

STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome 2016



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State Deputy visits local councils

The State Deputy has visited the following councils this month:

- Council 12923 Campbellsville
- Council 13196 Cynthiana
- Council 1483 Frankfort

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

Calendar

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| 2nd & 3rd degree | Feb. 28 |
| 2nd & 3rd degree | March 5 |
| 2nd & 3rd degree | March 13 |
| Easter | March 27 |
| 2nd & 3rd degree | April 10 |
| 4th degree | April 16 |

Local news



Council #1055 in Paducah had a great Christmas Tree Sale this year. It was headed up by District Deputy Pat Lipford.



On December 18th Council #1055 in Paducah put Christmas baskets together with the help of students from St. Mary's. WOW those kid's were like a tornado we pack all of the boxes in roughly thirty minutes!!!



On December 13th Council #1055 in Paducah held a breakfast at St. Rose of Lima. They had a lot of fun and believe they made quite an impression with the church.

News cont.



Members of Holy Rosary Council 1055 in Paducah were asked to construct a 20 X 30 patio for Victory Through Grace Ministries in Paducah. Victory Through Grace is a non denominational ministry founded and directed by two Catholic lady members of St Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah. It's mission is the rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking. In order to construct the new patio, an old and unsightly brick patio had to be removed first. One of the members of Council 1055, DD Pat Lipford, provided a skid steer loader to remove the bricks, and relocate a holly bush for the ladies. DD Pat also leveled the ground so construction could begin. Members then dug an 18 inch deep footer to insure that the patio would be there a long time. The Council arranged for Ready Mix concrete to be donated by Federal Materials, Inc, in Paducah, along with reinforcing wire. On June 25 at 6AM, the first truck arrived, and pouring began, followed shortly by the second load. By noon on the 25th, the patio was finished to a very smooth surface.



Bishop Flaget Council 13053 furnished an apartment for a refugee family.

News cont.



Saint Peters Church was blessed with a wonderful event that was titled "Seeing is Believing ". Parishioner Dr. Karen Santos, Knights Of Columbus Council #762 and St Peters Ladies auxiliary had a wonderful day at Dr. Santos's office. Dr. Santos and her staff volunteered to do a complete eye exam on 14 people that the Catholic Center identified as being in need of immediate eye care. 13 of the 14 people examined needed prescription eyeglasses, Dr. Santos' office provided the frames, Knights Of Columbus Council #762, along with help from other Lexington area councils, provided the funds for the prescription lenses. St Peters ladies auxiliary provided all the planning and transportation for the very happy participants in this program that is been titled "Seeing is Believing".



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News cont.



Christ the King Council #14130 in Lexington recently held their council's free throw contest. Good luck to the winners as they continue on to the district contest.



Council 16125 in Knotsville held a pancake breakfast and brought in \$450 in donations. Lots of nice comments about the event and they served over 100 people.



Council #1367 in Uniontown presented a check to Mary Jo Adams, Administrator of Ben's Place, an adult day care facility. The check was the funds raised through their Tootsie Roll drive.



Saint Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus (KofC) Brothers offered "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards, ornaments, and puzzles at the 2015 Parish Holiday Boutique and after Masses during Advent. The Archdiocese Vocations Office ultimately asked our StMM KofC Council to support four (4) Seminarians; StMM Parishioner Robert Barnell at Mount Saint Mary's of the West in Cincinnati OH, David Farrell at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Saint Meinrad IN, Robert Hale at Mount St. Mary's of the West in Cincinnati OH, and Fermin Luna at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis IN.

Thanks to the amazing outpouring of support from our Parish we delivered a \$500.00 Stipend Check to each Seminarian.

News cont.



Wives of Council 1483 pack up Friday fish fry meals and bring them to homebound local residents.



The brothers of Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council 14372 in Lexington held their annual pulled pork fundraiser. They smoked almost 1,000 lbs of pork shoulder and then pulled the pork by hand and separated it into 1 lb bags. They did pre-sales after Masses the two weeks before and delivered the pork on Super Bowl Sunday.



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Bishop Mulloy Council bought Holy Water bottles to place in the back of Church with a "compliments of" sign (see attached photo). The pastor likes them and they go like hotcakes.

