

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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Vatican City (CNA/EWTN News) - "When we await at home a visit from a loved one, we prepare everything with care and happiness. In the same way we want to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord: to wait for him every day with solicitude, to be filled with his grace when he comes," the Pope said Dec. 10.

In his weekly Angelus address, Francis reflected on the first reading from Isaiah, which says to "make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low."

The Pope pointed out that the valleys in this passage can represent our sins of omission, such as failing to pray, or praying very little. The valleys could also be the ways we have failed to have charity toward others, especially those most in need of material or spiritual help.

In Advent, "we are called to be more attentive to the needs of others, those closest (to us). Like John the Baptist, in this way we can open roads of hope in the desert of the dry hearts of many people," he said. Therefore, Advent is a good time to fill these valleys in our life, he said; to pray more intensely, to prioritize your spiritual life.

On the other hand, when the verse says, "every mountain and every hill be lowered," we are reminded of our faults of pride, arrogance and superiority, which must become attitudes of meekness and humility, just like our Savior is "meek and humble of heart." Then, when we've examined our conscience, "we are asked to eliminate all the obstacles we put into our union with the Lord" with joy, he said, because we are preparing for the coming of our Savior.

"The Savior we are waiting for is able to transform our life with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love. Indeed, the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts the love of God, an inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom," Francis said. May the Virgin Mary, he concluded, who prepared for the coming of Christ with her whole being and existence, "help us to follow her example and guide our steps to meet the Lord who is coming."

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## Kentucky State Council Featured Program Consecration to the Holy Family

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a new prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

Every Knights of Columbus council should invite families of their parish to offer this prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family at all Masses on the first Sunday after Christmas. This day is traditionally celebrated as the feast of the Holy Family. It is our hope that this prayer may strengthen our families and revitalize our parishes.

This is a very simple program to conduct. Follow the following steps to make the prayer program.

Discuss with your pastor the significance of every family offering this prayer of family consecration, and ask his permission to share the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards at Masses on the first Sunday after Christmas, or another appropriate Sunday.

Speak to pastors and chaplains on the best way to share how the Holy Family serves as an ideal model for the families of your parish. Some chaplains may simply wish to explain this teaching in their homilies or sermons, while others may wish the council to sponsor a guest speaker to come to the parish.

Order the [Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards \(#10371\)](#) for distribution at your parish. Order enough cards to share with every family in your parish, and distribute them before Mass.

Recite this prayer together as a parish family on the first Sunday after Christmas, traditionally celebrated as the feast of the Holy Family. Ideally, the celebrant should invite all those present to make the act of consecration together after the closing prayer and just before the final blessing.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/parish-programs/holy-family-consecration.html#/Support%20Materials>

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## **Santa's Leadership Tips for Your Council**

### **1. Build A Wonderful Workshop**

- Make your council meetings a great and welcoming place to come to.
- People want to be proud of the organizations they join.
- Everyone should want to join where/what you join.
- Make it a place where people are inspired and never want to leave.
- Happy members spread the good word.
- Make it a place where members know what is expected, and are happy to do it.

### **2. Choose Your Reindeer Wisely**

- Recruit high quality potential members.
- You're looking for the true flyers.

### **3. Make A list and Check It Twice**

- Write everything down.
- Maintain your meeting minutes and other documentation.
- Follow Up-On everything.

### **4. Listen To The Elves**

- Members at every level have good/great ideas.
- No one knows it better than those at ground level.

### **5. Get Beyond the traditional Red Wagons**

- Don't rely on "we've always done it that way." Things change, all the time!
- Think out of the box or red wagon.

### **6. Share The Milk and Cookies**

- Give praise and other rewards for solid performance.
- Thank you goes a long way.
- Your kind words can inspire your members and will be contagious.

### **7. Find Out Who's Naughty and Nice**

- Let people know where they stand and help them improve.
- Pair your Superstars with others to spread the good work habits.

### **8. Be Good For Goodness Sake**

- Give rewards and correction fairly and without prejudice.
- Never make it personal.

