

STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Mid year meeting



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"In service to one, in service to all."	

Calendar	
Christmas	Dec. 25

State Deputy visits local councils

The State Deputy has visited the following councils this month:

- Council 7847 Hopkinsville
- Council 11470 Georgetown
- Council 1367 Uniontown
- Council 16179 Louisville
- Council 15525 Jeffersontown
- Council 13917 Versailles

- Council 5453 Burlington
- Council 1764 Father Kehoe
- Council 16206 Morehead
- Council 5220 Alexandria

(photos on pages 17-19)

Local news



At the mid year meeting on December 5th, brother knights brought donations of diapers and other essential baby needs to help the Two Hearts Pregnancy Center in Ashland. The photo shows State Treasurer John McGill delivering the donations. And they couldn't have come at a better time, the center was getting low on diapers and beginning to wonder if they were going to run out.

On the third Sunday of September every year, council 5220 in Alexandria sponsors Nuns Day. A day where we invite all the Sisters in our Diocese for a day of games, fun, friendship and an opportunity to share a wonderful meal with our Knights and their families.

Mid year meeting

The mid year meeting was held at the Four Points Sheraton in Lexington on December 4th-6th. Many successes were shared and plans were formed to complete the year strong. So far this year we are 10 members ahead of this time last year in membership. State Deputy Frank Shay commented that after visiting over 60 of the councils so far this year, he is proud of the number and variety of programs that the councils are doing. Frank also handed out several awards that had been earned.



DD George Hayes accepting the Star District Award



DD Joe Schmitt accepting the Star District Award



DD Mike Kuchenbrod accepting the Star District Award

Mid year meeting cont.



DD Eric Richie accepting the Star District Award



DD Gary McFadyen receiving the mini charter in recognition of starting a new council



DD Steve O'Bryan accepting the Star District Award



DD Ken Rosenbaum receiving the mini charter in recognition of starting a new council

Mid year meeting cont.



DD Joe Schmitt accepting the Contest of Champions Award on behalf of council 12965 in Oak Grove who attained 700% of their membership goal last year.



DD Joe Schmitt accepting the International Family Award – 5th Place on behalf of council 12965 in Oak Grove.



DD Tom Johnson accepting the Contest of Champions Award on behalf of council #11470 in Georgetown who recruited the most members of any council last year.



Everyone enjoyed themselves at the the banquet.

Mid year meeting cont.



Mid year meeting cont.

And the Ladies Event was enjoyed on Sunday morning.



Local news cont.



Council 7847 in Hopkinsville gave the parish school PTO \$500 for basketball uniforms and raised \$2,200 for the tootsie roll drive.



Council 16197 raised \$670 in their first Tootsie Roll drive.



council 11470 in Georgetown raised \$ 1500 in their tootsie roll drive.



Council 15525 in Jeffersontown gathered 600 Winter Coats to be given to needy children.



News



Kehoe Council 1764 awarded Wayne Brown the Knight of the Year Award at their Christmas Party.



Council 14130 Christ the King in Lexington donated four microscopes to the school for use in the middle school science lab.



Paul Becker is the recipient Council 5453 Bishop Ackerman's Walter Zalla award for service.

Paul was instrumental in the design and layout of our donut trailer. Also he was responsible for ordering the necessary equipment. This year we sold over 140,000 donuts.

Paul also delivers the annual food collection from our Christmas party to the mission at Church of the Good Shepherd in Campton, KY. For over 30 years we have been filling their food pantry to help the needy in Appalachia.

Paul has been a member of Bishop Ackerman Council since 1978.

News cont.

Council 5453 Bishop Ackerman held their annual Christmas party. Eric Ritchie DD #24 was the master of ceremonies.

The sisters of the Rose Garden Mission in Covington, KY were guests of the council as well.

Over 100 members and their spouses were in attendance.



FYI

The following is a reprint from the Supreme Council's Facebook page, July 2012.

The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée Cross.

The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Formée Cross

is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization.

