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**KY State Council Newsletter** 

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### **Our Lady of Fatima**

Several brothers from Council 14372, in Lexington, helped out with the Parish's 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Celebration on May 13th.



### **New Knights**

New KofC Brother Knights L-R: StMM Youth Ministry Coordinator Bryan D. Cain, StMM Pastor & #15979 Chaplain Rev. William D. Hammer, William S. Fuller, Jr., & Christian Saylor completed their KofC 1st Degree on May 9, 2017





#### **Tootsie Roll Drive**

Every year the Knights of Columbus holds a Tootsie Roll drive to benefit the mentally handicapped. This year Bishop Mulloy Council (Southgate) decided to split the monies raised between Redwood and the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home (DCCH). Shown presenting the checks are: Ron Bertsch, Sr, K of C Council Tootsie Roll Chairman, John Francis, CEO of Redwood, Ron Bertsch, Jr, Director of Therapeutic Foster Care / Adoption for DCCH, Bob Wilson, Executive Director for DCCH, Deacon Bill Theis, Financial Secretary for K of C

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis

#### **Council #5453 Scholarship Winner**

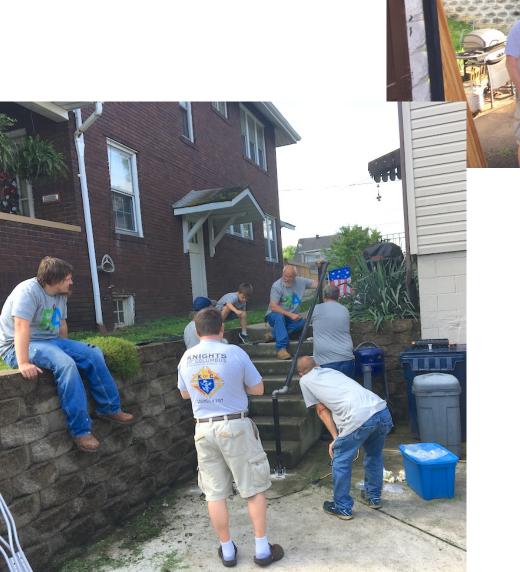
Miss Isabel Alcorn (center) poses with her grandparents, Brother Jim and Aggie Alcorn (left) and her parents (right) following the 8th Grade Prayer Service and Awards Ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Church in Fort Mitchell. KY. Isabel was the winner from 11 entrants for this year's scholarship in memory of Brother Gene Hahn, a Charter Member of the council who passed away last year. Isabel plans to attend Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills this Fall.



#### 2017 Repair Affair

The Knights of Columbus Council 1487 once again took part in Ashland's Annual Repair Affair this year. There were 14 members and wives of members who came to perform a good deed or two for the community. The K of C finished five projects doing yard work and cleanup, carpentry, gutter work, painting, and even some garden work for some of the needy citizens of Ashland who for one reason or another couldn't perform the work themselves.

This was our third year to be involved in The Ashland Repair Affair and we had a really great turnout from members and their spouses. Taking part in this project was Ryan Ramsey, Neil Fisher, Ed Glockner, Mike Caudill, Rob Shivel, Neal Holmes, Sam Smith, John and Shelia Tierney, Rob and Peggy Duggan, Brian Listerman, Ted Wilhelm, and Mark Klein.



# \$1100 Donation to Scouts from First Donut Event of the Season!



Thanks for Brother Reese Davies for chairing the event that raised \$1,100 for Troop 727 at IHM. The BSA troop from Mary Queen of Heaven was also part of this event and raised over \$800 for their group as well.



# Clean Water for God's thirsty Children

Bishop Flaget 13053 invited Sister Larraine of Water with Blessings to address the Council on her life saving program of Clean Water for God's thirsty Children Donations were generously collected. \$60 gives a family with clean water for life. Pictured with Sister is DGK Larry Kessler.



