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Worthy Brother Knights,

As we prepare ourselves during this Lenten Season, let us seize this opportunity to deepen our faith as we look toward Easter and the rest of the year. This season of reflection is a powerful time to reaffirm our commitment to Evangelize, to be impactful and invite Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus, and to bring them into the fold of the blessings and benefits we share as Knights. By doing so, we not only strengthen our own spiritual lives but also our commitment to the charitable works that reflect the values of our Order.

As of the end of March, we have reached 59% of our Membership goal for the fiscal year. But with your continued support and action, we can reach—and even surpass—this goal during this last quarter. 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.

“NEW” 4th Degree Ceremony

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEW SIR KNIGHTS!!!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all those who participated in the NEW 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 22, 2025. This marked the official rollout of the new ceremony for the Midwest Region of the U.S. We want to offer a special **Thank You** to District Master Pat Glavin and his Team of Knights for making this such a memorable and impactful event.

Don't miss out on the "NEW" Patriotic Degree Ceremony that will be held at the State Convention on Friday, April 25th, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Membership Drives

Join our efforts to grow the Order by participating in upcoming membership drives at your local parish.

EVERY Council is **required** to schedule / hold a Membership Drive in March and April and report the scheduled dates to your District Deputy, so he can report it to the State to be placed on the calendar. Let your District Deputy know your dates ASAP! Thank You to those councils who have already submitted their Membership Drive info to their District Deputy! For assistance – membership@indianakofc.org

The Fish Fry's are a perfect time to be "Fishers of Men" and hold a drive during the event to invite a Catholic Man to help out at the Fish Fry and JOIN the Order!

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!

During the Fish Fry's, did you invite and give a 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 will be held at the French Lick Resort from April 25th to 27th, 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity for all Knights and their wives to gather, learn, and contribute to the continued growth of our Order.

Please see the information in the letters that went out to each council for this year's Annual Meeting of the Indiana State Council that will be held at the French Lick Resort. EVERYONE is Invited! ALL Knights and their wives! Check the State website for the latest updates, as the information is posted on our website. <https://indianakofc.org/>

Please contact the State Convention Chairman, State Secretary Bob Zielinski – StateSecretary@IndianaKofC.org if you need information on the State Convention.

Important Deadlines & Information:

Delegate/Alternate Credential Forms: These must be submitted to the *State Secretary* by April 4th, 2025. After this date, Credential Forms will NOT be accepted, so please ensure that these forms are submitted and received on time. StateSecretary@IndianaKofC.org

NOTE: Elections will be held at the convention due to the recent announcement that State Treasurer Ryan Borden will be stepping down at the end of his term on June 30th, 2025, to focus on personal matters. We would like to thank State Treasurer Ryan Borden for his dedication and outstanding service to the Knights of Columbus as a State Officer. We look forward to working with him in the future!

As we move to elect the State Advocate up to the role of State Treasurer, we will be seeking to elect a new State Advocate to move up through the chairs, working, growing, and learning about each position through the next several years to be a successful State Deputy, and ensuring our future success as an Order.

Those interested in making a difference and committing to this important role can reach out to State Advocate Ryan Grill at stateadvocate@indianakofc.org. Candidates and their nominators MUST attend the convention.

VOCATION Dinner Sponsors needed:

We ask each council in the State to “Sponsor a Seminarian” and/or Priest to attend the State Convention for \$125 for each Seminarian / Clergy member to attend the Friday Vocations Dinner. With the convention location near St. Meinrad Seminary, we are hoping to have the seminarians attend, but they will only be able to attend with your support of a donation.

Please send your Vocations Dinner support checks to the State Secretary, Bob Zielinski, made out to “Indiana State Council” and in the memo line write “Vocations Dinner Donation” or “Sponsor a Seminarian”.

Additionally, don’t forget to bring your councils Annual SOS donation check along with the SOS form to the State Convention. The SOS Donation box will be located near the Convention Registration and Gibault Raffle Tables.

Every Council in the State is a member of the State Council, so it is the duty of each council as a member of the State Council to be present at the Annual Meeting of the State Council!

It is recommended for the Grand Knight and Past Grand Knight to be Delegates, but any 3rd degree Knight in good standing may register and attend. EVERYONE is Required to register, including the wives, to attend the events, activities, meals, or meetings, due to the costs of the event facility.

The Financial Secretaries will also be meeting during this event, so make sure to send your Financial Secretary to pick up valuable information while working with the other Financial Secretaries throughout the state who will be present.

**Remember to bring your Council / Assembly Banners with stand
to help decorate the Chamber!**

Council Banner Incentive

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

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!

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 still have many Knights who do not receive the Fraternal Leadership Advisory (FLA). Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council Officers, and District Deputies, 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.

GIBAULT RAFFLE TICKETS!

Don't forget to sell ALL of the Gibault Raffle Tickets that your council received and bring the sold tickets to the State Convention – Gibault Raffle Drawing will be at the Saturday Banquet, April 26, 2025. Please contact our State Gibault Chairman, Dave DeKoninck, gibaultenvoy@indianakofc.org, if you need further information or additional tickets.

Gibault Fundraiser

Pass the Word Around – Gibault Fundraiser – FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2025: GIBAULT BOYS' BASKETBALL plays RESOURCE at MARIAN UNIVERSITY!

*** TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE – GET YOURS NOW TO SUPPORT THE KID'S**

This game at the Marian University facility is an opportunity for the children at these facilities to participate in a really fun event, along with helping raise critical funds for these high-impact organizations.

Everyone is invited to attend – All proceeds benefit Gibault and Resource – Hosted by Knights of Columbus, Council #12387 in Carmel.

“Gibault Children’s Services vs. Resource Treatment Center All Star Basketball Game” at Marion College – hosted by K of C Council #12387

Contact, Deputy Grand Knight Keenan Hauke at 317-452-2083 for more information



For tickets (\$10 each), scan the QR code: → → → →

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:

April 1, 2025 8:00 PM

April 2, 2025 10:00 PM

April 3, 2025 8:00 PM

April 29, 2025 8:00 PM

[Advertising Council Events](#)

[Preparing for and Conducting Council Elections](#)

[Managing the Safe Environment Program](#)

[Grand Knight Training: Part One](#)

Capacitación en español:

2 de abril de 2025 8:00 PM

22 de abril de 2025 8:00 PM

30 de abril de 2025 8:00 PM

[Completar el Formulario SP-7 para el Premio Colón](#)

[¿Cómo completar los informes \(#185-S\) y \(#365-S\)?](#)

[Planeación de Programas de Fe en Acción Exitosos](#)

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

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

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

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 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 2024-25 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 enter this season of Lent, 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.

May God bless you all as we continue our journey through this Lenten Season, united in faith and brotherhood.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless!

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“Men on a Mission!”



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