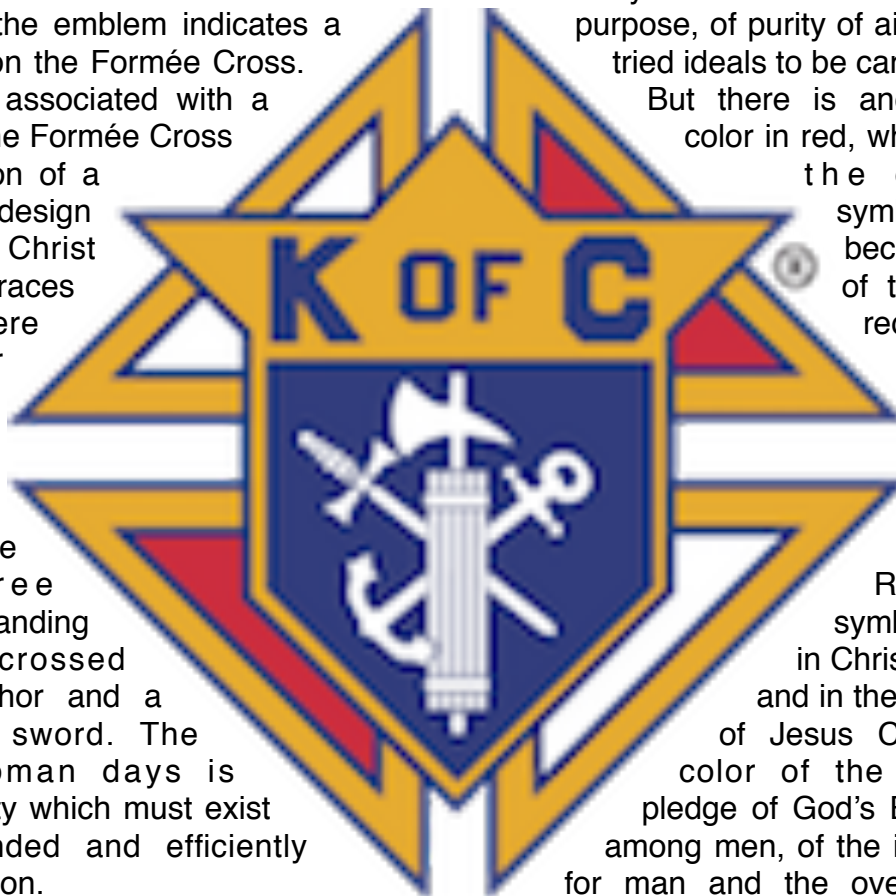
The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such, red is the symbol of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible — tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drips of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith.

Red then is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual.

White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.



From State Deputy Frank Shay



Brothers,
It is December. So many spiritual blessings await us this month. We celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior. It is the beginning of Jesus' journey to the cross and our salvation. Pope

Francis opens the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Churches around the world will give us the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Try to do something special in your prayer life. Take advantage of Reconciliation. Fill your hearts with the holiness of the season.

December is a special time for family life. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has presented a new initiative asking us to develop the family as the Domestic Church while supporting our parish. Details of the program can be found in the Supreme Knight's address which is printed in the December issue of the Columbia Magazine. Copies of the address have also been emailed to all Grand Knights and District Deputies. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or our State Advocate, Cameron Peck.



We had a very successful Mid-Year meeting last weekend. We had the chance to review our successes of the first half of the year and lay plans for the remainder of the year. Our Membership Director, Billy Hancock, announced a number of new incentives. All of the presentations of the Mid-Year will be posted on the website by mid December.

Having visited over sixty councils, I have had the chance to hear in detail all the good things your councils are doing. I am particularly pleased with the variety and excellence of the programs your councils are conducting for the good of church, community, and family. The Knights of Columbus in Kentucky are a force for good. Please be sure to write these programs up and submit them for State awards.

