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DISTRICT 19 STAR COUNCIL AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A hearty and well-deserved congratulations to District 19's 2025-2026 Star Council Award winners!

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 12774 – Lexington



Council 12774 is on a roll. The council has earned the prestigious Star Council Award three years in a row. GK Tim Meehan didn't miss a beat when he took over for two-time Star Council GK Tyler Merkle. Tim, along with his council officers and guidance from Fr. Charles, has done an outstanding job of leading the council. Of course, leading the council is only part of what it takes, the members of the council must be engaged as well, and the men of Council 12774 continue to step up to the plate and make home runs. Whether it's supporting their parish, school, seminarians, the Catholic Action Center and the Knights of Columbus State Charities, you can bet that the men of Council 12774 will be there to help. Congratulations to Worthy Grand Knight Tim and the men of Council 12774!

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council 14372 – Lexington



While the opportunity to achieve the prestigious Star Council Award is within the grasp of every council, less than 30% of our State Council do so and the biggest reason(s) more councils don't achieve the award is follow-through and persistence…just ask GK Billy Danhauer. Billy leads a dynamic group of brother Knights. Men dedicated to helping the parish family, school and their community at large. Not only does Mary Queen have their own parish school, the parish is located across the street from Lexington Catholic High School and the parish has a large and growing Hispanic population. The opportunities to serve are many and the

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council does much. All of that's great but unless someone records the charitable works and activities of the council, their efforts are lost to time. That's one reason filling out the SP-7 is so important. The SP-7 is designed to capture the great works of a council, but just filling out the form may not be enough. The SP-7 must pass muster. Meaning that the works are true works of charity performed and initiated by the council. After the council's initial SP-7 submission towards the end of June, GK Billy found out that the SP-7 was rejected. He could have stopped right there, but he didn't. He contacted his Program Director, made some changes to the form and resubmitted it in the 11th hour on June 30th. The result was that the formed was accepted and the council was awarded the Star Council Award. Congratulations Worthy Grand Knight and brothers of Council 14372!

Tom Johnson PSD
Former District Deputy 19

COUNCIL #15841 CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

We Had a great time at the St Edward Knights 15841 Corn Hole Tournament after Saturday afternoon Mass. Thanks go to Lee Ashwood, our Membership Director, for leading this event. Compliments to Bill Ward and our in-house chefs for providing an excellent barbecued dinner. Congratulations to the tenacious team champions Fr. Scott and Bob Curry. They won a beautiful K of C logo corn-hole set built by Brother Knight, Mike Boyle.

Brian Gregory
Program Director



COUNCIL 13053 WARMS HEARTS AND LIVES THROUGH COATS FOR KIDS

Bishop Flaget Council 13053 has once again demonstrated its commitment to helping those in need, raising nearly $30,000 this year for the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program.

Through the generosity of donors and the dedication of Brother Knights, the council has provided coats to Catholic Charities of Louisville, the Golden Arrow Center, St. Vincent de Paul, and Boys and Girls Haven, helping ensure that children in need can stay warm during the colder months.

The council's commitment to this important program extends well beyond this year. Since 2021, Bishop Flaget Council 13053 has raised funds and donated more than 10,000 coats to those in need.

This remarkable achievement reflects the power of charity in action and demonstrates how one council's sustained dedication can make a lasting difference in its community.



DGK Jack Banbury and Catholic Charities Coordinator Katie Belt

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Through these gatherings, the Knights provided opportunities for parishioners to come together in prayer, strengthen their faith, and share in a public expression of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The initiative is another example of the Knights of Columbus putting their faith into action and helping foster a stronger Catholic community.

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BISHOP STOWE BLESSES MARY STATUE AT CALVARY CEMETERY

A special celebration of faith and remembrance took place at Calvary Cemetery on November 1, 2026, as Bishop John Stowe participated in the cemetery's annual All Saints Day Mass.

Following the Mass, Bishop Stowe blessed a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary located in the Priests Section of the cemetery. The statue was made possible in part through the generous financial support of the Knights of Columbus.

Kentucky State Deputy Gary Dykhuis was among those in attendance for this special occasion, representing the Knights of Columbus.

