

# STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## Coats for Kids



The Christ the King Council 14130 in Lexington raised enough money to purchase 48 new winter coats through Supreme's Coats for Kids Program. These coats were given to refugees from Congo & Syria.

### State Deputy visits local councils

The State Deputy has visited the following councils this month:

- Council 16232 Scottsville
- Council 1367 Uniontown
- Council 11132 Madisonville
- Council 13304 La Grange
- Council 8145 Russellville

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- Council 1455 in Elizabethtown
- Council 12354 Mt. Washington
- Council 5453 Burlington
- Council 5220 Alexandria
- Council 1367 Waverly

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

### Calendar

Thanksgiving	Nov. 26
Mid-year meeting	Dec. 5-6
Christmas	Dec. 25

Local news



Council 16232 Christ The King in Scottsville Received their charter from State Deputy Shay and State Secretary Cabral on October 18th.



Above, from left, Squack Jones (Kentucky State Charities Treasurer) and Kevin Pike (Grand Knight, Father Diemert Council #3379, Vine Grove) look on as Frank Shay (Kentucky State Deputy) presents a matching funds check from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council to Shannon Goodrich (Executive Director of Crossway Pregnancy Resource Center, Radcliff). Local Knights of Columbus Councils, with the support of churches and community members at large, raised the required one-half of the cost of an ultrasound machine in order to qualify for Ultrasound Initiative matching funds to benefit Crossway PRC.



St. Louis Bertrand Council 10683 presented an award to Joseph Kuzwara for two decades of chairing a fundraiser for St. Joseph Orphanage. Over the two decades the council donated \$5,000 to the Orphanage.



### Local news cont.

Mary Queen Council #14372 in Lexington held a Pumpkin Patch event for the parish on October 24th. They gave away free pumpkins to children in 3rd grade and younger and they invited several other school groups to participate and a fun time was had by all. They also had a police helicopter for the kids to check out. One of the council members grew the pumpkins on his farm.



The Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 in Lexington had a Mass and reception to honor World War II veterans on Veterans Day.

This year Bishop Ackerman Council #5453 sold over 140,000 donuts and donated more than \$30,000 to parishes and organizations along the way. Wow, that is a lot of donuts!



## Local news cont.



Kehoe Council 1764 held their first Friday Fish Fry of the season on November 6th.



The San Pablo Council and the Christ the King Council teamed up to raise money to help offset the cost of the Thanksgiving meal that the Catholic Action Center in Lexington serves to the homeless. For the past several years, all the councils in Lexington have come together to cover the cost of the meal and they plan to do this again this year. As the price of turkey goes up, so does the cost. The two councils decided to hold the fundraiser, not only to raise money for a worthy cause but also to bring these two cultures together for a night of delicious Mexican food and good conversation. Before the meal was served, there was a bilingual Mass at the Cathedral. The Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Paul Prabell and Fr. Carlos Martinez.



## Degrees & Awards



Council 14130 in Lexington held a 1st degree exemplification on October 13th. 16 new knights were brought into the order including Bishop John Stowe.



On Saturday October 24, we had 39 Brother Knights attain full Knighthood due to the completion of the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. A special thanks to Worthy Grand Knight, Greg Johnson and the Bishop Spalding Council 02761 in Louisville Kentucky for hosting both degrees. Moreover, a big thanks to District Deputy Ken Rosenbaum for leading the 2nd Degree Exemplification and District Deputy George Hayes for leading the 3rd Degree Exemplification. We also had two special guests

attend the 2nd/3rd Degree exemplifications. Worthy State Deputy Frank Shay and Regional Program Consultant from Supreme, Joseph Pietruszynski, PSD.



State Deputy Frank Shay presented Fr. Prabel with the 2014-2015 Recruiter of the Year Award.

Bishop Ackerman Council #5453 awarded Family of the Month to the Ray Rehtin Family! Ray is a past Grand Knight and is currently serving as a trustee. His wife Darlene, is currently president of the council's Ladies Auxiliary. Jointly, Ray and Darlene coordinate our council's 24-Hour Rosary Devotion, where on the first Friday and Saturday of each month, our council hall is open around the clock for prayers and rosary. Ray is also chairman of our Holy Donut Trailer at the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish festival. Ray and Darlene also chair jointly our season closing donut event for the Ladies Auxiliary, whose donations benefit social relief agencies in northern Kentucky. Ray is a member of our fish fry team and is also a lector.