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As a show of patriotism, Bishop Flaget Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus 307 of Northern Kentucky presented a flag to be used in the library of St. Therese School in Southgate, KY. Shown here (l-r) Mrs. Ellen Lonneman, librarian, Bill Kopp, Faithful Navigator, Carl Biery, Former Master.

Submitted by

Deacon Bill Theis



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## Star Council Award

District Deputy #11, John Thomas presents 2016 Star Council Award to GK Doug Willems of Fr. Patrick Creed Council 12923-Campbellville



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**Elizabethtown Council #1455** recently presented Clarity Solutions with a new ultrasound thanks to the Supreme Ultrasound Initiative.

This will give mothers a view of their baby and help save the lives of our most vulnerable precious children.



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## Star Councils Awarded

Nearly 2,200 councils earned the Star Council Award, the highest distinction available to a local K of C council, for the 2016-17 fraternal year. These councils, led by the grand knights listed here, conducted the required charitable and fraternal programs in the "Surge ... with Service" areas and also achieved their membership and insurance quotas. Each council will receive an engraved plaque from the Supreme Council in recognition of its accomplishment. Of these councils, 320 earned the Double Star Council Award for meeting 100 percent of their insurance quota, and 200 percent of their membership quota and 239 earned the Triple Star Council Award or higher.

- Numbers in red indicate councils that achieved the Double Star Council Award.
- Numbers in blue indicate councils that achieved the Triple Star Council Award or higher.

Finally, 5,630 councils earned the Columbian Award for excellence in programming; 3,245 attained the Father McGivney Award for meeting their membership quota; and 2,713 earned the Founders' Award for meeting their insurance quota.

## KENTUCKY

390	Paul V. Tadatada
5071	Michael C. Froelich
6743	Jason R. Higdon
11470	Christopher J. Muzinic
12923	Douglas P. Willems
13304	Scott W. Dant
14128	Jeremy J. McQueary
14130	Joseph A. Buckman
14234	Gregory N. Eiden, Sr.
15211	Mark J. Sippel
15525	William J. Harp Sr.
15841	Michael D. Lohuis
15914	Anthony Carmona
15979	Michael H. Saylor
16125	Michael J. Mudd
16232	Troy L. Anderson

## Double Star

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Extract from November  
Columbia magazine.

Submitted by:  
Billy R. Hancock, PSD, FDM  
State Historian

# State Deputy

## Gabe Cabral



### State Newsletter Article from the State Deputy December 2017

Brothers, the calendar year is winding down, and many of us have been recharged from the Mid-Year Meeting in Campbellsville and the great news of our successful year. We had a wonderful exchange of ideas and information from all our attendees about what they are doing that is working, and where they were looking for some help and suggestions. And of course, our host council 12923 in Campbellsville did an exemplary job in welcoming us and handling everything we needed.

While the calendar year is coming to an end, this is just the halfway point in our fraternal year. We need a solid next 6 months in Programs and Membership Recruiting to get us where we need to be. Remember, it's not how you start that matters, it's how you finish and the second half of the year is more important than the first half. Our Membership Chairman, PSD Rick Arnold, has outlined some of the many recruiting incentives available. The most recent is the \$4.50 reduction in Supreme Per Capita (per billable member) for councils who achieve Star Council. **Brothers, this is some serious money for our councils and it costs about \$1 million to do this.** If Supreme is that serious about boosting membership, we need to as well.

**The State incentive of \$5 off New Member Billing is coming to an end on the last day of this month.** So, if anyone has one or more completed form 100's, or candidates ready to go through the Admission degree-Get this done NOW!

Year over year, our Order continues to break records for Charitable giving and hours of service in our communities. Last year we collectively donated 177.5 Million dollars and over 75 million hours of service work. The average value of 1 service hour is about \$20, so that's over \$1.5 billion in service! As you think about these impressive numbers, look at your fellow Brother Knights and their families and realize that you are all responsible in part for these great accomplishments. Now think about how much more we could do with a few more good men. During this Advent Season, please consider the gift of helping a good catholic man be a great catholic man and let's get a Knight before Christmas!



# State Deputy

## Gabe Cabral (cont.)



From Claudine and myself to you and your family, we wish you a Blessed Christmas, Happy New Year and safe travels to all. Thank you all for everything you do for our Order, our Church, and our Community. They are all the better for it!

