

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

April 2019



After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we will spend the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen." The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.



Though the way to the Resurrection was the *Via Crucis*, the Sacrificial Lamb of God is now and forever Christ our Light, the Eternal high priest of the New Covenant. And his sorrowful mother, the *Stabat Mater* of Good Friday, is now the jubilant Mother of the *Regina Caeli*.

We the members of Christ's Mystical Body exalt in the mystery by which we were redeemed. If in Baptism we were buried with Christ, so also will we share in his resurrection. By his death we were reborn; "by his stripes we were healed." (Is 53:5) Easter, the epicenter of time, is the event that links time and eternity. It is indeed "the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." (Ps 118:24)

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Monsignor Newman Council #4665 Louisville Ky. Grand Knight Terry Nelson presenting a check in the amount of \$42,130.00 to Father Chris Lubecke pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Louisville, Ky. for an annex building needed for renovation of kitchen and dining room at the Church.

Steve Arnold
Financial Secretary
Newman Council #4665

State Deputy Cameron Peck



Brothers,

We are getting ready for a very busy time. In the next few weeks we have the Kentucky Derby, the Pegasus Parade, Mother's Day, our State Convention, and of course right around the corner, Easter.

The Kentucky Derby is always a lot of fun and a great way for us as Kentuckians to celebrate. I love a good piece of Derby Pie. With the Derby comes the Pegasus Parade and we will be marching in the parade again this year. All knights and their families are welcome. The more, the merrier. Let's show the world who we are. For more information contact District Deputy Joe Carter.

The weekend after Derby is Mother's Day. We owe so much to our mothers and the mothers of our children. Many of our mothers and wives have made great sacrifices to help us be the men that we are. Let's show them how much they really mean to us.

The following weekend is our State Convention. We have the honor of having a Supreme Director as our Supreme Representative this year. Supreme Director Colin Jorsch and his wife Gina will be joining us for the convention. Remember, the convention is an opportunity for us to get together with our brothers that we don't get to see very often and celebrate all the great work we have done this year and to make plans for the future. I hope to see all of you there. The information can be found on our website (www.kykofo.com). It will be a great time for all.

The first of these events is the biggest, Easter. What a great time of year. We all have busy lives and end up getting pulled in all directions all the time. I encourage you to slow down and be mindful about Easter this year. Jesus is the reason for the season. But, don't forget to have plenty of Easter egg hunts for the kids and grandkids (and the parents too). My kids are pretty good at hiding Easter eggs from Anne and I. Hopefully you and your families will have a very Hoppy Easter!

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck
State Deputy

State Secretary

Steve Zanone



My Brother Knights,

This month I wish to cover a few housekeeping details. First, there are several councils that still have not paid their state assessments. Please send these in as soon as possible. I have notified the District Deputies if they have councils that haven't paid yet, and I hope they are following up with you. Your council will not be able to seat delegates or receive reimbursement at the convention unless you are current on your bills. Second, please put your council number on your checks. It really slows the process down if I have to look up your council number. I won't pretend to have all the names and numbers of the councils memorized yet. Finally, I haven't been able to answer everyone's questions yet about their billing. Please call me. The best time to call is from 5PM until 10 PM Eastern time. I promise to try my best to answer your questions. Remember, we are all volunteers and all Brother Knights.

Now that we have gotten the housekeeping out of the way, I would like to thank the Knights down in Murray for their warm welcome at the 4th degree. What an awesome turn out and exemplification that was. I look forward to seeing you guys again. Also, a big shout out to Eric Ritchie and his wife Amy for their continued work in our Culture of Life programs. You guys are doing an outstanding job.

We are entering the stretch run now toward our recruiting and fraternal goals for the year. Kentucky has historically been a group that closes out strong. Let's keep the tradition alive this year. Keep up the good works, get that paperwork in, and come to the convention in Lexington.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Zanone, State Secretary

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson



Happy Easter!

Wishing everyone a Happy & Blessed Easter! The arrival and celebration of Easter is a sure sign that warmer weather is here. Just as Christ died and rose from the dead, we see the renewal of life all around us. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the grass is greening and the smell of spring is in the air. Make sure you take time to thank God for all that He has done for you and to thank Him for all that He may do for you?

