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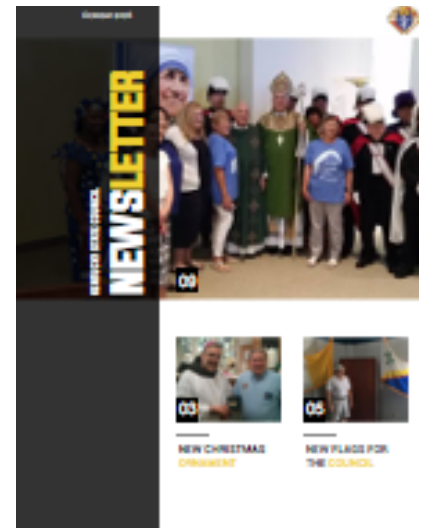
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THE COUNCIL**

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Knight of the Year

Frank Burke (left) and PGK Billy Whalen from Council 12774. Frank was named Knight of the year for Seton Council #12774.

Grilling for the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League

Council 14130, Christ the King, in Lexington cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for members of the Bluegrass Miracle League and their families on October 1st.

The Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League is a baseball program for youth and adults with special needs. The league plays on a specially designed field located at Shillito Park in Lexington, KY. The all-accessible field is the only one of its kind in Kentucky with leagues in both spring and fall.



Founded in 2006, the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League is the result of the hard work and dedication from a legion of community leaders and volunteers who wanted to create a "league of their own" for kids with disabilities. Inspired by similar programs around the country, the Lexington Rotary Club, among others, spearheaded the efforts to raise the funds and build the specially designed field and facilities.

Each Saturday during the spring and fall, children ages 5-19 participate in baseball at its finest and where everyone is a winner.

The league has evolved to include adults who play on Tuesdays during the spring and fall as well.

Because of the uniqueness of the program, players travel from all over the state to be a part of this special league.

For more information visit: <http://www.ym-cacky.org/main/toyota-bluegrass-miracle-league/>

Fundraising for 4th Ultrasound Begins!

Through donut sales at IHM, Mary Queen of Heaven, St. Paul, St. Pius and St. Timothy,

\$3,597.09 was raised for the new ultrasound for CareNet. The Adopt a Cross event saw 969 crosses adopted at \$1 each. The total fundraising for these events brought in \$4,566.09.



New Flags & Storage Cabinet

St Margaret Mary (StMM) Council #15979 Financial Secretary Nick J. DiBartolomeo proudly displays the Council's new Papal & KofC Flags and Council Rolling Storage Cabinet all installed in the Louisville Parish's Venerable Michael J. McGivney Library Meeting Room.

The Council's VIP Recruiting Points covered the cost of the new flags while the Cabinet & Casters were purchased with Council funds with SK Brother Nick donating his time and labor to complete the Project for the Parish.



First in a series of Christmas ornaments

Council #14130, Christ the King, in Lexington has created a Christmas ornament that is going to be the first in a long series. The council will be selling the ornaments as a fundraiser and each year, a new ornament will be commissioned.

For the first year, the ornament bears the likeness of the Cathedral of Christ the King which the council is named after.

Pictured to the right: Grand Knight, Joe Buckman presented Bishop Stowe with his own ornament.



Mary Queen the Holy Rosary Fall Festival

Council 14372, Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary, helped raise money for the school by running the grill during the school's annual Fall Festival. Great food was enjoyed by all. Right: Brothers tend to the "Schnurrgoo". "Schnurrgoo" is a special recipe burgoo cooked by Brother David Schnurr (not pictured).



3rd Degree in Louisville

Great Class of new 3rd degree Knights! Special thanks to District Deputy Dick Burns and the fine men of St. Margaret Mary in Lyndon, KY



Saint Mother Teresa

A special Mass at our State Chaplain's Church, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta in Fairdale, KY honoring a beautiful soul and embodiment of love on the day of her canonization. Archbishop Kurtz celebrated the Mass.



Monthly Update

State Deputy Gabe Cabral



Brothers, we have a limited offer that has been extended to All Councils across the state. The 50% reduction in New Member fees from \$10 to \$5 will expire on December 31,

2016! It is a huge surprise to me that this has not caused a boost in new member recruitment. I remain optimistic that council leaders and members alike will see this as a very useful incentive to save serious money for their councils and get us in a position of getting ahead of the goal.

