

STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Cash for Trash



Council #16125 in Knottsville picked up trash over 5 miles of highway to raise \$650 for various causes they will donate to this year.

State Deputy visits local councils

The State Deputy has visited the following councils this month:

Council 14129 Somerset

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

Calendar

1st, 2nd & 3rd degree	June 18
State Seminar	July 9-10

News



On Saturday April 23, the Relay For Life (Special Olympics) was held at MSU Stadium. This is a regional event held by the Murray Special Olympic team that Fr Joseph Saffer Council 6897 of Murray supports by supplying hotdogs, chips and water to all that attend. It was a splendid day for all.

On March 9th, St Margaret Mary Parish's Assigned Day at the Louisville Abortion Center during the 40 Days for Life Lent Prayer Campaign, Mrs. Susan Brooks, Mrs. Amy Craft, and StMM KofC #15979 Brother Mikey Small were praying outside of Louisville's Abortion Center. A vehicle pulled right up in front, and a man in his forties got out and came over to talk to the StMM Prayer Team. They were apprehensive at first but soon realized he was a man in pain.

He thanked them for what they were doing and said he wanted to make a contribution. He pulled out his wallet and handed the Prayer Team \$40. He said, with tears in his eyes, "Many people want to say that abortion is a woman's issue, but it's not. It's a man's issue, too. I had an abortion when I was in College. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about how I killed...murdered...my child."

The man said he is now married with several children; a Catholic, and belongs to a parish here in Louisville. He said, "I can't even share my opinion at work because of fear of others' opinions." He also related that his wife tells his daughter that abortion is a woman's decision.

They invited him to join in prayer with 40 Days for Life, but he said he couldn't because he was too recognizable and was afraid it could hurt his business. They told him we would pray for him and mentioned Project Rachel, which helps those who have experienced an abortion find healing and peace.

Twenty-eight members of the StMM Catholic Community volunteered to pray and witness at the Louisville Abortion Center on March 9th. SK Michael Ryan serves as StMM KofC Council #15979's Culture of Life Chairman and was once again instrumental in signing up the Parish's turnout for Life.

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One of our Knights had the idea to give some religious item to every family in our parishes since so many families these days don't have a religious picture or statue of some sort in their home. He was able to get the local Catholic bookstore to donate 300 pictures and pamphlets of the Divine Mercy image to us. On Divine Mercy Sunday, we handed out well over 200 of those pictures total after each Mass that weekend. What a perfect gift to give during the Year of Mercy.

+Vivat Jesus+
Mike Mudd G.K.

News cont.



On May 21st Council 1487 once again took part in the Annual Ashland Repair

Fair. This year Council 1487 had six volunteers to help the needy in Ashland. The

Knights who volunteered their time and efforts this year were Neal Holmes, Mark

Klein, Brian Listerman, Jeff Kelly, Ed Glockner, and John Tierney. The three projects

they were assigned to were installing a front porch safety handrail on two homes and

moving a chain link fence, mowing the yard, trimming a tree and general cleanup on



another home. This was all done for people who couldn't do it themselves because of health or finance problems. Just another way for The K of C to practice Charity.



News cont.



On Saturday, May 14th, the Kentucky Special Olympics Regional Track and field event was held at St. Xavier High School. It was a very cool day but the Good Lord kept the rain showers away during the event. With the help of two of our other area Councils, we were able to get 18 of our Knights and their family members to brave the elements and help make this event a success even though we were very short handed. As always, everyone who helped out got a lot more out of the event than we gave. Helping God's Special people allows us to appreciate and be thankful for all our blessings. Thanks to all who helped and let's get ready for next year. It will be held the Saturday after the Derby!

Terry Lockett
Council 13053



DD Bruce Whitehouse presented Fr. John Okoro with the Chaplain of the Year Award for the Owensboro Diocese during Mass.

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Saint Margaret Mary Pastor Rev. William D. Hammer, white apron, led Council #15979 KofC Brothers Mike Baumer, Mike Mitchell, Jeremiah Malone, & Bill Moriarity in grilling hundreds of hamburgers & hot dogs for Students & Parents at the 8th Grade Class Graduation Celebration on Tuesday, May 17th!



