

STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

State Convention 2016

CONVENTION EDITION

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

Calendar

1st, 2nd & 3rd degree	June 11
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The 2016 State Convention we held in Lexington on May 13th, 14th and 15th. It was a great event and a chance for our brothers to get together, catch up and celebrate our successes this past year. Throughout this issue you will find information about the weekend and many photos of this great event.

Meeting

Our business meeting on Saturday morning started at 9:00am when Bishop of Lexington, John Stowe, led our opening prayer. Bishop Stowe could not attend the banquet that evening because he had a conformation that same day but he wanted to come by and express his gratitude for the work that the Knights of Columbus do to help the church and others.



Our Supreme representative was Supreme Secretary, Charles E. Maurer Jr. Brother Maurer is a PSD from Indiana. He commented that it is nice to come to Kentucky because it gives him a chance to stop by and visit family on his way back to Connecticut.



Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon, held yearly during the convention, affords the women attending the convention an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, lunch, and a program.



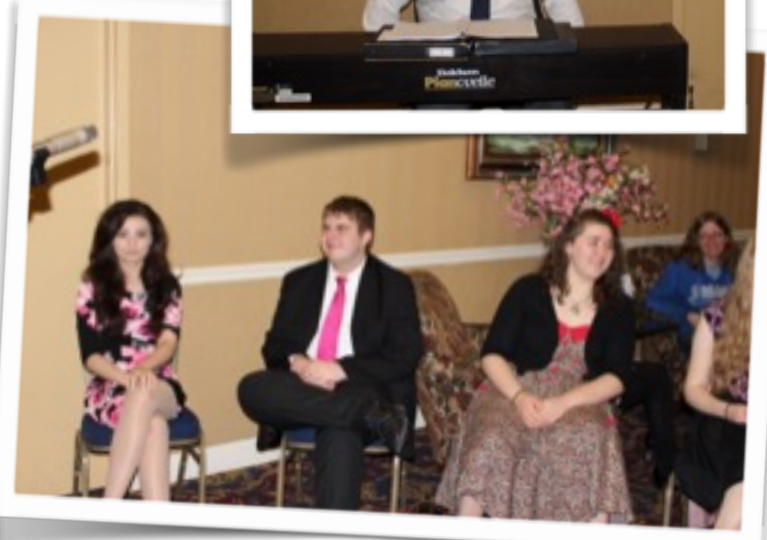
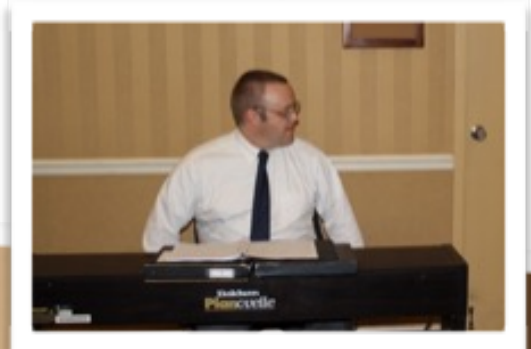
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This year's program was a presentation of show tunes by students from Lexington Catholic High School under the direction of Mr. Robert Vanover. In keeping with the musical theme, centerpieces were provided by Anne Peck. Door prizes were donated by the Ladies Axillary of Council 762.



Banquet



Our keynote speaker was Supreme Secretary Charles E. Maurer Jr.



The Family of the Year Award was presented to the Robbie Higdon family. They will be submitted to Supreme for consideration for the International Family of the Year Award.



Fr. Deatrick was named as Chaplin of the year for the Archdiocese of Louisville and he was also Presented a copy of a Resolution passed by the 113th State Convention Delegates honoring his 50 years as a priest.



DD Ken Rosenbaum was Awarded the State Deputy Award for his exceptional service to the State Deputy during the past year.

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PSD Bill Hancock was awarded the O'Connor Award.



Grand Knight John McCarthy accepted the Council of the Year Award for Council 390.



State Deputy Frank Shay presented a check for \$1,500 to the Special Olympics. Mark Burger (above) is a brother knight and employee of Special Olympics.



PSD Jim Fink was honored for organizing the state convention for so many years. Jim worked tirelessly to ensure that we had a great convention.

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Chaplain of the year awards were awarded to: Diocese of Covington - Fr. Mike Hennigan; Diocese of Lexington - Fr. Danny Fister; Diocese of Owensboro – Fr. John Okoro. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend the banquet.

Former Vice Supreme Master Joe Dant was awarded The Father Dentinger Lifetime Service Award (photo unavailable).

State Warden Elect Tom Johnson



On Sunday Morning of the convention, the delegates elected District Deputy Tom Johnson to the office of State Warden for the 2016-2017 fraternal year.