The blessing of the statue serves as a lasting tribute to the Blessed Mother and provides a beautiful place for prayer and reflection, particularly in remembrance of the priests who have faithfully served the Church.

The Knights of Columbus are honored to have contributed to this meaningful addition to Calvary Cemetery, demonstrating once again their commitment to supporting the Church and preserving our Catholic heritage.



BLUEGRASS ASSEMBLY 310 INSTALLS OFFICERS

Bluegrass Assembly 310 in Lexington held its Installation of Officers on October 25, 2026, with Kentucky District Master Cameron Peck conducting the ceremony.

The installation provided an opportunity for the Assembly's officers to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, with a special emphasis on the patriotic mission of the Fourth Degree.

Congratulations to the officers of Bluegrass Assembly 310 as they begin their term of leadership. May the coming year be one of continued growth, fellowship, and dedicated service to our Order.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

State Bowling Tournament Provides Year's Final Volunteer Opportunity

The State Bowling Tournament is coming up Dec. 5-6 in Louisville. It is the largest individual sports event of the Special Olympics Year. With multiple bowling sessions at two locations, hundreds of volunteers are needed to make sure the event operates smoothly. It also provides one of the most enjoyable volunteer experiences that the program has to offer. To register, visit soky.org/volunteernow. If your Council wants to volunteer as a group, contact Michaele at mroy@soky.org or 502-695-8222.



Holiday Gift Card Raffle Can Provide Holiday Boost!

Each year Special Olympics Kentucky gives away a huge gift card package just in time for the Holidays. This year's package includes $4,990 in gift cards to some of the Holiday Season's most popular restaurants, retailers and more. We draw the winner on Dec. 11, so you could have them all before Christmas! Tickets are just $10 each and all the money raised supports Kentucky athletes. For more information or to buy tickets, visit sokyraffle.com



Don't Forget to Report Volunteer Hours

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

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

Schedule Set for 2027 Polar Plunges

The schedule is now set for the Coolest Fundraiser in Kentucky – the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kentucky. Several Councils across Kentucky have participated in the Polar Plunge over the years. Last year Councils raised more than $5,000 for Special Olympics Kentucky in Plunges in Lexington and Louisville. With four Polar Plunges supporting Special Olympics Kentucky, there is one within a reasonable drive from your Council. For more information or to sign up, visit the site for the Plunge nearest you.

February 6 – Lexington at Texas Roadhouse on Richmond Rd.

February 20 – Louisville at Main Event

March 6 – Western Kentucky at Kentucky Dam Village

March 20 – Cincinnati at The Banks (There is an opportunity to raise money for Special Olympics Kentucky)



STATE DEPUTY GARY DYKHUIS



Worthy Brothers,

Happy November!!

We start the month with All Saints Day which we commemorate all the saintly people before us. All Souls Day is the next day for those that paved the way before us to Heaven. We also have Thanksgiving Day which we give Thanks for all the Blessings we have received. It is time to get-together with Family. For our family's health, and our Friends and neighbors.

On November 29th we begin the Liturgical year with Advent, which is the season to prepare for Christ's Nativity at Christmas. As we celibate the birth of Christ and the blueprint that he has laid out for us to live by.

Our First Halfway, we were able to welcome 211 new Brother Knights to the order. This is a great, let's keep inviting, Ask every Catholic man in Kentucky. We need to focus on our Council Goals. We need Twenty-five-Star Councils and eight Star-Districts. Continue our dedication of all the Knights of Columbus in Kentucky, to their parishes, communities, and our Order. Keep the pace, keep inviting more men to join our Order. Remember New Brothers are real good source of new ideas and programs. If you need a "culture Invitation Kit", here is the link MarketingBench

Our Goals for this year (2026-2027) for "Circle of Honor" for Kentucky Jurisdiction are:

Membership is 529, New Brothers (39.89%)
Start Councils Goal of 25 Councils or better

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Faith Formation Goal at least three Holy Hours to be conducted

The Knights of Columbs empowers a Catholic Man to live their Faith and Serve their Family, Parish, community and country.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agents

Our Field Agents have been our Great men, they are inviting men to join our Order. Do you have a Brother in your council that looking for a change in career? Would he make a Good Field Agent? It is a Great Career with many benefits and rewards. General Agent Dan Schachle is looking for a "Few Good Men" and is offering a reward. Your Council can have the Supreme Per-Capta waived for two periods.

