assisted in the installation of the State

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Officers and the District Deputies afterwards. We also had a Great Banquet to celebrate our new Fraternal Year. Council 2282 did the preparations and the take down.

“I want to thank all of you that attended the Kentucky State Organizational Meeting”

Let's get this year off to a great start, Plan your Activities now, include a membership drives, charitable and social activities and actions our Pastors need to accomplish. As always, your District Deputy and State Officers are always available for any questions you may have, Just Ask.

Our next State Meeting will be the Mid-Year Meeting that will be held in Madisonville, Ky, December 4th to 5th. Mark your calendar now, as details will be coming.

8 Guides for a Successful FY 2026-2027

Kentucky Knights of Columbus leaders need to become acquainted with the 8 Guides;

- Fraternal Planner 2026-2027 (#5033-2026-2027)
- Fraternal Excellence Guide (#11619 Fraternal Excellence Guide)
- Faith in Action (#10907 Faith In Action Guidebook)
- Protocol, Meetings and Ceremonies Guide (#11620 Protocol, Meetings and Ceremonials)
- Kentucky State Directory (sent out by State Executive Secretary)
- Kentucky State Program Guide and Tally Sheet (2026-2027 Program Guide-Final.pdf)
- Kentucky State Membership Guide (KY-membership-Guide)
- Kentucky state Culture of Life Guide

Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agents

One of the best friends you can have is your, Field Agent. If you see your Doctor every year, you need to see your Field Agent every year. A Good check-up, will keep you in Great Shape. Make an Appointment today.

144th Supreme Convention

This years Supreme Convention was held in the Mile High City, Denver, CO. The theme was “In One We Are One.” A Good time was enjoyed by all. Next Years Supreme Convention will be in Phoenix, AZ, August 3-6, 2027.

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Council Officers

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let the Executive Secretary Rick Arnold, PSD, will be the Executive Secretary, rickd.arnold@gmail.com, for changes. If you need help with the Forms, #185, 365, 1295 Audit, Ask your District Deputy or any of the State Officers.

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.

See you on the next Zoom Meeting.

Invite that man that you see in church if he is a Knight? Let's start Invite him today! Don't stop inviting men to join our order, invite a College Student.

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,

Have a Blessed Day!

Vivat Jesus!

Gary Dykhuis

State Deputy



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. PATRICK DOLAN



As we begin the fraternal year, please allow me to offer blessings to everyone for all the good that they do for our members and their families. Recently I have been working with Sir Knight Joe Carter to seek data on which councils and assemblies regularly see their chaplain or faithful friar attending—and what can be done about those who rarely or never attend. The schedule change by Supreme to have the priest simply stop in for a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting is laudable, but not very effective when a meeting is far from the priest's location. Healing this is a 'work in progress' but will need your patience & help to make this happen well.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Patrick Dolan

State Chaplain



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Brothers,

At the July Organizational meeting in Brandenburg, our State Officers made presentations to help our Jurisdiction continue to present the Culture of Invitation to be a brother Knight.

Please donate some of your time for stewardship in your Parish, Council and Community since the gift of giving charity is one quality that ingrained in us to help fulfill the love in our souls. I encourage you to find out more about this Knights of Columbus organization and contact your District Deputy or a State Officer if you have questions or needs.

**Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
Immediate Past State Deputy**



STATE SECRETARY MIKE KUCHENBROD



Brothers Knights,

Still on my way back from the whirlwind that is the Supreme Convention. Always busy, informative, full of fraternity meeting Knights from all over the world. Check out the various reports and the new Pope's message at:

[144th Supreme Convention | Knights of Columbus](#)

You should at least check out the procession before the Opening Mass. There are a few changes coming with Resolutions to the bylaws from Supreme. Some less used officer positions (think outside guard) have been changed from standard officer roles to optional positions, only one Trustee slot must be filled, and the Financial Secretary will be one year council appointed position instead of 3 year Supreme appointed position – removing I think they said 8 pages of forms in the process... Our Supreme Chaplain also announced a new Beatitude – “Blessed are the brief, for they shall be invited back” as he prepared for the closing prayer of the convention and he was all that stood between us and going home.

