

# STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## Stand up for life



On January 18th Archbishop Kurtz celebrated Mass at St. Martin of Tours in Louisville to encourage everyone to stand up for life. The Mass was attended by people of several different organizations including the Knights of Columbus. A very large Color Corps led the procession. A reprint of the story that was published in *The Record* is on page 2.

### 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 15-16)

- Council 1377 Maysville
- Council 14993 Erlanger
- Council 14372 Lexington
- Council 11132 Madisonville

- Council 15613 Lexington
- Council 10987 Fulton
- Council 15525 Jeffersontown
- Council 1290 Bardstown
- Council 11453 Hardin

### FEBRUARY 2015

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

### Calendar

2nd & 3rd Degree	Feb. 21
2nd & 3rd Degree	March 5
4th Degree Exemp.	Mar. 14

## Local news

The following was originally published in *The Record* on January 20th. Written by Ruby Thomas.



Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, who serves as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, spoke to a packed congregation reminding attendees of their responsibility to

stand up for life during the annual Memorial Mass for Life celebrated at St. Martin of Tours Church Jan. 18 in downtown Louisville.

“Whether you came here on your own or someone brought you, you are here because you have a responsibility to Christ,” the archbishop said. “That responsibility is to use all the gifts you have to stand up for life.”

Standing up for life is important, the archbishop said, because of the way people are treated in the world today. Pope Francis, he noted, has used the phrase “throwaway culture” to refer to the ease with which people do away with what is no longer useful to them.

“That’s what’s happening with people,” said the archbishop. “People are held with so little respect.”

The archbishop said that some may feel they’ve worked long enough in the church and want to step aside and let others take the lead on life issues. Some may think they are too young for such a responsibility.

He told the congregation that this is not so and referred to the day’s first reading, from the first Book of Samuel in which God calls on Samuel. The archbishop reminded the congregation of Samuel’s response — “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”

He encouraged those gathered to heed that calling, which he said is to be “ambassadors for Christ” and, as such, responsible to defend life.

“This is a very important message,” said Rick Arnold who along with his wife, Celesta, organized the Mass. The Arnolds are the Knights of Columbus State Council culture-of-life chair couple. “As Catholics we have to stand up for all human life, from conception to natural death,” said Arnold.

Part of Arnold’s work as an advocate for life has been to help facilitate the installation of ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers.

This, he said, has been a “blessing” to those centers.

“Most of the time, when mothers and even fathers see the child in the womb, they decide to choose life,” he said.

During the celebration, young people carried in 42 white roses — one for each of the years since the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion with the Roe vs. Wade decision.

The Mass, which was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, concluded with a rose ceremony. More than 100 schools, churches and organizations were recognized in the ceremony for re-committing to pro-life ministry. A representative from each was called up to receive a red rose as a symbol of this commitment.

**Local news cont.**

Following the January 10th St Margaret Mary #15979 Council Business Meeting, Brother Mack McNeley shared his first hand reports from a recent two-week trip to Israel and Jordan with highlights, insights, photos, and videos. "MY TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND" After Mack's 15 minute prepared presentation was complete, eager questions and observations from the membership stretched out for another hour.

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 in Lexington is helping with the parish's college care package program. Twice per year the parish sends care packages to the college students that are registered in the parish to let them know that we are thinking about them. The council is helping the parish with this endeavor by paying for postage and also including a finger rosary (pictured below) and instructions on how to pray the rosary in every package.



State Deputy Frank Shay and District Deputy Eric Richie (not pictured) presented Brother Knight Ken Werner with an award from Supreme for his 50 year anniversary as a member of the Knights of Columbus.





**Local news cont.**

Siblings Sophia Elder and Christopher Elder took Top Honors in Intermediate Ice Dance, claiming their first-ever U.S. Title with 103.53 points at the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships held at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, North Carolina this week. At this national event, the country's 12 Top Single Skaters and Teams in each of several levels competed.

Christopher and Sophia, son and daughter of our StMM KofC Brother David Elder, are students at St Margaret Mary School.

"It feels so good, I can't even put it into words," Sophia said. "It's so hard to explain. This is amazing. I'm speechless."

At the tender ages of 11 (Sophia) and 13 (Christopher), the brother-sister duo has been competing together for the last four years, placing fifth at last year's U.S. championships in Boston.



Sacred Heart Council 5071 held their first Annual Free Throw Competition on Jan 24th. The Council Champs became the District #16 Champs. Thanks to Mike Froelich for chairing the tournament.



Congratulations to Brother Bob Greene, celebrating 62 years with the Order. Brother Bob serves as our Council Advocate (Bishop Ackerman Council 5453). Previously he performed Grand Knight and District Deputy duties and is a tireless voice for the unborn in our community. His wife, Julie, is a member of our Ladies Auxiliary.



