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### **Worthy Brother Knights,**

As we embrace the Spring Season, let us seize this opportunity to "spring forward" by deepening our Faith during this Lenten and Easter period. One of the most impactful ways we can do this is by continuing our efforts to Evangelize and inviting Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. By doing so, they will experience the same blessings and benefits we share as Knights, strengthening both their spiritual lives and their commitment to charitable works.

As of the end of February, we have achieved 48% of our Membership goal for the fiscal year. However, with your support, we can reach and surpass this goal! We need YOU to invite a Catholic man to join us, to engage in our charitable activities, and to grow in their Faith alongside us.

Let us remain steadfast in our Mission: to empower Catholic men to live their Faith and serve their Family, Parish, Community, and Country. Together, we can make a powerful difference in the lives of many. **Your** participation is key to helping us grow and fulfill our mission.

**Let us continue this mission by inviting others to share in the gift of Knighthood.**

### **“NEW” 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ceremony**

Exciting News, Knights!

We are thrilled to announce that the Indiana Jurisdiction will be hosting **the NEW 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 22, 2025**. This will be the “NEW” Ceremony for the Midwest Region of the U.S., and we warmly invite everyone to attend. Be sure to bring your spouse to share in this special occasion!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact our 4th Degree Secretary at [4dsec@indianakofc.org](mailto:4dsec@indianakofc.org).

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this memorable event as we celebrate our faith and commitment to the Order together. Don't miss out on the “NEW” Patriotic Degree Ceremony!

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### **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 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](mailto:membership@indianakofc.org)

**The upcoming 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 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 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025) - French Lick Resort**

Please see the information in the letters that went out to each council for this years 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](mailto:StateSecretary@IndianaKofC.org) if you need information on the State Convention.

Delegate/Alternate forms must be submitted to the State Secretary by the due date of April 4<sup>th</sup>.

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. 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

### **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](mailto: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!**

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 below:



### **Regional / Town Hall / Huddle Meeting in March**

We are excited to announce that the Regional / Town Hall / Huddle Meetings will be taking place in March! These meetings are an excellent opportunity for you to connect with our State Officers, Directors,

and Chairmen. You will receive the latest updates, and it's a great time to have any questions you may have answered. Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and your council officers/members need to attend.

To find the dates and locations for the meetings in your area, please check the State Website Calendar. For more information or if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your District Deputy, Diocesan Coordinator, or our State Secretary, Bob Zielinski, at [statesecretary@indianakofc.org](mailto:statesecretary@indianakofc.org).

This is a fantastic chance to engage with fellow Knights and stay informed about the direction of our Order. Don't miss out!

### **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.

**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](mailto:trainer@indianakofc.org)) or State IT-Admin, Roger Reuss ([itadmin@indianakofc.org](mailto: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>

**Vivat Jesus and God Bless!**

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