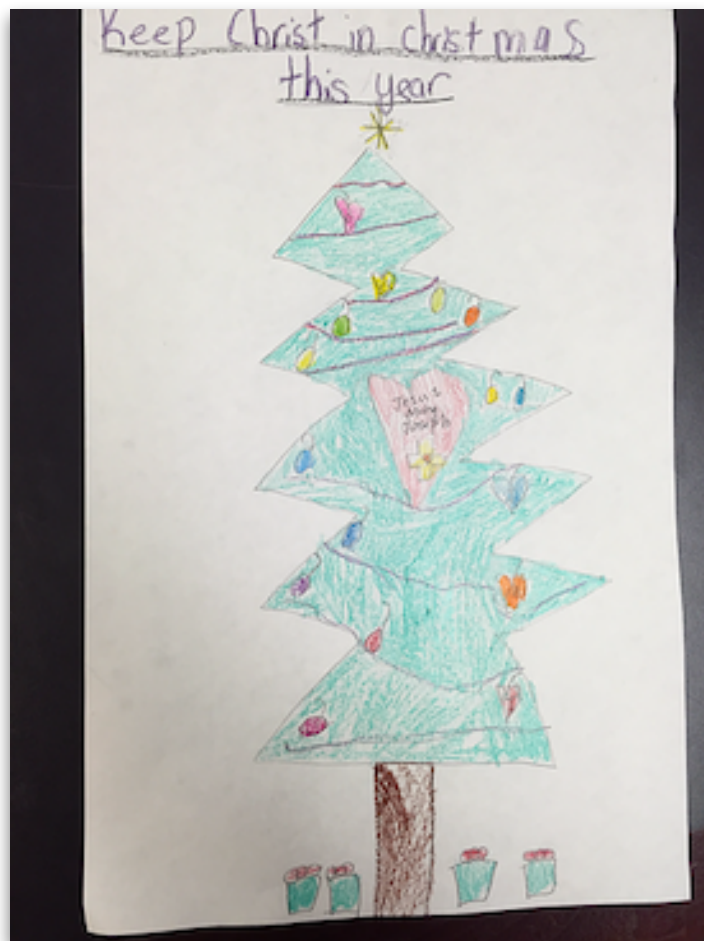


Bards town council #1290 held their Free Throw Contest.



On Sunday January 17th Archbishop Kurtz celebrated a Mass for all human life. The Mass was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus but was open to all and the turnout was great. Every seat in the church was taken.

News cont.



Christ the King Council 14130 in Lexington held their Keep Christ In Christmas contest and in January. The winning entries are shown above.

FYI

The Supreme Council will be conducting a webinar on Saturday, February 20, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time titled "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish" and will focus on the following:

- Building upon council programs which strengthen our families, parishes and councils
- Integrating councils and programs more fully into parish life
- Strengthening parish-based and parish-sponsored programs

This training session will take place on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please click on the link below to register for this event:

<http://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1102499/2844FDF5CF237786C12BE0666693AF57>

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Winners of the 2015 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Contest



Age 5-7 Division William Gordley Council 11470



Age 8-10 Division Sydney Sargent Council 11470



Age 11-14 Division Olivia White Council 5453

From State Deputy Frank Shay



The Christmas season and ordinary time has finished. We just had Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent has begun. This is a time when we should reflect on the Journey and Sacrifice of Our Lord for our sins. It is also a time when we

do penance hopefully in the form of corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. During this time we also fast, which the Frankfort Council Chaplain explained was a means of emptying ourselves to make room for God. Finally, Lent is a time when we pray for our Catechumens as they enter the last phase of their journey into our Faith. Let us both pray for them and welcome them.

Over the last year and one-half I have attended more than 150 Council meetings and listened to reports and plans for a very wide range of excellent programs in support of the six areas we Knights engage in. I thought I had pretty much seen everything. Of course we all know better than that. Last week I was attending a meeting at council 1483 in Frankfort. The council always has a dinner for the members before the meeting begins. Naturally I arrived in time for dinner. When I went into the cafeteria there was a table full of women. I immediately asked why the women were present. At that point, I learned of a program that was very new to me, and one that I liked and want to share with you.

The women were there to be recognized for their role in a council program run every Lent for the last 15 to 20 years. During Lent, the council, as most of our councils do, holds a Friday Fish Fry. The women put together twenty or so dinners from the excess that is always there, and they deliver them to home bound parishioners. This is not a program that required a great deal of money, nor a great number of workers, but think of the impact that had on the recipients. A good meal and a visit from someone who cares. I

know that many of our councils pack up their fish fry left overs and donate them to soup kitchens or other good causes, but this was the first time I had seen this done. I know that all of you who are having fish fries are using the left overs for a good purpose, and I hope you continue to work the corporal works of Mercy as part of your Lenten journey.