## Local news cont.

Sisters, Deacons, and Priests of the Archdiocese of Louisville were honored with a Reception & Dinner this past Sunday, 25 January 2015 at St. Martha's Parish Bethany Center hosted by the local Knights of Columbus Councils including our very own Bishop Flaget #13053.

The Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. presided, with some 300 in attendance, at this wonderful annual event; now in its 12th year for the Archdiocese.

Kentucky State Deputy Frank Shay joined with #13053 Brother Knights Mike Welch, Bob Rucinski, Charlie Rhodes, & Mike Lally along with the sustained efforts of neighboring KofC Councils #2761 Bishop Spalding, #4665 Monsignor Newman, #14604 Mount Mercy, #14471 Monsignor Mckune, #13304 Father Diersen, #14234 All Saints, #15841 Saint Edward, #4473 Assumption, #12562 Holy Innocents, #12354 Saint Joseph, and #15979 Saint Margaret Mary to successfully produce this year's gala.





**Local news cont.**

Bishop William F. Medley dedicating a New Ultrasound Machine thanks to the efforts of Council 1055, Paducah. This is the second machine that has been placed by the council. This will save lives and sets an example to everyone in the Paducah community and throughout the state.

VJ,  
Frank Shay



**Local news cont.**

Christ the King Council #14130 helped get the youth group to the March for Life in Washington DC.





## Awards

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Mario Tizziani on receiving the 2015 National Catholic Educational Association's (NCEA) Distinguished Pastor Award, presented by the NCEA Elementary Schools Department. The prestigious award is given to honor pastors who... have given outstanding support to Catholic elementary education. Fr. Mario is amongst 12 other priests in the Nation to receive this award and is the first Pastor of the Diocese of Covington to be honored by NCEA! He is a wonderful example of the true mission behind a good quality Catholic education. God has blessed St. Cecilia Parish and continues to do so in MANY ways!



## Did you know?...

Last year, financial help from 3,224 K of C Councils, Assemblies and Circles to future Priests, Sisters, and Brothers exceeded \$3.7 Million. Since 1981 the Knights of Columbus has provided more than \$60 Million in aid, helping more than 91,600 men and women follow their Vocations.



From State Deputy Frank Shay



January was a great start to the new calendar year and the second half of the fraternal year. The state has met the monthly membership quota and won a good deal of money in the membership contest. Keep up the effort and we will continue to succeed. At present we are over 50% of our quota for the year.

More important is the tremendous good that is being done by our councils in support of the church, communities, life, and youth throughout the state. As I visit the councils, I encounter these marvelous events. When possible I have tried to have them posted on the state website. So much good goes unnoticed outside the local area because we are not aware of all that is going on. I ask that, as your councils do things, send a photo or two with an explanation and we will place it in the state newsletter. Your program may give good ideas to other councils and multiply the good that you do.

The state of Kentucky will have two new Catholic FM radio stations as a result of the efforts of our brothers in the Brandenburg and Madisonville councils. The stations will begin broadcasting in February in Hopkins County and in April in Meade County. This is a positive response by the Knights to Pope Francis' call for the laity to get involved in evangelization.

In David, Kentucky on February 5 there will be a ground breaking ceremony for a new volunteer center to house persons coming to Appalachia to help the mission in outreach programs to the poor, such as home repair. Our brothers from several councils are active in this through our Stewards of Appalachia. To save money for the mission, the Knights provided the design work and paperwork for all the necessary permits. The Stewards of Appalachia will also provide a good deal of the work finishing the interior of the building.

Council 1055 in Paducah raised funds and dedicated a second Ultrasound Machine in Paducah. While raising

funds for this program, the members of the council made contact with an organization in Missouri that had two surplus machines. The council quickly made arrangements to pick up the machines and bring them to Kentucky for placement. Thus, Council 1055 is responsible for the placement of four Ultrasound machines in the state. Council 762, with help from St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Council and Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council, have raised the funds for a new ultrasound machine to be placed in Morehead, Kentucky. That machine should be placed this spring.

The Knights are also stepping up activity in support of youth. This is the season for the Culture of Life and the Alcohol and Substance poster contests. Our Soccer Kick contest has been completed and the Basketball free throw contests are in full swing. In the new event category, one of our councils has started softball leagues for boys and for girls in their area.



In January the Knights of councils 5634, 13053, 2761, 4665, 14604, 14471, 13304, 14234, 15841, 4473, 12562, 12354 and 15979 joined to hold the Archdiocese Priest Appreciation Dinner. The Guest speaker was Brother Knight Archbishop Kurtz. Over 300 people were there to thank our priests, sisters and deacons for their guidance and service in our journey back to our Father.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that we will soon have two more councils formed to do good in their locality. Please welcome Council 16125, Knottsville, into the State Council. Brother Bruce Whitehouse is serving as the interim Grand Knight. In addition, the required number of members have been through the first degree, and paperwork is in process to form a new council at Jesus Our Savior parish in Morehead.

