



Gil Spisak – State Deputy

Home Council: #9114, Nativity of Our Savior, Portage, IN

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Worthy Brother Knights,

Wow, what a Great Time at our State Convention in French Lick. With the current State Treasurer, Ryan Borden, stepping down out of office, we want to congratulate and welcome our new State Treasurer Elect, Ryan Grill, and State Advocate Elect, Jeff Emminger, for the 2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year!

Please note charity account checks for 2025-26 will need to be mailed along with the form to State Treasurer Elect – Ryan Grill.

As of the end of April, we have reached 66.54% of our Membership goal for the fiscal year. But with your continued support and action, we can reach—and even surpass—this goal during these next two months. We need **YOU** to reach out and invite a Catholic man to join us in our mission. Encourage them to engage in our charitable activities, grow in their faith alongside us, and experience the transformative impact of being a Knight.

Let us remain steadfast in our Mission: Our mission is clear: to empower Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country. Together, we can make a significant and lasting difference in the lives of many. **Your** participation is vital in helping us grow and fulfill this mission.

As mentioned in a Supreme presentation:

We grow today for tomorrow.

- Our councils need to understand this. We want them around for another 100 years.
- It is about growing – not just rewards.
- Rewards are for those that do well.

Let us continue this mission by inviting Catholic Men to share in the gift of Knighthood with us.

Mission of the Order

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

Vision of the Order

Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic men's organization. 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.

Membership Drives

Join our efforts to grow the Order by participating in membership drives at your local parish. If your council hasn't held the required Spring Membership Drive to invite Catholic men into the order, it's not too late to invite with a membership drive at your parish!

Thank You to those councils who have already held and submitted their Membership Drive info to their District Deputy! For assistance – membership@indianakofc.org

As the saying goes “Many hands make light work!”

EVERYONE – KNIGHTS and ALL Councils should be Inviting men to Join Us! – As “Fishers of Men”!

FISHERS of MEN - Inviting and Bringing Men into the Order to Join Us!

REMEMBER:

It's not about a number.

It's not about a reward.

It's about mission. It's about obligation.

Every Catholic man deserves what you and I have.

Catholic men are waiting. They are waiting to be invited. Just ASK!

GRADUATIONS – Did YOU invite a new graduate and give that Catholic man the gift of KNIGHTHOOD!

Please use the following link in English, <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>

JOIN ONLINE FOR FREE!

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join online for free. *

STATE CONVENTION: (April 25th – 27th, 2025) - French Lick Resort

The Annual Meeting of the Indiana State Council was held at the French Lick Resort from April 25th to 27th, 2025. This was a great opportunity for all Knights and their wives to gather, learn, and contribute to the continued growth of our Order.

In addition to the business sessions, there were many great events that took place over the weekend, including many breakout / training sessions on Leadership and how to be a Great Leader, How to run a meeting, FBE Insurance Event with our General Agent Phil Stackowicz, Gibault Informational Meeting, Veteran's Affairs Programs, LIFE Programs and the upcoming 2026 National March for Life in DC, the Sacred Heart Icon, Faith and the EFF and COR programs, and more. The Financial Secretaries held their Annual Meeting sharing much information and training.

There were 15 display tables throughout the main hallways with a lot of great information in the displays along with literature/handouts. We had the Gibault Raffle Drawing on Saturday and many great speakers throughout the weekend. There was also a Blood Drive on Saturday and collections for the Women's

Care Centers (WCC) and ASAP programs. We held the NEW 4th Degree Ceremony on Friday afternoon, welcoming everyone and we want to congratulate all our NEW 4th Degree Members who attended the Exemplification.

The list of State Officers elected for the 2025 – 2026 Fraternal year are:

State Deputy – Gil Spisak

State Secretary – Robert “Bob” Zielinski

State Treasurer – Ryan Grill

State Advocate – Jeff Emminger

State Warden – Mike Lewis

Gibault Board of Trustee’s elected for a 3-Year term:

Brother Roy Smith

Brian Peterson

Steve Jung

Congratulations to ALL the Award Winners during the weekend! Please check the State website in the near future for the list of winners.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. William P. Garrity - **Council #1166 in Bedford** for setting a collection record in the State for the Tootsie Roll Drive with **\$43,889.44!!!** WOW!

THANK YOU to all the councils and assemblies that brought their banners to help decorate the hall!

A Special Thank You to those who sponsored a Seminarian or Priest for the Vocations dinner, and to those who purchased an advertisement for the convention book to help with the costs.

FREE – Council Banner Incentive – ends June 30th, 2025

As you know, men are waiting to be invited to join the Knights of Columbus. In 2023, we commissioned a study that showed there are about 7 million men willing to join organizations like the Knights of Columbus. They haven’t joined yet because they haven’t been asked. These men are in your parishes. In the same pews you sit in. Jesus called the disciples to follow him and become fishers of men. **Now, it’s our turn to become fishers of men and extend the hand of brotherhood.**

[Watch Video \(2 Minutes\)](https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLiLa0f_default/index.html?videoId=6362678418112)

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Every council that achieves **125% or more of its annual Membership Quota between March 1 - June 30** will receive their choice of a new customized council banner or customized *Cor* banner and *Cor* resources for parish promotion. * If your council’s annual goal is 8, then 125% of that is 10...if you bring in 10 new or readmitted members between March 1 – June 30...you win! At this point Indiana is at 0, can you help reach this goal for your council and the State – all the surrounding States have been able to have several councils meet this goal!