Kentucky Mid-Year Organizational Meeting- December4-5, 2026 in Madisonville, Ky

Are you attending the upcoming Mid-Year Organizational Meeting? We will be laying out and reviewing the FY 2026-2027 Strategic Plan. This meeting is primarily for District Deputies and State Program Directors/ Chairmen. Council Officers and members are Welcome and encouraged to attend. Details are out, make sure you have registered. Send your registration to PSD Rick Arnold, 4604 Primula Place, Louisville, KY 40272.
Council 11132 will be hosting along with Christ the King Parish. We will have a Holy Hour at Christ the King Church Friday Night at 6:30pm Central Time. Father Steve is also offering Confession at this time.

We started our Business meeting Saturday, after the presentations and great lunch we attended 4:30pm MASS at the Christ the King Catholic Church. We will also have a Great Banquet to celebrate this point of this Fraternal Year.

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

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November Dates
Sunday November 1, All Saints Day
Monday November 2, All Souls Day.
Tuesday November 3, Election Day
Friday-Sunday November 6-8, State Deputy Midyear meeting Phoenix, AZ
Tuesday November 10 U.S. Marine Birthday, Happy Birthday all Marines Veterans and Marines.
Wednesday November 11th Veterans Day
Saturday November 21st, 4th Degree Exemplification Gutherie
Thursday November 26th Thanksgiving Day
Sunday November 29th Advent
November, Pray the Rosary every day
Schedule a "**COR"** meeting, invite your fellow Catholic Men in your Parish.
Schedule a Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification at least every month
Schedule a Culture of Invitation - Church Drive. Order Kits at MarketingBench

Kof C Kentucky Charities, Inc- College Football Frenzy Fundraiser
Are you watching your tickets? This fundraiser helps KofC KY Charities Account make grants. Did your Councils sell all your tickets?

KAPID Fundraisers
Have you sent your letter back? Kentucky /Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc (KAPID) asking for your individual donation to help KAPID support the agencies that are helping these individuals.

Did your sponsor a Tootsie Roll Drive in this month? Hopefully all these drives are successful.

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.

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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. District Deputies November 5th, Grand Knights November 9th.

Are you proud to be a Knight of Columbus? Don't stop inviting men to join our order, invite a High School Senior or College Student.

Keep praying daily, if you can attend Daily Mass, we need all the help from our Father in Heaven.

Father McGivney, Pray for Us,
Have a Blessed Day!

Vivat Jesus!
Gary Dykhuis
State Deputy

STATE CHAPLAIN FR. PATRICK DOLAN



Brother Knights:

This week I found out that instead of being in south Florida next semester beginning this January, I will be at the Ireland campus of Ave Maria University for the Spring semester. Though this is clearly necessary, as I'm the only available priest to do that task, it was not what I had been preparing for, both because the relationships I had begun to establish with the students here will diminish, and the winter weather in Ireland is not the same as winter weather in South Florida.

God does not lead us to comfort, but to where we are needed in His plan, not ours. The need for a priest, not merely for daily Mass (though the 100 students over in Ireland each semester are likely to all come to daily Mass), at a university is much greater than simply for the sacraments. It is to have the availability of the grace that comes with Holy Orders there to influence the entire semester's curriculum and outcome. We are preparing not only future scholars but future saints, just as the Knights prepare today's men to become future saints—each in their own way.

However, this means that my body at least will be further away from Kentucky. Zoom meetings have worked reasonably well this past month, but though the spring semester at the Florida campus ends in time for our annual K of C meeting, the schedule in Ireland may require that I leave the folks during their exam time to get home for your important event. Should the state K of C leadership decide they need a different state chaplain, I will honorably forward the portfolio to him.

DOLAN CONT.

Whether or not I actually teach any classes in Ireland (or even substitute if a professor is sick one day), the sacred atmosphere will affect both what and how folks learn. For all I know, this particular assignment might be what God has prepared me for by the science, philosophy, history, theology, poetry and military studies He sent me through. We each rejoice to be part of His kingdom—wherever and however He uses us.