Sandy and I wish each of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Shay



From State Chaplain Fr. Mario Tizziani

As we have entered into this sacred Season of Advent, may it be a true time of introspection, of reflection, on where we are in our walk with the Lord. As we hear in two of our Advent Sunday Gospels, St John calls for repentance. Repentance, a turning around or change of mind and heart, is a necessary challenge for each of us as we strive to know and serve the Lord. We find in the Sacred Scriptures, that after John's death, Jesus begins to use John's words of repentance as well. Our Catechism calls us to develop a 'personal relationship' with the Lord. This is done through prayer, reading and reflecting on the Word of God, of taking advantage of the Sacraments as often as possible and of trying our best to spend quality time with others who are striving to grow deeper in their walks with the Lord as well. May this be the

occasion for us with our fellow Knights as we join together in celebrating this Season of anticipation and joy, to challenge one another to grow closer in our relationships with Him. As well, as we have been truly blessed by the gift of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we, in a particular way, take advantage of the Sacrament of Mercy, Reconciliation, frequently throughout the year. Our God is so truly good to each of us., and we are so undeserving of His Mercy! Yet, in His goodness, He extends it to us! As we complete the Advent Season and enter into the sacred mystery of our Lord's Incarnation, I wish you a truly blessed Christmas Season. Without Him, why would anyone celebrate this Holy Day? God bless you and your loved ones, my dear Brothers! - Fr Mario

From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers,
I distributed the Basketball Slam tickets to the GKs at the mid year meeting. Several of the DDs were gracious enough to pick up the tickets for the councils that were not at the meeting. I mailed the tickets to the other unrepresented councils. So at this point every council should have Basketball Slam tickets to sell. We have had such great demand for tickets I had Greenbee print an additional 1,000 tickets for us to distribute. So if you need more tickets please let me know and I will get them to you.

Anne and I would like wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. If you will be traveling this Christmas season please be extra careful and return home safe.

Vivat Jesus!
Cameron



From ISPD Bill Schmidt

Brother Knights –

The weather outside has not been very frightful as of late, in fact it has been quite pleasant for December. I bet that some of you have even ventured out to play 9 or 18 holes at your favorite course. The 2016 Tom Wiseman Memorial Open golf scramble is being planned as we speak. Look for future announcements in this newsletter and hopefully at the State Convention in May. We are looking at different locations and various dates to hold the Scramble. Thanks to this year's players that gave me some very useful feedback, we are putting the pieces in place to make next year's scramble even better.

I am looking for an assistant chairman to help me with the 2016 scramble. Anyone that knows me, knows that I barely know which end of the club to use, so someone knowledgeable in golf scrambles would be a big help to the State Council. If you are interested in helping us with the 2016 golf scramble, please email me at billschmidt@windstream.net. Thank you in advance for your support!

From 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.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Schmidt
IPSD

From Program Director Kent Hoskins

PROGRAMMING TIP OF THE MONTH

Dear Brothers All:

Let me start by wishing everyone a blessed Advent Season and a happy and Holy Christmas. Just a few reminders for year's end:

- 1) Get your Fraternal Surveys completed and turned in before the deadline (January 31, 2016)
- 2) Make sure that your forms 185, 365 and Jan~ June Audits are in. It's not too late to submit these.
- 3) Don't forget the importance of a Fraternal Benefits Night. Try to schedule one as soon as possible.

4) And finally, please put me on your Council's email list (choskin1@bellsouth.net). There is so much good information in your monthly newsletters and/or parish bulletins and I read every one that I receive cover to cover. This will help greatly in reporting Council Activities.

As always, if I can help or you would like me to attend one of your Council Business Meetings just let me know. My contact information is:

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From Membership Director Bill Hancock

November closed out with a gain of 54 new members recruited into 24 Councils. November also ended the first month of Supremes' Super Bowl of Membership Contest. Despite a valiant effort by recruiters in those 24 Councils the WildCards dropped to seventh place in our eight Jurisdiction Division. December will be a test of your resolve to climb out of the cellar. Sixty-three new members are needed to maximize the December incentive. We are currently in 4th place. Follow our standing by ctrl+click on the following link [Super Bowl of Membership](#), then click the blue sidebar, STATE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS followed by a click on Winter Membership Tournament. We can regain our momentum 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. Consider a gift of his first year member fee. You could jump start what could be the beginning of a lifetime member.

As the first six months of the fraternal year comes to a close, I want to summarize some of the membership statistics for you: 64 Councils added a total of 235 members to the rolls or 40% of the Supreme quota for the Jurisdiction, 11 Councils have achieved or exceeded 100% of their membership quota, 11 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 \$2390.00 from the World Sports Membership Championship contest which ran from July through the end of October. These funds will be used for State membership incentives. They also carried us to third place 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 way 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, Blessed Christmas.