### State Deputy Gabe Cabral

Many thanks to all the attendees of the 2017 State Convention. By the accounts I have been given to date, the location met or exceeded their expectations, the food was great and

the meeting was well paced. I can attest that no one was disappointed that the proceeding ended ahead of schedule! Thanks to the 4 councils who brought their council banners for display during the meeting. I hope at next year's convention, we have enough to line the walls of our meeting space.

The State Convention team of Steve O'Bryan, Ed Quinn, and many others in the Lexington and Louisville areas, did a phenomenal job of looking after the details and ensuring a pleasant experience for all. THANK YOU ALL!

Congratulations to the newly elected officers: State Secretary-Cameron Peck, State Treasurer-Steve Zanone, State Advocate-Tom Johnson and State Warden-Luke Williams. I humbly thank you for your election of myself to serve as your State Deputy for another year. The State Council will be rounded out with four additional men who are indispensable: State Chaplain and Associate Chaplain, Fr. Pat Dolan & Fr. Mario Tizziani, Immediate Past State Deputy Bill Schmidt and State Executive Secretary Mike Kuchenbrod. I look forward to working with them in the coming year and a solicit your support of all these men in their

mission to continue the work of our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

My Brother Knights, we are closing out yet another fraternal year. For the last 11 months, councils across the state have been working hard to complete their programs for the betterment of their communities, and bettering themselves in the process. Doing good things for others, without expecting anything in exchange (CHARITY) has an unexpected return on the time you invest. You can see it in a child's face at a KofC Christmas Party or Easter Egg Hunt. You can see it in the tears of a handicapped person when their wheelchair ramp is finished. And you can see it in the dedicated priests who are sponsored by the RSVP program. So why not share these rewards and opportunities, and help create some potentially great Knights? Just as many of us have just planted our spring garden for a summer crop, now is the time to begin planting the seeds of interest in next year's crop of new Knights.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the many Brother Knights and families I have had the pleasure to meet over the past 7 years. When I started this journey, I had no idea of the amount of work there would be and even less awareness of how rewarding it would be. Through your example, you inspire us all to be better husbands, fathers and Knights of Columbus.-Please consider sharing your experience with a qualified man by asking him to join our ranks.

Vivat Jesus! Gabe Cabral State Deputy

# State Chaplain Fr. Patrick Dolan

# Spirituality for Knights of Columbus in a Contemporary American Environment

The way we each let our souls grow in connection to and love for God is what most folks call Spirituality. Our 21st century Knights seek that same best method of growth, just as the original founding Knights did. However, the contemporary atmosphere (personal history, work environment, family challenges, etc.) is different enough that a few suggestions might be helpful. Many if not most of the founding Knights were veterans of the civil war and were employed as what we call today first responders. They had put their lives on the line—and were doing so still. With that came a sense of urgency and a sense of brotherhood with fellow knights that significantly flavored their spirituality. Describing life as a battle against evil in its many subtle forms, against the "world, the flesh and the devil," resonated with them better than it does with many in contemporary society.

Today, fewer of our Knights have had combat experience, though the Knights have shown and continue to show great respect for those who have been and any who still are in the military or serve as first responders.

Today many more knights are engaged professionally in either the economic marketplace or

various fields of research and education—which also includes government licensing and monitoring, etc. What tools are there for these Knights to grow spiritually when their world of spiritual struggles has fewer outright battles? Fortunately, we have discovered spiritual tools for these Knights too.

The hands that God has given us act as an analogy to the essential aspects of society in which we all operate, even though we each focus in one or another aspect of society as we earn our living and support our families. The thumb reminds us of the family, the source of all human organization. Yet the family has trouble operating by itself. Very few of us operate in an extreme frontier society where we live in a family completely out of contact with the rest of the world. The first finger reminds us of the state, a family of families, which supports a bigger group of humans. It protects, organizes (traffic regulations to move better), and gathers taxes to provide the things better



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done by a large group (roads, water systems, etc.) than by each family on their own. All Knights belong to a family of some kind, and some still focus their work for the state in a variety of good ways that often still carry a self-sacrificing risk with it.