Vivat Jesus,  
Frank Shay

## From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

My Brother Knights-Happy February!

As we move toward the homestretch of this Fraternal year, please take the time to look around you at Mass, and at your council Fish Frys, for the guy(s) you have always thought would make a great Knight.

Sadly, many don't join for the simple reason that they were never asked. In fact, I was almost one of them. My wife Claudine was the one who asked me about joining. Of course, her name didn't make it on the Form 100 as my proposer, none the less, she is the reason I joined, and continues to support my involvement every day. So as you survey the field of prospective Knights, think of these men and their families and how they could

be positively affected by getting involved on the Order's good works in the Community, Church and Family events that spring up this time of the year.

I have never heard a Brother Knight say he wished he had never got involved-Not once! If you yourself are not truly involved, TRY IT! When you get involved, you'll see clearly why this is something we should all try to share with every catholic man we know.

Gabe Cabral

State Secretary

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## From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers,  
The state convention is three months away but it will be here before you know it. Don't put off booking your hotel room and if you are a delegate for your council, make sure you get your delegate form in soon. If your council is intending to submit a resolution for consideration at the state convention, you need to make sure I receive it before March 15th.

Basketball Slam ticket sales are going well. If you need more tickets please let me know and I

will get them to you. Please remember that I need the ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets back by March 6th.

Don't forget that form #1728 "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" is now past due and the Semiannual Council Audit is due February 15th. If you have any questions or you need help filling out these forms please let me know.

Vivat Jesus,  
Cameron Peck



## From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

**February Events;** Tuesday, February 3, marks the 72nd Anniversary of the sinking of the U.S. Army transport Dorchester off the coast of Greenland and the selfless acts of four chaplains who saved the lives of many men onboard. The chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed. While the transport was sinking on that day in 1943, the four chaplains of differing faiths handed out life jackets to soldiers. When there were no more lifejackets, the four chaplains removed their own and gave them to others. The chaplains then went down with the ship, arm-in-arm in prayer. The national observance was established in 1957.

February 22, 1732, is George Washington's Birthday, the Nation's Father and first President. He was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Sinking Springs Farm, in Hardin County, Kentucky.

**February Birthdays:** Please wish Faithful Navigators James Hill, St Vincent Assembly, Henderson; Thomas Ellegood, Monsignor Thompson Assembly, Fancy Farm; Frank Mason, Owensboro Assembly, Owensboro a happy birthday. If I missed you, please let me know.

**Faithful Navigators:** Our next Exemplification will be at Prestonsburg area March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting a new Assembly in that area, also. Please let me know if you would like to host an Exemplification. This is a good way to increase your Assembly membership.

**Help Wanted:** One Veteran Volunteer for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington, training provided by the VA. This is a very rewarding position. Please contact me.

Make sure that your Assembly has filed your IRS forms (990).

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis,  
Kentucky District Master

## From Membership Director Bill Hancock

Brothers let me recount for you the January successes in membership growth. In January there was intake of 57 new members, which is 10% of our Supreme quota, recruited into 18 Councils. Eighteen of those new members are credited to DD Tom Johnson on his quest to form a new council at Morehead. The World Sports Membership Championship contest ended with accolades for the WildCards. We were the only U.S. Jurisdiction to achieve Supreme quotas during the three months of the contest. YES! The WildCards came in second place in our Division with a cumulative % of 28.95. NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF! In all the recruiters will bring \$1750.00 in Supreme incentives to the Jurisdiction. Again, there is more money for the State Deputy to use locally for incentives. Following is a cut down of the chart showing final standings. The WildCards are shown in the number 4 slot because of the January intake %. However, look at the cumulative % - 28.95% ranks second. Great job Brothers!

Our February membership goal is a minimum intake of 57 members. Only need 42 to go as 15 new members were reported by the 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the shortest month, 28 days, of the fraternal year. Ergo, please get the recruiting and First Degrees in early. Scan and email Forms 4 to [membershiprecords@kofc.org](mailto:membershiprecords@kofc.org).





The March Church membership drive is just a few days away. Has your Council scheduled yours? What better place to seek new members than from within the male membership of your parish. The Grand Knights and District Deputies were sent a step by step guide on how to conduct a church drive. Try this method to grow the order in honor of our founder the Venerable Michael J. McGivney.

