

From: Bill Stump, Missouri State Retention Chairman

To: District Deputy, Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Local Council Retention Committee

I utilize several free online tools to locate lost members of local councils in Missouri. My searches have been more effective than only relying on the phone company's directory assistance. The percentage of contacts that I succeed in making has been greatly increased by accessing the following resources that are available to most everyone through the Internet.

- My first choice for finding people is People Search by PeopleLooker.com. I am an app only free user, but my greatest number of successes in talking with members in arrears have come from this app. I have an android phone and was able to install the app from Google Play Store. It should also be available for iphone users.
- My second choice for a favorite internet phone directory is <https://thatsthem.com/> This site was suggested for my use by the office of a Knights of Columbus Insurance General Agent. I find this to be a major source of phone directory and email information.
- **Whitepages.com** the largest and most trusted internet source for people, businesses and phone numbers is located at <http://www.whitepages.com>
- **YP.com** provides an extensive online white pages directory where you can find the person you're looking for. <http://www.yellowpages.com/whitepages>

To access the **ReferenceUSA** database, you need to be a member of a local library. It's a free service and there are many libraries in your area to choose from. Just enter your zip code at <http://www.referenceusa.com/Static/LibraryLocator>

Once you have logged onto the site, you can access the Residential Databases and choose "U.S. Consumers / Lifestyles". Use this database of over 271 million U.S. Consumers to locate lost members of your council. These records are continuously updated and processed against the USPS National Change of Address (NCOA) and Delivery Sequence File (DSF).

Your chances of finding a lost member will increase if you also try to find him on **Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Twitter**, and other social networking sites. These are among the most popular methods of finding people.

Here are other suggestions:

- thepublicrecords.com
- peoplelookup.com (\$\$\$)
- inteli.us.com (\$\$\$)
- searchbug.com (\$\$\$)
- Contact the parish office for possible unlisted phone numbers.
- Contact proposer for more information.
- Use contact information from the admissions committee questionnaire.