Congratulations! We finished the year BIG with Luke being recognized for Pinnacle level achievement and we sat at tables in the front row of the States Dinner instead of somewhere in the back of the room. Thanks to all the Grand Knights, Program Directors and District Directors that helped us achieve this fantastic accomplishment! If we could do that this year, we should be able to do even more next year, as we still had several councils come very close.



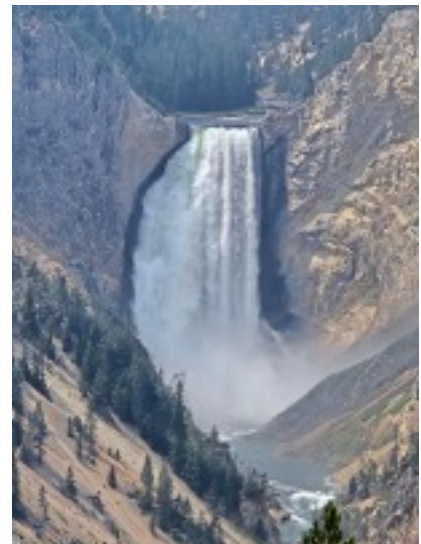
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Recruit! and Retain! (or else...) You can't make Star Council if you don't make your new member quota. You can't keep your Council sustainable if you don't recruit. Start scheduling those meetings of your associate members with your field agent, supporting widows and orphans is how we got started and since women outlive us your wife will likely be a widow some day so protect her and the kids with insurance.

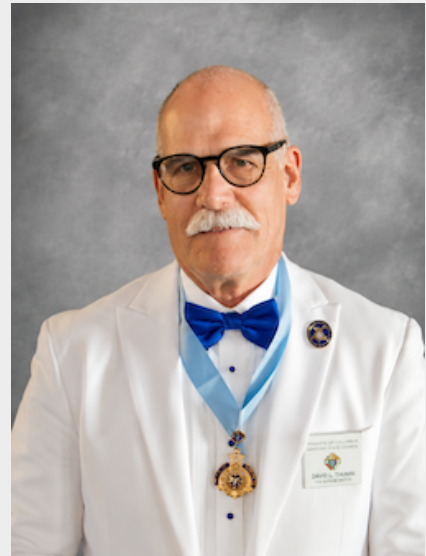
Many new programs this year as were revealed at the Org meeting in July, your District Deputy should be sharing this information at your meetings.

I am still traveling back via Yellowstone and the Dakotas, be back in another week.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Secretary**



STATE TREASURER JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,

I hope all of you are having a great summer. Summer picnics are in full swing at local parishes with food and beverages of all kinds, with family and friends. I also hope your families and friends are safe from the recent storms that blew through Kentucky. If you need help, please ask or let someone know

We are through the first month of the fraternal year. It looks like we are off to a great start of inviting men to join the Knights of Columbus. When we invite men, we are also inviting their families. This is also a great time to gather your new officers and directors together to plan your fraternal year. Make plans to not only earn the Star or Columbian Award, but also the State Deputy Award. You can find the State Deputy Award requirements at the following link: [KY State Program Guide](#), Page 33. Make sure to you have completed the Officers Elected, Form #185 and Council Directors, Form #365. As you complete your events be sure to you complete the Form #10784. Any member can complete this form and helps to determine what can be used to complete the Columbian Award (SP-7) in May and June.

When you read this, our State Officers will have returned from the Supreme Convention held in Denver, CO on August 4 - 6, 2026. You can watch the Mass' and opening report from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. Pope Leo XIV addressed the convention. Those and other events can be watched at: [144th K of C Supreme Convention](#). There is a lot of good information in our Supreme Knights opening report. I encourage you to peruse the convention links and see what goes on during the events. It is a time for greetings, fellowship, and networking with other states' members and officers. My wife and I returned Friday to miss the hustle and bustle of trying to catch a flight right after the convention closing on Thursday. If you ever have the opportunity to attend a Supreme Convention, take advantage and attend at least the opening Mass and Supreme Knights Report.



