

STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Special Olympics Bowling Tournament



DGK Mike Saylor lead a team of six Brother Knights from St. Margaret Mary Council #15979 assisting the Kentucky Special Olympians on November 6th & 7th. The Commonwealth Bowling Tournament is by far the largest single-sport event on the Special Olympics Kentucky calendar, with more than 1,300 athletes and Unified partners competing during the weekend at Kingpin Lanes.

State Deputy visits local councils

Our State Deputy, Frank Shay has a goal of visiting all the councils in Kentucky this year. A lofty goal indeed but he is off to a strong start. The State Deputy has visited the following councils this month:

(photos on pages 20-21)

- Council #12852 Richmond
- Council #1387 Uniontown
- Council #1764 Ludlow
- Council #15681 Lawrenceburg
- Council #1418 Fancy Farm
- Council #1315 Bowling Green

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“In service to one, in service to all.”

Calendar

Christmas	Dec. 25
State Pro-Life Mass	Jan 18
1st Degree Morehead	Jan 25

Local news

Bishop Ackerman council held a raffle for two U.K. Men's Basketball tickets to benefit Mary Rose Mission Kitchen.



GK Jack Banbury presenting check to Mary Alice Zettel, Principal St Mary's Academy with John Sutton and David Such.



Brother Knight Jack Becker and his wife Mary relined a Tabernacle for St John Church in Demossville.



Local news cont.

Fr. Kehoe Council #1764 Knights of Columbus in Ludlow led by Grand Knight, Fred Porciello (a veteran of the Vietnam War), and his members hosted an afternoon of fun on Sunday November 30, 2014 for many members of the Veterans Hospital in Ft. Thomas. The afternoon began when three members of the hospital staff brought a busload of 10 veterans to the council from the hospital to watch a Cincinnati Bengals game. Many of the veterans were in wheelchairs and the Knights assisted them in getting around. The veterans were served refreshments, snacks and food during the

game. The veterans had a wonderful time and the Bengals even won the game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers! Upon departure, the members presented each veteran a ditty bag with a skull cap, warm socks, cookies and candy. Approximately twelve members of Fr. Kehoe participated. You could not tell which group, the veterans or the KofC members had the most fun, but it was a wonderful afternoon had by all!



Council #14993 presented a chalice to Deacon Michael Black, to be ordained in spring. It was given in memory of Sir Knight Edward G. Delahunty - 4th Degree



Local news cont.

Council 1377 prepared Thanksgiving meals for those in need.



Another successful year selling Christmas Trees as a fundraiser for Sacred Heart. Pictured are Eric Hart, John Thomas and GK John Major.



Local news cont.

Saint John XXIII Council #5634 celebrated their 50th Anniversary on November 6th. PSD Rick Arnold presented a gift to Father Joe Rankin, Pastor and Chaplain.



Local news cont.

KofC Bishop Flaget Council #13053 Brother John M. Moriarity, 2nd from right, was one of only five soldiers to graduate this year. Fewer than one percent of Air Defenders attempt the Patriot Top Gun Course. The attrition rate for this notoriously difficult Army Course is 40 percent. Of the twelve who started this iteration, nine made it to the defense design board portion of the course, and then only five met the requirements to graduate as "the best of the best" in the Air Defense Artillery (ADA) branch.



2014 annual Christmas pancake breakfast served after 9:00am and 10:30 am masses at St Louis Bertrand Church on 6th Street in Louisville. Served by Knights of Council #10682. This is our 5th year doing this and



it's more fun every year. Breakfast is no charge but we ask for donations. As a side benefit of this: Brother Knight Jeff Flood agreed to navigate our Golf Scramble for 2015. Good News!

Local news cont.

The following is a reprint from the *Richmond Register* 12/10/2014. Article by Machaela Ballard.

Large boxes were opened and gifts were unwrapped Tuesday at Kirksville Elementary School, but what was inside the dozens of packages weren't Christmas presents.