Blessings & Vivat Jesus!
Fr. Patrick Dolan, PhD, STD
State Chaplain

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY LUKE WILLIAMS



Blessed Fulton J. Sheen stated in 'Leaders', 1973…" Goodness, patriotism, honesty and loyalty are losing their battles not by conflict, but by default. Those who are called to be defenders of what is right are not wounded in the battle: they flee. Courage has always been in the past the attribute of those who have faith: now the moral leaders become defenders only of the feeble. They are afraid to speak on vital truths to their troops, fearful that they may incite a revolt or be unloved. The result is 'every man does what is right in his own eyes.' Actually, the troops are yearning for strong leaders who will challenge them and sound trumpets with clear notes. But seeing the shepherds uncertain and afraid of wolves, the sheep scatter".

We as Knights of Columbus are tasked biblically to take care of the orphans and widows and to be defenders of what is right. Too many members join and want to make a difference but the scenario that Blessed Sheen mentions comes to the surface. Men do not want to be burdened with leadership unless it is easy. To this I say, "We need to realize that Jesus was rejected and did not run from his mission or change his message so why are we?"

The vision by Blessed Michael McGivney and those first men who met at St. Mary's Church back in 1882 brought us purpose of truth through the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. It is the "blueprint" for men to become the defenders of Christ's mission. I encourage all men to remember that "Christ was rejected and he did not adjust his message to avoid it". "His mission was not shaped by the response of others, but by obedience to the Father and love for those he came to save".

WILLIAMS CONT.

I ask that all take steps to learn the “message” through daily prayer and ask God our Father to give us the strength and courage to do his will. Be active in your Parish, Council and Community and “Measure your leadership by faithfulness, not by response”.

Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
Immediate Past State Deputy

STATE SECRETARY MIKE KUCHENBROD



Worthy Brothers,



We had planned a men's formation day for the beginning of November but will be rescheduling so that more attendees can participate. There are a variety of new COR materials being made available to your council and state EFF leadership. One thing I discovered in planning the event was that we only have 23 EFF council directors assigned for the entire state. We have more councils than that reporting that they are participating in COR projects, so it is likely that we are underreporting here. To be the director is just like so many other positions in our councils, be the point man to help get things moving and get the word out about your events. The COR director does not have to run all the events, just help the GK and Program Director.

We will have more information available at the mid-year meeting.

Take a few minutes and check out the new materials for hosting a men's retreat. Like so many other programs, most of what you need is already prepared. Getting a speaker for a retreat is often the hard part, here we have the recordings of Fr. Riccardo prepared. Go to www.kofc.org/gospel and check out the videos, you may find you will watch the whole set as I did.

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The information for the mid-year meeting has been sent out to Grand Knights to share with their councils; anyone can attend but the focus is on sharing information with council leadership. Be sure to make your hotel reservations in a timely manner, and send your registration forms in to our State Executive Secretary Rick Arnold.

Tootsie roll drives happen this time of year, tie it in with a membership drive. Thanksgiving and Advent will be here before we know it, the church calendar gets busy as we near the end of the year.

For those councils that have a parish school take this opportunity to review the various programs available for the fall. Soccer challenge, poster contests, citizenship essay contests, and many others are an easy way to reach out to the students and engage with the parish. Be thinking about tootsie roll drives and supporting a seminarian with RSVP.

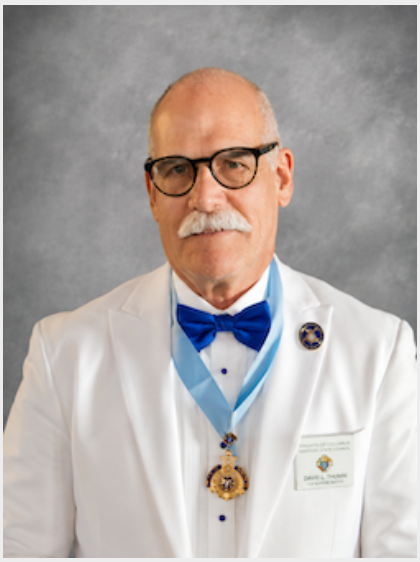
Get your basketball challenge space reserved at your parish so you have the gym available in January to host your event. Keep Christ in Christmas programs and poster challenges are available, get them going.

