

STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Large 4th Degree Exemplification Class



In Lexington on July 23rd, a 4th degree exemplification was held at the Cathedral of Christ the King. This was the 1st time in approximately 10 years that a 4th degree exemplification has been held in Lexington. We had a large class and brought in 45 new sir knights. The class honoree was Sir Knight Price Ransdell.

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

Calendar

News



Grand Knight John Doubrava of Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 presented to Father Nicholas Rottman, a donation check for \$6384 for Holy Donut sales at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Summer Festival in Burlington, KY.



This is the scene of 148 golfers getting ready to go tee off at the 8th annual Northern Kentucky Combined Knights of Columbus Councils golf outing at Twin Oaks Golf Course to benefit the Lifeline project of Catholic Charities. The Lifeline project helps pregnant mothers who need assistance. Last year we raised \$10,000.00 and although final figures are not in yet, we are hoping to do well again this year.



Members of the committee pose for a picture are left to right:

Front: Bob Merkle, Fred Porciello

Back: Carl Biery, Psd, Bill Kopp, Chairman, Deacon Bill Theis

Missing from picture: Dennis Elix, Wayne Brown, Vicky Bauerle, Dave Ledonne

News cont.



We welcomed an unexpected visitor, KofC Puerto Rico District Deputy #12 Brother Robert Raldiris to St. Margaret Mary Council #15979 this month.

Robert, at center in photo, was in town for the week helping his daughter move into a nearby apartment. Brother Robert is holding the Door Prize he won by chance that evening; a DVD of the "Fire Proof" movie and "The Love Dare" Book.

It was a pleasure to have KofC Brother Knight Robert Raldiris join us for the evening.

Photo L-R: #15979 Brother Mikey Small, Deacon Brother Derrick Barnes, PR-DD#12 Brother Robert Raldiris, GK#15979 Brother SK Michael Saylor, KY-DD#14 Brother SK Dick Burns.



Brother Dick Burns was recently selected by our Worthy Kentucky State Deputy Gabriel Cabral to serve as District Deputy Fourteen (14) overseeing the fraternal activities and providing general guidance to four (4) Louisville Councils following his extraordinary service as the Founding Grand Knight of St Margaret Mary Council #15979. StMM was the second Council Dick started, having previously founded a Council in Texas.

In appreciation, Grand Knight SK Michael Saylor presented Brother Dick with a fine Kentucky Bourbon emblazoned with the Emblem of the Order.

News cont.



Past Executive Secretary Fred Meade presenting Father Michael Hennigen of Council 5453 with the Kentucky State Council Chaplain of the Year award for the Covington Diocese. Father Hennigen is pastor at St Pius X Parish in Edgewood, KY.

From State Deputy Gabe Cabral



Brother Knights,

The Fraternal Year is off and running and I hope your Council's Programs, Activities and Membership recruiting is off to a great start. Don't let the "Dog Days" of summer sap all your ambition and energy. Spend a little time on the Supreme Website to look at some of the great programs and videos that are available to not only recruit new members, but also to engage them and keep them active. Our Supreme Membership and Program Consultant tells me that Kentucky is off to a great start, so we want to maintain this pace going forward and maybe we can avoid the last month, frantic dash for the finish line. Keep in mind that for the 1st 6 months of the Fraternal Year (ending December 31, 2016) the New Member fee will be reduced from \$10 to \$5.

So use this opportunity to save some cash for your council and get as many members in before the end of the year!

This month is typically referred to as "Back-to-School" month, and the Kentucky State Officers went "Back to School" to the Supreme Convention in Toronto for the first full week of August.

At the sessions we attend, we hear from our Supreme Officers, and more specifically, about the programs we are undertaking, and the status of the Order and the good works done worldwide. It truly is a learning opportunity for all of us. This year, the Building the Domestic Church is a major focus and if you're unsure of what the Domestic Church is- "Think Family" and you're there. The initiative is meant to strengthen the relationships of the family as they relate to sound Catholic based principles.

You can expect to see specific programs intended to highlight examples, but please do not think you have to limit your councils' programs to these examples. Your local parish is a great place to start getting involved and very likely has dozens of activities that are exactly what we as Knights need to be doing. They have a pretty impressive track record since they have been doing it for over 2000 years!