Still, excitement was in the air as package after package of new coats were opened by school family resource center directors.

"These mean a child won't have to get on the bus cold," said Amy Carmichael, Kirksville Elementary's family resource director. "These coats here, now, mean we can give a child a coat right when they need it, so they don't have to face the weather another day,"

The 140 new coats were given by the Knights of Columbus, which has provided more than 700 coats to Madison County students the past three years.

Nationally, the Knights of Columbus give thousands of coats away each winter to children in need, local members said.

The Richmond chapter, Council 12852 of St. Mark Roman Catholic Church, decided to join the national endeavor by partnering with school resource centers, said Dr. Kent Kessler, the knights' "Coats for Kids" program chair.



"We like to work with the family resource centers because they have a fantastic system. They really do know which children need these coats most," Kessler said. "We are just ecstatic to help."



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Local news cont.

Before opening the boxes of coats, Kit Carson Family Resource Center director Stephanie Beard told the knights about a child who had received a coat from their previous donation.



“A teacher called me and said she had a little boy who desperately needed a coat, so I asked her if there was anything in particular he liked. The teacher thought about it, then



told me he absolutely loved the color red. I just so happened to have a red coat his size. When he got the coat, he just beamed. It was a new coat, with tags, still in the plastic. But best of all, it was red,” Beard said. Carmichael explained how much a new coat means to the children but also the resource centers.



“We don’t have to ask for hand-me-down donations. We don’t have to pull all the stops just to find a coat for a child who really needs one. On the spot, we can give them a brand new coat. The joy on their faces to get to pick themselves a brand new, tag-on coat is indescribable. We are blessed to have this opportunity for our kids.”

Local news cont.

The following is a reprint from the *Messenger* 12/12/2014. Article by David Cooley.

Taking an opportunity to spread the Gospel far from home

Imagine leaving your life, as you know it, behind for three years. Can you envision saying goodbye to your friends and family and traveling to a third world country to use your talents to assist clergy with spreading the Gospel?

That is exactly what Matthew and Vanessa Brown are planning to do in the next year. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who were married last October, have volunteered to become Lay Mission-Helpers, an independent Catholic non-profit organization based in Los Angeles, California. The organization recruits and trains missionaries for Central America, Africa and Asia and support the ministries in those areas.

Msgr. Anthony Brouwers, who traveled extensively and discovered that the men and women religious working in mission territories needed help with tending to basic human needs, founded the Lay Mission-Helpers in 1955. Lay Mission-Helpers work in mission dioceses at the request of local bishops and religious organizations, serving in multiple professional capacities and skills while witnessing to their faith. The main areas of need are in education and healthcare.

Mrs. Brown was received into full communion with the Catholic Church last year. She went through the RCIA program with her husband a few years ago but didn't go through the rites since it was her first exposure to Catholicism.

Mr. Brown converted to Catholicism in April 2012. He was raised Baptist. Around the time he met Vanessa, he enrolled in the RCIA program at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, where they are now parishioners.



“In one of the later RCIA classes the leaders were talking about how once you are Catholic you are expected to give back,” said Mrs. Brown. “So, we started talking about how, now that we are a family, we are both in this together. We asked ourselves ‘what are we going to do next?’ and after going back and forth for a while missionary work came up. We thought about our careers, friends and family, but we felt that if we feel this strongly that this is what we want to do and is where God wants us to be then we need to take the next step.”

Mrs. Brown said that the timing just feels right. “We both, at different times in our lives, felt that we wanted to do missionary work but for one reason or another it didn't work out,” she said. “Now, we are married and excited about our Catholic faith, and then this opportunity came up.” According to Mrs. Brown, to join the Lay Mission-Helpers you have to be very open and dedicate three years of your life. It is still up in (cont. on page 10)

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the air where Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be going. "They give you options as far as where you will end up going," Mrs. Brown said. "Right now there are four places on the table: Kenya, Tanzania, Cameroon and the Marshall Islands. More than likely we are going to end up in Africa."

