

# STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## Welcome 2016



### JANUARY 2016

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

### Calendar

2nd & 3rd degree	Jan. 24
2nd & 3rd degree	Feb. 28
2nd & 3rd degree	March 5
Easter	March 27

### State Deputy visits local councils

The State Deputy has visited the following councils this month:

(photos on pages 10-11)

- Council 3908 Elsmere
- Council 1301 Dayton
- Council 14728 Falmouth
- Council 14372 Lexington
- Council 15613 Lexington
- Council 1290 Bardstown

- Council 1320 Henderson
- Council 2046 Whitesville

## Local news



Council 3908 in Elsmere held a 1st degree on December 14th and brought in Brother Patrick Keefe.



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



## New prayer program



O God of all the nations,  
the One God who is and was and always will be,  
in your providence you willed that your Church  
be united to the suffering of your Son.  
Look with mercy on your servants  
who are persecuted for their faith in you.  
Grant them perseverance and courage  
to be worthy imitators of Christ.  
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations  
to work for peace among all peoples.  
May your Spirit open conversion  
for those who contradict your will,  
that we may live in harmony.  
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,  
and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

*Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain*

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[christiansatrisk.org](http://christiansatrisk.org)

Some of you are familiar with the Order's program of outreach and assistance to Christians and other persecuted minorities in the Middle East. Those who are suffering need our material support, and to-date the Order has provided more than \$4.4 million in direct assistance. They also need our prayers.

Members and others are encouraged to pray this prayer – composed by Archbishop Lori – regularly. As council chaplains conduct blessing services for Solidarity Crosses – more than 1100 councils have purchased crosses so far – this prayer can be part of those services.

## From State Deputy Frank Shay



Brothers – I wish each of you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

The 2016 New Year’s resolution for all our councils should be to increase the good works performed both in quantity and quality. A quick review of last year’s accomplishments tells us what we need to strive to exceed.

2014-2015 Kentucky Fraternal Survey	
Charitable Activities	\$695,003
Church Donations	\$482,532
Community Donations	\$411,652
Culture of Life Donations	\$118,350
Youth	\$185,313
Total Donations	\$1,892,850
Visits to Sick and Bereaved	50,190
Volunteer Service Hours	549,616

This is a record to be proud of and a benchmark to see if we can do better.

The first month of 2016 was excellent, 62 men started the year as Knights. That gives us 62 more men to do good things for our brothers in Kentucky. Remember “We are our brother’s keeper”. Let each of us resolve to become more involved in our churches and communities in the coming months.

God Bless you for all you do in His name.

Vivat Jesus,  
Frank Shay



## From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

Happy New Year! This time of the year, you will very likely hear at least a couple of people talking about their resolutions. It's interesting to hear what folks are resolving "to do", or resolving to "not to do". In a very basic sense, it boils down to choices. Virtually every day, we are presented with the option to choose to between right and wrong—Free Will in other words.

As sons and daughters of the Catholic Church, we have all been introduced to the many elements of a virtuous life, and warned of those things that take away from this goal. And just as doing the wrong thing is a bad idea, so too is not doing the right thing. So how does this apply to the Knights of Columbus? Well think about **Apathy**. It's not one of the seven deadly sins, but 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 and many other programs 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.

As your State Secretary, your council will be hearing from me on 3 separate occasions. Very shortly, I will be sending out:

- Your councils' annual Per Capita bill.
- New Member billing for members initiated between July 1, and December 31, 2015.
- Delegate Registration for the 2016 State Convention.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of these. In the meantime- Happy New Year and get involved!

Gabe Cabral  
State Secretary

## From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers,  
Happy new year! I hope that 2015 was a good year for you and I hope that 2016 will be even better.

The ticket sales for the Basketball Slam fundraiser are going well so far. If you need more tickets to sell please let me know. We only have 900 left. And don't forget about the buy two get one free program too.