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Gabe Cabral**

**KY State Deputy**

# State Chaplain

## Fr. Patrick Dolan



### State Chaplains Report for Dec 2017

What makes up a “good Knight of Columbus?” Obviously, it is someone who is happy being Catholic, but there is more than that. Knights were those who pledged to use their human skills, particularly their manly strength and skill in battle, to defend the church that they loved.

Such defense of all that God made good, and the community who embodied His grace, involved effort and risk—and it still does today, though in different forms.

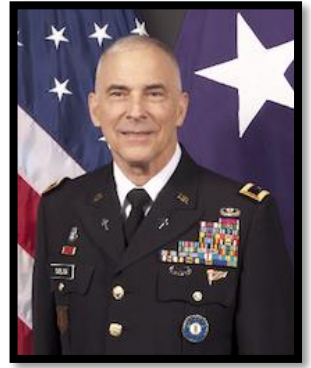
Instead of barbarians or Vikings or Saracens attacking the faithful (though actual battles do still rage in the Middle East and Africa), most attacks contemporary knights face are indifference and bigotry, cloaked as modern or progressive thinking. Defending the not-yet-born can result in one being called a woman-hater. Defending individual religious liberty can result in lawsuits alleging that the Knight is prejudiced; and defending the freedom of discourse in the public forum, just like anyone else, often brings a charge of engaging in hate speech.

The Knightly way, indeed the Christ-like way, of defending against such subtly vicious attacks is not to withdraw from the battlefield, but to press on even harder with the contemporary weapons of legal injunctions, friends of the court briefs, and simple refusal to be intimidated by education officials or government agencies.

However, the ammunition needed to accompany those weapons is the grace of Christ. This grace is as strong as his resolve to go through the way of the cross knowing its conclusion in his sacrificial death necessary to redeem us from our sins, but it is also filled with graciousness in speech and demeanor in the face of insult and even abuse. All of this is accompanied with the wisdom of God to know which battles to engage in at what times and places—so as to win the entire war (for souls) best.

# State Chaplain

**Fr. Patrick Dolan** (cont.)



During this Advent and Christmas and Epiphany season may each of you grow better into what a truly good Knight is—so that you may bring honor to your calling and inspiration to each new generation. As you gather with family or friends, as you share office parties and social events, as you celebrate the new year that God gives us, and as you go about your busy lives, may you reflect the dignity and wonder of knighthood in the midst of a secular atmosphere which longs for the sense of worth you exude.

Blessings be with you and all with whom you live and work this holy season!

**Fr. Patrick Dolan**

**State Chaplain**

# State Secretary

## Cameron Peck



Newsletter article for December 2017.

Brothers,

Let me start off by wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. I hope that everyone gets to spend the holidays with their family and friends. And while it is easy to get swept up in the commercialization of Christmas, especially if you have young children, let's remember the true meaning of Christmas and thank our Lord, Jesus Christ for the great sacrifice he made for all of us.

Last month I told you about a homeless man that lives outside a store a few doors down from where I work. And I have an update. I stopped in and talked to him for a little bit shortly after writing the article last month and it turns out that he is quite well adjusted. His name is Tim and he has several people looking in on him. In fact, he even has a miniature Christmas tree next to him. The first thing I did was offer to go buy him some food and he informed me that he was super full and could not eat another bite. And at no time during our conversation did he ask for money or even hint that he was looking for a handout. I told him that it was going to get cold in a few days and asked him if he would like to go to a shelter to stay warm. He told me "I've tried that. They don't want me." I told him it was going to get pretty cold and he pointed out that he has plenty of warm clothes to get him through. He then changed the subject and I didn't push it.

A few days ago I stopped by and spoke with Tim. Again, he was in good spirits and was not hungry or looking for any handouts. I asked him if I could get him to a shelter and he refused again. This time he said "I have something written on my forehead that they don't like." I told him that he could keep his hat on but again he refused. I did not ask him what he was trying to hide, but it is something big for sure.