Bill Hancock, PSD



From Culture of Life Chairman Mike Peek FSW, PSD

Your Support is Urgently Needed to Protect Life

Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, asks that Knights act now to encourage Congress to protect the rights of conscientious objectors to abortion, sterilization, and contraception. These rights are under attack. The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA) will provide a means of protecting Health care workers and organizations through legal action. Contact your member of Congress and urge support for ANDA.

Don't Forget.....

January 17, 2016 Annual Pro-Life Mass, Archdiocese of Louisville

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz will be the celebrant of this Mass which has been held at various times and at various parishes every year since 1973. This year's Mass will be 3:00pm Sunday, January 17th at St Martin of Tours Church, 639 South Shelby Street, Louisville.

Witness to your support for life by attending this inspiring Mass. All councils in the archdiocese of Louisville should send a representative. For more information contact Mike Peak mtp@catholicexchange.com

January 22, 2016 - March For Life Washington, D.C.

In the early history of this annual event, March founder and organizer, Nellie Gray, often credited the Kentucky Knights of Columbus with being among its stronger supporters. Let's continue that support.

Buses will leave from Brandenburg, Elizabethtown, Bardstown, Louisville and Western, KY on Wednesday, January 20 and return Saturday morning, January 23.

(Brandenburg bus comes to Louisville. Elizabethtown bus meets buses at Lexington.)

Contact information:

Brandenburg	Marie Curran	(270) 828-2233	cmcurran75@hotmail.com
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Bardstown	Stuart Hamilton	(502) 759-6427	sthamilton@bethlehemhigh.org
Louisville	Jerry Durbin	(502) 533-1695	krla@bellsouth.net
Western KY	Jenny or Bill Rush	(270) 885-2888	rush3004@bellsouth.net

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Recent Culture of Life activities:

Thank you to all councils and individuals who are working so hard to promote a "Culture of Life". Please let us know what you are doing or have done. Sharing encourages others to become involved.

Culture of Life Chairman:

Eric & Amy Ritchie	Diocese of Covington
David & Sandy Holzwarth	Diocese of Lexington
Larry & Michele Wahnsiedler	Diocese of Owensboro

State Culture of Life Chairman
Mike Peak, FSW, PSD
Archdiocese of Louisville

From General Agent Darrell Swope

\$100 Billion: A Milestone in Protection

Editor's Note: The following is an interview with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson regarding the Knights of Columbus surpassing \$100 billion of life insurance in force, an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families.

What does this achievement mean for the Knights of Columbus?

I think it is a testament to three things: the quality of our business, the trust our members have in the Knights of Columbus, and our dedicated agents who represent us in the field.

For the first, we strive to run our insurance program in a way that is different. That means we put people before dollars, and we do the right things for the right reasons. That is what we mean when we say insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights. That is our promise. That is the Knights of Columbus difference. And that is what gives us our advantage.

In regard to our members, the achievement is an obvious indication that they trust us and that our products meet their needs. We are grateful for that trust, and we take that trust very seriously. We have more than 2,000,000 active contracts that represent the financial futures of hundreds of thousands of Catholic families across the United States and Canada. It is a great honor.

As for our agents — this achievement would never have been possible without them. We do not sell our products directly to our members; we sell through our network of dedicated full-time brother Knight agents who work tirelessly day after day to make sure every Knights of Columbus family has the protection they need. These men have done tremendous work. The best thing about doing business with the Knights of Columbus is that you have one of our brother Knight field agents there for you.

What does this achievement mean for our members?

To our members, it should be a point of pride. We are the only Catholic life insurer to have achieved this milestone. Our members can see that the Knights of Columbus is in a class by itself. And for our members who have yet to take part in the insurance program, this achievement encourages them to consider participating in this important fraternal benefit. There has never been a better time to turn to the Knights of Columbus to help secure your family's future.

What is the significance of the number itself, of surpassing \$100 billion of life insurance in force?

This number is the total sum of the face amount of all of our active policies. But perhaps that is not the best way to think about it.

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What this number represents is the future hopes and financial security of our members and their families. Yes, it means \$100 billion of life insurance in force, but it also means \$100 billion to protect lives and to save homes. It's \$100 billion of trust and of financial protection for our Catholic families.

When it became clear to you that the \$100 billion milestone was within reach, that the Order would surpass it, what went through your mind?