The other three fingers remind us of the other essential aspects of society. One represents the marketplace, where one's goods and services are traded for the products of another's. The other two fingers represent the academy and religion. All equally interact with and enhance the family. We learn first from our parents how to crawl, then walk, then talk, and all other functions; and the family is the **Domestic Church where we first learn** to pray. Though some of our Knights are focused on church activities, many, many more are involved in the marketplace and the academy in various ways. Due to that external environment, and the internal behavior and attitudes it fosters, the easiest spiritual pathway for many of our Knights is not through viewing life as a battle. There is a spirituality for the marketplace and for the academy that helps them grow spiritually more integrally—even though we are all part

of all five of these essential aspects of society.

Marketplace spirituality can best be described not as a battle of vanquishing one's foes, but as a cooperative venture that is a win-win arrangement for both. Each producer wants its customers to succeed—so that they can trade for more of one's products. Even though there is considerable competition for limited markets and limited resources, the dominant vision is that of a chamber of commerce where every party succeeds and prospers. The spiritual focus is service rather than conquest. In a local community one actually fosters diversity: bankers, plumbers, bakers, grocery stores and computer stores—rather than every specialty in just one place which tempts one toward mediocrity. There is a pride in one's own product without a denigration of the other—even the competitor. Its spiritual vision is much like the Mystical Body of Christ described by St. Paul where each member's welfare is important to the other. Charity and Fraternity can certainly flourish here. Win-win means building up all, even when not every element grows at the same speed. It also implies a care and concern for those members who lag behind.

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Charity, Unity and Fraternity can certainly flourish in this atmosphere—along with patriotism even without personal military service.

Unlike the rolling thunder of the battlefield, the academy provides a rolling learning that builds on the past and prepares the future. It involves a mutual respect of teacher (and researcher) and students, letting them sharpen each other's skills and together advance the wisdom and knowledge of this world. Indeed, it is often said that one actually learns a subject only when he has to teach it to others. This remains true throughout life, where medical advances continue to develop, and ever more amazing buildings are constructed or new chemicals are discovered—all involving a mentoring of the newest members of the research team as they join. Mentoring new Knights, including grooming them for leadership positions, resonates with this activity. Moreover, encouraging our Junior Knights via good example as well as direct coaching ensures our future all while supporting the spirituality of the mentors.

Those Knights whose lives are focused in the marketplace or the academy are still part of the state and the church—and all are part of a family. Marketplace Knights may see their shield as a brand name or product reputation, their sword as a clever advertising campaign and their helmet as a "tough hide" or sales resistance; whereas Academic Knights may see their shield as academic freedom, their sword as insightful instruction (getting that "ahha" moment) and their helmet as intellectual quality. These tools can be just as useful for spiritual growth as were the battlefield visions of our founding Knights, for God is sovereign over all the segments of human society—and calls to us best each in our own area and style of life. May God draw you to himself and permeate you with his grace each in your own way-and through you enhance the family, the state, the marketplace, the academy and his holy church.

Fr. Patrick Dolan KY State Chaplain

# State Secretary Cameron Peck

#### Brothers,

The end of the fraternal year is quickly approaching. Make sure that your council submits the SP-7 form before June 30th. This is a hard deadline for Supreme, they will not accept this form late. I can't imagine that there are many councils in Kentucky that cannot earn the Columbian Award if you fill out the paperwork and submit it on time. Our councils are always busy doing great projects to help other people. But unfortunately some will fail to submit the proper paperwork. I know that you don't do these projects for the awards, but that doesn't mean that you should shy away from being recognized for your great work. Like the bible says, don't hide your light under a bushel basket, put it on a lamp stand in the center of the room so the light can be seen by all. If you need help filling out the SP-7 form, please let me know and I will help you or I will put you in contact with someone else that will help you.

And with the end of the fraternal year approaching, that also means, the beginning of the



new fraternal year is almost here. So let's make some "new fraternal year's resolutions". Let's resolve to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man we come in contact with. Let's resolve to participate in one more activity than we did last year. Let's resolve to be a better man, a better father and a better Knight than we were last year.