Mr. and Mrs. Brown said that by Christmas they hope to know where they are going and what their jobs will be. "In one area we could be teaching English to children and in another area we would be doing more receptionist-type work," Mrs. Brown said. "It really just depends on where we land."

In January the Browns will travel to Los Angeles for a four- to five-month training program. They will be learning about the different culture, first aid and emergency training and training in communal life.

"In Africa it is very community-oriented," Mrs. Brown said. "There will also be a lot of spiritual training and praying. During this time period, if we don't feel this is the right thing or they don't feel like this is

the right thing for us we can end it at any time."

Mr. and Mrs. Brown said that they have found their Church community to be extremely supportive. "We have been given different opportunities to speak at different parishes in order to do some fundraising," said Mrs. Brown. Along with the commitment of three years, Mr. and Mrs. Brown are also asked to raise \$18,000 by the time they return. "With the help of Bishop Roger Foy, Father Ryan Maher and the Diocese of Covington we have already been able to raise \$8,600 for the mission," Mrs. Brown said. All the prayers we have received have been amazing as well."

As the time for the mission draws nearer, Mr. and Mrs. Brown express both the hopes and the fears that are building up.

Mr. Brown stated concerns that come with being in a completely different environment and climate. "It is almost guaranteed that we will get sick," he said. "That is despite about a million shots you are given beforehand. However, we are excited to get familiar with a whole different culture and a whole different way of life. It is going to be something completely different from anything we have ever seen in our life."

Mrs. Brown said that she is trying to stay focused on evangelization. "You don't have to be a priest or a nun to go out and share the Gospel and this group really encourages evangelization just by living your life, following God everyday with everything you do. It is really a beautiful thing," she said.

"My biggest hope is having more people wanting to give their life over to God. It is a big step we are taking but we feel constantly reassured that this is the right thing. The biggest thing people can do is pray for us. Pray for us as we go through the training, transition and mission."

Unfortunately, Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be missing some of life's big moments here in the States while they are away such as Mr. Brown's brother's wedding and Mrs. Brown's younger brother's high school graduation and venture to college.

However, as soon as they have an address people will be able to write them, e-mail them and greet them on social media.

"We are very grateful for everyone and what they have done so far. Our lives have been completely changed through the Catholic Church," Mrs. Brown said. "Both of us are completely different people from who we were four years ago. We never let God be first in our life. Now, through the sacraments and through the Church community our lives have been changed and we are so grateful for everyone that has been involved with that process."

Awards

Council 2761 Grand Knight Greg Johnson congratulates the 2014 Knight of the Year SK Dennis Bosse.



Membership Proposers Incentive Winners for the July, August, September and October contest.

\$500 winner - Richard Burns

\$250 winner - Chris Luketich

\$100 winner Jim Thissen

The new contest for November, December and January has started and in January there will be another drawing from three buckets (\$100, \$250 and \$500) with the proposers earned chances. The more new members you recruit the greater the number of chances and the greater the size of the prize. Set your goals high.



Special report

But what do the Knights of Columbus do?

This is a question we are almost always asked when we invite someone to join the Knights of Columbus. Most of us answer that we are a Men's Fraternal Benefit Society that is a lay ministry of the Roman Catholic Church. But, that does not say what we do. What we do is gather together as small but determined men seeking to find new and creative ways to help our fellow man and each other. But what can a small band of men do? We get a glimpse of that by looking at the report of a small group of knights who have come together from several different councils and decided to raise funds, donate their skill, time and treasure to help their fellow Kentuckians in need. I am referring to the Stewards of Appalachia and the great deal of good they do in Eastern Kentucky. The report below gives you a brief insight into this wonderful group of Knights and their wives. Share this with those who ask "What do the Knights of Columbus do?"

STEWARDS OF APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT OCTOBER 2014



Special report cont.

