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State Deputy's Message



GOD LOVES YOU!

“God loves you” are three simple words that can change a life forever. How many times in our life have we told another person that we love them? That number gets exceptionally high when you get to be my age, especially when blessed with so many friends and family members. But when I stop to think about how many times I have told another that God loves them over my lifetime, I am embarrassed at how low that number is.

For the past four years, the State Council has been on a magnificent journey to help make our Order Christocentric (centered upon Christ). The results have been astonishing as we find more and more brother Knights abandoning themselves, picking up their crosses, and following our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The return to discipleship is our primary purpose as each of us learns how to fulfill his baptismal calling to become a priest, a prophet, and a king (CCC 783).

To help us navigate through our journey with Christ we have provided four core promises that we will strive to fulfill for every one of our brother Knights. They are:

- *We will help men grow closer in their relationship to Christ.*
- *We will provide opportunities for men to serve Christ in his Church.*
- *We will provide opportunities for men to serve those most in need in their communities in the name of Christ.*
- *We will do our best to ensure no Catholic family undergoes financial hardship due to the loss of a primary breadwinner or an underfunded retirement plan.*

Suppose we remain focused on keeping these promises. In that case, I can assure you that we will help heal our suffering Church and can spiritually awaken the Catholic men within our parishes, our families, and our communities.

As we begin our spiritual travels into Advent, let us fully embrace and reflect on those three words, GOD LOVES YOU! How much does he love you? So much so that he sent his begotten son to die upon a cross so that our sins may be forgiven. Our Father's love is beyond compare.

It is my sincere desire that the love of Jesus Christ be with you and your family during this joyful season. Know that I am with each one of you in prayer as we celebrate the coming of the Lord!

God loves you, and I love you! Vivat Jesus.

Fred Laufenberg

State Deputy
Tennessee Knights of Columbus



Come oh come Emmanuel!

Etymologically, the word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word, “adventus”, meaning, “coming, expectation” which is a translation of the Greek word, Perousia. By the 6thc, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ our Savior.

Advent starts the new Liturgical Year and can be seen as another opportunity to spiritually begin anew. A new beginning of mercy and conversion. Holy Mother Church knows how many times we need to start again, to be awake and being prepared. It’s a season of spiritual transformation, transfiguration and rejuvenation of one’s heart and mind. Advent literally, “at the coming” prepares for the annual celebration of Jesus birth at Christmas and his revelation to the nations at Epiphany. It’s a period when Christ lights our darkness, unveils the shroud of our unbelief by enlightening us and transforming the darkness of our lives so that we may become a light that will lead others to God.

We as Catholic men of the Knights of Columbus, we will learn that the way of Christian discipleship always leads through the darkness of suffering to the experience of new life in Christ. Preparing the way as members of our Order of Knights of Columbus, Tennessee Council during the season of Advent, we take a pause, and yearn for peace, true and lasting peace for all people. This peace springs from heeding God’s instruction for humankind and God’s plan for his world.

Like every pilgrimage, advent season is a period of journey to God’s dwelling place, the holy mountain top where all are welcomed irrespective of nationality, color, class, creed or status. As pilgrim soldiers of Christ marching to Bethlehem, where the new born child is laid, we must take away all kinds of pride or hate, prejudices of any kind, but must shield ourselves with the peace of Christ that the angels heralded when the new born king was announced.

Advent is a period of simple life-style, and extra prayer. During this season of advent leading to Christmas, we shall hear from Isaiah and John the Baptist heralding the coming of Christ as prophet, king and priest. The coming of Emmanuel, God is with us, the Knights of Columbus of Tennessee Council are expected to herald this message of the Gospel of Christ to our fellow Knights, your wives, children, your pastors, our Bishops, Cardinals and our Holy Father, Pope Francis. It’s our duty as Knights of Columbus to pray in season and out of season for the Canonization of our Founder, Blessed Michal McGivney. We, as Catholic gentlemen of the cross, the rosary and the Blessed Eucharist, we’ve the divine obligation to live the principles of our Order, Charity, Unity and Fraternity in all we do.