Whatever you make as your new fraternal year's resolution, make an effort to write it down and follow through with it.

So, to conclude, let's finish strong and keep pushing ahead as we go into the new fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus, Cameron Peck State Secretary

# State Advocate Tom Johnson

#### A QUICK LOOK BACK AT FY 2016-2017

As the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year comes to a close, I'd like to congratulate those councils that were recognized at the State Convention for achieving the prestigious State Deputy Award and many other councils achieved awards that they could take back to their councils. Congratulations to all!



The State Convention was a great success. Not only were councils awarded and recognized for their efforts, new friendships were made and old ones renewed. The State Convention is a time of celebration and also a time of reflection. While we witnessed many successes, we also recognized that as a State Jurisdiction we had some short falls particularly in membership, new councils, retention, roundtables and reporting our good deeds. Our Worthy State Deputy and State Officers recognize these shortfalls and are committed to making the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year a banner year for the State of KY but we need your help.

#### **UPCOMING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The upcoming Organizational Meeting on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> (for District Deputies) and Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> (for GK, DGK, FS, Program Director & Membership Director) is the first step. Don't just blow this meeting off thinking you already know what is going to be said and that you already know how to run your council. You are the leaders of your council. Exemplify that leadership and be a positive example to your council members.

#### Safe Environment Training:

With the new fraternal year comes a renewed effort on the part of Supreme to have every council 100% compliant with the Safe Environment Training initiative. The program was rolled out this past fraternal year and Supreme was somewhat relaxed in their enforcement. However this fraternal year will be different. Learn about what Supreme expects and how to insure your council is compliant at the July Organizational Meeting.

### Johnson cont.

#### **Delinquent Council Reports:**

As of 6-1-2017 we have a large number of councils showing delinquent reports with Supreme.

F-185 Officers Chosen for the Term - 12 Councils \* report was due by the end of July 2016

F-365 Service Program Personnel Report - 26 Councils \* report was due by the end of July 2016

F-1295 (1) Semi Annual Audit for Period ending 6/30/2016

COUNCILS DELINQUENT LAST 2 PERIODS: - 20 \* These councils are in danger of losing their bonding and face possible suspension.

COUNCILS DELINQUENT FOR THE LAST PERIOD: 5
 TOTAL NUMBER OF DELINQUENT COUNCILS: 25

F-1295 (2) Semi Annual Audit fro Period ending 12/31/2016

COUNCILS DELINQUENT LAST 2 PERIODS: - 24 \* These councils are in danger of losing their bonding and face possible suspension.

COUNCILS DELINQUENT FOR THE LAST PERIOD: 7
 TOTAL NUMBER OF DELINQUENT COUNCILS: 31

F-1728 Survey of Fraternal Activity - 17 Councils \* report was due January 31st, 2017

SP-7 Columbian Award Application - 98 Councils \* report due June 30th, 2017

Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Trustees...It is your responsibility to insure that your council reports are completed and turned in on time. District Deputies...you have access to the councils within your district. Please help to make sure that all of your councils are compliant.

In an effort to help every council become 100% compliant with their forms reporting I have put together two training programs to help old and new council officers understand the importance of the forms and how to fill them out. I will be reviewing these programs at the July Organizational Meeting.

I hope to see you at the July Organizational Meeting next month. Let's make the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year a banner year for all.

Vivat Jesus.

**Tom Johnson** 

**State Advocate** 



# State Warden Luke Williams

Brothers, It has been an honor to serve the State Council this past fraternal year. Thank you for electing me be your State Warden for the 2017-2018

fraternal year. Thanks to all who attended the 2017 State Convention last month in Lexington.

Thank you to the outgoing officers for your service this past fraternal year. Congratulations and good luck to all newly elected or appointed officers for the upcoming year. Grand Knights, be sure to include your Deputy Grand Knight in all your email correspondence. This will help prepare him to assume the council leadership when the time comes.