As we start the second quarter of this fraternal year, it's time for a health check of sorts. The biggest question we need to answer is "Are we doing everything we possibly can to grow the Order and make this the best year possible?" From the accounts of our brother Knights across the state, we have some wonderful work being done in all areas. I am thrilled to hear of all the great project/programs that take place around our great state. These programs are critical to the communities, churches and the disadvantage people they are intended to serve. As a bonus, the brother Knights who work on these programs get the satisfaction of knowing THEY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE. Now it's time to share that joy of accomplishment with your neighbor. October is one of the key months that our Order expects councils worldwide to

conduct membership drives. The timing couldn't be better for a these drives. Bringing new brother knight in the month of October leaves just the right amount of time for him to get involved in council Christmas programs and programs like Coats for Kids. If you can get him involved at this time of the year, he will be ready for your other winter and spring programs such as Lenten Fish Fry events and church landscaping, just to name a few. I was recruited in the month of October many years ago, and at that time of the year, I found myself with more free time due to the slowing lawn mowing and other duties that occupied a lot of my time.

NOTE: If you have not scheduled a membership drive in October or if you find your council is a behind where you planned to be according to your timeline, you can still make up this time and get back on track! Recruiting drives can happen whenever you want them and are not tied to a specific calendar period. There is no reason to throw in the towel because the month sneaked up on you. Every day, week or month is a good time to recruit a member!

**Vivat Jesus!
Gabe Cabral**

Monthly Update

State Chaplain

Fr. Patrick Dolan

Beloved Brothers:

God's plan sometimes reveals itself after the fact... Though we all know that God holds our lives in his gentle hand, sometimes we wonder what he might be up to. He obviously knows more than we know, and can bring good things together just when they are needed. This was brought home to me vividly two weeks ago in Europe where I had to spend 4 more days than I would have wished there after the Apostolate for Military International (AMI) general assembly where I was the US delegation and a retreat for US military priests I was preaching Sunday and Monday, Sept 25-26. Instead of being able to fly home on Friday Sept 23rd, I spend that day traveling from southern Holland to Wiesbaden, Germany, and met my friend from 20 years in the military, Bishop Rick Spencer and stayed 4 nights with him (sleeping in his office, etc.) I did not really want to spend 4 extra nights in Europe, particularly being away from the parish two week-ends in a row, but this was set up back in March and "locked in concrete" to do the retreat in conjunction with the AMI general assembly. It seemed a real waste of time--but God had other plans.

That very Friday, Bishop Spencer returned from the US after having buried his father, who died suddenly over the previous week-end. Though he was still in jet lag, Bishop Spencer and I "did things together" much as we had done them as captains trapped together for 2 weeks in the field at Ft. Benning, GA, in 1996. We

were not quite "teen-agers without adult supervision" but close enough to it that he was able to grieve his dad's death in a safe way--and did not have to do so alone. The point of all this is that our plans had been made long before his dad had even gotten sick. We knew nothing of what the future might bring--but God knew and planned for my friend to not be alone at that critical time.



In your lives there have been and will be times that seem to be wasted or make no sense--but God may be using you in ways you know not. May you always be open to the action of God's grace in your lives, even when it seems inconvenient--for that may be the unique opportunity for doing something very good that God has planned for you long before you ever dreamed you could be helpful. May kindness exude from you always, for "you know not the day nor the hour..."

Blessings and Vivat Jesus!

**Fr. Patrick Dolan
State Chaplain**

State Warden

Tom Johnson

Thank You:

Let me start off by saying Thank You to the brother knights that helped check membership cards, set up the meeting rooms, furnished donuts (don't tell anyone but I may have eaten more than I should have. Yes I have a sweet tooth for donuts) and sold state pins at last month's Regional Meetings. If you weren't there you missed some good food and informative discussions.

NFL Ticket Update:

This year's NFL Sweepstakes is quickly coming to a close. All sold ticket stubs, unsold tickets and a check made out to KY Charities, Inc. should be mailed back to me by **October 15th, 2016**. My drop dead date to get everything into Green Bee is October 22nd, 2016. Remember NO CASH!

Several councils have already turned in their sold & unsold tickets along with a check. Thank you for your support of the NFL Sweepstakes. Please mail the stubs and an accompanying check to my attention:

**Tom Johnson
706 Burton Pike
Georgetown, KY 40324.**

Make sure you keep track of your sold tickets and record any monies sent in.

Upcoming Mid-Year Meeting:

Not to let the cat out of the bag, but I'm hearing that the December mid-year meeting will be held in Bardstown this year. What a great venue. Bardstown is such a lovely town and Council 1290 is a great council with some great cooks. Hmmm good!

I still have about (100) 2016 State pins featuring Saint Mother Teresa. What a great gift to give a loved one, your pastor, chaplain, deacon or sister/nun. The cost is \$2.00 each, 2 for \$3.00 or 3 for \$5.00. If your council will be hosting a 1st degree exemplification, just think what a great gift this would be to give to your new members. To make sure you don't miss out on the State pins email me and I'll set some aside for you. I hope to see you there.