Recruit and Retain

We are in a New Fraternal Year; we have eight more months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. This is a Gift that needs to be offered to each Catholic man and his Family. There still is FREE MEMBERSHIP. for a New Member and he can join on his iPhone, cell phone by going to www.KofC.Org. The Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY is available, your insurance agent may have a personal code as well so check with him on that. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Secretary

STATE TREASURER JOHN STAUDT



Worthy Brothers,
Welcome to November, the month of mid-term elections, November 5th, Thanksgiving, November 26th, and the start of Advent on November 29th. I hope you all took the opportunity to vote on the 5th. For Thanksgiving we give thanks to opportunities and freedoms we have here in America and celebrate with our family and friends. In Advent, we gather our thoughts and prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ, as we should throughout the year.

October's Columbia magazine features the 144th Supreme Convention with additional stories and Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly's report. His report is a good read and reflects what the Knights are all about and the charitable support we do and offer internationally.

There are many activities the councils are involved with this fall and going into the winter months. Get involved and support your council and parish. When you are asked what the Knights of Columbus do, you don't have to go far for a reply. Look at what your council does and how you change lives and save lives. Therein lies your reply. Take a look and attend or volunteer.

We are through the fourth month of the fraternal year as we enter November. Continue to invite men to join the Knights of Columbus. It is not about meeting membership goals, although that is a part, but we invite our Catholic brothers to join to become closer to God and our faith. Invite and help them walk the journey with you and with those in your council. When we invite men, we are also inviting the participation of their families and their protection through our insurance program and the many products available, especially young men and their families. Getting started with financial plans when the men are young gives them the opportunity to create financial protection for later in life for themselves and their family.

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As winter approaches, there may be neighbors who experience a tragedy and may be without the finances for repairs. If you or someone you know need financial help, the K of C Kentucky State Charities may be able to help. Go to, K of C Kentucky State Charities Form, on the K of C Kentucky State website and complete the form.

Continue to review your council event's plan and adjust 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 you have completed the Officers Elected, Form #185 and Council Directors, Form #365. As you complete your events be sure to complete the Form #10784. Any member can complete this form. It will help to determine and complete the State Deputy Award in March and Columbian Award (SP-7) in May and June.

The K of C State Mid-Year meeting in Madisonville, KY is December 5-6, 2026. If you are staying the weekend, please make your reservations now. Reservation and Mid-Year meeting information was emailed from our Executive Secretary, PSD Rick Arnold. See you there.
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



Worthy Brother Knights,

Tempus Fugit…Memento Mori!

All Souls Day has just passed, but our remembrance of those who have gone before us should not end with November 2. The entire month of November gives us an opportunity to pause, remember, and pray.

Perhaps your council recently participated in **"Remembering Our Faithful Departed."** Perhaps you attended Mass for a loved one, visited a cemetery, or simply spent a few quiet moments remembering someone who made a difference in your life. However we choose to remember them, November reminds us that those who came before us remain an important part of our families, our councils, and our faith.

I encourage each of us to take some time this month to remember the Brother Knights, family members, and friends we have lost. Say their names. Tell their stories. Pray for them. And most importantly, give thanks for the blessing they were in our lives.

Our Catholic faith reminds us that death does not have the final word. **We remember our faithful departed not simply with sadness, but with gratitude, prayer, and the hope that one day we will be reunited with them.**

As we pray for those who have gone before us, we are also called to pray for those who lead us now. Another election season has come and gone. For some, the results may have brought satisfaction and hope. For others, they may have brought disappointment or concern. Regardless of how we voted or whether the results went the way we hoped, our responsibility as Catholic men does not end when we leave the voting booth.

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Now is the time to pray for those who have been elected to serve, for those who continue in public office, and for our country. We should pray that our leaders seek wisdom, act with integrity, defend the dignity of every human life, and work for the common good.

In a time when politics can so easily divide families, communities, and even friendships, we as Knights should strive to be examples of charity and unity. We may not always agree with one another, but we can always pray together. Let us ask God to guide our elected leaders, to heal the divisions within our nation, and to help each of us remember that our ultimate hope rests not in any political party or elected official, but in Him.