The Annual Kentucky Knights of Columbus **NFL Football Frenzy Sweepstakes to** support the Kentucky Charities Fund is gearing up! Tickets will be distributed at the July Organizational Meeting in Lexington. This fundraiser not only helps the State Charities account, but is an excellent way to help your council with funds. The total sales is split between councils that participated and the Charities account. The council that sold the most tickets last year made \$747 for their efforts. If your council had sold 15 tickets, you would have made \$46. Some councils bought tickets and won prizes along with the money earned from sales. There is \$7,000 cash prizes for this

football frenzy event over 10 weeks of the pro football season starting on the October 29th weekend. The buy 2 get 1 free offer will also be in effect this year for the sweepstakes. Circle October 14th as the day all money, completed ticket stubs or unsold tickets need to be in my possession in order to get entered for the first week of the prizes.



State pins are now available for sale from the State Warden. This year's pin is in commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady's appearances to the children in Fatima. Cost of these beautiful pins are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. These pins will be available at the July Organizational Meeting and

other State meetings. They are great gifts for your Priests and religious, brother Knights, and family.

If you have any questions about the NFL Sweepstakes or the State Pins, Please contact me.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the July Organizational Meeting next month and any upcoming events. Thanks for being a part of this great organization.

Vivat Jesus, Luke A. Williams State Warden

# State Program Director Bill Schmidt PSD

#### **Brother Knights -**

The end of the fraternal year is virtually here. Star Council has become the focus for me and for many of you, I am sure. As of June 10<sup>th</sup>, I would like to congratulate the members of the following councils for having met all of the requirements for Star Council, including membership, insurance, programs, and reports: Sacred Heart Council #5071 in Corbin, Fr. Carroll White Council #6743 in Grayson County, and Christ the King Council 16232 in Scottsville!

Many other councils look like they are poised to earn the top award in the Order but still need to meet one of the Star Council criterion. If your Grand Knight has not been contacted by me, please let me know right away as I have been following more than 20 councils' progress towards the Star. The goal is 20 Star Councils, and I have every intent of reaching that goal for the State. There is still a lot of work to be done.

If you need help with recruiting, contact your District Deputy or Membership Director Rick Arnold. If you still need to meet your Insurance quota, about the only option left for you is to reactivate an Inactive Insurance member before June 30th. If you need to file the Columbian Award (SP-7), please contact me immediately. This report should not prevent a council from earning Star

Council, but you need to complete it and send it to Supreme right away.

As I said last month, now is the



As always, remember to use every program as an opportunity to invite a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus. Invite a friend to join us and be part of the programs your council has to offer.

Fraternally,
Bill Schmidt, PSD
General Program Director
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# District Master Gary Dykuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

June Events; Seventy-three years ago the Normandy

landings (codenamed Operation Neptune) were the landing operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 (termed D-Day) of the Allied, invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. The largest seaborne invasion in history, the operation began the liberation of German-occupied northwestern Europe from Nazi control, and contributed to the Allied victory on the Western Front.

The Allies failed to achieve any of their goals on the first day. Carentan, St Lo, and Bayeux remained in German hands, and Caen, a major objective, was not captured until 21 July. Only two of the beaches (Juno and Gold) were linked on the first day, and all five Beachheads were not connected until 12 June; however, the operation gained a foothold which the Allies gradually expanded over the coming months. German casualties on D-Day have been estimated at 4,000 to 9,000 men.

Allied casualties were at least 10,000, with 4,414 confirmed dead.

Next Exemplification: July 22, 2017, Father Alexander Korte, Bowling Green, KY. The planning is done and the information is on the Kentucky Website. The information was handed it out at the State Convention, this Exemplification will be held in the Owensboro Diocese. This will be the First Exemplification for 2018 Fraternal Year. The new Year starts July 1, and I hope to have an Exemplification in each of the Diocese of Kentucky. The October Exemplification will be in Lexington on October 14. The February Exemplification will be held in Radcliff on February 24. If your Assembly would like to sponsor an Exemplification, please let me know.

June is also election month. Please conduct your elections and report the new Assembly Officers on the Knights of Columbus Website.