The state convention is still months away but it is time to start thinking about resolutions your council may want to submit for consideration at the state convention. This includes resolutions nominating a brother knight to be elected state office. All these resolutions must be received by the state advocate no later than March 15th.

Vivat Jesus,  
Cameron Peck

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**From Program Director Kent Hoskins**

**PROGRAMMING TIP**  
**OF**  
**THE MONTH**

Dear Brothers All:

I hope everyone had a Happy & Holy Christmas. Now that 2015 is behind us, let's get off to a great start in 2016 so that our Councils can finish the Fraternal Year in a stronger position than ever. Some Councils plan their Programs six (6) months at a time. If yours doesn't have a written plan of activities for the period January 1 ~ June 30, please try to draft one. Just talking about it is a recipe for failure. Be sure to have a written Program Plan in place. Get all of your paperwork in, especially the Fraternal Survey (due January 31<sup>st</sup>). Also submit

any delinquent forms. They're still being accepted.

Finally, if you conducted a Tootsie Roll drive in 2015, please get your Report and money into Jim Fink as soon as possible. It doesn't benefit anyone to have restricted Tootsie Roll money sitting idle in a council bank account'

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

Membership is a numbers game consisting of quotas, goals and achievements. We want to give every member the opportunity to play the Jurisdiction Numbers Game and earn a \$25.00 prize. Beginning in February and for the next four months thereafter a game will be posted to the Kentucky website, [kykofc.com](http://kykofc.com). To provide equal opportunity to shift workers two time periods have been established for the game 6:00 AM – 11:59 PM and Midnight - 5:59 AM. There will be a winner from each time group based on the send time of your email. A contestant can win only one time per contest. Contest entries will be sent to me at [chief195480@gmail.com](mailto:chief195480@gmail.com). More information to come.

A quote from Benjamin Franklin began "For the want of a nail a shoe was lost, for the want of a shoe the horse was lost". You probably know the rest. He was telling us that overlooking the smallest detail can lead to dire consequences. Take a look at your progress toward Star Council. Have you missed any small details, filing the forms 365 and 1728? Failure to achieve the award will cost you money in the form of a \$4.50 rebate from Supreme for each billable member on your roster.

For the want of one more new member the top incentive in the December Super Bowl of Membership contest was lost. It was still a very good month with recruiters from 27 Councils bringing in 62 new members. Incentives earned include Christmas Bonus, \$123.00, Touchdown status, \$490.00, and Number 1 in our division, \$250.00, for a total of \$863.00. The WildCards clawed their way from 7<sup>th</sup> place in November to 1<sup>st</sup> place in December. SUPER!! One additional member would have added an additional \$490.00 to the total December incentive.

	State	Team Name	Yearly Quota	Nov. Intake	Nov. %	Dec. Intake	Dec. %	Jan. Intake	Jan. %
Division 3	Kentucky	WildCards	570	52	9.12%	62	10.88%	0	0.00%
	Arizona		950	89	9.37%	101	10.63%	0	0.00%
	Colorado		950	114	12.00%	95	10.00%	0	0.00%
	Georgia		1,000	122	12.20%	96	9.60%	0	0.00%
	North Dakota		355	53	14.93%	34	9.58%	0	0.00%
	North Carolina	Los Carolina Reys	900	95	10.56%	72	8.00%	0	0.00%
	Tennessee	Legion of the Holy Spirit	640	54	8.44%	44	6.88%	0	0.00%
	Washington		930	96	10.32%	59	6.34%	0	0.00%

The Honor Roll was not updated for two weeks. During the holiday season Supreme was slow updating their statistics. They seem to be caught up. The Membership Honor Roll dated 1/8/2016 is being posted to the website. There are now 15 Councils listed. View the Honor Roll at [kykoc.com](http://kykoc.com). Fourteen additional Councils have achieved between 50% and 99%.of their membership quota.

For those of you with a January birth month, I wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY along with good health and prosperity in 2016.