As Knights of Columbus, we are meant to carry our swords and defend the indefensible, the vulnerable unborn child in the womb who has been unjustly deprived of their divine right to exist through the unfathomable and unprecedented human laws that led to these baby’s cry piercing the sky of heaven. It’s our duty as Knights of Columbus during this season of advent to continue to pray the rosary and do sacrifices for God’s intervention, and through the instrumentality of our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney to see that this unnecessary law of abortion that had held baby’s hostage for many decades is slowly and gradually abrogated.



Introducing KofC Daily Mass Reflections by Fr. John Dowling Past State Chaplain

“Year C” Daily Reflections Begin Sunday Nov. 28th, 2021



How do we need to enjoy a faithful and fruitful advent as Knights of Columbus? Just a few things, quiet, attentive hearts, ready to listen to God’s word within us, the desire to be open to surprise by what we may hear, or experience, a profound trust that allows God to light up our hearts with a burning love that will set us on fire for the things of God, and finally, a firm resolve to keep awake, and not to miss the coming of the Lord as we in Christ as the light to the world.

Jesus Christ is our fellow-traveler these advent days, for he is out there ahead of us, pointing the way, up the Lord’s mountain that urges us on. Along the way, Jesus may surprise us by the demands that his gospel makes on us, just as he surprised people at his first coming.

As advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ in our hearts, homes, and offices, we should endeavor to heed to the promises that has been made to us about a way out of our distress. Salvation will come, but when? We pray, but does God listen? Yes, he does because the advent readings deal with this problem Waiting for somebody to come, that is, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, supposes patience. We must accept as Knights of Columbus the human condition and the clarion call by Isaiah the prophet and John the Baptist to prepare a way for the Lord, and to make his road straight. Be awake, and be prepared!

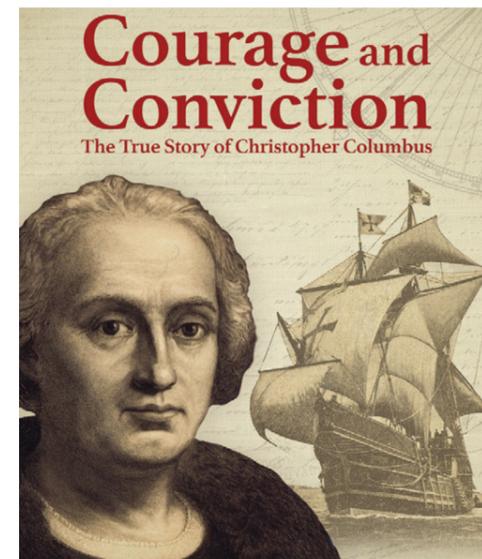
Maranatha—Come Lord Jesus!

Rev. Dr. Bart Okere
TN State Chaplain.

We are pleased to bring these amazing new daily mass reflections to all our KofC brothers across the State of Tennessee. You can access these reflections by following the State Council on Facebook or by subscribing to our “KofC Daily Mass Reflections” Group on our State Flocknote account. *To be added to the Flocknote Group, please email me at tonykofc@icloud.com or just go into Flocknote and join this new open group.*

Daily prayer is our armor against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Be sure to suit up each and every day!

Tony Amadeo
Assistant State Director of Evangelization



A MUST SEE FILM FOR EVERY BROTHER KNIGHT

Courage and Conviction offers insight into the remarkable journey of the Knights of Columbus’ namesake, details on the origins of Columbus Day and context behind the affinity that many immigrants have for the explorer. The film shows why Christopher Columbus remains not only a man worthy of admiration, but a noble icon of what it means to be a Catholic and an American.

To see this film visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbus/index.html> Click on the video play button to view.



Invite, Engage, Retain!

What does membership mean to each of you? What does membership mean to the Knights of Columbus fraternal organization? Our theme this year is INVITE – ENGAGE – RETAIN. In order to make this year a success to all of us, we begin with the INVITE. INVITE fellow Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus!