On May 6th #15979 FS Nick DiBartolomeo presented Saint Margaret Mary School Principal Wendy Sims with one of two copies of The United States Declaration of Independence, received from KofC Supreme, which Brother Nick beautifully framed for display at the Parish School. The other copy, which Nick also framed, was donated to the StMM Parish Picnic Silent Auction.



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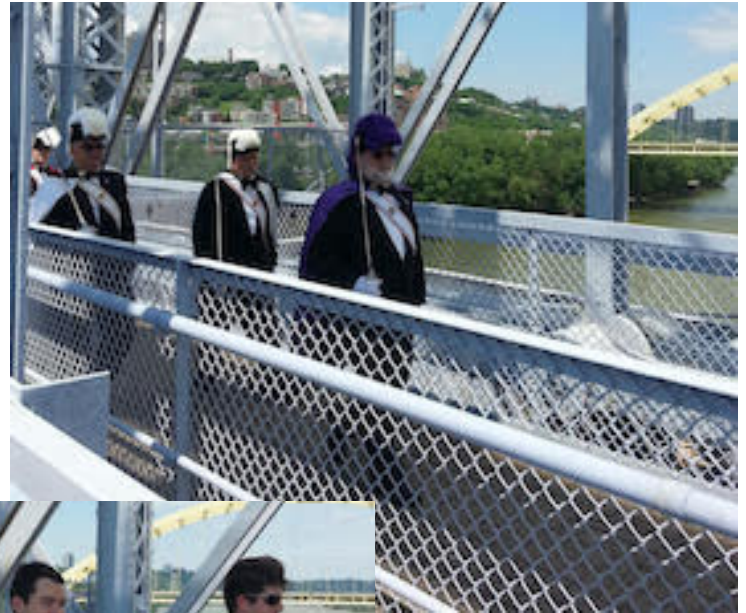


Bealer Council participated in the Memorial Day Parade.



10 bishop Flaget knights 13053 in action at the food tent at Ascension Parish in Louisville.

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The annual Cross the Bridge for Life event was held on Sunday, June 5th. The photos below include Brother Fred Meade leading the color corps, Bishop Roger Foy, crowds crossing and Brother Fred Meade with Gracyn and Olivia White, daughters of GK David White of Council 5453.

News cont.



Assembly 2008 celebrated the One Rose One Life Prayer Service at their June Meeting. Faithful Friar Father Pius Poff was the celebrant and Past DD SK Ken Rosenbaum led the service. The Prayer Service Reader was newly elected FN SK Joe Ledweg.

The Faithful Knights in attendance were most grateful to be a part of this national K of C Program as the Silver Roses travels throughout the entire USA and is making its way across KY on its travels to Mexico.



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From State Deputy Frank Shay



Brothers - this is my last opportunity to talk to all of you. It has been a good two years filled with a lot of good memories. Finish strong and keep our string of Circle of Honor going for a fifth straight year. We need 28 for circle of honor as of today, June 17, 2016. As I said at the convention everyplace I went these past two years I have been shown great kindness and hospitality. Obviously I can never repay this. I can only say

thank you for all you have done for me, the church, your community and the order.

VJ,
Frank Shay



From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers,
This fraternal year is coming to a close and I want to thank you for all your support the last two years while I had the honor of serving you as state advocate.

The fact that the fraternal year is almost finished has brought us a great opportunity that we have never had before. This year we are in a position that puts us within striking distance of the Pinnacle Award. As the name suggests, this is awarded to only a very select group of jurisdictions each year and Kentucky has never been this close to earning it before. It would be a huge milestone for the Kentucky Jurisdiction, all 12,000 of us, to earn the Pinnacle Award for the first time. But to do this we need to work quickly. We need to bring in 58 more members before July 1. This can be done. We have the 1st degree DVD available and we can email the form 100s to supreme

(membershiprecords@kofc.org) the next day. We also need for the councils to earn the Star Council Award. I would have a hard time believing that were is more than a handful of councils that haven't done enough service projects to qualify for the Columbian Award. The hang up appears to be the application form (SP-7). If you need help filling out or submitting the SP-7 form please contact me. I will help you. If we can get 18 Star Councils and 58 new members we will have earned the Pinnacle Award for the first time ever. Let's make it happen!