## Tootsie Roll Drives

Council 1455 in Elizabethtown has been participating in the Tootsie Roll drive to raise funds for the mentally disabled for many years. They have donated over a quarter of a million dollars since they started this endeavor.



Elizabethtown Knights of Columbus Council 1455 recently presented a check for \$5,500 to ARHHC, Inc. to support its ongoing programs and activities. These include their annual Summer Recreation and Retention Program for intellectually and mentally disabled school age individuals. Their other major activity is Project LEARN for adults with intellectual and mental disabilities. Presenting the check is Jim Skees, KC Tootsie Roll Chairman to Clara Harrison, President of ARHHC, Inc.



Elizabethtown Knights of Columbus Council 1455 recently presented a check for \$500 to the Music & Arts Center of Cultural Learning (MACCL) in support of their annual Special Arts Festival held in April. This festival provides a wide variety of fun arts activities for over 200 children with disabilities from Hardin and surrounding counties. These funds were used to help cover the cost for music therapists, crafts and supplies for students. Presenting the check is Jim Skees, KC Tootsie Roll Chairman to Victor Collins, Director of MACCL.





## Tootsie Roll Drives cont.



The Fr. D. council held their Tootsie Roll drive on October 25th.

Council 13304 Fr. Diersen in La Grange raised over \$3,000 in their Tootsie Roll drive this year.



## From State Deputy Frank Shay



Brothers – Last Saturday I was at Christ the King Cathedral in Lexington. Council 14130 Christ the King and Council 15707 San Pablo held a Bilingual Mass. The Mass was concelebrated by Father Carlos from San Pablo and Father Paul from Christ the King. Prayers and songs were alternated between English and Spanish. The Homily was delivered in English by Fr. Paul and then in Spanish by Fr. Carlos. The mass was attended by a large number of Knights and Parishioners. The

State Officers and Fr. Mario our State Chaplain were also present.

Following the Mass there was an excellent Spanish Dinner prepared by the members of San Pablo Council. Funds raised by the dinner were donated to the Catholic Action Center. This was an excellent example of councils coming together to perform a project the neither alone could have accomplished. Christ the King Council handled all the advertising, seed money, facilities and facility setup. San Pablo provided all the food preparation and worked the food line.



The crowd was larger than expected but there was plenty of food for all.

While at the dinner I was able to present the State Recruiter of the Year Award to Fr. Paul Prabel for his recruiting efforts in 2014-2015. Fr. Prabel was the founding Chaplin at Morehead Council and several years ago he was the founding Chaplain at Christ the King Council.

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## State Deputy cont.



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Grand Knights Chris Luketich and Arturo Urgelles along with their councils did a great job and I am very proud of their service to the Church and Community.

October was a great month for Kentucky. The first Supreme membership contest has concluded and we will hold the drawing for the five \$100 winners in the recruiter incentive drawing at the Mid Year meeting. This year Kentucky won over \$2,000 in the July through October membership contest. All of that money will be used for Incentives to the Councils for their membership efforts. So far this year 60 councils have recruited. Thank you for your efforts to insure the future of the order and thank you for all the good you do in your parishes and communities.

VJ,  
Frank Shay

## From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

It's November already - where did the year go? It seems like we just got this year started and we're already so near to the end.

At this time of the year, thoughts turn to Elections, Veterans Day, Turkey dinners, football, and spending quality time with our families. And rightfully so, our families are why we do everything we do and there's a natural longing to be with the ones we love. Families keep us busy and give us a reason to work hard and stay active and the rewards are many.

If you have ever worked at homeless shelters/soup kitchens, you know that the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are booked in advance for volunteers wanting to make a difference during this important time. What a great expression of Christian spirit this is! To sacrifice time with your own family in service to the family of mankind is to live as Christ has directed- Does everyone remember *"What you have done for the least of brothers, that, you have done unto me."*?

Each one of us has been given talents and skills and so maybe in addition to being grateful for them, perhaps at this time of Thanksgiving for all we have,

we should decide to use them. Although I don't consider myself to the type of person who is first to step up and volunteer, I find it easy to do when the Knights of Columbus are involved. The causes the Knights support and the work we do are so important in our world and it continues to make a difference. After all, didn't we join the Knights of Columbus to make a difference?

Having grown up in a very large family (12 in total), I think about them more at this time of the year than any other, and the thousands of miles that separate us. When you're part of something important, you want to stay connected. This is true of everything important in our lives whether it's our church family, work family or our Knights family. The Kentucky Knights of Columbus are my local family-all 11000 (and counting) and when we have our family - that surely is a great blessing. Thank you for all that you have done and will do in the upcoming year, now please, pass the stuffing & cranberry sauce.