Brother Tom has served council #11470 in Georgetown for several years as Financial Secretary, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. During his term as Grand Knight, the council earned the Star Council Award. Tom also served four years as District Deputy in two terms several years apart. During that time he earned the Star District Award twice and was instrumental in forming councils 1955 (reinstated), 13196, 13917 and 16206. Tom is also a member of his council's 1st degree team.

Tom was a successful Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Agency for several years as well.

He has enjoyed a successful 30 year career in manufacturing management and continues to own and operate a successful property rental business. He also serves his parish as sacristan and Eucharistic minister.

Tom grew up in Louisville and attended grade school at St Pius X and high school at Trinity. He graduated from Morehead State University in 1974 with a BS in Industrial Technology and a minor in Business Administration.

He and Janet will be married 39 years this October and they have 3 children (Erica, Tommy and Sarah) and 4 grandchildren (Gibson, Bella, Weston and Sadie). Both Tom's parents and brother live in Louisville.

In Tom's words - "Like most people I have had many successes and failures. The failures make you stronger and the successes bring joy and happiness. My greatest success is my marriage and family and I thank God daily for His blessings."

Election results

State officers for 2016-2017 fraternal year will be:

State Deputy - Gabe Cabral
State Secretary - John McGill
State Treasurer - Cameron Peck
State Advocate - Steve Zanone
State Warden - Tom Johnson

From State Deputy Frank Shay



Brothers – The State Convention has come and gone. I would like to again thank Jim Fink for putting the event together. I have heard many very favorable comments about the convention as a result of his efforts. I also want to again

thank the Brothers of Council 762 in Lexington for their very nice dinner Friday evening before the convention.

At the Awards Ceremony over 150 awards were given to Brother Knights for the many good things done throughout the year.

Some of the awards of interest were:

Church Award – Council 16125 Mike Mudd Grand Knight; Council Award Council 13053 Richard Hines Grand Knight; Family Award Council 12965 David Tilley Grand Knight; Community Award Council 14234 Tim Gahlinger Grand Knight; and the Culture of Life Award Council 5453 David White Grand Knight. Kent Hoskins will be forwarding these entries for the Supreme competition.

An amazing thirty-one councils received the State Deputy Award while seventeen more councils won the Program Directors Award. Thirteen councils received the Large Council Logo Etched Beer Pitcher Incentive Award and Eight Councils received the Woodford Reserve Logo Etched Bourbon for 100% Membership and 100% insurance. The RCIA Award went to Council 11470. The Ultrasound Initiative Award was given to five councils. The 100% Membership Award was given to nineteen councils. The NFL Sales awards were given to Councils 4473 and 15181. Basketball Slam Sales Awards were given to Councils 12774 and 15181. Culture of Life Olive Wood Crosses were given to twenty-three councils. KAMD fundraising Awards were given to nine councils. All twenty-six of our District Deputies were given Awards for their service. The delegates also



passed a resolution honoring these men for their service to the councils.

At the Banquet additional awards were given: Chaplain of the year awards were given to: Diocese of Covington - Fr. Mike Hennigan; Diocese of Lexington - Fr. Danny Fister; Diocese of Owensboro – Fr. John Okoro; Archdiocese of Louisville Fr. John Deatruck. Fr. Deatruck was also given a copy of a Resolution passed by the 113th State Convention Delegates honoring him for his fifty years of service as a priest.

The Program Director of the Year was awarded to Christopher Muzinic of Council 11470. The Knight of the Year was awarded to Chris Luketich of Council 14130. The Council of the Year was awarded to Council 390 in Louisville where John McCarthy is Grand Knight.

The Family of the Year went to Robbie and Nicole Higdon of Leitchfield. Robbie is a member of Council 6743. Robbie and Nicole are very active in a number of activities and are leaders in the Pro Life activities in Grayson County.

The State Deputy Award is given to the individual who was the most helpful to the

State Deputy for the Fraternal Year. This year the award went to Ken Rosenbaum of Louisville.

The Father Dentinger Lifetime Service Award is given to a Knight who has been a member for at least twenty years and whose service to the Order, Council, Country, Community, Youth, Family, Church and Culture of Life has been exemplary. This year the award was given to Joe Dant, FVSM, FM.

Finally the O'Connor Award which is the highest award the State Council gives to an individual and is given to a Past State Deputy who has continued to serve the State Council for a minimum of five years following his term of office. This award requires a nomination from a PSD, majority vote of the State Officers and majority

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vote of seven PSDs. This year the award went to Billy R. Hancock, PSD, FM.