I will continue to check in on Tim, but I expect that he will want to continue staying put for a while. Please join me in saying a prayer for Tim and all homeless people in hopes that they get the help they need. Matthew Chapter 25, verse 40 "And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Please note, I am not suggesting that we give money to homeless people. But, no one deserves to be hungry. I will always be happy to buy someone a meal.

**Vivat Jesus,**  
**Cameron Peck**  
**State Secretary**

# State Treasurer

## Steve Zanone

My Brother Knights,

Thank you to all who attended the Mid-Year meeting. Unfortunately, due to a health issue with my wife, I was unable to be there in person. I want every one of you to know and understand I was there in spirit. But as we all know, there is a time when family obligations trump any other commitment.

I want to remind everyone that at this joyous season we need to remember the people who will suffer: The homeless, living on the streets without a roof or knowing where their next meal will come from. The poor, who struggle to pay bills and provide a little something on the dinner table and under the tree. The elderly person who has no family coming to spend Christmas with them. The soldier, and his or her family, who will be serving us away from home this Christmas season. The police, firefighters, nurses, and doctors who will be working every day and night throughout the entire holiday season. Our priests, who will be ministering to us and our parish families. We as Knights are responsible for paying attention to these people. By our words and works, we have the opportunity to show our community that the Knights of Columbus is the greatest family fraternal organization in the world.

My only wish for the Christmas season is that you and your families experience peace, joy, and good health. Merry Christmas to everyone!

**VJ,**

**Steve Zanone, State Treasurer**

# State Advocate

## Tom Johnson



### Mid-Year Meeting:

A BIG thank you to the brother Knights of council 12923 Campbellsville for a great weekend and a special thank you to Doug Willems for making sure everything ran smoothly. **If you weren't there you missed it.** What a great two days. Yes it was another meeting and in many ways the same ole same ole...BUT what you missed was important not only to the State Council but also to your councils.

Gentlemen, these meetings are for you. They are designed to keep you up to date on what's happening at Supreme and at the State level. It's an opportunity to interact with brother GK's, FS's, Program Directors and the State Officers. It's an opportunity to discuss issues that are affecting you and your council.

It's interesting although not surprising that the councils who attend the State meetings are also the councils that are thriving and having another successful year. Likewise, the opposite is true. For the most part those councils that don't attend the State meetings are the same councils that haven't filed their Forms 365 & 1295. Who haven't recruited a member and who won't be recognized at the State Convention for the good works that the men of the councils do day in and day out. You do the work...honor the men of your council by giving them the recognition they deserve.

### Council Reports: Update

We are half way through the fraternal year and there are still a number of councils that have not completed Forms 185 Officers Chosen for the Year, 365 Service Personnel Report, 1295 Semi-Annual Audit nor have they recruited a single member for the year. On the other hand we have a large percentage of our councils that have submitted all of their forms and are doing a bang up job in recruiting members and carrying out various programs to benefit their council, parish and community at large.

As your State Advocate I want to see all of our councils be successful. I stand ready to do whatever I can to help you and your council be successful but you have to make the call.

### Basketball Free Throw:

It's time once again for the KC Basketball Free Throw contest. All councils that have expressed an interest in hosting a local council contest should have received their Free Throw kits by now. If you did not please contact me and I'll send you one. All local contests must be held by the end of January.

# State Advocate

**Tom Johnson** (cont.)



**The following DDs will be hosting the District Contest:**

District # 3 – Mike Greenwell

District # 4 – Ed Sullivan

District # 6 – George Barber

District # 8 – Ken Woodward

District # 9 – Rick Osborne

District # 11 – John Thomas

District # 13 – Al Fiorucci

District # 14 – Dick Burns

District # 15 – George Hayes

District # 16 – Council 11470

District # 18 – Steve O’Bryan

District # 19 – Jim Wharton

District # 20 – Ed Quinn

District # 22 – Paul Motz

District # 21 – David White

Please contact your DD for date, time and location of your district’s contest.

**The following DDs will be hosting the Regional contest:**

Covington Diocese – DD # 21 David White

Lexington Diocese – DD # 20 Ed Quinn

Louisville Diocese – DD # 15 George Hayes

Owensboro Diocese – DD # 8 Ken Woodward

Please contact these DDs for date, time and location of your Regional contest.