Membership:

Did your parish sponsor any RCIA candidates this year? Have you taken the time to speak with them, to say hello and welcome into the Catholic Church? If not, now is as good a time as any. These “new” Catholics are alive with Christ in their hearts and on their minds. Show them that Christ is in your heart and on your mind as well. Invite them to a council meeting, assuming that they are male and 18 years of age, and if they are not 18 years of age or are female invite them to participate in one of your upcoming council events. You never know where that simple act of kindness and thoughtfulness will lead.

Upcoming Council Elections:

June still seems like a ways off but it will be here before you know. If your council only meets once a month, then you’re looking at two future council meetings to nominate and hold your elections. I would suggest that you solicit nominations at your April meeting and hold your election at your May meeting. That way your council will be ready to hit the ground running as the new fraternal year begins in July.

Treasure’s Notes:

March Financials are in the book. The big event this past month was the collection of our State Basketball Slam receipts. I would like to thank those councils that sold tickets and turned their monies in on time. This is a great help to your State Warden, State Secretary and State Treasurer.

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson (cont.)



At the end of March, 2019 the following monies were available for each program:

KY Heavenly Pennies Program

Covington	-	\$472.71
Lexington	-	\$844.61
Louisville	-	\$617.75
Owensboro	-	\$643.20

These monies will be distributed to the Bishop of each of the diocese in which the monies was raised for the support of our seminarians.

Culture of Life Fund

Covington	-	\$250.00
Lexington	-	\$100.00
Louisville	-	\$606.08
Owensboro	-	\$2587.64

These monies will be distributed to each of the diocese in which the monies were raised for the support of Culture of Life needs.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Johnson

State Treasurer

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams



April State Advocate Facts, Forms and Easter Tidings

Brothers,

There have been a total of 12 resolutions submitted to the State Council for consideration at the upcoming State Convention in May. GKs should have received them a few weeks ago via email. If you or your council did not receive the email, please contact me. There were 5 Candidate Resolutions included in the email correspondence.

Here is an update with Safe Environment Training and reminder that **All Youth Compliance must be completed before May 1st..... PLEASE DO NOT WAIT**

As of 4/9/2019 there are;

We have 22 councils who are fully compliant. Great Job!

We have 3 more councils who have a few spots pending to become fully compliant.

We have 29 councils that have Grand Knight only for compliance and one pending and 10 GKs that are not compliant with their training.

Many of our councils have 2 spots compliant but not all 4.

Please consider helping your council out by volunteering for these important roles and more importantly, when you receive an email notification to take the training or to authorize a background check (Community or Family Directors). This is a very important training component in your Council's operations. Please contact me for further details or visit kofc.org/safe to complete the required steps.

As of 4-11-2019, here is an update on Delinquent Council Reports and I hope that we can help get to 100% compliance before June 1, 2019.

Form#185 Officers Chosen for the Term - report was due by 7/31/18.

11 Councils have no report turned in.

Form#365 Service Program Personnel Report - report was due 7/31/18.

26 Councils have no report turned in. (in order to get a Brother Knight in the process for Safe Environment Training or Background Check, a new Form#365 listing the Program Director, Community Director or Family Director would be filled out and sent to Supreme.

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams (cont.)



April State Advocate Facts, Forms and Easter Tidings

Form#1295 Semi Annual Audit for Period ending 12/31/2018;

23 Councils Delinquent Last 2 Periods - These councils are in danger of losing their bonding and face possible suspension.

11 Councils Delinquent Only Last Period

Form#1728 Survey of Fraternal Activity - report was due January 31st, 2019.

20 Councils still need one filled out and turned in (**not too late**). The best way to submit the **Survey of Fraternal Activities Form#1728** is via online submission by logging into Member Management. Supreme is also receiving a lot of old Form #1728 forms. They will process these however, it requires extra time. **Reminder** - there is a new #1728 or use the online submission method.

I am writing this to you before Holy Week and I am hopeful that your journey towards finding love with our Lord is being fruitful.

Congratulations to all who have recently joined the Knights of Columbus, Welcome and bring a friend on this spiritual journey as part of the "Strong right arm of the church"

Congratulations also to the new 4th Degree members knighted at Murray this past weekend. Being part of the Patriotic arm of the Knights IS something special and I thank Kentucky District Master Bill Schmidt and his team for all they do. Sorry I missed that exemplification and events as Lady Pam and I attended a 4th Degree exemplification in Nashville this past weekend where my Brother In Law, was Knighted into the Patriotic Degree by the Tennessee District Master. I hope more 4th Degree Knights will consider his example as he already ordered his new uniform this past Monday and is looking forward to being with a part of, with his fellow Brothers, at Uniform requested events that are coming up in his area.