Gabe Cabral  
State Secretary

## From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers,  
Basketball season is here again and that can only mean one thing... We are gearing up for our Basketball Slam fundraiser. Last year we set records in ticket sales and money raised for disaster relief. This year we are going to blow that completely out of the water. We have three great opportunities that I want to tell you about.

First, our State Deputy Frank Shay negotiated to reduce the fee that we pay Greenbee to run the program. So an extra \$.50 from each ticket sold will be going to charity.

Second, we are raising the prize money from \$2,000 up to \$2,600 and keeping the ticket price the same. This should make it easier to sell these tickets.

And third, and this is a big one, If anyone purchases two tickets they can go online and

register those tickets and Greenbee will email them a third ticket for free. And there is no limit. If they buy 10 tickets, they can register and get five for free. I expect that this will drive ticket sales through the roof!

Remember, the profit from this fundraiser gets split between the local councils and the state council. The local councils can use the money for anything they decide and this year we expect that the council's portion will be over \$3 per ticket. 100% of the state council's portion goes into a restricted fund that can only be used for disaster relief. This program is a win-win-win.

I look forward to seeing you all at the mid year meeting in December.

Thanks,  
Cameron



## From Membership Director Bill Hancock

### Membership

Brothers we have reached the end of October. Council accomplishments have been exceptional. I want to bring you up to date on them. Thirty Councils have added 69 new members to the Jurisdiction. The Councils credited with new members to date are listed in a separate attachment to this newsletter. Thank your recruiters and all the other members that worked to get them added to your rolls. The Membership Honor Roll has increased to six Councils. Congratulations to Councils 16274 (450%), 15841 (175%), 14130 (163.64%), 15914 (100%), 16269 (100%), and 14234 (100). As you can see by the chart below we “Hit for Cycle” and remained in the top three Jurisdictions in our Division. Again this was achieved on the last day when St. Edward the Confessor Council reported five new members. Total incentives earned by recruiters during this four month contest totaled \$2390.00, a very nice addition to the State incentive fund. October was an exciting conclusion to the World Sports Championship contest.

10/30/2015

Division 3	North Carolina	900	41	4.56%	90	10.00%	73	8.11%	112	12.44%
	Georgia	1,000	39	3.90%	84	8.40%	91	9.10%	123	12.30%
	Kentucky	570	35	6.14%	41	7.19%	35	6.14%	69	12.11%
	Colorado	950	49	5.16%	60	6.32%	63	6.63%	93	9.79%
	Tennessee	640	33	5.16%	53	8.28%	47	7.34%	53	8.28%
	Arizona	950	31	3.26%	69	7.26%	67	7.05%	76	8.00%
	Washington	930	33	3.55%	42	4.52%	57	6.13%	60	6.45%
	North Dakota	355	17	4.79%	24	6.76%	16	4.51%	19	5.35%

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November kicked off Supremes’ Super Bowl of Membership Contest. It will run for the next four months. Let’s take it a month at a time. Incentives are again based on achieving a certain percentage of five membership quotas:

1. 6%, 35 members, \$280
2. 7%, 40 members, \$350
3. 8%, 46 members, 420
4. 9%, 54 members, \$490
5. 11%, 63 members, \$980



As we celebrate Thanksgiving, offer a good Catholic male something to be thankful for – ask him to become a KNIGHT.

Brothers, I extend my best wishes to you and your family as you gather together to share your blessings on Thanksgiving Day.

With best regards,  
 Bill Hancock, PSD  
 Membership Director

## From Program Director Kent Hoskins

Dear Brothers All:

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus Supreme council is pleased to announce a new church activity, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program. Knights, their families and other parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary as a corporate body every time a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday occurs during a month.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Services will be conducted on August 30<sup>th</sup>, November 29<sup>th</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and May29<sup>th</sup> during the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year.

Conducting this Church Activity every time a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday occurs during a month as part of the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year will allow your council to list each one in the Church Activities section on the Columbian Award Application (SP-7). In

addition, it provides a visible “faith formation” program that will engage current members and their families, and offers parish families who are not yet part of the council an opportunity to experience the faith and fellowship that comes with being a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you have any questions about this program just contact me.