Fraternally,
Tommy Johnson III
State Advocate

STATE WARDEN ERIC GUY



Worthy Brother Knights,
This month, I am grateful to share a very special blessing with my family. It is official that I am now a grandparent. Our granddaughter, Avery Renee, was born on the same day as my wife Becky's birthday. What an incredible gift, and one that will forever connect their lives in the most meaningful way. I can still remember holding my daughter Abby as a tiny premature infant, and now I find myself holding her daughter the same way. Tempus Fugit! With Avery's arrival, Becky and I are now lovingly called Mémère and Pépère, honoring the Guy Family's French-Canadian heritage. It is a tradition that means a great deal to us, and one we are blessed to share with the next generation. At just under six pounds, Avery is small and precious, and both Abby and the baby are doing wonderfully.

Football Frenzy Sweepstakes
As of this writing, we are halfway through the eight weeks of chances. I have emailed the weekly results to the District Deputies, and I hope the information is being disseminated to the councils. You may also check your ticket results by visiting KYKOFC.com, scrolling down to the Football Frenzy 2026 Results, and entering your ticket number. Rest assured that if your ticket is a winner, State Charities will automatically mail you a check.
Congratulations to all the winners so far, and good luck to everyone else as we still have four weeks remaining.

Veteran's Day
This week we celebrate Veteran's Day. Thank you to all who have served our great Nation. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all who stood in defense of our

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freedoms. The sacrifice, courage, and dedication they demonstrated continue to inspire us.

I hope to see you at the Kentucky State Mid-Year Meeting on December 4th and 5th in Madisonville. Basketball Frenzy Fundraising Packets will be available for District Deputies, and I look forward to continuing our shared work of charity, unity, and fraternity together.

Vivat Jesus!
Eric Guy
State Warden

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TOM O'HAGAN



Mission of the Order - The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

The bottom line is: one person inviting one person, anytime, anyplace, anywhere, on a mission to bring souls to Christ.

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October was a very strong growth month for the Jurisdiction. Don't let up just because of the upcoming holidays.

If you have a plan, work it. If you don't, develop one. I will be glad to help! Every council needs to develop a '**Culture of Invitation'** 12012 6-26 Church Drive Guide. As part of your membership growth plan.

One Man, One Mass, One Invitation

- Invite Your Field Agent to every POD/CUF/Member Meeting/Event – Create a Partnership with Your Field Agent
    - Send me your council schedule for November and December
- What is your plan for the second half of the Fraternal Year? Keep inviting! Keep Growing!

One Drive, Per District, Per Month

- Schedule a Parish Outreach Drive (POD) quarterly. Membership growth is the lifeblood of a council and fuels your mission, expanding your impact on your parish and community. 11872 Membership Drive Steps_Council
- Order your Church Drive Kit today from Supplies Online - Culture of Invitation - Church Drive Kit
    - The cost and shipping are FREE. Max 2
- Schedule and conduct a monthly CUF Exemplification meeting, In-Person and/or On-Demand

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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. **Qualifying Councils as of 9/30/2026 – Councils 14290,15613, 16232, 17606, 18908. Congratulations to the DD and Officers of these councils. Keep Growing!**
- Every Council that has Form 185/365, SET, FEB Goal, and has reached 100% of Membership Goal by 12/31/2026 = $100 and membership in the Century Club (GK Coin). **Qualifying Councils as of 9/30/2026 – None**
    - **McGivney Award – 12623 (185/365 SET), 12965 (185/365 SET), 15452 (185/365), 15914 (185/365)**
    - **Founders Award – 15841 (185/365, SET), 18284 (185/365, SET)**
- Every Council that achieves 200% of Membership Goal by 3/31/27 = $75. **Qualifying Councils as of 9/30/2026 - None**
- Every Council that earns the Star Council Award by 3/31/27 = $50 **Qualifying Councils as of 9/30/2026 - None**
- The Council with the most PODs (recorded via Form 10784) by 3/31/2027 = $75 **Qualifying Councils - None**
- The Council with the highest point total for the State Deputy Award (Form 10784s) = $75 **Qualifying Councils as of 9/30/2026 - None**

