

# STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## New FM Catholic radio station in Meade County



Council 2282 has filed with the FCC to start an FM Catholic radio station covering Meade County. They expect to be in operation in April. The Knights of 2282 responding to Pope Francis call for evangelization.

## 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 13-14)

- Council #5634 Louisville
- Council #11470 Georgetown
- Council #6368 Glasgow
- Council #8145 Russellville

### JANUARY 2014

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

### Calendar

State Pro-Life Mass	Jan 18
1st Degree Morehead	Jan 25
2nd & 3rd Degree	Feb. 8
2nd & 3rd Degree	Feb. 21
2nd & 3rd Degree	March 5
4th Degree Exemp.	Mar. 14

- Council #6743 Clarkson
- Council #4270 Springfield
- Knottsville Council
- Council #2282 Brandenburg

## Local news



St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus (KofC) Council #15979 offered religious Christmas cards and ornaments at the parish craft show and after Masses in November to benefit our Brother Knight and StMM Parishioner, Seminarian Robert Barnell.

At our December Council meeting, we invited Robert's proud parents Joan and Tom Barnell to join us with our Pastor & Council Chaplain Father Steve Pohl in presenting Robert with a \$1,068.35 check from the generosity of StMM Parishioners; materially assisting Robert on his journey to the Priesthood. We are so grateful for the amazing outpouring of support making the campaign a great success!

Last year, financial help from 3,224 KofC 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.

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All Saints Council helped build a church

Dear Friends in Faith,  
Joy and I are thrilled to inform you that the construction of the Catholic Church in Cana Brava is complete! It has been named John Paul II Catholic Church. Attached are pictures of the exterior and interior.

It is a true Blessing to know that the community and their children will have a place of worship for the Advent and Christmas Season, and throughout the years!

It is our intent to travel there early next year and attend a Mass service. Once we do that, we would like to send another update with pictures of us with the community attending Mass at John Paul II Catholic Church in Cana Brava, Nicaragua.

We thank you again for helping us complete His plan.

May the wonders of His love fill your heart with joy this Christmas and all throughout the year!

Continued Blessings, Wesley and Joy





Local news cont.



Council 6743 raised and donated \$22,500 to charity in the fourth quarter of 2014. Brother Knights living the lesson of Charity.



Council #1487 Held a Breakfast With Santa event for the kids.

Council #1377 in Maysville with help from members and non members prepared and delivered Christmas Day dinners for approximately 750 people with all the leftovers being donated to the Women's Crisis Center. It was a great day! (photos on right)





## Local news cont.

### E.T. Murphy Assembly No. 1986 Christmas baskets.

The Christmas basket program was a big success. We joined together with our fellow Knights for the good of the order and to bring joy to those in need. Toys are donated for families that need them. Staples such as turkeys, bread, and fruit are supplied through donations and council funds. This year we delivered over 140 baskets. Thanks to all who helped make this happen.



On October 25 and November 22, Council 1955, Church of the Annunciation in Pairs, Ky, held a Beer and Brats Fundraisers at the Rooster Brew Micro Brewery to raise money to purchase a wheelchair for a veteran. The council had been approached by Knight member Andrew Horne, who works at the brewery, about sponsoring a fundraiser at the brewery. At about the same time, Bob Duffy, a member of our council, talked to the council about the need of a wheelchair for a veteran. He asked the council about making a donation toward the purchase of the wheelchair. During the discussion, a suggestion was made to combine the two request and do a fundraiser instead of just giving a donation. On December

30, Council 1955 presented a check to Thomson Hood Veteran Center in Wilmore, Ky for \$1387.00 which will be used to purchase a wheelchair for one of American's finest.

Council #14130 in Lexington held a breakfast fundraiser supporting a youth group to travel to Washington DC and participate in the January pro life rally.



## Awards

Council #1487 in Ashland named John Tierney Knight of the Year for all his efforts throughout the year. Congratulations Brother Tierney.

## Special report

### Appalachian Mountain Mission

This group is co-chaired by Gene Roberts PSD and "Squack" Jones PSD with workers from Vinegrove and Owensboro councils. Money for these projects comes from donations and projects from these councils. Each year the State Council charities has donated to the project. We would like to thank all our donors, without them this mission work would not be possible.

2010 - went to Louisa, Kentucky to Father Beiting Mission Center. Worked on volunteer quarters. 17 men worked one week on this project. We raised \$7,500. Estimate work completed was \$25,000.