Gabe Cabral
KY State Deputy

From State Treasurer Cameron Peck

Brothers,

As I sit here and look out the window, I can only marvel at what a gorgeous day it is outside. The sun is shining, the wind is blowing through the trees, and the birds are singing. And all of this is because of God. Often times we get so wrapped up in all the little things going on in our lives that we lose sight of the big picture. Let's all take a moment and thank God for all the wonderfulness He has brought into our lives. Have a great day!

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck

From State Chaplin Fr. Pat Dolan

Dear Brother Knights:

As some of you may know, the state chaplains meet at the Supreme meeting with the Supreme chaplain, Archbishop Lori, and his administrative assistant, Fr. Jon Kalisch, OP, to discuss the directions given specifically to chaplains and faithful friars by an hour or so of instructions directly from the Supreme Knight. In addition to Dr. Anderson's usual courteous thanking of us for our participation and care, he called us into battle. While other organizations of the Knights are doing legal and lobbying efforts with state and national governments to protect persecuted Christians and the not-yet-born, clergy were charged with the spiritual part of this battle: for the rampant evil afoot in the world is clearly part of the devil's effort to wage spiritual warfare against God's holy people.

Our task as clergy involved BOTH our own prayers (and fasting and almsgiving) but also support for the domestic church through the consecrations to the Holy Family and supporting Catholic male spirituality through the "Into the Breach" activity. We were also asked to help reach a generation or two that has been given lots of Catholic experience but minimal exposure to the depths of Catholic doctrine. Yet, in the words of the Supreme Knight: "We can't just hand them a catechism..."

You all will each be asked to fight in this spiritual battle during this coming year--for to fail to do so will allow militant evil to seep into your family, your marriage, and into your innermost soul. We will have good, worthwhile, and easy to use tools to help you not just fight this spiritual war--but help Christ our Savior win it in our own generation.

In addition to that discussion, I was able to report on the "Junior Knights and Maids of Mercy" pilot project we have been doing here in Kentucky, which asks our youngsters of squire age to be "anti-bullying agents" in their schools. These are areas that need courageous Catholic witness and only they can go there--we cannot. This initiative does not replace the squires, but opens up new avenues, which some of you have seen at the past state conventions, and are connected with the 4th degree assemblies. More information will come to you as it develops, but questions can be addressed to me at MUCL@hotmail.com.

My deepest thanks to our state leadership, present and past, who have acted heroically despite their own human limitations, and especially to Fr. Mario who as Associate State Chaplain has been an unbelievably helpful resource for all things good.

Blessings to you all and to the communities and families who come closer to Christ because you are a Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Patrick Dolan, PhD, STD
State Chaplain

From State Warden Tom Johnson

NFL Ticket Update:

We're off to a good start with this year's NFL Sweepstakes. Over 90% of our councils are taking advantage of the potential fundraising benefits for your council and your council members. Several councils have already requested additional tickets. GREAT NEWS!

In a nut shell the Sweepstake kicks off the weekend of October 30th and runs for 10 weeks. You'll receive a NFL Sweepstake ticket with pre-selected teams. If your ticket scores the highest, 2nd highest or the lowest total points scored that week you're a WINNER! If you buy two (2) tickets you'll get a third one free from Green Bee. Just go online and register the two tickets that you bought. Plus you have the option of joining the Green Bee Savings Club (no cost to join) where you can save money at a variety of restaurants nationwide.

The Grand Knight or Program Director has your council's tickets. Let them know that you're interested in buying one or two. Remember...the proceeds from the sale of the NFL Sweepstake tickets go to help fund your KY State Charities and your local council.

I still have Sweepstake packets for 10 councils. If you haven't gotten your packet yet please contact me and I'll mail it to you.

Supreme Convention:

This year's Supreme Convention was held in Toronto from July 31st to August 4th, 2016. This being my first Supreme Convention I wasn't sure of what to expect other than your State Officers had given me a pretty good idea of the "duties" of the State Warden. I must say that each of the masses held prior to the business meetings were quite impressive. The Votive "Opening Mass" was said for the "Family", the second day mass Votive was for "The Mercy of God", and the third day's mass was the Memorial Mass in honor of St John Vianney, this was also his feast day and was said for all deceased members of the order. There was no shortage of Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and priest. There was even a good number of clergy of the Eastern Rite and we heard a first-hand testimonial on the genocide that is occurring in Syria and other parts of the Middle East.