Supreme Incentives 2026-27

Join & Serve Challenge!
Grow our brotherhood while serving your community and win big!
This year, let's kick-start the giving season by growing our brotherhood and inviting others to join us in faith, charity, and service to our local communities. **Fulfill your entire membership quota and participate in the Food for Families program by November 30th to qualify!** (with the Food for Families application being submitted no later than December 31st, 2026) Councils that qualify will receive 8 sets of custom-embroidered KofC aprons and hats and will have a chance to enter for a chance to win an additional $200 gift certificate to Knights Gear! Join and Serve Challenge_v2

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Go For Two More!
Individual Member Incentive
To recognize brother Knights who "go for two", members who extend the invitation and get two men to join between September 1st and December 31st, 2026, will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of $1,500! * 10 second-place winners will receive a customized K of C-branded item. Invite four men who join in that time frame to be entered into the drawing twice! Go For Two - Member_2026

	Actual v Goal MTD	**Actual v Goal YTD**
New Members	68 v 48 = 141.7%	203 v 531 = 38.23%
Councils With No YTD Adds		47 v 100
Form 365 Not Submitted		30 v 100
Form 185 Not Submitted		13 v 100
SP7 Not Submitted		0 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

DISTRICT MASTER CAMERON PECK



Brother Knights,
Every November, we pause on Veterans Day to honor the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

We shake hands. We say, “Thank you for your service.” We attend ceremonies, display the flag, and recognize veterans in our parishes and communities.

All of those things matter.

But as members of the Fourth Degree, I think we should ask ourselves a little more.

Does our gratitude go beyond the words?

The Fourth Degree exists in a special way to promote patriotism and to honor those who have served our country. That responsibility should not begin and end with a ceremony on November 11.

Gratitude becomes meaningful when it turns into action.

It can mean visiting a veteran who is homebound or alone. It can mean attending the funeral of a veteran and helping ensure that their service is properly honored. It can mean supporting organizations that assist veterans and military families. It can mean inviting veterans to speak at a council or assembly event so that their stories are remembered.

Sometimes it is even simpler than that.

Sit down with a veteran and listen.

Ask where they served. Ask what their experience was like. Ask what they remember most. Many veterans have stories that will disappear unless someone takes the time to hear them.

As Sir Knights, we should be among those who take the time.

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November is also the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, which makes this an especially appropriate time to think about gratitude.

We are thankful for our families, our faith, our parishes, our communities, and the freedoms we enjoy. Those freedoms did not come without sacrifice.

Generations of men and women have answered the call to serve. Some left their homes for years. Some returned with wounds that could be seen, while others returned carrying wounds that could not. Some never returned at all.

We owe them more than a few words once a year.

We owe them our remembrance.

We owe them our respect.

And when the opportunity presents itself, we owe them our service in return.

This month, I would challenge every Sir Knight in Kentucky to do one thing beyond simply saying, “Thank you for your service.”

Visit a veteran. Attend a Veterans Day ceremony. Help a military family. Support a veterans organization. Participate in a Color Corps event honoring those who served. Take time to learn the story of a veteran in your council, assembly, parish, or family.

It does not have to be complicated.

It simply has to be sincere.

As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables later this month, may we remember those whose service and sacrifice helped make the freedoms we enjoy possible.

And may our gratitude be something that can be seen in the way we live and serve.

Vivat Jesus!
Cameron Peck, PSD
District Master

KAPID CHAIRMAN TOM JOHNSON



Brothers,
Welcome to November. That special time of year where we begin the month, November 1st All Saints Day, by giving praise & thanksgiving to the Saints in Heaven who have gone before us and by their example have shown us the way to Heaven. November 2nd, All Souls Day, reminds us that death is inevitable and of the loved ones that we have lost.

Our faith teaches us that death on earth is not the end but a new beginning…a beginning with Christ Jesus. Our faith also teaches us that we don't always go straight to Heaven. Some of us, maybe most of us can expect to spend some time in Purgatory. I like to think of Purgatory as that place between Heaven and Hell where we have time to reflect on our lives and to pray fervently to our Lord God asking Him for forgiveness for the sins we committed during our time on earth so that we may one day be with Him in Heaven.