Fraternally,

Bill Hancock, PSD, FM

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## From General Agent Darrell Swope

# A Tradition of Service

1/1/2016

### A Career Unlike Any Other

*“I am an agent for the Knights of Columbus because there’s no other career that can compare.”*

~ Nate Raso, Phoenix, Ariz.

A career as a Knights of Columbus field agent may very well be the most rewarding, fulfilling and unique opportunity that you’ll ever come across.

First and foremost, it gives you the opportunity to leave your mark. Working with a select group of professionals, you serve your local Catholic community and help support neighboring families.

Second, you get to determine your own level of success. Within our team-based agency system, you can enjoy a flexible schedule and unlimited potential as you work with brother Knights within an exclusive and established territory.

Finally, you don’t have to worry about checking your values at the door to the office. The Knights of Columbus is a proud Catholic company, a “World’s Most Ethical Company” and one of the globe’s greatest forces for good.

### Who Are Our Agents?

*“This is not my ‘job’ or my ‘career,’ this is my calling.”*

~ Kevin Pierce, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Knights of Columbus has more than 1,500 agents across North America. These men come from all walks of life, with differing levels of sales, insurance and fraternal experience. The differences don’t matter, but the similarities do.

All of them are looking to make a good living and a difference. All of them want to serve others. All of them enjoy aligning their faith and their work, and all of them came to us in search of the right team and the right company. We’re glad the agents found all of the above.

### How does it work?

*“I feel very fortunate to have found the Knights of Columbus very early in my life and to have made this my life’s work.”* ~ Bob Marlowe, Baltimore, Md.

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, you get to establish your own business as part of a regional agency team. You’re in business for yourself, but you’re never by yourself.

Our agents get to take advantage of a time-tested training system that has helped thousands of agents create successful careers throughout the years. Agents engage in pre-contract work and field-based training. They study in our custom Agent Online University. They participate in continuing education and earn professional designations.

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## Swope cont.

They take advantage of a support system of general agents, fellow agents, regional directors and Supreme Council office staff.

### What do agents do?

*“I am a Knights of Columbus field agent because I don’t believe in the concept of leaving your faith behind when you show up for work.” ~ Ted Pataki, Cedar Park, Texas*

Our field agents serve an exclusive territory of Knights of Columbus families. Working with their brother Knights, our agents present viable financial and insurance solutions and have regular contact with all of their clients.

Agents also serve existing policy holders and their families, provide survivor assistance and participate in fraternal functions.

### Make a Difference

*“As a new agent, I experienced firsthand how important life insurance can be for a family. That is why I am still an agent after 38 years in the business.”*

*~ Doug Supak, La Grange, Texas*


There’s a lot more to tell you about a career opportunity with the Knights of Columbus. For the right man, there’s no better opportunity and no better vocation to serve.

### Are you being called?

Let us know how we can get in touch with you. We’d be happy to schedule a time to give you more information on our system, training and process, and to help lead you on your path to success.

To find out more, visit [kofc.org/careers](http://kofc.org/careers) or call (203) 752-4136.





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## From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

**January Events;** Happy and a Blessed New Year, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. January 3, is The Epiphany of the Lord. January 10th is the Baptism of the Lord.

In 1776, during the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

In 1863, The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

**January;** The Re-New of Obligation. This needs to be conducted at the first Assembly meeting in January. IRS Form 990 must be filled, if you on a yearend reporting.

**January Birthdays:** Please wish Faithful Navigator Ken "Spanky" Spangenberg, E.T. Murphy Assembly, Vine Grove a Happy Birthday.

**Exemplification;** April 16, 2016, Owensboro, KY. Working on the plans at this time. Start working on Recruiting Knights to be Sir Knights for your Assembly. This will be a Saturday Exemplification.

**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.

Again may your family and Assembly have a Happy New Year!!

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis  
Kentucky District Master