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The heat and humidity continues to be brutal. Be careful and be vigilant of your family and neighbors who may need assistance with outside activities. Drink plenty of water and take breaks often. With that said, continue to enjoy and celebrate the 250th Birthday of our nation. Many of you may be traveling for the summer, so be careful and be safe.

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 Treasurer**



STATE ADVOCATE TOMMY JOHNSON



Brother Knights,

Thank You for a Strong Start

Thank you to all the Brother Knights who joined us in Brandenburg, KY, for the July Organizational Meeting. We had strong attendance from our District Deputies, District Wardens, and council Grand Knights, and I appreciate the time you gave to hear updates from Supreme, participate in training, and share fellowship with one another.

A Brief Introduction

Although I have had the privilege of getting to know many of you, I wanted to share a little more about myself. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 20 years and currently serve as Grand Knight of Council 11470 in Georgetown, KY, and as Faithful Admiral for Sacred Heart Assembly 4056, also in Georgetown.

Many of you also know my wife, Megan, from our time serving as Hospitality Chairs. I am grateful for her willingness to join me in this journey of service with the Knights of Columbus. We have been married for 15 years and enjoy traveling, camping, and spending time outdoors.



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Finish Your Foundation

As summer winds down and councils prepare for a busy fall program season, August is the right time to strengthen your council's administrative foundation. Several important deadlines are approaching, and staying ahead of them will help keep your council compliant, in good standing, and on track for Star Council consideration.

Key Priorities for August

- **Semiannual Council Audit (Form #1295) – due August 15.** Schedule your Trustees now so the summer audit is completed and submitted on time.
- **Form 185 and Form 365 – close out any remaining submissions.** If your council has not submitted its Report of Officers Chosen (185) or Service Program Personnel Report (365) through Officers Online, please do so immediately. These forms update Supreme's records and help trigger required Safe Environment notifications.
- **Safe Environment Training (SET) compliance.** After Form 365 is submitted, Praesidium sends unique, time-sensitive email notifications to members who must complete training and background screening, including Program, Community, and Family Directors. Remind them to check both inbox and spam folders and complete the requirements within **30 days** to avoid removal from the position.
- **Looking ahead to September.** District Deputies should also prepare for the District Deputy Annual Report (Form #944), due September 15.

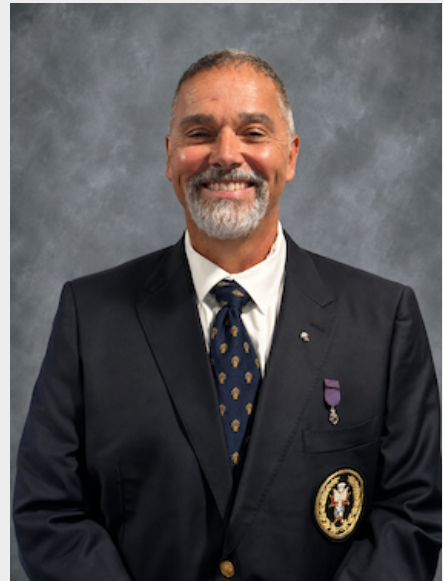
Why It Matters

When a council completes its paperwork early, it frees time and energy for what matters most this fall: serving our parishes, families, and communities.

**Fraternaly,
Tommy Johnson III
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN ERIC GUY



Worthy Brother Knights,

I just returned from the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado. Being the first Supreme Convention I have ever attended, it was a truly remarkable and humbling event. I was deeply moved by the incredible scope of our international brotherhood. Because of your relentless hard work and dedication to the Order, the Kentucky Jurisdiction earned excellent, prominent seating for both the business sessions and the vibrant States Dinner. Thank you very much for representing our state so well through your local actions.

Our efforts in Kentucky are part of a massive global impact. In his annual address, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly shared that the Knights of Columbus achieved the strongest membership growth in over a century, bringing in more than 105,000 new brothers, with men under 35 being our fastest-growing group! Globally, Knights also shattered records by contributing over 48 million volunteer hours and donating more than \$200 million to charitable causes. Every single project you complete in your home parishes directly built that historic milestone.