I look forward to serving you as the treasurer this coming year. And as always, if you ever need anything please don't hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck

From IPSD Bill Schmidt

Brother Knights –

It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of another fraternal year. It seems so long ago, and yet just like yesterday, that you elected me State Warden in 2008. Over the past eight years I have experienced so many great events and had the privilege to meet so many fantastic Knights and their families across the state of Kentucky. Witnessing your faith in action has been uplifting and inspiring.

As my days as a State Officer come to a close, I can honestly say that it has been an honor to serve you. Thank you for your support and confidence in me. Each of you are great examples of All-Star effort and the Power of One!

Moving on from State Office is certainly not goodbye but an opportunity for me to continue to serve you in different capacities under the next generation of fraternal leaders. You will not have to go far to find me as I will be here to support our State Deputy-elect and State Officers in continuing the tradition of excellence in Kentucky. I ask you to support Gabe Cabral in the same manner that you supported me.

Thank you all, and best wishes for a successful 2016-2017.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Schmidt
Immediate Past State Deputy



From General Agent Darrell Swope

Many companies claim their founder was a saint.

As brother Knights, our claim is not simply hyperbole: We know that our beloved founder lived a virtuous and holy life. We hope and pray that he will be raised to the dignity of the altar.

In fact, by proclaiming him Venerable in 2008, the Catholic Church has declared that Father McGivney exercised Christian virtue above and beyond the call of duty.

As members of his brotherhood, it is incumbent upon all brother Knights to act in a way that pays homage to Father McGivney, carries on his mission and works with the same virtuous spirit that animated his life. That duty applies to all aspects of Columbianism, whether it be our charitable work, our fraternal work or our business endeavors.

Those two concepts — Catholic virtue and profitable business — may seem incompatible, but the Knights of Columbus has long been a shining example of how businesses can succeed by placing faith and values before financial gain.

Our Catholic heritage permeates our business. It's part of what makes us so unique. We call it our Catholic difference.

Asked recently about the Knights of Columbus and its Catholicism, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson replied:

It means that we are different. We talk a lot about the “Catholic difference” of doing business with the Knights of Columbus. We present our members with a clear choice between doing business with us and doing business with a secular insurer. We are proud of our identity as a Catholic company. ...

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®.

We stayed true to our principles and knew that if we did the right thing for the right reasons, we would get the results that we wanted — and we have. Last year marked our 15th consecutive year of insurance sales growth.

The signature way in which our Catholic identity impacts our business is in our investment strategy. We put our money where our faith is. We have established a strict screening process that prevents us from investing in any of the following lines of business:

- abortions and abortifacients

- contraception

- human cloning

- embryonic stem cell research

- for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned

- pornography

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We also do not invest in junk bonds or in risky investment instruments. We do not believe that the potential for profit is worth jeopardizing our Catholic faith or our solemn promise to our members and their families. "It is a principled approach to investing," the supreme knight said, "that highlights the depth of our commitment to our faith. And while following these principles, our investment team has consistently achieved positive and competitive financial returns."

That's integrity.

Not all insurance companies are fraternal benefit societies. Not all fraternal benefit societies are Catholic. Not all Catholic insurers are like the Knights of Columbus — we *are* different.

We are different because of who we are. We are different because of what we believe. And we are different because of the way we act on those beliefs.

It's a difference that traces its way back to Father McGivney, and that ought to be a point of pride for all brother Knights and their families.



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From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

June Events; U.S. Army Birthday, two hundred forty one years ago. The U.S. Army was founded on 14 June 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year. The 14 June date is when Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in The Committee of the Whole.

June 14th is also Flag Day in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Pennsylvania became the first U.S. State to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statue designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.



June is Officer elections, please remember to submit them on line and send me a copy.

June Birthdays: Please wish Faithful Navigators John Thomas, Monsignor McGee Assembly, Bardstown; Darryl Wurth, St John the Evangelist Assembly, Lone Oak; a happy birthday. If I missed you, please let me know.

Faithful Navigators: Please let me know if you would like to host an Exemplification. This is a good way to increase your Assembly membership.
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.

See you at the State Convention.

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

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis,
Kentucky District Master