A few other noteworthy events occurred at the Convention. A new group of State Officers were chosen by the vote of the delegates. Your new State Officers will take Office on July 1, 2016. The New Officers are: Gabe Cabral – State Deputy; John McGill – State Secretary; Cameron Peck – State Treasurer; Steve Zanone – State Advocate; and, Tom Johnson of Georgetown Council 11470 is the newest State Officer and he will be serving as the State Warden. I hope that you will continue to support this fine group of Knights in the wonderful manner you have supported this year's state officers.

Two important votes were taken that everyone needs to be aware of:

1. by unanimous voice vote the Etched Bourbon Bottle (full) Award was extended to June 30 but it will require completion of all Star Council requirements.
2. by unanimous voice vote the Large Council etched logo beer pitcher award was extended to June 30. This requires that councils with a quota of ten (10) or more achieve 50% of their quota.

Billy Hancock and I are discussing other possible incentives for the remainder of the year. Watch your email.

The Pinnacle Award was explained and it was noted that a very few select states achieve this award in any given year, typically less than five. Kentucky has never won this award. This award requires that a state achieve every milestone laid down by Supreme. Today you have achieved or surpassed all of these milestones save two. As of today (May 20, 2016) we need 84 new members. This is achievable if we all go to work on it. In addition, we need 18 Star councils. This in most cases means meeting the insurance quota. Please take advantage of the \$100 annuity and win the Supreme Star Council incentive of a \$4.50 Supreme discount for each billable member on your roster. Please move before June 15 to make sure the paperwork can be completed in time for your council to qualify for the award. This is an opportunity that doesn't happen often. Let's put KY at the top.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Shay

From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

May is upon us and things are hopping! Preparations for the State Convention are at full speed and we are fast the approaching wrap up of the fraternal year. We have 2 months to put the final polish on all the great work that has been done by our nearly 12,000 Brother Knights and their families from across the state.

I wish I had more time to write something eloquent, inspiring and motivational. But with all the work ahead in the next few days I only have enough time to tell you all how proud I am of what the Knights stand for, and more specifically, all the great things you have accomplished this year. It has been an honor to serve as your State Secretary for the last two years.

Vivat Jesus

Gabe Cabral
State Secretary

From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers,
We had a very successful State Convention again this year. Everything went very smoothly and the facilities were great. I would like to take this opportunity to thank PSD Jim Fink for all his service as the Convention Chairman this year. Most of us do not see all the hard work he has to put in to make the convention such a success. We had a large room on Saturday for our meeting and the Awards Ceremony. And on Sunday it got even larger. We could have put another 150-200 people in there comfortably.

That brings me to another topic. Unfortunately, several of our brother Knights did not make it to the State Convention this year. That is very unfortunate for those guys because it was a great experience for everyone that attended. Kentucky is a fairly large state and I know that it can be a burden for some of our members to drive so far to come to a state convention. If you have any ideas of how we can increase attendance at the convention next year and

beyond please let me know. We want to make the State Convention a grand event that everyone looks forward to attending each year.

As many of you heard me say at the meeting on Sunday, I will be stepping down as the Newsletter Editor at the end of June. My duties as State Treasurer will keep me busy enough that I will not be able to give the newsletter the attention it deserves. I have truly enjoyed putting it together for the last two years. Thank you for sending me all the photos and articles over the last two years, it sure made my job a lot easier. Please keep sending them to the Newsletter Editor.

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck

From Membership Director Bill Hancock, PSD

PINNACLE AWARD

Pinnacle defined, *the most successful or admired part of a system or achievement*. What is the Pinnacle Award? It is the top award a Jurisdiction can earn. Most members have never heard of it because of one requirement thought to be unobtainable. This year that requirement has been fulfilled. Supreme grants the PINNACLE AWARD to those few Jurisdictions that meet or exceed their stringent requirements. The Kentucky Jurisdiction, for the first time, is in a good position to qualify for the PINNACLE AWARD. The first hurdle is to earn the CIRCLE OF HONOR. We still need additional new members and 18 Star Councils to qualify for COH. A Council's recruiting, insurance and programs can lead them to the Star Council Award. To date there are 8 potential Star Councils having achieved both membership and insurance quotas. The potential of 18 Star Councils, or more, is there provided insurance quotas can be achieved. The additional PINNACLE AWARD requirements include:

- Recruiting an additional 30 members above the Circle of Honor quota.
- Achieve the New Council Development quota (3) – **completed** thanks to Paul McCavik, Ken Rosenbaum and Art Krpata.
- Achieve the reactivation quota (4) – **completed** thanks to the 4 active Councils 1301, 15063, 15181, and 16274 that agreed to merge with inactive ones.
- Achieve the Round Table quota (50) – **completed** thanks to the Councils submitting Round Table reports
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Success is within reach. Twenty- six Councils have achieved 100% or more of membership quota. An additional 23 Councils are at 50% or more but < 100%. However, we need to recruit an additional **84** members. Achieving insurance quota is critical to reaching the 18 Star Council quotas. If a field agent can sell policies to meet your insurance quotas by all means support him. If not the other recourse is the \$100 new member annuity. A "new Member" is an associate member – coded A on your membership roster. The application process is simple: complete the application, **Form 100Q-KY**, and **IRS Form W-9**. Write a check or buy a money order written to Knights of Columbus for \$100. In memo block enter New Member Annuity. Make a copy of the forms and check for backup. Mail the envelope to:

Darrell Swope, GA
710 E. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40502-1602

You know the remaining quotas and goals needed to achieve the PINNACLE AWARD. Will you be part of this HISTORICAL event and make the extra effort to get the Jurisdiction there? Thanks!

Bill Hancock, PSD
Membership Director

From Program Director Kent Hoskins

Dear Brothers All:

With the State Convention behind us, it's now time to concentrate on the final six week Membership Push. Remember, almost 1/8th of the Fraternal Year is still left. And speaking of the Fraternal Year, if your Council hasn't yet submitted a Form SP-7 Columbian Award Application, now is the time to get it done.

I'm willing to bet that every Kentucky Council has done more than enough good work in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth, to qualify for the Columbian Award. It just takes a few minutes to compile the data and submit the form. As always, SP-7's must be at Supreme Office by June 30th. No exceptions.

As always, if I can help just let me know. My contact information is:

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From Culture of Life Director Mike Peek FSW

Below is the printed program for the 2016 Respect Life Award.

25th Respect Life Award



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*"A voice for the voiceless,
A defense for the defenseless,
And a caring love for the unloved
and the unwanted."
Fr. John Powell, S.J.*

Past Recipients



- 2015 Ary Baez, Director, Birthright of Lexington
- 2014 Joan Smith, Director, Lifehouse
- 2013 Vince Heuser, Holy Family Radio
- 2012 Philip & Martha Spalding, Directors, Eternal Life
- 2011 Mike Ryan, Pro-Life Activist
- 2010 John "Larry" Sendelbach, Pro-Life Activist
- 2009 Margie Montgomery, Executive Director Right to Life
- 2008 Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville
- 2007 Jim & Carolyn Mathieu, Pro-Life Activists
- 2006 Honorable Ann Northup, U.S. Representative
- 2005 Most Rev. Charles Maloney, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus
- 2004 Most. Rev. Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Lexington
- 2003 Jim Bunning, United States Senator
- 2002 Ted Amshoff, Pro-Life Attorney

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- 2001 Pat Cipollone, Supreme Advocate, Knights of Columbus
- 2000 James A. Smith, Pro-Life Activist
- 1999 Robert F. Greene, Pro-Life Attorney
- 1998 Jackie Carlsen, Director, Opportunities For Life
- 1997 William J. Smith, Director, Eternal Life
- 1996 Judie Brown, President American Life League
- 1995 Fr. Frank Pavone, Director, Priests For Life
- 1994 Virgil Dechant, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus
- 1993 William Donnermeyer, Pro-Life Legislator
- 1992 Jane Peak, Pro-Life Activist



2016 Recipient

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**Knights of Columbus
Respect Life Award**



This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated, either by vocation or exceptional volunteer efforts, an unselfish dedication in promoting a respect for human life.

This is the highest award given by the Kentucky State Council of the Knights of Columbus in the area of respect life and family life.

From General Agent Darrell Swope

Protecting Your Paycheck

For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations. We look forward to holidays and special occasions.

We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at that freedom that we have planned for so deliberately.

But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with surprise? What if the end of work comes with an illness or an accident that prevents us from doing our job? Will we be prepared? Can we be? With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can.

We welcome retirement because we have planned for it. We know when it is coming, we know what it will take to get there, and we know what we will need when it arrives. But how can we plan for something unexpected? How can we know what we will need when we do not know what will happen?

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think it will never happen to them. Their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience.

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67.¹ The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.²

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.³

And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is your last paycheck? If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.⁴

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck.

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With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your Brother Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching, and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

1 "Social Security Fact Sheet," United States Social Security Administration, accessed April 16, 2015, www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf.

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From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

May Events; May 14, 15, 2016, Kentucky State Convention, in Lexington. It will be a good time to celebrate all the successes that state has accomplished. We will have a new all new State Officers for the Third Degree.

May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.

April 16, 2016 was the Owensboro Exemplification, we had 35 new Sir Knights. Father Gary Clark was also knighted into the Fourth Degree. A Big Thank You to Saint Martin's Church, a beautiful Church and Parish Hall.

May Birthdays: Please wish Faithful Navigators Michael Jagielski, Bluegrass Assembly, Lexington; Charles Rinehart, Marian Assembly, Marysville; 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