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

State Advocate

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers,

Basketball Slam! Sweepstakes

Thanks to the 66 Councils who supported the Kentucky State Charities Disaster Relief Fund by selling over 1700 *Basketball Slam! Sweepstakes* tickets! We netted over \$11,000 that will be shared by the Fund and the participating Councils. Three councils (St. Mark #12852 in Lexington, All Saints #14234 in Taylorsville, and Blessed Trinity #15181 in Princeton) sold over 100 tickets! Participating Councils will receive just over \$3/ticket sold. The Sweepstakes Winners are:

High Winners

1 st	\$700	Barbara Lyons	#12923
2 nd	\$500	John Major	# 5071
3 rd	\$300	Betty Sue Schuhman	#12923
4 th	\$200	Wayne L. Welsh	# 1290
5 th	\$150	Jennifer Dunkel	# 1320
6 th	\$100	Tim Nutgrass	#14234
7 th	\$ 90	Nick Olson	#13917
8 th	\$ 80	Norman L. Powell	# 1320
9 th	\$ 70	Danny Roberts	#2282

Low Winners

1 st	\$250	DD Bruce	Whitehouse #16125
2 nd	\$100	Donnie Mills	#15181
3 rd	\$ 30	Council 11470	#11470
3 rd	\$ 30	Kevin Huber	# 4473

Thanks and Congratulations to all the Winners!

Thanks again to all who participated for your support of the State Disaster Relief Fund and for all you do for your council, your parish, and the Order!

Recruit! and Retain!

Good luck on your upcoming Church Drives!

If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says yes, you'll still double the size of your council. If you don't ask, you don't grow.

State Warden

Dick Burns (cont.)



Lent 2019

As Lent comes to a close, I pray that your participation in the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday services provide a period of Spiritual Growth for you Brothers and your families as we remember and celebrate our Lord's death and Resurrection.

State Convention

I look forward to seeing you at the 2019 State Convention in Lexington 5/18&19 as we celebrate our achievements from the last year and share in the fraternity of meeting with friends and Brothers and their families!

Vivat Jesus!

**Dick Burns,
State Warden**

For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. Eph 2:10

Immediate Past State Deputy

Gabe Cabral IPSD



My Brothers and Friends across the state of Kentucky and beyond, the current Fraternal Year is winding down and we are more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through this year. I expect during this month many councils are continuing to hold church drives as a follow up to the K of C Founders Day (March 29).

Remember that these men joined to be a part of something, and as new Knights, they will be looking for doing some meaningful work for the Church, Community, Youth, Council, and many other worthy causes. Don't let them down by ignoring the "New Guy". Not everyone is an extroverted self-starter- They will be looking to the veteran Knights to show them the ropes and get them on track to a rewarding time in our Order. Remember too, that there may be some new eligible men joining the Catholic Church during the Easter Weekend. Many churches have active RCIA programs that consistently bring new and returning Catholics to our church. As I've said before, it's no secret that the candidates in the RCIA program are not seeking to join the Catholic Church because it's the popular thing to do. They do so as a longing to do the right thing and to be closer to God. These clearly are the attributes we are seeking in the men we ask to join us.

When we speak to many of our Brother Knights, and ask why they didn't join the Knights of Columbus sooner, the most common answer given is, "...nobody asked me...". Let's not allow this happen to our newest Catholic men. I echo the sentiments of our Supreme Knight when he said "We have a moral obligation to invite all eligible Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus." The Knights of Columbus council allows good men to become better Catholics, engaged in service to the Church and community.

As we approach the end of this Lenten/Easter season and look forward to the resurrection of Christ and the promise of everlasting life with our Redeemer & Father in heaven, I would like to thank you for your commitment to the Catholic Church and your current and future years of service,, to the Knights of Columbus.

Gabe Cabral

Immediate Past State Deputy

General Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

Thank you to everyone that has submitted their Program Director and State Deputy Award submissions to me. If you have not submitted anything to me, I will accept them for a few more days and will let the Grand Knights and District Deputies when I am no longer accepting reports. Several councils have now earned the Program Director or State Deputy Awards for Program Excellence. There is still room for more! If you have not yet contacted me, now is the time to do so.

I would like to congratulate the following councils on having already earned the State Deputy Award: 390 Louisville, 5453 Burlington, 6743 Grayson County, 11470 Georgetown, 12923 Campbellsville, 13053 Louisville, and 15681 Lawrenceburg. If you believe you have earned the Program Director or State Deputy Award, please contact me right away.