The spiritual highlight of the convention was a special video message from Pope Leo XIV. The Holy Father challenged all Knights to be "prophets of harmony" by actively building bridges and promoting reconciliation within our families, parishes, and communities. He reminded us that unity is a gift that must be intentionally cultivated through honest dialogue. The Pope's full message, alongside other inspiring convention highlights, can be found directly on the Knights of Columbus Event Page.

Closer to home, the 2026 College Football Frenzy Sweepstakes is still ongoing, and we need a final push. To date, I have only received about 40% confirmation of tickets delivered to the councils. Please remember that this sweepstakes serves as the primary fundraiser for Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Charities. We have a collective goal to sell 4,000

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tickets, and all tickets (both sold and unsold) must be returned to me no later than September 11th. I ask every Grand Knight and council member to make a dedicated effort to buy or sell your remaining council tickets. If your council is on a roll and needs additional tickets to sell, please contact me immediately.

Don't forget, we also have a digital option to purchase! Anyone can easily purchase tickets online by visiting the Football Sweeps Portal at www.footballsweeps.com and entering our state code: CF26KYKNIGHTS. Thank you for bringing charity, unity, and fraternity to life across the Kentucky Jurisdiction!

Vivat Jesus!
Eric Guy
State Warden

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O'HAGAN



The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their families, parishes, communities, and countries. Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic organization for men. Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, we build lifelong relationships with our members and families. We are multigenerational and international. We offer formation, mutual aid, and financial security to members through our charity, products, and outreach. We aspire to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus and to extend our charitable reach as widely as possible.

CULTURE OF INVITATION – Changing our vocabulary

Growth not Membership

Goals not Quotas

Invite not Recruit

Most of our members think we can only recruit at Church, but remember, we can invite anywhere, anytime. We are inviting men to be part of us.

Officers Online Access

Officers and Program Personnel: whether new to a role or repeating for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year, you can learn more about your Officers Online access [here](#).

NEW: Changes to the Star Awards

The requirements for Star Council and Star District Awards have changed for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. You can find all the updates [here](#).

NEW: Annual Council Audit – It is Due

The Council Audit changed from Semi-Annual to Annual for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. The new report must be submitted online. Find out more [here](#).

Fraternal Leadership Resources Sent to Council Leaders

Updated fraternal resources have been mailed to financial secretaries. Click [here](#) for a full list of materials that your council's financial secretary will receive.

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Many of you remember the Shining Armor Award. There are a few basic requirements, including that the new member meet with the council's insurance representative (Founders Award requirement), and sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order (membership requirement). I have attached the guidelines to the program for you. My recommendation is that you all encourage DDs and Council leadership to promote this very program, which literally includes everything we are trying to do – engage our members, grow the Order, and protect families.

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We are lacking in converting E-Members into our councils. We consistently have over 100 E-Members waiting for CUF Exemplification.

Invite Your Field Agent to every POD/CUF/Member Meeting/Event – Create a Partnership with Your Field Agent

DO NOT TAKE THE SUMMER OFF FROM INVITING!

Let's work on really gearing up our FAST START for the rest of the first quarter. Keep inviting!

Schedule a Parish Outreach Drive (POD) quarterly. 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](#)

Schedule and conduct a CUF Exemplification meeting monthly and add the results to your Council. In-Person and/or On-Demand

I highly recommend that each council develop a membership committee because GK cannot do it all alone. With a membership team, we are all more successful.

[Organizing Your Membership Committees | Knights of Columbus](#)

Create a Culture of Invitation at Every Parish/Council –

One Knight, One Man, One Mass

Locate One Man that is Not a Knight at Every Mass and Introduce Yourself. If Every Member Spoke with One Man at Every Mass, Think About How Much Your Council Will Grow!

Use the Candidate Tab for:

Affiliate Transfers back into your council

All Transfers – Archived, Pending, Out of State Members

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Exciting Announcement!