The awards ceremony & business meetings were very similar to how we conduct our business meetings here in the Kentucky Jurisdiction. Next year's Supreme Convention will be in St Louis, MO. I encourage you to take the time to attend at least one of the masses and to witness first-hand the good that the Knights of Columbus do around the world.

Take Care and God Bless,

Tom Johnson
State Warden

Membership Director Rick Arnold PSD

Dear Brother Knights all,
When preparing to write this little article for our State Newsletter, one person kept popping up in my tiny brain. Walter Hutchison.

Walt was very simple man. He was married to the love of his life for over 56 years until Doris passed away a few years ago. Together they raised a small family together as they traveled around Kentucky with his job as a plumbing inspector for the state.

They ended up back in Valley Station after Walt retired. They were a very devoted Catholic family and were very active members of Saint Paul Parish on Dixie Highway. Walt was also a very proud member of Monsignor Newman Council and Monsignor Bouchet Assembly. Walt was a very loving and generous man who loved to spend time with his family and very much enjoyed helping others.

Why do I think about Walt Hutchison when I am writing about membership you may ask?

Well, back in good ole 1996, Uncle Walt invited yours truly to join the Knights of Columbus. He drove me to my first, second and third degrees

and encouraged me to attend the business meetings and social events the council sponsored. He supported me when I decided to run for council offices.

Uncle Walt wanted me to become a Knight because he loved me and he knew it would make a positive difference in my life and in the lives of the people I came in contact with through the Knights of Columbus.

When I think back on all of the wonderful people we have met, all the places we have been all of the deserving people we have been blessed to serve all of these years I can't help but think of Good ole Uncle Walt. I am so grateful that he thought enough of me to ask me to join this wonderful organization.

Is there someone in your family, at work or in your parish that deserves to have the benefits of membership in our beloved order?

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Arnold PSD
Membership Director

Program Director Bill Schmidt PSD

Brother Knights –

It is hard to believe that it is already August. Kids are going back to school and the weather is hot. Your council's program line up should be heating up as well. By now hopefully your council has met with your pastor(s) and put a program line up in place for the fraternal year. If you have not completed this task yet, now is the time! Meet with your pastor and find out what programs he would like to see your council perform to more fully integrate the council and the parish. The "Building the Domestic Church" programs specifically will help you get this most important job done. Speak with your pastor(s) about it today!

In August and September, councils should be conducting programs such as the Family Week Celebration (August 8-14), selling the NFL Sweepstakes tickets, Voter Registration, and hosting the Soccer Challenge at the council level.

Councils should be planning for programs in October, November, and even December in August and September. Programs such as Fifth Sunday Rosary (October 30th), Tootsie Roll Drive, Columbus Day celebration, and a Memorial Mass to name a few should be planned now.

I finally want to compliment many councils across the state on their monthly activity reporting. Several councils have already earned significant points towards the State Deputy Award. In case you were unaware of the program, please have a representative from your council email me a monthly report of the activities that you conducted during the previous month. Pictures and any other details that you find interesting or noteworthy should be included. Be sure to include your District Deputy and State Program Chairmen that represent the activity categories. Again, we want to know details of your council's activities!

Remember too that every program your council performs should be used as an opportunity to invite a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus. The benefits of recruiting just one new member are significant not only to your council, but to the new member as well. Invite one of these gentlemen to join us and be part of the programs your council has to offer.

As always, if you need any assistance or have any questions, I am available for you. I would love to hear from you.

Fraternally,
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From General Agent Darrell Swope

Fraternity and Insurance: A Life-Changing Combination

One hundred and thirty-four years ago, Father Michael J. McGivney worked to protect Catholic families.

Now, in 2016, Father McGivney's mission has taken on several different shapes and services, including charitable works, evangelical missions, catechetical programs and, of course, our insurance program.

Together, these things form the core of the Knights of Columbus.