2011 - to Jenkins, Kentucky and worked on the St. George Catholic Church Rectory and their community building. Fifteen men and two women worked one week on this project. About \$12,000 was spent on this project. Estimated work completed \$30,000.

2012 - went to Ynez, Kentucky for Father Beiting Mission Center. Fifteen men and two ladies work one

week on this home repairs project. Work was done for for families on this project. About \$12,000 was spent on this project. Estimated work completed \$30,000.

2013 - Went to Louisa, Kentucky to Father Beiting Mission Center. 15 minute two ladies worked on two projects. We rebuilt one home completely and put siding on the other home. Fifteen men and two ladies work one week on this project. About \$13,000 was spent on this project. Estimated completion \$30,000.

2014 - to Luisa, Kentucky to Father Beiting Mission Center. Sixteen men, two ladies and our priest work ed one week on these two projects. Project #1 was an old house that was never completed from the start 13 years ago. This house was completely rebuilt from the ground up. The owner's husband had died 13 years ago. This house was in the worst shape of any we had worked on before. On project #2 we installed eight new windows. About \$16,000 was spent on these two projects. Estimated work completed \$40,000.

## 2015 Nine Days Of Prayer, Penance & Pilgrimage Novena

The United States Congress of Catholic Bishops would like everyone to participate in the 2015 Nine Days Of Prayer, Penance & Pilgrimage Novena from January 17th-25th. They have setup a webpage that lists the prayers and daily reflections for each day. The link to it is <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/2015-nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage-novena.cfm> Please consider participating.



## From State Deputy Frank Shay

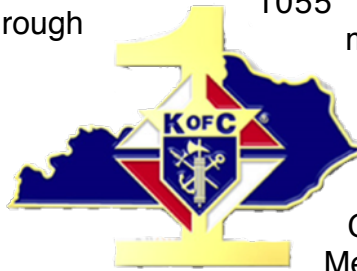


I would like to wish each of you a Blessed and Happy 2015.

Looking back on 2014 - it was a very good year. No - a great year. Kentucky finished in the circle of honor for 2013-2014.

Two ultrasound machines were installed as a result of Knights' efforts in Paducah and Lexington. Four new councils were started. Councils were amazing in their efforts to assist the church and their communities through their projects.

A very large number of families were fed Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in their communities by several dozen councils throughout the state. Kids are getting winter coats from councils both through the Coats for Kids program and through councils collecting and cleaning used coats. A number of councils are leading their parishes in the implementation of "Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive". All of the Seminarians in all four Diocese are being supported by the RSVP program. The State Council is trying to highlight local council programs by publishing photos and information about them whenever the information is reported. The state won money in the Supreme Membership contests thanks to your efforts. How we did for the first half of this fraternal year is shown below in a snip from the Supreme Website on January 2, 2015.



Year To Date			
	Gain	Loss	Net
Membership	274	96	178
Insurance	73	14	59

Looking forward, the outlook is very bright. Council 762 is raising funds for an Ultrasound machine to be placed in Morehead, Vine Grove is in the process of purchasing an ultrasound machine with funds they raised, and Council 1055 has obtained two used ultrasound machines pro bono and is working with other councils to have them placed.

New councils are in various stages of development in Knottsville, Louisville, Franklin, Carrollton and Bowling Green. We continue to win Supreme Membership contest money and grow our order. At present thirty-one councils are on track to make Star Council for the year. The fraternal surveys will be compiled this month, and I am sure it will be record breaking. I ask that each council send me a copy of their fraternal survey so I can compile the state data.

In short, based on direct observation of your councils in action, I am very confident that while our past was great our future is even brighter. God Bless each of you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus,  
Frank Shay

## From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

Happy New Year- And so begins another season of Resolutions. For many, the resolutions we make are short lived and usually involve weight loss or healthier eating. As I have worked on keeping my resolutions, I've found the ones that are easier to keep are the ones that involve **doing** something rather than **avoiding** something. In our daily lives, there are always be those "opportunities" to make huge mistakes that we should avoid, and as men of good moral content, grounded in faith, we can. The less serious avoidances seem to be the most difficult to maintain – sweets, that awesome ½ lb bacon cheeseburger, and fried...uh well anything! The Oscar Wilde once said "The only thing I can't resist is temptation"- I hear you brother! So what's a person to do? Well, just as our Catholic faith and high morals fill our minds and take precedence over the unsavory options we are presented with; so too will eating healthy foods naturally cause you to avoid the poor nutritional options all around us.