# State Advocate

**Tom Johnson** (cont.)



The State Free Throw contest will once again be held in Bardstown at Bethlehem High School. Council 1290 will be hosting the contest. The State Free Throw contest will be either Sunday March the 18<sup>th</sup> or Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Exact date and time are being worked out.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me or your District Deputy.

## **Safe Environment Update:**

Only about 75% of the State's GKs have completed their required Safe Environment training. There are still 5 Youth Directors that have not completed their training and background check. Supreme is sending out notices to the council GKs.

## **Home Corporations:**

At the State Deputy's mid-year meeting several weeks ago, Supreme once again addressed the need for those councils that have a council hall/home corporation to take a hard look at how owning a hall is impacting the work of their council. There are councils that are able to maintain their hall and continue the works of Charity as envisioned by Fr. McGivney.

And there are councils that are struggling to keep the lights on and are spending their efforts trying to rent the hall or having fund raiser to benefit the hall. The hall has become their focus not the works of Charity as envisioned by Fr. McGivney. These are the councils that need to take a hard look at their decision to keep the hall.

## **Reflections:**

**Advent** is here. **Prepare Ye** the way!

Over the next four weeks let us take the time to remember back over the past year and reflect on the events that took place in our lives. Maybe it was the loss of a loved one or supporting a family member diagnosed with cancer, a debilitating disease, a drug addiction or the loss of a job.

Maybe it was the birth of a child, a child's first day at school, graduating from high school or college, winning a sports competition, excelling academically or a job promotion.



# State Advocate

**Tom Johnson** (cont.)



Whatever the event, let us thank God for all that He has given us and done for us and let us pray for all that He may do. Pray that He may continue to bless our families and watch over His people and pray that He may continue to bless the United States of America.

God is in control...we just have to believe and be willing to do His will.

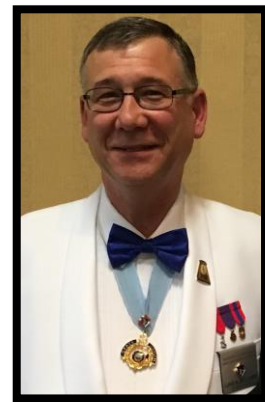
**Vivat Jesus,**

**Tom Johnson**

**State Advocate**

# State Warden

## Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

### **2017 State Charities NFL Sweepstakes Fundraiser**

We did a Great Job on this year's NFL Sweepstakes which benefits the Kentucky State Charities fund. Here are some final results....

Num. of Councils Participating	79
Num. of Councils Not Participating	12
Num. of Councils not responding	3
Num. of Inactive councils	11
Total Number of Councils	105
Councils sold at least 25 tickets or more	49
<b>Total tickets sold</b>	<b>4067</b>

After prize money and expenses were subtracted, 79 participating Councils and State Charities fund split remaining funds 50% with the State picking up postage and supplies expenses.

Councils receive	<b>\$12,626.25</b> (\$3.10/ticket sold)
Net to State Charities Fund	<b>\$11,862.50</b> (After Expenses)

Thanks to all who participated and keep checking the State Website for results cause there are still a few weeks left in the Sweepstakes and your ticket could still will.

### **2018 State Disaster Fund Basketball Slam Sweepstakes**

I hope that all councils will participate in this year's Basketball Slam fund raiser to help with the State Disaster Fund. We recently gave out over \$6,000 for Hurricane Relief from this fund to 3 Knights of Columbus Jurisdictions (Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico). The 2018 Basketball Slam tickets were distributed to councils and District Deputy's at the Mid Year Meeting held in Campbellsville. I have mailed packets to those councils whom did not have a representative or District Deputy in attendance. If you did not get a packet and want to participate, please contact me and we can get you set up. These tickets would make great Stocking Stuffers, New Years gifts as well as helping your council and are available until March 4, 2018. Please help make this year's Basketball Sweepstakes another success.

# State Warden

**Luke A. Williams** (cont.)



December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the 1st reading from the book of Genesis made me reflect on something that affects all of us as Catholic men.