What happens when we INVITE them? We are actually Evangelizing as Jesus tells us to do. We are bringing them Good News; the good news of the Knights of Columbus! Membership is an individual INVITE from a Knight of Columbus to a fellow Catholic man. INVITING that man is sticking to the four promises we have adopted this year as a State as our Worthy State Deputy shared in his message on page 3.

The INVITATION is individual, its personal, its one-on-one. But the Council needs to be visible to the parish. We need to be there to support our pastor and our community. But how do we get the visibility we need to make the INVITE all the easier to deliver and be received?

This becomes the role and responsibility of the Council as a whole. The steps a Council should put in place are relatively simple, yet tried and true; proven to work. Each Council should implement the following three courses of action:

1. Members need to be visible whenever they are in church or on church grounds. Wear your Knights of Columbus shirts and your badges; be proud of who you are and who you represent.
2. Make use of your church bulletin (last week, our Council had 6 items in the bulletin). All announcements should be informational (specifically advertising and upcoming event), inspirational (a little bit about the Knights, who we are and what we do) and/or invitational (come join us). A complete list of bulletin announcements have been compiled and available for your use; just let me know.

3. Use of membership invitational cards. You can get these cards from Supreme (10536 9-20). Use a QR code that you must put on yourself, and have each member of the Council use these as a way to invite fellow Catholics. Again, let me know if you need some help putting these cards in place in your Council.

Once our fellow Catholic men are aware of who we are and what we do, it would be difficult for them to not accept your INVITATION to join the largest fraternity of Catholic men in the world. Yes, we are an international organization including more than 1.9 million men around the world. And what do we do as an international organization? Here is just a bit of what you were an integral part of...

- 1,967,585 members; including adding more than 2,000 college Knights in 2020
- Charity: \$185 mil; 75.6 mil volunteer hours
- Disaster Relief: \$4.2 mil
- Culture of Life: placed more than 950 ultrasound machines to date
- Charity in the Middle East: committed more than \$20 mil in aid to Christians since 2014
- Military and Veterans: sponsored more than 200 pilgrims to Lourdes for the 60th International Military Pilgrimage
- Coats for Kids: More than 105,000 new coats to children
- Food for Families Program: Nearly 4 million pounds of food and nearly \$2 mil
- Global Wheelchair Mission: 7,649 wheelchairs
- Refund Support Vocations Program: More than \$3.8 million to 6,348 seminarians and postulants
- Special Olympics: \$6 mil and over 350,000 hours
- Life Insurance: \$8.8 billion sold last year; currently more than \$111 billion insurance in force
- Complete financing of the Pope's travel around the world

Remember that you have an entire Membership Experience Team organized to help, your not in this alone. The committee, anxious to help in any way they can.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Brodbeck
State Membership Director



On-line Membership Value



Are you using e-membership?

As the state's online membership chair, my responsibilities include assigning members to local councils when appropriate, promoting online membership throughout the state, engaging state council members by inviting them to events and participating in quarterly calls and provide feedback.

As it relates to assigning members, I have access to the state "officers online" system that I check daily. I first look at any prospects that are unassigned which is a result of an online member registering and not identifying a preferred council. It is my responsibility to make an assignment of those members by using their parish membership information to make an assignment to an active local council. Online members who do identify a preferred council when registering require me to follow up to determine the member has been contacted and is scheduled for their exemplification so as to become a member of their preferred council.

According to Supreme, nearly 70% of all new members register online. The registration fees will continue to be waived when registering online through the end of 2021. Now is the time to promote online membership either through announcements in parish bulletins or in council announcements.

With a large percentage of new members registering online it's important that Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries are closely monitoring their prospects tab in "officers online". Currently there are a number of prospects throughout the state with registration dates that are over a year old. Therefore, there needs to be follow up to determine whether the member wishes to be transferred to a local council or remain a member of the state council. One effective way to meet your membership quotas is to closely monitor the prospect tab and encourage timely transfers to local councils.