Guided always by our fraternal principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, we are most effective when the different aspects of our organization operate in conjunction with each other. When the Knights who lead our programs work together, the results can be truly life-changing — not just locally, but globally.

This summer, as we embark on a new fraternal year, spend time with your field agent and general agent to coordinate your activities.

Your Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are tremendous resources for you and your council. For these men, the Knights of Columbus is more than just a career, it's a vocation, and they are deeply committed to furthering Father McGivney's mission in all its facets.

Ask for their help with membership drives during Sunday Masses. Seek out their assistance with various committees and fundraisers. Lean on them to help supply manpower for hands-on charitable events. Open the door and welcome them. Invite them to full participation in your council life.

Remember, these men work tirelessly to serve the members in their area. Although they may not always be able to take part in each and every initiative, they want to be involved with their councils as much as possible.

As a professionally trained Knights of Columbus field agent, your agent brings tremendous value to your council and to your members. He also brings with him a full product portfolio of high quality insurance products. He holds the key to the greatest fraternal benefit of all: the insurance program. The men in your council will no doubt be at various stages of life, with varying needs and varying means, but surely most of them will at some point look for life insurance protection, retirement products, disability income or long-term care insurance. When they do, why would they look anywhere besides their very own Knights of Columbus?

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But the truth is, many of your council's members probably don't think about our insurance business. They may have met with a field agent once or twice during their time as Knights, but they probably don't know about our current full line of products. They probably don't know about our \$100 billion of life insurance in force. They probably don't know about our 40 consecutive years of receiving the highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior), from A.M. Best. They probably don't know about our being named a "World's Most Ethical Company" in 2014, 2015 and 2016. They may not even know of Father McGivney's vision of financial protection for Catholic families. But they should.

When your members are in the market for insurance products, they have a choice. They can purchase from one of more than 1,500 life insurance companies in North America, who will do whatever they choose with their premium dollars and invest in whatever offers them the best returns, or they can purchase from their Knights of Columbus, who will invest ethically and donate generously. It's what we call "The Catholic Difference."

What would it mean to your members to know that the money they spend protecting their family, preserving their retirement, guarding against their disability or providing for their long-term care goes to an organization that supports the Church? To an organization that has donated more than \$1.5 billion to charity in the past decade? What would it mean to your members to know that their insurance purchase will someday not only change the lives of their family, but maybe even the lives of families halfway across the world?

Invite your field agent in to talk about the Catholic difference. Set up a fraternal benefits night where he can address the council on our slate of products and the benefits that they bring to Catholic families. Welcome him as a Knight. He, too, is deeply committed — not only to protecting Catholic families financially, but also to standing up for the marginalized, standing up for the poor, and standing with the Church.

New years are times for new resolutions. As you embark on the new 2016 fraternal year, resolve to incorporate your field agent into your council life so that your members have the opportunity to profit from our greatest fraternal benefit.



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From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

August Events; Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

Following the two Atomic Bomb drops and believing that continuation of the war would only result in further loss of Japanese lives, delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms originally issued at Potsdam on July 26, 1945, with the exception that the Japanese Emperor's sovereignty would be maintained. Japanese Emperor Hirohito, who had never spoken on radio, then recorded an announcement admitting Japan's surrender, without actually using the word. The announcement was broadcast via radio to the Japanese people at noon the next day. The formal surrender ceremony occurred later, on September 2, 1945, on board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Mother Teresa (1910-1997) was born (as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) in Skopje, Yugoslavia. She founded a religious order of nuns in Calcutta, India, called the Missionaries of Charity and spent her life working to help the poor and sick of India.

August Birthdays: Please wish Faithful Navigators Dr. Emmanuel Eze, Fr. Alfred Hanses Assembly, Ashland; Joseph Schmitt, Fr. Gerald Calhoun Assembly, Madisonville; a happy birthday. If I missed you, please let me know.



New Sir Knights: Please join me in welcoming 45 new Sir Knights from the Exemplification, July 23, in Lexington. A Big Thank You to the Bluegrass Assembly, 310, and the Councils, this was a success. **Next Exemplification:** October 8, 2016, Father John Fallon Assembly, 312, Paducah, KY. Watch for information coming soon.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis,
Kentucky District Master