When the devil was tempting Eve to eat from the tree that God had forbidden, because of the love he had for us, where was Adam? He was standing right there and apparently said nothing and let it happen. I pray to God our Father, that all of us as Knights of Columbus and all men of the world, stand up, speak up and be the best examples of Gentlemen we can be for our families and those we come in contact with on a daily basis.

We all know that what we hear, read or see in the media makes it sound like nothing good is happening in the world but remember there are still more good things happening than not. Be a part of the good.

I am looking forward to the next time I see any of you and hope that this Advent Season brings you the Peace our God wants for us.

Pam and I would like to wish each of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Luke Williams**

**State Warden**

# General Program Director

## Bill Schmidt IPSD



Brother Knights –

As we have entered Advent and the Christmas season, there are so many opportunities available for your council to be active in your parish and your community. Whether you are planning to hold a “Holy Family Icon” prayer service, “Journey to the Inn” Celebration, “Consecration to the Holy Family” Prayer Service, “Family Rosary”, “Keep Christ in Christmas” activity, “Food for Families” or “Coats for Kids” Drive, this is a great time to exercise our first principle of Charity and to build up the Domestic Church. Get involved with your council in these activities. You will be happy that you did!

Recently I emailed Grand Knights the tracking form for the Program Director and State Deputy Awards that will be presented at the State Convention in May. I want to thank the councils that replied by sending me their activity report. For those that have not yet sent me the report, you still have time. There is no reason that every council cannot win the Program Director Award at a minimum. You simply need to report two activities in each of the six program areas and submit the required reports (185, 365, 1295’s, and 1728). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Are you up to the challenge?

This month’s “Program Spotlight” features one of the Building the Domestic Church programs. “Consecration to the Holy Family” is a program that every council can and should do. The first Sunday following Christmas Day (Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>), a special prayer service is conducted to strengthen families and parishes. Check out the Program Spotlight to learn how to conduct this prayer service written by Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori.

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.

I wish you and your family a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

**Fraternally,**

**Bill Schmidt, IPSD**

**General Program Director**

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# District Master

## Gary Dykuis



Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

**December Events;** President James Monroe introduced his "Monroe Doctrine" during his annual message to the Congress, prohibiting any further colonization of the American continents by European powers, stating, "we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety.

Martin van Buren (1782-1862) the 8th U.S. President was born in Kinderhook, New York. He was the first President who was born a citizen of the United States. He served from March 4, 1837 to March 3, 1841.

George Armstrong Custer was born in New Rumley, Harrison County, Ohio. He graduated from West Point at the bottom of his class in 1861, then became a dashing cavalry officer in the Civil War and fought at Bull Run. He was appointed brigadier general and served gallantly at Gettysburg and in the Virginia campaigns. After the war, he took part in the Western expedition against the Sioux Indians. In June of 1867, Custer and over 200 of his soldiers from the U.S. 7th Cavalry were killed by Sioux warriors at Little Bighorn in Montana.

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

December 14, 1799 - George Washington died at Mount Vernon.

**Next Exemplification:** February 24, E.T. Murphy and Father Meader Assembly, Radcliff, KY. This will be the Louisville Archdiocese Exemplification. Please watch for your registrations on the state Website. The planning is done and the information is on the Kentucky Website. The next Exemplification after Radcliff is going to be in Owensboro June 23, 2018. The new Year starts July 1, and I hope to have an Exemplification in each of the Diocese of Kentucky. If your Assembly would like to sponsor an Exemplification, please let me know.

# District Master

**Gary Dykuis** (cont.)



The Biannual meeting is going to be March 24, 2018. Please be prepared to send your Assembly's Representative to this meeting. This will be the meeting to nominate the next District Master for the Kentucky District. My time is up August 31, 2018.