Take Care and God Bless,
Tom Johnson
State Warden

State Membership Director

Rick Arnold PSD

Dear Brother Knights all, I know that each of you out there reading this newsletter have been thinking lately that you need to expand your wardrobe. That is the burning question on everyone's mind these days. Well okay, maybe not, but you do have the opportunity to earn a really nice golf shirt with the Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Council Recruiter logo.

If your council reaches at least 50% of their membership goal by December 31st, your Grand Knight and your council's largest recruiters will earn one of these great shirts. Your district Deputy could earn a shirt as well but only if he recruits a new member personally. No free rides in Kentucky!

Is there someone in your family, at work or in your parish

that deserves to have the benefits of membership in our beloved order? I have received so much joy and satisfaction from the activities and programs I have been involved in during my time as a Brother Knight. I am sure that each if you feel the same way.

Please help spread the vision of our founder, Father McGivney. God bless you all for the good works you do.

**Vivat Jesus!
Rick Arnold PSD
Membership Director**

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Monthly Update

State Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD

Brother Knights –

The first quarter of the year is already behind us. It seems like yesterday we were talking about planning activities for the fraternal year. Now, your programs should be moving right along – including “Building the Domestic Church” programs as part of your portfolio.

In October and November, councils should conduct programs such as Voter Registration, hosting a Council level Soccer Challenge, Columbus Day celebration, Fifth Sunday Rosary (October 30th), conducting a Tootsie Roll Drive for KAPID (Kentucky Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities), Food for Families, and Memorial Mass for Deceased Members.

This month, Councils should be planning for programs to be conducted in December and January. As the Christmas season will be a very busy time, planning is of the greatest importance. Programs such as Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Journey to the Inn, Consecration to the Holy Family, Polar Plunge, Essay Contests, and March for Life should be planned now.

Please continue submitting your monthly activity reports to me. Some councils have done a great job of reporting while others have not

submitted anything. I know that every council can earn either the Program Director or State Deputy Award at the State Convention, but you won't earn it unless you report it. All you need to do is email me a report of the activities that you conducted so far this year. Pictures and any other details that you find interesting or noteworthy should be included.

This month's “Program Spotlight” features one of the Building the Domestic Church activities – Holy Family Prayer Program. The program features a prayer service centered on the Holy Family Icon that is designed to incorporate the council into the parish. Every council should consider holding at least one prayer service this year.

As always, remember that your council should 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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Kentucky State Council Featured Program

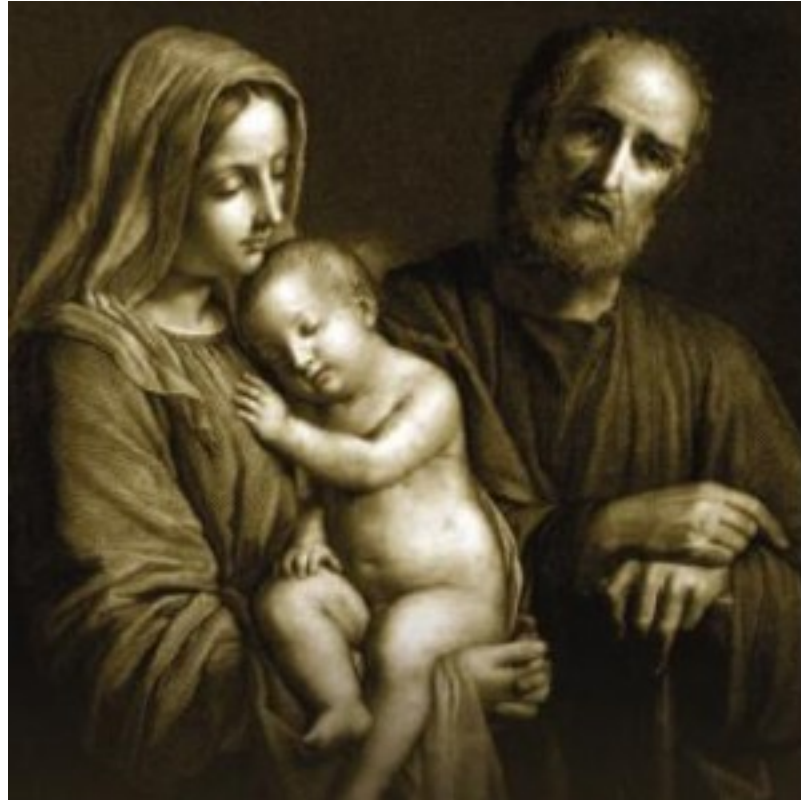
The Holy Family Prayer Program

The Holy Family Prayer Program is the 17th Marian Prayer Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The program features two icons that are traveling across the state. The icons bear the image of the Holy Family as shown to the right. When one of the icons is in your area, you should plan to conduct the prayer service at your parish.