Please help the Kentucky District with new Sir Knights. You can do this by assisting your council holding; First Degree - Admission Degrees, Second Degree - Formation Degrees, and Third Degree - Knighthood Degrees.

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There are a large number First Degree members of our order that need to be advanced to 2nd and 3rd Degrees. These are members that would make Great Council Officers and Sir Knights. But as Sir Knights, we should be having Admission – First Degrees at our council meetings. Yes, the Council can use the DVD, as works great. Please note my new e-mail address; garydykhuis@att.net

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis, Kentucky District Master

# General Agent Darrell Swope

#### Peace of Mind

6/1/2017

Can your family survive without you?

It is an uncomfortable question, but an important one. How would your wife replace your income? What would happen to the house? How would your children pay for college?

As fathers, it is our job to make sure our families are well-protected and well-prepared. Of course, this duty — along with all of the other responsibilities that come with the vocation of fatherhood — can appear overwhelming. Our vocation begins to feel like a burden; it seems we will never again experience peace of mind, let alone financial protection.

Fortunately, as members of the Knights of Columbus, you have exclusive access to a tremendous set of fraternal benefits that can help you achieve peace of mind and provide the protection that your family needs and deserves.

Life insurance is a powerful tool that — properly structured — can help you secure your family's future. As a Knight, you have access to a whole host of life insurance products that can be either permanent or temporary (called "term").

Permanent life insurance is the Knights of Columbus' signature product. It provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's dynamic.

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It's simple and straightforward.

Both are designed for peace of mind.

#### Who needs it?

Life insurance may be an ideal solution for you if you are interested in:

- Providing money for your final expenses to remove the burden from your family.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of your untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Enabling your loved ones to pay off your personal debt like credit card or auto loan debt should you pass away suddenly.
- Leaving a donation to a charity or special interest after your death.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes that occur after you die.

Knights of Columbus life insurance products are flexible to fit your needs.

#### **Permanent Options**

Single Premium Whole Life — Secure protection and start your legacy with one single payment.

10 Pay or 20 Pay Life — Pay your premiums in just 10 or 20 years, and your death benefit is guaranteed for life.

Life Paid-Up at 65 — Pay your premiums until age 65, so that you don't have to worry about additional expenses in



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Life Paid-Up at 65 — Pay your premiums until age 65, so that you don't have to worry about additional expenses in retirement.

*Life Paid-Up at 100* — Pay level, guaranteed premiums until your 100th birthday.

Graded Premium Whole Life — Enjoy lower premiums for your first few

years to help you get started. Premiums will then gradually increase before leveling off.

#### **Temporary Options**

10, 15 or 20 Year Term — Cover your family for 10, 15 or 20 years with our Accelerator Term Insurance series, which includes a unique opportunity to increase your coverage amount by 25 percent, to keep up with inflation and salary increases, for an extremely low cost.

Annual Renewable Term — Review and renew your coverage annually, with adjusted premiums and a level death benefit.

*Young Adult Insurance* — Start your insurance protection through this special product for Knights and their spouses ages 18-29.

#### Specialty Products

The Knights of Columbus also offers several specialty products, including Discoverer (a unique blend of the best features of both permanent and term insurance), Graded Death Benefit (a guaranteed issue final expenses product) and Survivorship Universal Life (a second-to-die policy for couples, families or business partners).

As fathers, we simply want the peace of mind that comes with knowing our families will be okay. With a well-designed life insurance product, peace of mind is possible. By doing business with the Knights of Columbus, you have the added comfort of knowing that you are supporting a Catholic organization and business that invests ethically and gives generously.

So contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today and lay out a plan to help obtain peace of mind for you and your family.

## Help Wanted



#### **Upcoming Events**

June **Father's Day** 18 2nd & 3rd Degree 24 1st Degree 27 1st Degree 30 July 2nd & 3rd Degree 1 **Organizational Meeting** 8-9 4th Degree 22 1st Degree 25 **Supreme Convention** June 29-Aug 3

#### Joke of the Month

Why aren't koalas actual bears?

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