Lent ends with the sorrow of the Crucifixion and the Joy of the Resurrection. With the Resurrection there is the opening of Heaven to us through His sacrifice. On Easter weekend the Catechumens will complete their journey and be welcomed into our Faith. We should begin now to identify these individuals, pray for their completion of the journey, contact them and let them know the Knights of Columbus offer a way for them to live their Faith with other like-minded men in their new parish.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Shay



From State Chaplain Fr. Mario Tizziani

My Dear Brothers,
As we have entered into the sacred Season of Lent, it is important that we truly strive to open up our lives to Him both to fulfill our call and in response to His answering His call! St Paul tells us in the Second Letter to the Corinthians that "We are ambassadors for Christ...". As such, each one of us is a special person set aside to be a representative of someone of great significance. For us, that someone is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our call is to be His representatives to the world - to our families, our neighbors, co-workers, to those we meet in the neighborhood, the golf course, in the grocery store. Through spending time in the Word, in prayer, through generosity of our time, talents and treasures to the Church, we will grow in our personal relationship with Him. If we are TRULY living out Faith and striving to know Him, He will shine forth from us and we will TRULY be examples, that is, Ambassadors, to the world through our lives, through our actions, our words, our attitudes. Just a few verses after our call is mentioned, we find St Paul stating that "For our sake He made Him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Hear we realize the call of our Lord - He was called of the Father to become sin so that we might become righteous. Through His obedience to the Father, He took up the cross, denying the

shame, so that He could be crucified, that is, executed, for our salvation. He became our sins so that we could be free of them. If that isn't mercy, I don't know what is! My Brothers, we have a call. Jesus answered His and fulfilled the Father's perfect will. As His ambassadors, will we?

As a tool to aid in your Lenten walk, I recommend you visit DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. Matthew Kelly, the author of Rediscovering Jesus challenges is in our walk with Christ through this outstanding daily Lenten devotional. May you have your best Lent Ever!

Blessings,
Fr. Mario



From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

Happy February! For such a short month, we sure pack a lot into it. In case you need a reminder or a checklist, here it is:

- 2-2 Groundhog Day
- 2-14 Valentine's Day
- 2-7 Super Bowl Sunday
- 2-12 Council Fish Fry?
- 2-9 Mardi Gras
- 2-15 President's Day
- 2-10 Ash Wednesday
- 2-19 Council Fish Fry?

With so much going on, it would be very easy to let the Knights of Columbus activities take a back seat, but these are so much more rewarding than any of the others! If you haven't begun an earnest involvement in the Knights activities, I ask you to try. If your council has a Lenten Fish Fry, that's a great place to start. I have never heard a Brother Knight say he wished he had never got involved-Not once!

Thanks to the 4 year cycle of Leap year, this year February has an **extra day**. People lucky enough to be born on leap day, February 29, are called "leaplings" or "leapers" and celebrate 75% fewer birthdays. So that means a 76 year old is still a 19 year old teenager. Similarly, if you get married on Leap Day, your 5th anniversary would feel more like 20 years of marriage. Yep, enough said

on that subject (my wife reads these newsletters too).

But back to that extra day... Since it's an "extra" day and it only comes around every 4 years, I like to claim it as my personal "Goof-off" or "Do-Nothing" day. It is after all, an extra day right? I mean, the extra money I give to the cashier when I don't have the exact amount is returned to me as change. When I have an 8 pack of buns, the 9th burger on the grill is an extra and becomes my double burger (-OK, so I consciously plan that one). But this year, Leap day 2016 falls on a Monday - . So much for claiming the extra day for my own. In an ironic twist, every leap year is a Presidential election year, so I guess that extra day might be consumed in 30-60 sec increments watching political ads attacking otherwise good people who are just human. When you find yourself with some extra time, make it count. Say a few prayers for the many people you know who need them or for those who don't know they need them. There is always something to do in the Knights of Columbus and you shouldn't have to look very hard to find something satisfying that makes you feel like you've made a difference. We won't get another weekend Leap day until Saturday February 2020. So I have 4 years to get ready- to do nothing.

Gabe Cabral



From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers,

The Basketball Slam ticket sales are going very well so far. You all are on track to smash last year's ticket sales. And that is saying a lot because last year you almost doubled the sales from the previous year. Just a reminder that the ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets are due back to me on or before March 1st. Please send the tickets to Cameron Peck, 796 Wellington Way, Lexington, KY 40503.

Also, if your council would like to make a resolution to be considered at the state convention, that resolution needs to be approved by your council and then sent to me before March 15th.