The prayer service should be planned as early in advance as possible. Contact PSD Keith Baughman (kmbaugh@bbtel.com) if you are in the Louisville or Owensboro dioceses, or DD Steve O'Bryan (obky@windstream.net) if you are in the Lexington or Covington dioceses to find out when the Icon will be in your area. Schedule the service at your local parish at a time that fits your pastor's schedule to produce the greatest attendance.

Members of your council should plan the event and be involved in as many areas of the service as possible. Invite everyone from the parish so that so that your council is more incorporated into the parish.

The Holy Family Prayer Program can be used as a line item for the Columbian Award in one of the program categories. Keep in mind that this year, you need to have at least four programs from "Build-



ing the Domestic Church". Also, any of the Building the Domestic Church activities are worth 100 points towards the State Deputy Award. For more information, please contact Church Activities Chairman and Associate State Chaplain Fr. Mario Tizziani at tizzianim@hotmail.com.



District Master Gary Dykuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

October Events; In 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) was born in Assisi, Umbria, Italy (as Giovanni Francesco Bernardone). He renounced his family's wealth and founded the Friars Minor (Franciscan Order).

October 11, 1962 - The Second Vatican Council was opened in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope John XXIII. Sessions were held in four successive autumns from 1962-65. Vatican II resulted in sweeping changes to the Catholic Church including the use of English and local native languages in the Mass instead of Latin, and openness and cooperation with other religions and denominations.

October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking

a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.' Today we celebrate Columbus Day on the second Monday in October.

Please welcome and Congratulate the twenty-one new Sir Knights in the Exemplification at Paducah, October 8, 2016.

New Sir Knights: 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. 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.

Next Exemplification: February 4, 2017, Louisville Assemblies, Louisville, KY. Watch for information coming soon.

Vivat Jesus,
SK Gary Dykhuis,
Kentucky District Master

Monthly Update

General Agent

Darrell Swope

Knights of Columbus by the Numbers

Many men who join the Knights of Columbus already know about the charitable work for which the Knights — and your councils — are famous. Many, however, are less aware of the insurance program and the hundreds of thousands of families it helps protect. Here are some numbers that help tell the story of our greatest fraternal benefit.

\$100,000,000,000 of Life Insurance in Force

That's how much life insurance the Knights of Columbus has in force. Put differently, that's the total value of all Knights of Columbus policies.

\$875,000,000 Distributed to Policyholders

That's how much money the Knights of Columbus distributed to members and their beneficiaries in 2015 in benefits, claims, maturities, annuities and dividends.

2,000,000 Policies

That's the number of active life insurance contracts the Knights of Columbus has on the books. These 2 million policies cover members, their spouses and their dependent children.

1,500 Agents

That's the number of full-time professional field agents working for the Knights of Columbus. Every field agent is a brother Knight and is assigned to members and councils so that each member has a dedicated field agent he can call his own.



1975

That's the year the Knights of Columbus began their 41-year streak of ratings excellence from A.M. Best. The Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength from A.M. Best every single year since the mid-1970s. There is no more highly rated life insurer in North America.

134 Years

That's how many years the insurance program has been in operation. It's as old as the Knights. In fact, the insurance program was the principal reason why Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in the first place.

4 Product Lines

That's the number of product lines the Knights of Columbus offers to members and their families: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance. Each product

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line contains a number of different products and/or options that members can select to best fit their needs.

3 Awards

That's the number of World's Most Ethical awards the Knights of Columbus has earned from the Ethisphere Institute. The Institute's evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of a business' operation, including its corporate citizenship and responsibility, its culture of ethics, its governance and its leadership, and its innovation and reputation. In 2016, the Knights was one of only two life insurers to earn the designation.

Zero Peers

That's how many other life insurance companies are like the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic insurance company in the world, and it is built for you. We believe in insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

You too can be among the hundreds of thousands Knights who take advantage of this great fraternal benefit. Let's talk soon and see how we can help protect you and your family.

Our General Agent just attended a tri state insurance seminar in Tennessee to better serve our members. The KofC Insurance Agency attendees are from Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and the host state of Tennessee.



Upcoming Events

November

2nd & 3rd Degree	5
Election Day	8
Veterans Day	11
Thanksgiving	24

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