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 Culture of Life Chairman Mike Peek FSW, PSD

### January 17, 2016 Annual Pro-Life Mass, Archdiocese of Louisville

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz will be the celebrant of this Mass which has been held at various times and at various parishes every year since 1973. This year's Mass will be 3:00pm Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at St Martin of Tours Church, 639 South Shelby Street, Louisville.

Witness to your support for life by attending this inspiring Mass.

### January 22, 2016 - March For Life Washington, D.C.

In the early history of this annual event, March founder and organizer, Nellie Gray, often credited the Kentucky Knights of Columbus with being among its stronger supporters. Let's continue that support.

Buses will leave from Brandenburg, Elizabethtown, Bardstown, Louisville and Western, KY on Wednesday, January 20 and return Saturday morning, January 23.

(Brandenburg bus comes to Louisville. Elizabethtown bus meets buses at Lexington.)

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### **Recent Culture of Life activities:**

- Northern, KY Cross the Bridge for Life" Knights and Hibernians led the March.
- Planned Parenthood Protest: On August 22, area Knights joined other pro-life groups in protest at the Louisville Planned Parent headquarters. The protest was in response to Planned Parenthood's harvesting and selling of aborted baby organs including brains.
- Lexington Walk for Life - September 12, 2015
- Louisville Walk for Life - September 19, 2015
- Sponsored "Hole" at Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky's annual fundraiser.
- Golden Arrow Center for Mothers and Children: Special thanks to Assumption Council for their support of this fundraiser which assists inner city mothers and children. Thanks to the current State Deputy and three past State Deputies for attending. Approximately \$16,000 was raised for the Center.
- October 26, **Prayer Service for Persecuted Christians**. Several Knights and family members attended this service. Envelopes were provided for those wishing to contribute to Supreme Council's fund to assist Persecuted Christians.
- **We are confident that many other unreported activities took place. Please let us know what your Council is doing, has done, or will do in the future.**

### **Culture of Life Chairman:**

Eric & Amy Ritchie	Diocese of Covington
David & Sandy Holzwarth	Diocese of Lexington
Larry & Michele Wahnsiedler	Diocese of Owensboro

State Culture of Life Chairman  
Mike Peak, FSW, PSD  
Archdiocese of Louisville

## From General Agent Darrell Swope

Brother Knights,

I write to you today share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus; surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate - let me tell you why.

It's not about the number, It's not that \$100 Billion isn't impressive - it is. It's not that it doesn't matter - it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when the breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights pass away. 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number


of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight - just as Father McGivney would have wanted.


What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust.

For those of you who haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be, That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

Vivat Jesus!





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## From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,  
**November Events;** All Saints Day, November 1.  
 Please remember All the Saints from your family.

**November 10th,** Two battalions of Continental Marines were formed on 10 November 1775 in Philadelphia as an infantry force capable of fighting for independence both at sea and on shore. The role of the Corps has since grown and evolved, expanding to aerial warfare and earning popular titles such as "America's third air force" and "second land army". The United States Marine Corps has distinguished itself as it has served in the majority of American wars, from its inception to the modern era, and attained prominence in the 20th century when its theories and practices of amphibious warfare proved prescient and ultimately formed the cornerstone of the Pacific theater of World War II.

By the mid-20th century, the U.S. Marine Corps had become a major theorist and the dominant practitioner of amphibious warfare. Its ability to rapidly respond on short notice to expeditionary crises gives it a strong role in the implementation and execution of American foreign policy. The USMC has around 194,000 active duty members and just under 40,000 reserve Marines as of 2010. It is the smallest of the U.S. Armed Forces within the U.S. Department of Defense. ***Semper fidelis*** is a Latin



phrase that means "always faithful" or "always loyal".

**November 11<sup>th</sup>,** Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I (major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect). The United States also originally observed Armistice Day; it then evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.

**November Birthdays:** Please wish Faithful Navigator Estille Dobson, Father McGivney Assembly, Clarkson; Faithful Navigator John Staudt, Jr, Monsignor Schmitt Assembly, LaGrange; and Faithful Navigator Bruce Shackett, Father Meder Assembly, Brandenburg a Happy Birthday.

**Exemplification;** October 31, 2015, Monsignor Albert Schmitt, LaGrange, hosted Exemplification in LaGrange with 24 Candidates. Kentucky had 8 new Sir Knights from the Evansville, Indiana Exemplification. Please join me in welcoming these new Sir Knights. We will have 8 new Sir Knights from the Clarksville, Tennessee Exemplification November 7.

Vivat Jesus,  
 SK Gary Dykhuis, Kentucky District Master