The Columbian Award (SP-7) can be submitted to Supreme right now. This is another requirement for Star Council. As a reminder, the SP-7 has changed a lot since last year. There are only four categories instead of four, and there are now **mandatory** programs that you must conduct in order to earn the Columbian Award. The form and instructions at

https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf. If you have any questions, please let me know.

With respect to the Star Council award, Council 16125 in Knottsville has already met their membership and insurance quotas towards Star Council. Keep up the great work. The Star is within your grasp. Submit the Columbian Award Application right away!

Congratulations as well to the following councils that have met their membership quota but still need to meet their insurance quota: 390 Louisville, 6317 Danville, 6897 Murray, 10725 Owensboro, 10988 Calvert City, 11132 Madisonville, 12502 Independence, 13053 Louisville, 15484 Louisville, 15525 Jeffersontown, and 15841 Louisville. Please contact your Field Agent right away to put a strategy into motion on how to meet your Insurance requirement. There is still time to meet your quota, but it is ticking away very fast. There are many other councils that are on track to meet their membership quota as well. Keep going! The Star is within your reach as well.

General Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD (cont.)



Lastly, congratulations to councils 1377 Maysville and 15914 Fort Campbell for already meeting their insurance quota. With some effort, you can meet your membership goal to qualify for Star. Be sure to get all of your other required reports submitted right away.

Now is the time to make that final push in Membership, Insurance, and Programs to make this year the best one possible for your council. Contact your Grand Knight to find out how you can help. As always, remember to use every program as an opportunity to invite a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus. Invite a friend to join us and be part of the programs your council has to offer.

Fraternally,
Bill Schmidt, PSD, DM
General Program Director
BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net
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District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD



Sir Knights –

What a wonderful Fourth Degree Exemplification in Murray!!! On April 6th, 42 new Sir Knights joined the ranks of the Fourth Degree. The day was capped off with Mass officiated by Bishop Medley and the Banquet with Bishop Medley serving as the keynote speaker. I have to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Murray Knights of the Father Joseph Saffer Council and the Father Martin Mattingly Assembly for all of their hard work in making the weekend a success. I must also thank the Sir Knights from Fr. John Fallon Assembly in Paducah, Msgr. Albert Thompson Assembly in Fancy Farm, and St. Henry Assembly in Aurora for their efforts and support.

The next opportunity to join the Fourth Degree will be June 15th in Clarkson at Council 6743, hosted by Fr. Michael J. McGivney Assembly 3021. Details will be coming soon. This will be the last opportunity for Assemblies to meet their intake quota before the end of the fraternal year. I strongly recommend that Assemblies that only need one of two more members take advantage of this opportunity to meet their quota.

Remember that Assemblies can earn the Star Assembly Award by reaching their membership quota, earning the Civic Award (similar to the Columbian Award), entering the “To Be A Patriot” competition, publishing a monthly newsletter, and submitting the required Supreme reports. More information can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/10486-star-assembly-award.pdf>. All Assemblies are encouraged to shoot for the Star Assembly Award! If you have any questions, just ask me.

In order to grow the Fourth Degree, we must first grow in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. Recruit new members into your council and advance them through the higher degrees so that they can become Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree. Our councils, parishes, and communities need us Sir Knights more than ever. Let’s build up our Army of Knights to fight for what is right and just.

Fraternally,
Bill Schmidt, PSD
Kentucky District Master
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Scheduled Events

Check the State Council Calendar at www.kykofc.com for more details.

Wed Apr 24, 2019

7:45pm - 8:30pm 1st Degree Ceremony Where: 62 Needmore St, Walton, KY 41094, USA

Thu May 2, 2019

2pm - 6pm Pegasus Parade - Louisville Tue May 14, 2019

6:45pm - 7:30pm Council 1315 1st degree 6:45 PM CENTRAL Where: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4754 Smallhouse Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42104, USA

Sat May 18, 2019

All day State Convention Sat May 18, 2019 - Sun May 19, 2019 Where: Clarion Hotel Conference Center - North, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, USA

Sun May 19, 2019

All day State Convention Sat May 18, 2019 - Sun May 19, 2019 Where: Clarion Hotel Conference Center - North, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, USA

Wed May 22, 2019

7:45pm - 8:30pm 1st Degree Ceremony Where: 62 Needmore St, Walton, KY 41094, USA