2026-27 KY State Membership Incentives

- Every Council that had zero new members added in 2025-26, add at least one new member via a CUF (submit Form 450 and 10784) by 9/30/2026 = \$50
- Every Council that has Form 185/365, SET, FEB Goal, and reached 100% of Membership Goal by 12/31/2026 = \$100 and membership in the Century Club (GK Coin).
- Every Council that Achieves 200% of Membership Goal by 3/31/27 = \$75
- Every Council that earns the Star Council Award by 3/31/27 = \$50
- The Council with the most PODs (recorded via form 10784) by 3/31/2027 = \$75
- The Council with the highest point total for the State Deputy Award (Form 10784s) = \$75

	Actual v Goal MTD	Actual v Goal YTD
New Members	38 v 40 = 95%	38 v 550 = 6.9%
Councils With No YTD Adds		90 v 100
Form 365 Not Submitted		54 v 100
Form 185 Not Submitted		29 v 100
SP7 Not Submitted		64 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

State Membership Director



PROGRAM DIRECTOR RSVP CHAIRMAN JOE CARTER



I've heard some grumbling about the changes the Order made beginning Fraternal Year 2026-2027. I get it! Change is tough, but necessary. The writer Courtney C. Stevens said:

"If nothing changes, nothing changes." The phrase highlights a simple but powerful truth: to achieve different results in life, you must take deliberate action and make changes. Continuing the same routines, thoughts, or behaviors will yield the same outcomes, so personal growth, success, and improvement depend on proactive change.

To emphasize this, I'm going to take you on a trip through history.

While the Great Depression had a tremendous effect on the membership of the Knights of Columbus, it gave recognition by the Order to a great number of people's hope needed restoring, as well as their pantries. The Knights of Columbus responded. In 1935 the Service Department was established to develop and administer a "Five-point Program of Progress."

The Five-point Program was designed to encourage Councils to play an active role in the life of local parish and community. The Programs were to occupy five categories.

- Catholic activity
- Council activity
- Fraternal protection
- Publicity
- Maintenance of manpower

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Since then, the Order's fraternal programming has evolved in response to changing spiritual, social, and organizational needs. Each entry reflects a significant inflection point in the history of fraternal program structure and philosophy.

Year / Era	Program Title & Description
1968	Surge With Service: The Knights of Columbus launched "Surge With Service," a transformative program model designed to mobilize councils around four core areas of activity: Church, Community, Council, and Family. This initiative marked the first formal framework for fraternal programming and set the foundational structure for decades of service. It emphasized active charitable engagement at the local level and became the backbone of council activity nationwide.
1980s–1990s	Pro-Life Program Addition: In response to the moral and cultural challenges of the era, the Knights of Columbus formally integrated pro-life initiatives into the Surge With Service framework. Councils were encouraged to adopt programs supporting the sanctity of human life, including participation in marches, prayer campaigns, and local advocacy efforts. This addition reflected the Order's deep alignment with Catholic social teaching and the Church's moral authority.
2000s	Modernization Era: The early 2000s brought significant modernization efforts to the fraternal program model. The Order updated its reporting systems, introduced new program resources, and began standardizing best practices across councils and jurisdictions. Technology began playing a larger role in supporting council operations, with new tools to track charitable activities and improve communication between councils, districts, and state councils.
2015	Building the Domestic Church: The Knights of Columbus introduced "Building the Domestic Church," a new faith formation initiative centered on strengthening the Catholic family as the foundational unit of the Church. This program provided structured resources for councils to support marriage enrichment, family prayer, and sacramental preparation within their communities. It signaled a renewed emphasis on the spiritual dimension of fraternal activity alongside service.