So how does this apply to the Knights of Columbus? Well think about **Apathy**. It's one of the most insidious enemies of action and good works in our Order and it's all around us. It causes Councils with great plans for service programs to be grossly understaffed and leads to reduced benefits or ultimate failure. While we can all resolve to avoid apathy, a much better approach is to fill the void it causes and commit ourselves to be active participants in 3 or 4 of our council's programs every year. Work these programs with a fellow Knight, or invite someone you think would be a great Knight. And let's not forget the family. For many years, I worked our Tootsie Roll Campaign with my wife and children by my side. I can assure you that you will get more out of working a program than you put into it.  
Gabe Cabral  
State Secretary



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## From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers, this month I have four things to talk about.

First, I will talk about forms. **The Fraternal Survey of fraternal Activity** is due at on January 31st. This along with the form 365 "Service Program Personnel Report" are both required to be turned in for the council to be eligible to earn the Star Council Award. If you have any questions or need any help with any forms please contact me and I will help you.

Second, the State Convention is coming up in May so it is time to start thinking about **Resolutions**. If your council would like to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention, you need to write it up, vote on it at your council meeting and then forward it to me (signed by GK and Recorder) before March 15th. Again, if you have any questions please contact me and I will be happy to help you.

Third, the **Basketball Slam** program is now in full swing. By now, all councils should have received your initial share of tickets to sell. I have already had a couple of requests for more tickets to sell. Initial indications are that the tickets are selling well. Of course this is a good year for basketball in the state of Kentucky with UK and UofL both ranked in the top six. So keep up the good work and remember that half of the profit from each ticket comes back to the council and half goes to fund disaster relief for those times when people need swift action. If you need more tickets or have any questions, please contact me.

Lastly, Supreme has completed the **model agreement for home corporations**. They have been working on this for over a year and they have done all the legal research to make sure that the model agreement is legal in all 50 states. The model agreement can be located in the Officers Desk Reference section of Supreme's website. Remember, Supreme passed a resolution requiring all councils with home corps to sign an agreement that meets certain criteria (too much info to list here) but if you want to read it, let me know and I will email a copy of it to you. The model agreement meets all those requirements and will save you hundreds of dollars in legal fees to develop an agreement on your own. This issue will undoubtedly bring up many questions so please feel free to contact me on any of this.

Gentlemen, keep up the great work, you are doing so many great things for people. As the newsletter editor, I get to see these things and it is truly amazing how much you do to serve other people. And I know that the majority of great things that are being done by knights is not even being reported. Please don't keep your programs a secret. Please shoot me a quick email at [kykofcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kykofcnewsletter@gmail.com) with a short write-up and a photo or two and I will put it in the newsletter so that other councils can get ideas for new programs that might help them be more successful.

Vivat Jesus,  
Cameron Peck



## From ISPD Bill Schmidt

Brother Knights – Welcome to 2015! As with every New Year, the custom to resolve to do something to improve yourself is in full swing. As Brother Knights, we need to do the same spiritually. How can we become better examples of our Catholic faith to our friends and neighbors? This is a question that only you can answer.

Recently I was engaged in a conversation with a Brother Knight when the topic arose of what it takes to be an “active member” of the Knights of Columbus. His thought was that a member was not “active” unless he contributed to one of the main fundraisers of the council (Bingo, Fish Fries, etc.). Certainly this would describe an active member, but what if the member is not active in those specific activities? Is he not an active member?

The answer to this question is really very simple. An “Active Member” of the Knights of Columbus is one who simply pays his annual dues. Should we be content that a member

only pays his dues? Of course not. All of us joined the Order so that we can be active in one of the programs – either Supreme or local based. It is of utmost importance to reach out to our current members and to introduce our new members to the programs our councils are involved with. Help them choose which ones they want to become involved in. By getting them involved, you are not only doing your council good, but you are helping your members to become better Catholic gentlemen. As a bonus to your council, these members will be much less likely to end up on a Retention list later. This is what it means to retain a member. Work with your Retention Committee now to reach out to these members that you don’t see very often to get them more active in your council. You will be very happy that you did.

Vivat Jesus!  
Bill Schmidt  
IPSD

## From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

**January Events:** On Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. EST, the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor a special Pro Life Mass. This Mass will give people dedicated to the sanctity of life the opportunity to come together and pray for the millions of lives lost to abortion. We kindly ask that your Council, Assembly, Squires Circle or Ladies organization join us for this special Mass. The Most Reverend Joseph Kurtz, D.D. will be the main celebrant and homilist for the mass and we welcome all Priests to be co-celebrants and Deacons to be part of the liturgy. It would be wonderful if your Chaplain could join us. The mass will be held at: Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 639 South Shelby Street, Louisville, KY 40202. A reception will be held in the parish hall after mass.