Just a reminder, the two agreements that Supreme has developed for councils that rent facilities from home corporations are required to be signed by

the end of 2016. If you have any questions about these agreements please let me know. Also, if you need for me to come to your council meeting and explain the agreements to your council members I am available for that as well. I am here to help you with any legal questions you may have that concern your council or the Knights of Columbus. I am not a lawyer but I have access to the best lawyers at Supreme so don't hesitate to ask.

I hope you all have a great Lenten Season and I look forward to seeing you all at the state convention if not before.

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck



From Membership Director Bill Hancock PSD

Last month I wrote about a NUMBERS GAME with the opportunity for a contestant to win a \$25.00 prize. The game will consist of a 10 question multiple choice best answers choices. The February game has not been posted to the State website but will be by the time this article appears in the February newsletter or earlier. Once the game has been posted the Newsletter Editor will send a notification email to all recipients registered for the monthly newsletter. Good luck!

Super Bowl of Membership: Recruiters earned money for the Jurisdiction during each month of the contest. January was a slow month but with a “hail Mary” play on the last day 3 additional members were reported to carry for a first down and a \$210.00 incentive. Although the chart shows only 26 new members Supreme credited us with 30. Fifteen Councils were given credit for recruiting during the month. Congratulations to Council 4270, Springfield, for recruiting 8 new members. This contest has been relegated to the records book. The WildCards did very good!

| Division 3 | State | Team Name | Yearly Quota | Nov. Intake | Nov. % | Dec. Intake | Dec. % | Jan. Intake | Jan. % |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | North Carolina | Los Carolina Reys | 900 | 95 | 10.56% | 72 | 8.00% | 66 | 7.33% |
| Colorado | | 950 | 114 | 12.00% | 95 | 10.00% | 61 | 6.42% | |
| Georgia | | 1,000 | 122 | 12.20% | 96 | 9.60% | 55 | 5.50% | |
| Washington | | 930 | 96 | 10.32% | 59 | 6.34% | 46 | 4.95% | |
| Kentucky | WildCards | 570 | 52 | 9.12% | 62 | 10.88% | 26 | 4.56% | |
| North Dakota | | 355 | 53 | 14.93% | 34 | 9.58% | 15 | 4.23% | |
| Tennessee | Legion of the Holy Spirit | 640 | 54 | 8.44% | 44 | 6.88% | 27 | 4.22% | |
| Arizona | | 950 | 89 | 9.37% | 101 | 10.63% | 32 | 3.37% | |

Membership Madness: This contest will run during the months of February and March. At the time of this writing the WildCards are in first place in Division 3 with 18 new members. Eight of them were recruited by Council 1264, Lebanon. Congratulations! To find the latest contest results, go to the Supreme website, kofc.org, and click on "For Officers" on the right hand side with the gray background below the top pull down menus. Then you will see 11 blue tabs on the left hand side; click on "State Membership Awards"; then click on the title "Membership Madness."

Think ahead. March is the month to conduct a major membership drive in honor of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. Are you ready? Planning and execution will bring you success.

For those celebrating February birthdays, I wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY along with good health and prosperity in 2016. Age is a state of mind – think young.

Fraternally,
Bill Hancock, PSD, FM
Membership Director

From General Agent Darrell Swope

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 15th consecutive year of insurance sales growth in 2015, issuing more than \$8.4 billion of individual life insurance. The record sales have led to an increase of \$50 billion in the last decade.

The 15th consecutive year was also a historic one for the Order. On Nov. 3, the Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force, cementing its position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

“I firmly believe that our moral compass has helped guide us through a turbulent decade and an uncertain economy,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “While other companies were making ethically questionable and unnecessarily risky decisions, we were not. While others were looking for novel ways to do business and to increase profits, we were not. Our ethical practices, in fact, received international recognition in 2014 and 2015, when the Ethisphere Institute designated the Knights of Columbus as a World’s Most Ethical Company®. .”

The Knights was one of only three companies to receive that designation in the life insurance category. In August, the Knights of Columbus earned its 40th consecutive highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior), by ratings agency A.M. Best.

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From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

February Events; Tuesday, February 3, marks the 73rd 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 William Kopp, Bishop Flaget Assembly, Covington; Thomas Ellegood, Monsignor Thompson Assembly, Fancy Farm; a happy birthday. If I missed you, please let me know.

Faithful Navigators: Our next Exemplification will be at Owensboro, April 16th. Please let me know if you would like to host an Exemplification. This is a good way to increase your Assembly membership. Biannual Meeting March 19, 2016, Bardstown, KY.

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