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2016	Integration with Surge with Service: Building the Domestic Church was formally integrated into the existing Surge with Service framework, creating a unified program model that balanced faith formation with charitable service. This integration reinforced the four program categories while adding explicit attention to domestic faith life. Councils were given updated program guides reflecting this combined structure.
2017	Domestic Church Centralization: The Order elevated Domestic Church programming to a central priority within its overall fraternal strategy. Supreme leadership emphasized family-based evangelization as a key response to secularism and declining church attendance. Councils received renewed guidance and materials to embed Domestic Church activities into their regular program calendars.
2018	Faith in Action — Program Model Replacement: The Knights of Columbus replaced the long-standing Surge with Service model with a new initiative called "Faith in Action." This overhauled framework streamlined programming into four pillars: Strengthening Families and Communities, Protecting the Vulnerable, Pursuing Life and Justice, and Serving the Sick and Dying. Faith in Action was designed to be more flexible and outcomes-focused, allowing councils to select programs aligned with local needs while fulfilling core fraternal requirements.
2019–2022	Stabilization and Global Rollout: The Faith in Action model was rolled out across councils globally, with accompanying training, reporting updates, and program libraries. The period focused on helping councils transition from old program categories to the new framework, addressing resistance, clarifying expectations, and providing consistent support. The COVID-19 pandemic (2020–2021) significantly disrupted in-person programming but also accelerated virtual engagement and charitable giving efforts.
2023–Present	Digital Expansion and Ongoing Evolution: The current era is defined by digital transformation and expanded accessibility. The Order has invested in online formation resources, virtual council meeting tools, and enhanced digital reporting through the Member Management and Program Tracking systems. Faith in Action continues to evolve with updated program offerings, greater integration with Diocesan initiatives, and increased emphasis on evangelization and community impact measurement.



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As mentioned, the current focus is on digitally capturing and reporting activities. Like many of you, I remember the days when we used a Form 100 Membership Application to sign up a new member. Now, we can sign up a new member using our mobile phone. Councils had to submit a form for everything they needed to communicate to Supreme. I also remember the “New Haven Hole” where some of our mail was routed.

I remember when the factor for determining acceptance of the Form SP-7 was dependent on how well you could write and how well the evaluator at Supreme could read. The recent changes make the current Form SP7 a check the box form. No explanations, no justifications, just the council telling Supreme what programs the council completed. The instrument used to capture program details is Form 10784 and specialty/donation forms like the Food for Families, ASAP, Ultrasound, and RSVP. I can see the day when these forms will eliminate the need to prepare forms like the SP-7, and the 1728.

Another thing that has changed is Form 1295 and when it must be submitted. No grumbling here. This change is welcomed by councils. Only one audit is required each year, August 15th. Preparers have a worksheet to use before submitting the audit. Moreover, using the worksheet, the preparer merely transfers the information to the online form and that's it.

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DISTRICT MASTER CAMERON PECK



Brother Knights,
August gives us several opportunities to reflect on who we are as Knights of Columbus and, especially, on our responsibility as members of the Patriotic Degree.

Earlier this month, I was copied on an email sent by Sir Knight David Allard, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2753, reminding his members of National Purple Heart Day on August 7. I appreciated David's message and thought it was worth sharing with Knights throughout Kentucky.

The Purple Heart traces its history to August 7, 1782, when General George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit during the Revolutionary War. The decoration was revived in 1932 as the Purple Heart we recognize today and is awarded to members of our Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action.

David offered a very simple suggestion: if you know a Purple Heart recipient, reach out to them. If you see someone wearing a Purple Heart emblem, shake their hand and thank them for their service.

That may seem like a small gesture, but I believe it speaks directly to our role as Sir Knights. Patriotism is not limited to standing in a Color Corps, participating in a parade, or attending a patriotic ceremony. Those are important and visible parts of what we do, but patriotism is also shown through everyday acts of gratitude and respect for those who have served our country.

Thank you, David, for the reminder and for allowing me to pass that thought along to the rest of the Kentucky District.

August also brings us the Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney on August 13. As we honor our founder, it is worth remembering that the Knights of Columbus grew because Father McGivney saw a need and brought men together to do something about it. More than 140 years later, that remains our responsibility.



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We have begun a new fraternal year, and now is a good time for every assembly to ask: What are we going to accomplish this year?

One area I hope we will continue to build upon is Fourth Degree membership. I already have an Exemplification scheduled for October 11 in Brandenburg, and I am looking for assemblies willing to host additional Exemplifications in other parts of Kentucky during this fraternal year.

Hosting an Exemplification does not have to be complicated or extravagant. What matters is providing Brother Knights in your area an opportunity to take the next step and become Sir Knights. If your assembly is interested in hosting one, please contact me. I will work with you through the process.