Yes, the Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson and the Board of Directors, have made some changes. There is a New Fourth Degree Uniform. Tuxedos are optional for Exemplifications, Navy Blue or Black Suits can be worn for the Exemplification. A pin stripe gray suite is acceptable. The current wear out date is now June 30, 2019 for the old Regalia.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:garydykhuis@att.net)

**Vivat Jesus,**

**SK Gary Dykhuis,**

**Kentucky District Master**

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## **Candidate Eligibility, Application Processing and Checklist**

A candidate must complete a Fourth Degree Membership Document, Form 4 about two months prior to the Exemplification. He and his proposer must sign in section 4. The candidate forwards the Form 4 to the Financial Secretary of his Council. The candidate should designate the Assembly he prefers membership in.

The Financial Secretary certifies the candidate's third degree status and good standing in the council. Subsequently, the Financial Secretary detaches his copy of the Form 4 and forwards the remaining copies of the set to the appropriate Assembly.

The Faithful Navigator of the selected Assembly presents the candidate's application to the membership. The Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller complete section 5 of the Form 4 and forward all copies to Secretary to the Master. The Assembly copy of the Form 4 will be delivered to the appropriate Assembly upon completion of the Exemplification.

Candidate must complete the Registration Form and send it with a check payable to **Gary Dykhuis, Kentucky District Master** by **February 3, 2018** to:

**Bill Schmidt, IPSD**

**Secretary to the Master**

**300 Spring Street**

**Leitchfield, KY 42754**

### **Candidate:**

Make your hotel reservations (if needed) within the time limits listed in the announcement. Insure that you have your 3rd degree membership card on the day of the Exemplification.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Gary Dykhuis, Kentucky District Master at [garydykhuis@att.net](mailto:garydykhuis@att.net) or 703-625-6735 Bill Schmidt, Secretary to the Master at [billschmidtpsd@comcast.net](mailto:billschmidtpsd@comcast.net) or 270-259-2607

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## Fourth Degree Membership Document - Form 4

The required areas for an Applicant for the Fourth Degree are shown below. Please note that the form has been changed by Supreme - they are purple and fields have changed. OLD FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Section 1 & 2 - Completed by the New Member Applicant for the Fourth Degree. Council number & 1<sup>st</sup> degree date are required. Council Financial Secretary can advise of 1<sup>st</sup> degree date if not known.

Section 3 - Completed by the Applicant, if applicable.

Section 4 - Signature of Applicant and Date; Signature of Proposer and his Assembly Number; Proposer Membership number.


Section 5 - Signature of Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly that the candidate will be joining.

Section 6 - Enter the Applicant's Membership Number and check New Member box; Enter Assembly Number and City & State of the Assembly being joined.

Section 7 - Financial Secretary enters Council Number and location. Financial Secretary signs, certifying that the Applicant is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member in good standing.

Section 8 - Completed by District Master after the Exemplification.

Gary D. Dykhuis  
Master, Kentucky District


**FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 A SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC MEN

MEMBER NO. 12345678

<b>1</b>	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	TITLE
	STREET	CITY	ST / PROV.	POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY
	HOME PHONE	DATE OF BIRTH	MARITAL STATUS	1 <sup>st</sup> DEGREE DATE
<b>2</b>	CITIZEN OR VITAL COUNTRY?		BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION?	IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED?
	DATE OF TERMINATION		REASON FOR TERMINATION	ASSEMBLY NUMBER
<b>3</b>	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE	NEW OR PRESENT
	SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER		ASSEMBLY	FORMER
<b>4</b>	I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN _____ COUNCIL NO. _____ LOCATION _____ DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____			
<b>5</b>	SIGNATURE OF FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR		DATE	RECEIVED FEES OF \$ _____ DATE _____
	SIGNATURE OF FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER		DATE	APPLICANT INITIATED BY _____ DATE _____
<b>6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> RESTORATION <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER <input type="checkbox"/> HONORARY MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> DATA CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION _____ REASON _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH _____ DATE _____			
<b>7</b>	I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN _____ COUNCIL NO. _____ LOCATION _____ DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____			
<b>8</b>	RECEIVED FEES OF \$ _____ DATE _____ APPLICANT INITIATED BY _____ DATE _____ <small>Copies of forms required for new members only</small>			