I can say I was not surprised. I was not surprised because I knew the way we were doing business was the right way. I knew that, as a company, we were motivated by the right things, focused on the right things and doing the right things, and I knew our members would trust us.

Our progress has been steady and consistent. We have set a new record for sales each year for the last 14 years. That statistic is remarkable when you stop to think about it. The last 14 years have seen some major financial crises, and yet the Knights of Columbus has kept moving forward, has never looked back and has never faltered.

Every January, I get the opportunity to address our general agents, and I begin my remarks to them each year in the exact same way. I tell them, "Thank you for making last year the best year in the history of the Knights of Columbus insurance program." It is a great honor to be able to do that.

What niche does the Knights of Columbus fill in the insurance marketplace?

The Knights of Columbus is the premier Catholic life insurer in North America. We are Catholic in the way we do business — we do not invest in companies that participate in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for the aforementioned, or pornography. And we are Catholic in the way we give back, too. The Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.55 billion to charity in the last decade, much of which was made possible by the proceeds of the insurance business. In fact, a lot of the good work we do is made possible by the success of our insurance program. It is a powerful engine that, along with the ongoing efforts of our brother Knights and their councils throughout the world, makes the Knights of Columbus who we are.

What do you think Father McGivney would think of the insurance program today?

He would be proud. This is very much his program. He was looking for a solution to the never-ending financial suffering of widows and orphans in his parish. He labored over the details of the original insurance program. He studied other fraternal benefit societies to see what their programs looked like. He knew this benefit was needed, and he knew that it could provide tremendous value.

Don't forget, he himself was a man who had to leave the seminary and return home when his father died unexpectedly. The need for this type of fraternal benefit was very real to him.

He wanted to build up Catholic families — not only in faith, fellowship and charity, but in

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finances, too. I think he would be tremendously proud of how his organization has carried on his mission.

What's next for the program?

We continue to move forward. This is a tremendous milestone and a tremendous accolade. And it is an outstanding testament to all the things I mentioned, but it is by no means the end. We have never been motivated by numbers or by dollars.


That will not end at \$200 billion. It will not end at \$300 billion.

What remains important is that we continue forward with Father McGivney's vision to protect our Catholic families.

To learn more about Knights of Columbus Insurance, contact a Knights of Columbus field agent. Find him at [Find an Agent](#).

On a personal note, Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

Vivat Jesus,
Darrell Swope



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Council 1764 Father Kehoe



4th Degree News

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who participated in the Installation Ceremony of Fr Bill Hammer as our new Pastor on 29 November. A total of 24 Sir Knights in Regalia from three Assemblies (Numbers 308, 2008, and 3075) were present for this event. The appearance of so many Sir Knights was an awesome sight, which elicited very many favorable comments from our parishioners. Additionally, there were 12 Sir Knights in formal attire, all of whom are parishioners of St Margaret Mary Church and are currently members of Assembly 3075. It was truly a show of solidarity by the members of the Knights of Columbus. Again, thank you very much for your generous presence. Unfortunately, no photos were taken.

Vivat Jesus,
SK Michael Mitchell



Our brother Knights marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Louisville on November 11th.



From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

December Events; December 7th, seventy-four year, at 7:48 AM Hawaiian time, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer. 188 U.S. aircraft were destroyed; 2,403 Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded. Important base installations such as the power station, shipyard, maintenance, and fuel and torpedo storage facilities, as well as the submarine piers and headquarters building (also home of the intelligence section) were not attacked. Japanese losses were light: 29 aircraft and five midget submarines lost, and 64 servicemen killed

December 8th; The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day.

December 25th; the Nativity of the Lord, Christ's Birthday.

December Birthdays: Please wish Faithful Sir Knights with Birthdays in December a Happy Birthday.

Exemplification; April 16, 2016, Owensboro, KY. Working on the plans at this time.

Biannual Meeting; March 19, 2016 at 11:00 am to 1:30 pm Eastern time, Bardstown, KY, Knights of Columbus Hall. This for Navigators only. For Assemblies that have over 100 members, you can bring an additional Officer.

May your family and Assembly have a Merry Christmas and New Year!!

Vivat Jesus,
SK Gary Dykhuis
Kentucky District Master