Last year showed what we can accomplish when assemblies, councils, Faithful Navigators, Grand Knights and individual Sir Knights work together. Now we have a new year and another opportunity to build on that success.

As always, thank you for everything you do for the Fourth Degree and for the Knights of Columbus throughout Kentucky.

Vivat Jesus!
Cameron Peck, PSD
District Master

KAPID CHAIRMAN TOM JOHNSON



Welcome to August!

For those of you that did not make the July Org meeting in Brandenburg, I'd like to recap KAPID's portion of the meeting...first off, I gave a background presentation on the origins of KAPID and the reason it was founded.

After that, KAPID Treasurer Charlie Baumbush provided a detailed financial update on collection trends and where we stand to date. By the way, Charlie is sitting on **about \$20,000** dollars in unclaimed funds that councils raised but have not requested for their favorite charity. Some of those funds might belong to you.

KAPID Program Director Mike Rinehart then gave a presentation on the Camp & Tootsie Roll Programs and the incentive for individuals & councils to participate in either or both programs. We're talking about some serious incentives...\$500 dollars to be given away for each program at the May 2027 State Convention.

This first program will be the CAMP program. The Camp program has been going on for many years and offers an opportunity for handicapped adults to spend a week surrounded by adults with similar disabilities, play sports, swim, enjoy time together & to pray. The Camp also provides their caretakers with an opportunity to rest.

The second program is the Tootsie Roll Program. While KAPID manages the program, it is run by the councils. This is one of the easiest programs for a council to do and the proceeds go to help local organizations within your community that support individuals with

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disabilities. Special Olympics is a prime example of an organization that can benefit from your efforts and generosity.

If you're interested in participating in the Tootsie Roll program, hopefully you've ordered your tootsie rolls. If you haven't, I strongly suggest that you contact Tootsie Roll Chairman, PSD and now Executive Secretary Rick Arnold. Rick normally orders the tootsie rolls at the end of July or the first week of August. However, with Rick attending the Supreme Convention the first week of August, he may not have placed the order yet.

The annual KAPID Camp letter will be going out in the mail around the end of August. Included in the letter will be guidelines for participating in the Camp & Tootsie Roll incentives described above. Please read the letter, fill out the Pledge Card and place it in the return envelope.

In Closing:

Let us not forget the blessings bestowed upon us by our Father in Heaven. We can't outdo His Love nor His generosity towards us.

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, PSD
KAPID Chairman**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE



Knights of Columbus – Celebrating our Recent Successes

Brothers,

Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year is no exception.

I want to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate. We recently heard the latest, Order-wide numbers shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver. Know that your council helped make that success possible. Congratulations!

I believe we're making Blessed Michael McGivney proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask for his continued intercession for our work.

In founding the Knights, Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they're at their most vulnerable. Your council continues that legacy with every program you put on, every dollar you donate. But you also continue it when you choose financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world.

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Every day, I feel immensely blessed to be part of our brotherhood, and especially to serve as your General Agent. It's such a privilege to carry out Blessed Michael McGivney's mission of faith, fraternity and financial protection in that way. If we've never connected, or if it's been a while, your Field Agent will be glad to meet with you to review your current coverage or find the coverage to match your family's needs.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle, FICF, PGK

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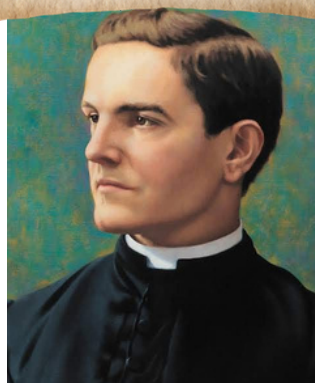


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Local Events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OCTOBER 1st-4th, 2026 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT



Bishop Flaget Assembly 307

invites you to our trip to New Haven, CT

Friday is a free day, Saturday will include a private mass at old Saint Mary's and tour. A tour of Father McGivney Center will also take place that afternoon. We will have a group dinner at club 307 on Saturday evening.

Each guest will be responsible for the room.

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8 AM returning to Florence Mall at 8 PM
on October 4.**

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