Supreme also shares that over 50% of online members prefer not to be assigned to a local council and remain members of the state council. It is important for all of us to reach out to these members and invite them to local council events throughout the year.

If I can be of assistance at any time, please reach out and let me know. Vivat Jesus!

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We're here to help!



When Tragedy Strikes TN KofC Puts Faith Into Action



Tennessee Knights Respond to Flood with Service and Donations

(Photos/experts reprinted from the Tennessee Register)
On Saturday, August 21st, 2021, a rural section of Tennessee located just 80 miles west of Nashville was devastated by catastrophic flooding. Over seventeen inches of rain fell in less than twenty-four hours in Waverly, Tennessee, causing both natural and man-made waterways to overrun their embankments. The flood claimed the lives of 18 people, including two infants who were swept out of the arms of their loving father by raging floodwaters.

Over 100 homes have been devastated, with many residents financially uninsured from a disaster of this nature. Many homes were crushed or completely detached from their foundations and swept downstream. There was little this poor rural community could do to save itself from the flood surge. Many residents and workers retreated to attics or took refuge atop anything high enough to keep their heads above the rising waters.

As floodwaters receded, the overwhelming devastation became instantly apparent, and calls began to go out to our local Catholic communities and the KofC for aid and assistance. One such call came from a Catholic School teacher and her young daughters who lost everything in the disaster.



General Agent Daniel Schachle, who lives not far from the area, was able to help coordinate the State Council's emergency action activities. For the earliest hours after the flood, Councils from the surrounding area have worked to help recover property, clean up where possible, provide donated necessities, and give emotional support to those families who lost so much.

Leslie Kersten, who with her family was a parishioner at St. Patrick Church in McEwen, was one of the confirmed deaths. When planning for Leslie's funeral the morning of Aug. 24, Henry Kersten said they chose a quote from the Gospel of Mark for the program cover: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:29-31) "That's Lesley's life in a Bible verse. She loved the Church. ... The Church has been so important in our life," Kersten said. "She was the epitome of God's greatest commandment." In the darkness of tragedy, Kersten still finds the light of God's grace. "God sends his toughest challenges for his strongest soldiers," Kersten told Bishop J. Mark Spalding, who visited victims of the Waverly flood on Tuesday, Aug. 24.



Through grants obtained from the Supreme Council and the extraordinary generosity of our Tennessee brother Knights and their families, Waverly residents have received over \$75,000 in financial aid to help them rebuild their lives. The outpouring of support was not just seen within Tennessee as State Councils from all over the country stepped up and sent donations to help those affected by the flood. The recent flooding in Waverly is a real-life demonstration of how we continue to fulfill our third membership promise to help those most in need in the name of Christ.

A note from our State Deputy **THANK YOU BROTHERS!**

There is no greater heartache than to see firsthand members of our communities devastated by a disaster. The weight of their losses, including loss of life, can crush families and communities beyond imagination. As I toured the site shortly after the waters receded, I was once again reminded of our fragile existence and how quickly all we have worked so hard for can be swept away in a blink of an eye by flash flooding or tornado generated winds.

But after those heartaches comes the tearful joy of watching you, my brothers, reach into your hearts and wallets to help strangers miles from where you live. Your continued generosity is a profound witness to your faith and love for your Lord Jesus Christ. So again, let me say to each one of you, thank you, I love you, and God loves you.

Fred Laufenberg
State Deputy



As Bishop Spalding visited flood victims at relief shelters and their destroyed homes, he brought with him a message: "You're not alone." "In times of profound tragedy, presence is the most important thing," Bishop Spalding said. "No matter what crisis we face in life, just knowing another is there with you and for you, especially in our context of faith, to know that God is with us and for us as well is what people need to know."



Our focus is on our faith as we await our King

The word “Advent” comes from Latin and means “coming.” Its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth. It was a season that focused on waiting. Advent means something new is coming. Advent is the celebration of a new era when God broke into time and space and entered our world.

Advent reminds us that we must slow down-watch and wait, be vigilant. We know that it is a period of four weeks, during which we prepare for the Christmas season.