Our annual service trip proved yet again that incredible things can happen when everyone commits to giving their time and talent to helping those in need. This was a transition year for Stewards of Appalachia. We decided as a group to explore other locations and Mission Centers for 2014. This move created a lot of unanswered questions and sleepless nights for some. Shelly and I made several trips to Eastern Kentucky meeting with different organizations and decided on St. Vincent's Mission in David, Ky. Due to the time involved in making this decision we carried over more funding than normal into 2014. This money will be used this winter and spring to fund home repair projects.

Even with the weather service calling for also most certain chance of rain twenty-four volunteers made the long trip to Eastern, Ky.

Eugene Hall with help from several local churches and business collected over two thousand pounds of food and other misc. items for the food bank in David.

We had the pleasure of working with Sister Kathleen and her staff at St. Vincent's Mission. St. Vincent's Mission has been operating in Eastern Kentucky for over forty years and is a very organized and respected organization. The mission operates a home repair program, food bank and other valuable services to not only provide the basics for those in need but also works to help them to improve their own lives.

We had also decided to shorten our trip this year to three working days which naturally caused us to take on smaller projects than normal. We will discuss the possibility of going back to a full week next year. Even with only three work days we were able to repair the roof, install and finish missing dry wall and trim in one mobile home, remove and replace a rear porch and roof on one home, build a large handicap ramp on another, repair the roof on a another home, paint a work shop at the monastery and provide assistance at the food bank and mission center. We are currently working with Father Bieting Mission Center in Louisa to fund installation of electrical service in a small home and with Good Neighbors Inc. on two additional projects and have discussed funding spring jobs with St. Vincent's.

The group also decided to purchase a new freezer for The David School. The David School is a nonprofit school operating solely on grants and donations. The school is dedicated to high school students (Currently have one eight grader) at least two years behind in school. The students are instructed in life skills as part of the normal education and must assist in preparing lunch and janitorial duties.

Gary Kehne has been working with Sister Kathleen on the building design, engineer drawings and proposal for their new volunteer center to hopefully begin construction next year. We may also plan a trip in late spring or early summer to assist with finishing the interior.

Special report cont.

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Council 4270, Springfield, Ky.

Council 149993, Erlanger, Ky.

Council 14234, Taylorsville, Ky.

Participating Councils

Council 4270, Springfield, Ky.

Council 14234, Taylorsville, Ky.

Council 12354, Mount Washington, Ky.

Volunteers

Glenn Greenwell, Mt. Washington, Ky.

Gary Kehne, Taylorsville, Ky.

Cathy Carrico, Springfield, Ky.

Tommy Burns, Taylorsville, Ky.

Pat Smith, Springfield, Ky.

Rebecca Carrico, Springfield, Ky.

Richard Fagan, Springfield, Ky.

Jim Pusey, Taylorsville, Ky.

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Mike Foreman, Mt. Washington, Ky.

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Joan Marks, Louisville, Ky.

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Dave Smith, Springfield, Ky.

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Michael Moore, Taylorsville, Ky.

Colette Hill, Springfield, Ky.

Jo Ann Moore, Taylorsville, Ky.

Special thanks to Wal-Mart for donating over \$7,900 in paint.

From State Deputy Frank Shay



Brothers – Last weekend we had our mid-year meeting. At the meeting, I was pleased to report that the state is doing well towards meeting the Supreme quotas. We are currently at 41.9% of membership. For November the State won the Supreme membership

contest and we are off to a good start for December. Keep up the good work.