November should remind us that we, the living, must also pray for the dead. We become an Advocate for the dead. For our prayers as well as the prayers of the souls in Purgatory are taken to Heaven on behalf of the deceased. Then we end the month with the celebration, thanksgiving and anticipation. We celebrate our families and give thanks to God as we come together on Thanksgiving Day and then we anticipate the coming of Advent.

November is also a time of anticipation and preparation for the end of the calendar year. Like an alarm clock going off during a deep sleep, we are jolted by the fact that there are only 61 days left before the end of the year. We begin to think of all the things we need to do before time runs out…clean out the gutters, last minute painting, a final mowing, cleaning out the flower beds, and making those last-minute decisions on where and to whom you make a

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charitable donation. The first Tuesday in December is traditionally known as “Giving Tuesday”. This year that’s December 1st. There’s a reason that the first Tuesday in December was chosen and why it is so widely advertised. People tend to wait until the end of the year to make their charitable donations to help minimize their federal tax liability, and charities are looking ahead to the start of the upcoming year. They need funds to either meet their financial obligations for this year or to get a head start on next year.

KAPID is no different. We have year-end financial obligations, and we are anticipating our needs for next year. This past July, we rolled out two $500 incentives. One was for the Camp Program and the other for the Tootsie Roll Program. You have until March 2027 to turn in your pledge cards and monies to be entered into the drawings that will take place at the upcoming State Convention. I would like to suggest that you consider adding KAPID to your annual charitable donation list. For those of you that have a 401k, a 403, or a traditional IRA, please consider utilizing a QCD (Qualified Charitable Donation). By utilizing a QCD, you can minimize the taxes you pay when taking your RMD (Required Minimal Distribution). The Knights of Columbus Kentucky Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc is a “public” 501(c)3 and as such conforms to the IRS guidelines as a qualified charitable organization. Our federally issued EIN # is 31-0965614.

In Closing:

If you, a family member or brother knight would like to donate to the Camp Program and are not sure how to do it, Charlie has provided the following link and QR code for your convenience: Donate with PayPal Giving Fund

Let us not forget the blessings bestowed upon us by our Father in Heaven. We can’t outdo His Love nor His generosity. Pick up your Rosary & Pray. Do not 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



Extended Care Planning - What is your plan?

Brothers, this time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could have a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month. With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out.

WhatCareCosts gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Facilities, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus. Visit www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus and enter sponsor code "KofC" to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you of your 2026 Financial Protection Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals. This year, all survey respondents will be entered into a drawing for a Knights of Columbus RTIC® cooler, with several chances to win! Please fill out the survey as soon as you can at https://survey.kofc.org.

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Whether you have questions about the survey or want to talk about setting up an extended care plan, our Field Agents and me are here to help you.

Vivat Jesus!
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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



Twelve Dates in Knights of Columbus History

Test your knowledge of some K of C historical years. Match the year to the event. No year is used more than one time.

1. Knights of Columbus Chartered in New Haven, CT
2. Kentucky State Council Instituted
3. 100 Anniversary of Kentucky State Council
4. First Fourth Degree Exemplification
5. One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Fourth Degree
6. Council 390 Instituted
7. Six State Council Councils Instituted
8. Fr McGivney Died
9. 100th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus
10. Supreme Convention Held in Louisville
11. Supreme Convention Held in Louisville
12. Supreme Convention Held in Louisville

1882
1890
1898
1901
1903
1904
1908
1954
1981
1982
2003
2026

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November 11 is Veterans Day. Please take a moment to say a prayer for all those who served. I am proud to call myself a Veteran. I served 26 years in the Air Force.

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

Local Events

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

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



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Learn more about the career at www.kofc.org/agentcareers and visit Supplies online to find all promotional materials

2 Submit Application
Scan the QR code below, and be sure to use in the referral code: 2026Incentive

3 Member Contracts
If the referral is contracted on, they will start the onboarding process

4 Contract Tenures 6 Months
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5 All Per Capita Fees Waived
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Referral Incentive only applies to FA's with at least 6 months of tenure.
Per Capita includes all Supreme Council Assessments for the 2026 Fraternal year.

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CALENDAR

November

4th Degree Exemplification	21
Thanksgiving	26

December

Midyear Meeting	4-5
4th Degree Exemplification	19
Christmas	25

April

State Convention	23-25

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