The annual March for Life Rally is from noon-1pm on **Thursday, January 22, 2015** and as customary, will be on the National Mall.

The March begins immediately after the Rally and follow its route up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court Building on Capitol Hill.

**January Birthdays:** Please wish Faithful Sir Knights with a happy birthday this month. If I missed you, please let me know.

**Faithful Navigators:** Lady Terri and I would like to invite you to our next Fourth Degree Exemplification March 14, 2015, being held at the Jenny Wiley State Park and Resort, Prestonsburg, KY. Room reservations can be made by calling the hotel direct at 800-325-1042 or 606-889-1790. When you call to make your reservation, tell them you are with the Knights of Columbus. Room rates are \$63.59 plus tax per night. A limited number of rooms are available. All room reservations must be made with the hotel by February 16th, 2015. Please return the registration form to Sir Knight Bill Schmidt IPSD, District Secretary at your earliest convenience.

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

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis,  
Kentucky District Master

## From Membership Director Billy Hancock

This chart shows the first real reported activity for January. This is the last month of this contest and I want to commend the Councils that recruited during November and December. Without you we would not be in 4th place in the standings. Without you we would not have made quota for both months. Take note that the WildCards is the only Jurisdiction of the 13 to accomplish this. We are number 3 in the Cumulative % standing at 19.82%. At this point in time we are only 2 percentage points out of first place. Please note to make quota for January we need a minimum of 41 more new members. With the number of first degrees scheduled I feel confident the WildCards will end the month and the contest on top.

During the first six months of the fraternal year 54 Councils gained membership, 29 Councils were static (zero growth) and 8 Councils have negative growth. The spreadsheet showing who's- who's is posted to the State website. Also posted to the website is the Honor Roll showing the 11 Councils that have achieved their membership quota. Thanks to all for a great six months,  
Bill Hancock, PSD Membership



### World Sports Membership Championship

State	Team Name	Intake	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		Cumulative		Need
			Intake	8%	Intake	9%	Intake	8%	Intake	%	
South Carolina	Denver Broncos	535	44	8.22%	32	5.98%	10	1.87%	86	16.07%	33
Oklahoma	Thundering Knights	420	19	4.52%	39	9.29%	7	1.67%	65	15.48%	27
Tennessee	Tennessee Vol's	650	54	8.31%	47	7.23%	7	1.08%	108	16.62%	45
Kentucky	WildCards	570	57	10.00%	51	9.00%	5	0.88%	113	19.82%	41
Alabama	Crimson Tide	480	24	5.00%	38	7.92%	4	0.83%	66	13.75%	34
South Dakota	Fighting Irish	300	14	4.67%	30	10.00%	2	0.67%	46	15.33%	22
New Hampshire	Granite State Patriots	325	19	5.85%	45	13.85%	2	0.62%	66	20.31%	24
Arkansas	Razorbacks	380	35	9.21%	30	7.89%	1	0.26%	66	17.37%	29
Maine	Maine Blackbears	435	31	7.13%	25	5.75%	1	0.23%	57	13.10%	34
New Mexico	New Mexico Bears	455	41	9.01%	39	8.57%	1	0.22%	81	17.80%	35
Oregon	Oregon Ducks	425	33	7.76%	59	13.88%	0	0.00%	92	21.65%	34
North Dakota	NDSU Bison	525	36	6.86%	29	5.52%	0	0.00%	65	12.38%	42
Mississippi	Golden Rebel Dogs	395	17	4.30%	6	1.52%	0	0.00%	23	5.82%	32

1/9/2015



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

It has come to my attention that some Councils have no Program Director and some others are unsure of his duties. To set the record straight: all Councils should have a named Program Director. Often it is the Deputy Grand Knight. This is a good idea as it gives the DGK some extra training in planning, leadership, public relations and documentation (record keeping). The duties of the Council Program Director are as follows:

- 1) Appointed by the Grand Knight
- 2) Collaborates with the Grand Knight in setting the calendar of Council Programs for the Fraternal Year (July 1 thru June 30)
- 3) Helps each program chairman (Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life & Youth) successfully manage his respective area

4) Keeps accurate records of Council Programs for reporting on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728) and the Columbian Award Application (SP-7)

5) Keeps Council's Public Relations Chairman informed of all programs and activities for promotion to local media

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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