Resources to help your councils extend invitations to men in their parishes are available for download and ordering through Supplies Online. Log into Supplies Online, scroll to “Featured Items,” and click on the “Fishers of Men” catalog. There you will find customizable online join cards, invitations, brochures and informational pieces to give to prospective members.

This incentive will be shared with council officers in the March 6 Fraternal Leader Advisory. Spread the word and encourage your councils to make plans to achieve this incentive by the end of the year.

Fraternal Leadership Advisory

We are nearing the end of this fraternal year and are preparing for the 2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year. We still have many Knights who do not receive the Fraternal Leadership Advisory (FLA). Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council Officers, and District Deputies, and those newly elected to begin in the 2025-26 year, should be signed up to receive the FLA along with anyone involved in council events. Are YOU receiving the **Fraternal Leadership Advisory** from Supreme to stay up to date??? If not, you can sign up at <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/fraternal-leader-advisory/index.html> and it will help guide you with current and future events and the information needed.

May Webinar: Preparing for the New Fraternal Year

Join us on Thursday, May 15, at 8:00 PM EDT for an informative fraternal webinar entitled **Preparing for the New Fraternal Year**.

Learn how to close out this year strong, manage a smooth transition, and prepare your council for success in the new fraternal year. Our panelists will discuss the common pitfalls and frustrations awaiting council and district leaders. And they will offer practical solutions to guide you through the incredibly important final months of this fraternal year.

Incoming council officers and district deputies should attend regardless of their experience levels. Changes to fraternal training, resources, programs, communications, and administrative requirements will be highlighted. This webinar and its attached resources will be invaluable assets for all in the coming year.

Click on the button below to register. And remember, if you can't join us live, it will be available on-demand.

[Register Now](#)

On Demand Training Is Always Available

All online training sessions are recorded and made available to view in our library of **on demand training**, providing the opportunity to review essential information and best practices on your personal schedule.

Here's an example of what you will find – click on the links below to register and view at any time:

Advertising Council Events – Looks at how councils can attract positive attention while informing the community of upcoming events.

Preparing for and Conducting Council Elections – Discover best practices for hosting an efficient election of Council Officers.

Engaging Members – Suggestions on how to properly engage your council members and communities.

Grand Knight Training: Part One – Learn how to engage your fellow officers, form your council into a team, and make charitable works the focus of your council.

Online Training Schedule

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at kofc.org/training.

Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

English Training:

May 8, 2025 8:00 PM

May 14, 2025 8:00 PM

May 20, 2025 8:00 PM

May 27, 2025 10:00 PM

[District Deputy Training Part One](#)

[Grand Knight Training: Part Two](#)

[Completing Forms 185 and 365](#)

[Fraternal Year Transition Tips](#)

Capacitación en español:

14 de mayo 2025 8:00 PM

27 de mayo 2025 8:00 PM

[Guía de Inicio Rápido para Funcionarios de Nuevos Consejos](#)

[Administración del Tiempo](#)

Disaster Relief – Tornado / Hurricane / Flood Response

Bill McDonald, our State Disaster Relief Chairman is continuing to request the needed donations to support the disaster response team's efforts to help with recovery for natural disaster damage affected areas. Contact Bill if your community needs assistance with any disaster, especially with the recent tornado's - disasterresponse@indianakofc.org

To donate, please submit your donation check to Charity Fund Inc. made payable to Indiana State Council and mail to CFI Board Treasurer, PSD Paul Zielinski, 4974 Roxbury Ct. Pittsboro, IN 46167 and "Disaster Response" in the Memo line.

FORMS – ALL Forms MUST be COMPLETED / SUBMITTED by June 15th, 2025 **DON'T PROCRASTINATE!**

State: <https://indianakofc.org/Resources/Forms/Indiana-Council-Forms>

Supreme: <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-forms.html>

Forms not submitted by June 15th may not be processed in time to receive the awards. Get your Forms Submitted EARLY – The State Council and Supreme are preparing for the upcoming 2025-26 Fraternal year in June! It's important to make sure all forms emailed are submitted in the required PDF format according to the State Program Guide. Forms submitted in other formats JPG, GIF, or PNG might not be accepted and could cause processing delays. If you need any help with converting files or have other questions, contact your District Deputy or the State Trainer, Mike Kovacs (trainer@indianakofc.org) or State IT-Admin, Roger Reuss (itadmin@indianakofc.org)!

To All Councils, Assemblies, and Brother Knights:

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication. We look forward to collaborating with you throughout the remainder of this year and in the upcoming 2025-26 Fraternal year. Your actions, deeds, and service exemplify Christ's teachings and help us grow in faith and charity. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said, *"Striving to be first in Faith and Charity will point the world to Jesus Christ."* **"We are MEN on a MISSION!" - A Mission from God!**

The Current and Future State Team of Officers, Chairmen & Directors, and District Deputies are eager to serve and work together to advance our mission. Contact us if you need assistance or information or would like to make a difference by joining our State Council Team. <https://indianakofc.org/Contact-Us/State-Officers>

As we close out the 2024-25 year and prepare for the 2025-26 Fraternal year, let us recommit ourselves to our mission: to invite, to serve, and to grow in faith. Each invitation you extend brings us closer to fulfilling our mission and making a lasting impact. Together, we can ensure the future of the Knights of Columbus remains bright and strong.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless!

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