Here are a few ways we can make Advent a sacred time of expectant faith so that we may welcome Christmas Day with overabundant joy.

Set up a Nativity without placing baby Jesus in the manger. Children will eagerly participate. They will be excited each day about the anticipation of Jesus’ birthday.

- Make an Advent box with 24 small compartments. Inside each box, write suggestions on what the family can do for Jesus.
- Make an Advent wreath. The wreath is made of fresh plant material because Christ came to us to give us new, everlasting life.
- Schedule a regular time for prayer, including the Rosary, Novenas, etc.
- Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, for Peace in all situations regardless of the circumstances, for freedom from all that burdens you, for confidence in God’s love for you, and trust in His power.
- Read Sacred Scripture. Much of the Gospel readings are from St. Matthew.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Give. Give of yourself by doing good works.



We are all familiar with the Stations of the Cross, but what about the Stations of Advent? The Advent stations take us on a tour of the Old Testament. Each station contains an Old Testament foreshadowing of the incarnation.

- First Advent Station- The Creation of Adam and Eve.*
- Second Advent Station- The Covenant begins.*
- Third Advent Station- The Angelic Announcement.*
- Fourth Advent Station- The Destiny of Bethlehem.*
- Fifth Advent Station- The Song of Praise.*
- Sixth Advent Station- David’s Promise to Bathsheba.*
- Seventh Advent Station- The Birth of the Virgin Mary.*

Prepare this Advent to receive Christ as though He were coming for the first time. Make this Christmas a celebration of the birth of Our Savior and the great gift of faith we have received. By striving to live in the presence of Christ during Advent, we will receive the best present of all Our Savior.

May you and your family enjoy this most wonderful time of the year, and may the peace of our Lord be with you all!

John Hitt

State Faith Chairman
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Faith in Action - Doing Christ’s Work Out in the World

“...JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES...” JOHN 13 34-35.

Time and time again, throughout scripture, Christ tells us we must serve those most in need. Under his direct instruction, we are each called to aid those sick, hungry, cold, oppressed, or in distress. Our many corporal works of mercy, combined with our witness and evangelization, are how others will know we are indeed disciples of Christ our Lord.

Tennessee is genuinely the Volunteer State and demonstrated by how we are always ready to leap into action when called to care for God’s flock. But too often, we see the same 10, 20, or 30 brother Knights answer those calls to serve. Unfortunately, we live by the 80/20 rule in too many of our parishes and our Councils, where 20% of the members do 80% of the work. We must do more to encourage greater participation by those who have traditionally stood on the sidelines.

Parish-based Knights Councils can provide healthy lifeblood to help priests succeed in their Pastoral mission. To find this success Councils must become fully alive through their many activities performed throughout the year. As we continue to come out of our COVID pandemic coma, let’s be sure to light new fires of “Faith In Action” by offering even more ways to serve Christ in our communities.



Here are just a few activities you can put into your Council’s schedule to help ignite fires of faith within your parish and your Council.

- Keep Christ in Christmas Contest
- Organized Group Holy Hours
- Food for Families Collections
- Eucharistic Processions
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Night
- Coats for Kids
- Ultrasound Initiative
- Special Olympics
- Council Rosary Nights
- Helping Hands
- Silver Rose
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession
- Men’s Retreats
- Small Group Faith Formation Classes
- Support for Seminarians Fund Raising
- Into the Breach Studies
- Masses for People with Special Needs
- Global Wheelchair Initiative

As we approach the blessed Advent season, we should reflect on the gifts God continues to bestow upon us. Our thanks for his abundance grace is best shown when we help others in the name of the Child born under the eastern star in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ. Vivat Jesus!

Dave Johnson
State Program Director





The New Evangelization - Gathering His Flock



As baptized Catholics, we are each called to discipleship by spreading the truth of God's immeasurable love for all humanity. God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son to die for our sins upon the cross. That sacrifice, driven by a father's love for his children, calls us to awaken those who are asleep or unaware of God's real presence in the world today. It is your calling and responsibility to share with everyone the good news that Christ rose from the dead.