Wishing you and yours a **HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**

Billy Hancock, PSD, FM  
Membership Director



### World Sports Membership Championship

State	Team Name	Intake	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		Cumulative	
			Intake	8%	Intake	9%	Intake	8%	Intake	%
Oregon	 Oregon Ducks	425	33	7.76%	59	13.88%	50	11.76%	142	33.41%
New Mexico	 New Mexico Bears	455	41	9.01%	39	8.57%	49	10.77%	129	28.35%
South Carolina	 Denver Broncos	535	44	8.22%	32	5.98%	56	10.47%	132	24.67%
Kentucky	 WildCards	570	57	10.00%	51	9.00%	57	10.00%	165	28.95%



## From Program Director Kent Hoskins Programming tip of the month

The State & International Program Awards competitions annually recognize the best programs or projects conducted by local Councils in the six (6) service areas: Church, Council, Community, Family, Culture of Life and Youth activities. Now is the time to begin putting our entries together.

Just to be clear, these awards are given to the best single program or project in each State Jurisdiction based on effectiveness, originality and adherence to the principles of the Order, i.e. (Catholic, Service and Fraternal qualities). Each Council may submit up to six (6) entries, one in each service area mentioned above.

Use Supreme Form #STSP (available on the website or from me) as both entry form and as your cover page. Include photographs, newspaper articles or any other form of media that makes the case for your project. Describe it in one or two pages. What was the purpose? How many Council members and their families were involved? How effective was it?

The best way to submit these entries is in report form using a clear report cover but anything that gets the message across is fine. One other thing--- please don't use DVDs, videos or CD ROMS.

A few tips:

- 1) You can't win if you don't enter.
- 2) Late entries don't count
- 3) Activity must have taken place after July 1, 2014
- 4) Only one (1) entry per category
- 5) Drop Dead Deadline is April 15, 2015

6) Send entries to State Deputy NOT to Supreme Council

For complete details regarding the State & International Program Awards including a good example of a winning entry to go:

[www.kofc.org/service](http://www.kofc.org/service)  
then click on Council

Remember! DO NOT MAIL FORM #STSP to SUPREME COUNCIL

SEND TO:

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If you have any questions about the above or any program related issue please contact me anytime.

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PS: Don't forget your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (due 1/31/15)  
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## Council 14130 reminds us all to be thankful to our parishes for their support of our efforts to fulfill our mission of Charity.

Cathedral of Christ the King

Lexington, Kentucky



### Dear Parish of Christ The King,

One of the most active charitable organizations in the United States, the Knights of Columbus donates more than \$170 million and 70 million hours of service collectively each year. The Order remains true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. These pillars of our mission permeate the entire service program of church, community, council, family, culture of life and youth activities.

Your K of C Council 14130 serves Cathedral of Christ the King and the Lexington community in a variety of philanthropic efforts. Our group is slated to complete over 50 projects, and at the half-way mark, we've performed **2650+hours** of community and service hours, and donated approximately **\$10,000** to our parish, community and various Catholic charities.

When you support the Knights, you've helped CTK's Senior group, ALPHA, seminarians, CKS, Central Kentucky Right to Life, Pro-life, Real Life Radio and other Catholic causes. Your generosity allowed us collect toiletry items for the homeless. You played a key role in securing funds to help Fr. Gino fly home to be with his family. Your thoughtfulness paved the way for Fr. Mark's farewell reception. And your involvement in our monthly breakfasts, Lenten fish fries and kettle corn sales aid in supporting the Divorce Recovery (Journey of Hope) program as well as the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League, feed the 90+ who traveled to Wash D.C for the March for Life, and more.

Every time you give to or help the Knights of Columbus, you in turn are helping this parish, this school and this community, and you do so within the values of our Catholic faith.

CTK benefits when you support the Knights. If you'd like to be a part of the world's largest fraternal order of men, please join us! Go to [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) to learn more about our society or talk to any one of us.

So we thank you, Cathedral of Christ the King parish, one and all! The brothers of your K of C Council 14130 look forward to serving you in 2015.

God bless.

The Brothers of CTK / #14130



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FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 29

# HELP SAVE LIVES



**9,699**  
Babies saved  
from abortion  
*... so far*

**107**  
Workers quit the  
abortion industry  
*... so far*



**59**  
Abortion centers  
closed down  
*... so far*

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

*Join the worldwide  
movement to protect  
mothers and babies*

From **February 18 - March 29**, our community will join with hundreds of other cities and towns participating in *40 Days for Life*, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



**PRAYER &  
FASTING**



**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH**



**PEACEFUL  
VIGIL**

*40 Days for Life* is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, involving more than 650,000 volunteers in 559 cities across 27 nations.

With God's help, *40 Days for Life* has achieved **proven results**: 9,699 babies spared from abortion, 107 abortion worker conversions, and 59 closed abortion centers.

Get involved, and *you* can help save lives!

**Please join us and pray with Louisville's  
40 DAYS FOR LIFE:**

**Vigil Location:** EMW Women's Surgical Center 136 W. Market St Louisville, Ky 40202

**Vigil Hours:** We will be praying 24 hrs everyday from 7 AM to 7 AM

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