In anticipation of the Birth of Jesus, Sandy and I would like to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Peace of the Holy Family remain with you for the entire new year.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Shay

From State Chaplain Fr. Mario Tizziani

My dear Brother Knights - Anticipation and preparedness are the watchwords for Advent. Anticipation of the celebration of the birth of our Lord some 2000 years ago and all the events which accompany that celebration. Preparedness because we are reminded that Jesus will come at the end of the world (the parousia) and all will be judged - not just on whether they believed or not, but how they lived out that belief. Are the end times near? No one knows but the Father. We must always be ready because our personal perousia can come at any time. As Knights we are challenged to put into action the works of mercy which our Lord challenged us to do in our lifetimes. The good works done by your Council, and you personally, are proofs of our striving to please and honor

him. Through our Advent readings we have heard the prophecies. The mystery kept secret since foundation of the world is announced. What joy, what anticipation, for those of us who are seeking to know and love Him - and as we strive to live out our faith, let us look forward to His Second Coming. As this sacred Advent Season comes to its close and we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Incarnation of our Savior, Christmas, please be assured of my prayers for you and yours. May the joy of the Holy Family on the first Christmas be yours!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr Mario Joseph Tizziani
Kentucky State Chaplain

From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

As another calendar year is about to come to a close, keep in mind that this is only the midpoint of our Fraternal Year. Also remember that the special \$5 New Member Fee rate expires at the end of this month. I hope your council has taken this opportunity to save a little green. If not, there's still time to squeeze in one more exemplification before the end of the month. Make sure to get it recorded at Supreme before time runs out.

With the Christmas Season upon us, it's easy to get pulled into the commercial side of the Holiday. Our family lives in Bowling Green, and this time of the year, we get "shopping visitors" from every neighboring county including Tennessee residents who are trying to escape the higher sales tax. With so many new people crowding the area for commercial purposes, it's a great reason for us to get out of town to the quieter surroundings of the

nearby lake and enjoy the quiet natural area. While we all like getting presents, we also know that Christmas is not about presents, snowmen, and candy canes. Christmas is more in line with the revelation Ebenezer Scrooge had when he awoke after the third spirit's visit. He realized that there was still time to aid his fellow man and honor Christmas in his heart- A second chance, if you will. If you've connected this story of Ebenezer's redemption with the true purpose for Christ's coming – Congratulations! You've found the meaning and spirit of Christmas and I hope it dwells with you throughout the year. From my family to yours- May you have a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year and "God bless us, every one!"

Gabe Cabral
State Treasurer

From State Advocate Cameron Peck

I want to start off by wishing each of you and your families a very merry Christmas season. In this potentially hectic holiday season, let's remember while there will be gifts under the tree, all gifts come from God. We have all heard the catchy slogans "Jesus is there reason for the season" and "Keep Christ is Christmas". Let us as Catholics be good role models for others (especially our children) and don't forget to thank Jesus for giving himself for us.

On a side note, after Christmas we start our Basketball Slam fundraiser to raise money for disaster relief. Last year was the first time we had run this program and we had

success. And this year we are geared up to knock this one out of the park or rather I should say it will be a "slam dunk". Seriously, with UK and UofL both in the top four in the rankings right now, this ticket should be an easy sell here in Kentucky. Your Grand Knight will have the details of this program soon and I look forward to helping everyone make this a very successful program.

Again, I wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck

From ISPD Bill Schmidt

Brother Knights –

The Mid-Year Meeting is behind us. It is hard to believe that the year is already half over. The Christmas season is here and with it comes all of the hustle and bustle associated with decorating, shopping, baking, wrapping, and getting ourselves “ready” for the big holiday.

As we move through Advent, let’s be sure to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord and Savior. What is your council doing to “Keep Christ in Christmas”? Perhaps you are working with a local Soup Kitchen or Homeless Shelter to feed the hungry. Or maybe you are holding a “Coats for Kids” drive. Maybe your council is like mine and you are providing less fortunate kids in your area with clothes and toys by “Shopping with a Knight”. Find an

opportunity to evangelize your Catholic faith this season, and if necessary, use words.

Our Worthy State Deputy has asked me to get involved with the planning for the 2015 Tom Wiseman Memorial Open golf scramble. In the coming weeks I will be sending a survey to participants from the past two years to get ideas on how to improve the scramble, increase attendance, and ultimately raise more funds for Kentucky Charities. If you have any suggestions that you would like to make in advance of the survey, feel free to drop me a line at billschmidt@windstream.net.