I challenge each of us to embrace our Christian vocations and go forth and invite others into our family of believers. Our Church is a divinely woven tapestry whose threads create a community of communities. Our parish acts as the spiritual and physical nucleus where we come to hear God's word, worship, and grow in our Christian life. Within our parish home, we proclaim our faith, carry out our charitable works, and celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is of the utmost importance that our evangelization reaches people from all walks of life and at every stage of their faith journey, including:

1. Practicing Catholics (*those already fully nourished by the word and bread of eternal life*). We must always work to strengthen our core faith community by reaffirming and living out the truths that God is real, God is love, and that God is alive in His Sacraments.

2. Lapsed Catholics (*those who lack a meaningful relationship with the Church and cannot seem to find their faith*). The light of Christ must be reignited by our witness and constant invitation for their return to communion with our Catholic family. Let's remember the joy of the prodigal son's father upon his return and go out and find these treasured lost sheep, be they friend or family, or even foe.

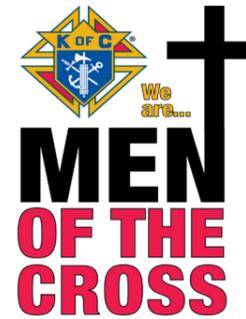
3. Strangers to Christ (*those who do not know Jesus Christ or have always rejected him*). The most challenging but at times most rewarding aspect of our discipleship is sharing the good news with those unaware of it or those who adamantly deny it. Intimately knowing and understanding our faith helps build the confidence needed to share and defend it while we walk with Christ each day of our lives.

Discipleship is a true vocation and, as such, requires appropriate training. Our new KofC division of Evangelization and Faith Formation is here to help refocus our mission on our Christocentric purpose. Our goal is to provide every Council with the resources and support needed to help us become an army of disciples for Christ. We strongly urge all Councils to incorporate activities and programs into their fraternal planning to ensure all our brothers are fully engaged and serving the Lord in the new evangelization.

Jimmy Dee
Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation



2 Men's Retreats



We are asking every council to host at least two men's retreats over the fraternal year. We encourage that these retreats be held during the two holiest times of our liturgical calendar, Advent and Lent, to help men spiritually prepare for Christmas and Easter.

These retreats should take the form of:

- **A day long retreat (video study)**
(Men of the Cross or Into the Breach video retreat)
[\(Click her for the Into the Breach PDF guide sheet\)](#)
- **A day of spiritual reflection led by your Chaplain**
[\(Click her for a Spiritual Reflection PDF guide sheet\)](#)
- **A pilgrimage to Holy site or religious community**
(Silent retreat and communal prayer at a monastery)

...or anything you and your pastor determines best fits your parish's needs!



Monthly Holy Hours

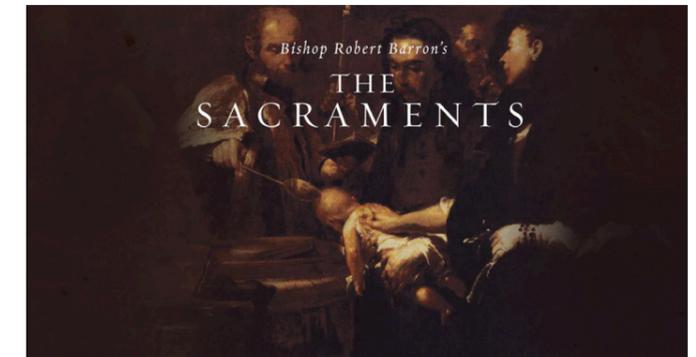
We are asking every Council to help lead men in attending monthly holy hours. Holy hours will help our brothers strengthen their faith and offer prayers to our Lord that he may help us to defend the faith and bring God's ever-loving grace to all those who seek him.

All Councils should appoint three dedicated "Men of the Hour" (with the Grand Knight as one of the three) and schedule no less than one Council-sponsored holy hour per month. Work with your pastor to arrange times of prayer with our Lord for all the men of your parish.