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## Kentucky District Fourth Degree Exemplification Saturday, February 24, 2018 in Radcliff, Kentucky Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies/Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Candidate/Deacon Initiation Fee</b> <i>(includes Banquet Ticket)</i>	\$70.00
Attending the Banquet	Yes _____ No _____
<b>Priest Initiation Fee</b>	
Attending the Banquet	Yes _____ No _____
	# _____ X \$30.00 \$ _____
<i>*Do not fill this section out if you are a Candidate*</i>	
<b>Sir Knight Registration Fee</b> <i>(required)</i>	\$ 5.00
<b>Sir Knight Banquet Ticket</b>	# _____ X \$30.00 (after Feb. 3 - \$45) \$ _____
<b>Lunch</b> <i>(before Exemplification)</i> for Candidates & Sir Knights	X \$ 5.00 \$ _____
<b>Ladies Social</b> <i>(includes lunch)</i>	# _____ X \$30.00 \$ _____
<b>Ladies/Guests Banquet Ticket</b>	# _____ X \$30.00 (after Feb. 3 - \$45) \$ _____

**\*\* All Banquet Tickets purchased after February 13<sup>th</sup> or at the door will be \$60 \*\***

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK, PAYABLE TO:  
Gary Dykhuis, Kentucky District Master

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM 4, REGISTRATION FORM and CHECK TO:**

Bill Schmidt, IPSD  
Secretary to the Master  
300 Spring Street, Leitchfield, KY 42754

*NOTE: ONLY ONE CANDIDATE OR SIR KNIGHT PER FORM!*

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2018**

*NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THIS DATE!*

# General Agent

## Darrell Swope



### A VOCATION TO SERVE

Every month the Supreme Council welcomes approximately 25 brother Knights to New Haven for a week of fellowship and instruction.

These men come from all across North America to hone their craft and develop their skills.

They've done many things: They've built houses. They've served in the military. They've taught students. They've discerned the priesthood. They've been fraternal leaders. They've been business leaders. They've been farmers. They've been foremen. They've been firefighters and police officers, truck drivers and bankers.

Now, despite their different backgrounds and different locales, they share two common bonds: They are Knights, and they are newly contracted agents.

Though challenging and demanding, such a career with the Knights provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for men to do well for themselves and their families while doing good for others.

A career as a dedicated, professional agent is principally a career of service. Working with their general agent and our Supreme Council team, each Knights of Columbus agent has a dedicated group of Knights of Columbus families to care for with his expertise and guidance.

The agent meets with his members regularly, helps them review their financial situation and offers them access to our exclusive line of insurance products.

Our agents receive extensive training and, through our compensation program, have the opportunity to enjoy an income limited only by the work they put into their career.

Working independently but not without support, our agents set their own schedules and are eligible for a benefits package. For agents in the U.S., this package includes group health, life, dental and disability insurance; a non-contributory defined-benefit pension plan; a 401(k) plan; expense allowance; reward trips and other incentives.

# General Agent

**Darrell Swope** (cont.)



## A VOCATION TO SERVE

Do you love the Order and have a passion for helping it grow? Are you a man of faith who wants to serve the Church? Are you a family man who needs to provide for loved ones? Are you looking for a vocation through which you will find happiness and fulfillment? Are you entrepreneurial and looking to set your own schedule and earn an income according to your effort?

If you, or someone you know, would answer “yes” to any of these questions, then you owe it to yourself to explore the possibility. You just may be the person we’re looking for, and we just may be that company for which you’ve been searching.

To learn more about the career opportunities in your area please call General Agent Darrell Swope at 859-421-6164 or email: [darrell.swope@kofc.org](mailto:darrell.swope@kofc.org).

Who knows what the future will hold? In a few short months, maybe you’ll be among the few who gather in New Haven for a week of training in fellowship.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!



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## Scheduled Events

Check the State Council Calendar at [www.kykofc.com](http://www.kykofc.com) for more details.

### December

**KY State Mid-Year Meeting Campbellsville, KY 1st – 3rd**

**1st / 2nd Degree - 4th**

**1st / 2nd / 3rd Degree - 9th**

**1st Degree – 17th**

**1st Degree – 26<sup>th</sup>**

### January

**2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree 6<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree – 17<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree – 21<sup>st</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree – 30<sup>th</sup>**