On behalf of the Schmidt family (Kim, Alexis, and Curtis Paul), I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and safe New Year.

From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

December Events; 73 years ago, December 7, 1941, just before 8:00 AM, Pearl Harbor, the United States, was attacked by Japan. This was the start of World War II.

Christmas is also a much celebrated, as the birth of Christ, Our Savior was born. It is a time with family and friends.

The fifty year anniversary of Saint John XXIII Council 5634 I December 6th at Saint Rita Church, Louisville. Congratulations to the Charter members and current Council officers.

December Birthdays: Please wish Faithful Navigator Jerry Price, Bluegrass Assembly, Lexington a happy 60th birthday. If I missed you, please let me know.

Faithful Navigators: Our next Exemplification will be the Pikesville/Prestonsburg area March 14th. We will be holding the Exemplification at the Jenny Wiley State Park, in Prestonsburg. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-325-0148 and mentioning Knights of Columbus. Room rate is \$63.59 plus tax. Registration information will be sent out soon by e-mail. Information will be handed out to the District Deputies at the Midyear meeting. Our next Exemplification will be in May, hopefully the first or last weekend. Please let me know if you would like to host an Exemplification. This is a good way to increase your Assembly membership. Make sure that your Assembly has filed your IRS forms (990).
Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis,
Kentucky District Master

From Membership Director Billy Hancock PSD

A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

November closed out with a gain of 57 new members recruited into 21 Councils. November also ended the first month of Supremes World Sports Membership Championship Contest. Recruiters in those 21 Councils took the WildCards to FIRST place in our Division. December will be a test of your resolve to hold on to first place. Fifty-three new members are needed to meet the December quota. We are currently in 4th place. Follow our standing by ctrl +click on the following link [World Sports Membership Championship](#).

We can hold on to first place by recruiting a Knight before Christmas. What better present could you give an eligible Catholic male than sponsoring him as a candidate for membership in the Knights of Columbus. Seek out a relative or close friend and sell them on becoming a Knight. A gift of his first year member fee could be the beginning of a lifetime member.

As the first half of the fraternal year comes to a close, I want to summarize some of the membership statistics for you: 62 Councils

added a total of 234 members to the rolls or 41% of the Supreme quota for the Jurisdiction, 9 Councils have achieved or exceeded (100 to 350%) their membership quota, 14 additional Councils have achieved a minimum of 50% of their quota. I expect these numbers to soar after the first of the year. Recruiters earned the Jurisdiction \$1275.00 from the World Series of Membership Contest which ran from July through the end of October. These funds will be used for State membership incentives. They also carried us to runner up in our division.

It is time for me to get out my "Just Say Merry Christmas" pin and attach it to my outer garment. This is my badge to tell everyone it is ok to wish me a Merry Christmas and to expect a like response from me. From our house to yours
Bill Hancock, PSD
Membership Director



From Program Director Kent Hoskins Programming tip of the month

Dear Worthy Grand Knights & Council Program Directors:

In order for your Council to receive Program Points, I need to receive a letter, email (preferred), or phone call regarding the following items:

- Membership Drives held (dates/results)
- Council uses Admissions Committee
- Council uses Retention Committee
- Any member recruited via the RCIA Program
- Council Fraternal Benefits Night (will confirm with General Agent)
- Memorial Mass held (date)
- Participated in Clergy Appreciation Event (date/ number/information)
- Sponsored a Star Roundtable
- RSVP

- Corporate Mass/ Communion (date/ participation)
- Sponsored Boy Scouts, Cubs, Explorers
- Participate in/ Donate to Special Olympics
- Participate in any Supreme Sponsored Program

All other items, such as reports, forms or State meeting attendance are automatically scored by the State Council or by Supreme Council.

Don't miss being counted for activities that most of you are already doing! Send me your Council Newsletter! Don't forget your Fraternal Survey Form # 1728 due before 1/31/15.

Vivat Jesus!
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