- [\(Click here for a Holy Hour Program guide sheet\)](#)
- [\(Click here for Holy Hour Service Guide Sheet\)](#)



Faith Formation Studies



We are asking every council to host ongoing faith formation studies over the entire course of the fraternal year. We would encourage that they are open to all parish men and held at various times to ensure the greatest participation.

Through our statewide Flocknote Engaged subscription, the Word on Fire digital library is available for your use! Consider including your parish's faith formation team and religious education director to help ensure your success and broaden your potential audience's reach.





Keeping our Fourth Promise



Glory to a Newborn King!

As Advent approaches, while we wait in joyful anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, let us also pray for the reception of Christ in the hearts of His believers and prepare ourselves to remain ever vigilant for His second coming.

As we begin a new liturgical year, as Knights of Columbus, we can reflect upon the upcoming end to the Year of St. Joseph with a natural affinity as a patron. While we ask for St. Joseph's intercession for many causes, a few stand out as we are reminded of the Holy Family in the season of Advent. Among his many patronages, children, born and unborn, expectant mothers, fathers, and families come to mind.

As Knights, are we not the patrons of our families?

We are called to lead our family, the domestic church, in educating our children in the Faith by our words and deeds and to proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life. Through our example, our families learn of the unity of the family, fraternal love, and Christian charity. Pray we are always good servants of these virtues.

"Being a good steward of our family not only refers to our spiritual salvation but also addresses the financial needs of our family."

The founder of our honored Order, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney had both in mind when he called the men of his parish to join him in the basement of St. Mary's Catholic Church of New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. Through the years, the Order has remained committed to his vision for Catholic men and their families. Many of our brothers have even chosen as a vocation the advancement of Father McGivney's vision to help ensure our families are not left destitute in the event of death, disability, or blessed with a long life. As a brother, they are in service to you and your family in providing trusted counsel no matter your station in life. Please take advantage of this invaluable fraternal benefit by committing to meet with your field agent on at least an annual basis for the peace of mind that you and your family will be okay on your life journey.

As we light each candle of the Advent wreath representing hope, love, joy, and peace ever increasing the coming of the Light of the World, know that your brothers serving you in the Tennessee Agency are praying for you and your family with the hope of Christ's coming, Christian fraternal love, the joy of the gifts you offer to Christ in your service, and may the peace of Christ ever be with you. May you and your family have a very Blessed Christmas!

S.K. Ron Henry
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Supreme Convention is Coming to Nashville in 2022



Sign up to Volunteer Today!

It is always an honor and a privilege to host the Supreme convention and the upcoming 2022 Supreme convention is no exception. However, it takes countless hours of planning and an army of volunteers to host an event of this importance and magnitude.

We are calling upon all Tennessee Knights of Columbus to help us make this event spectacular by volunteering for one or more of the days of the convention.

To register to become a Supreme Convention Volunteer, please visit our State Council website at www.kofc-tn.org or email our Immediate Past State Deputy at IPSD@kofc-tn.org.

COUNCILS, LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ORDER!

Councils and Assemblies can show their support for the Order and the Supreme Convention by purchasing advertising space in the official Convention program/ad book.

To learn more about this opportunity, please contact PSD Steve Comm at scommkc@att.net or David Comm at d.comm@att.net. Ads may also be submitted to SupConProgramBook22@yahoo.com

Thank you so much for being so supportive!

SAVE THE DATES SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

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Tennessee State Mid Year Meeting
Nashville Pastoral Center
Nashville, Tennessee.
(Council Leadership Meeting)

JANUARY

21

National Right to Life March
Washington D.C.
Contact Tom Kimball at
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for additional information.

APRIL

29-30

Tennessee State Convention
Cool Springs Marriot
Franklin Tennessee.
Registration on-line at:
www.kofc-tn.org

JUL / AUG

29-4

Supreme Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, Tennessee
Volunteer Registration at:
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Have you asked someone to join?

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