

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## Reflection

In the light of the Assumption of Mary (Feast Aug 15<sup>th</sup>), it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

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## Pax Christi Council #15613

The International Night we had was a great success. We had 10 different countries (Poland, Italy, England, Australia, Norway, Ireland, Vietnam, Greece, The Philippines, and Cherokee Nation).

All of the groups made food from their homeland and decorated the tables. The children from the Filipino Community did several dances.



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## HOLE IN ONE

**FORT THOMAS, Ky.** —Jack Neal loves playing a good round of golf.

"I like to beat people," the 92-year-old Fort Thomas native said.

He's not too shabby, either. Neal plays three times a week. Last week, after half a century of teeing off, Neal finally nailed one of golfing's elite and elusive accomplishments.

"From the time I hit it, I never saw it ... I never saw the ball at all. And he happened to be playing with it. And another man, they said, it's going towards the hole, it's going towards the hole. But then there was a drop-off and you couldn't see it no more. So Miller went down, and there it was in the hole," Neal explained.

He figures the hole-in-one was a stroke of luck and divine intervention.

"I thought God did it," Neal, who appreciates the support he received from other members, said. "I made the hole-in-one, but everyone in this league made it special."

Neal has seen and done a lot in his life. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II, married for 69 years, has 24 grandchildren and 27 great-grandkids.

At 92, he remains an avid golfer.

In fact, he walked the course until he had to start riding carts last year. Neal's monumental shot comes during an equally monumental month.

"My birthday is the 20th, my wife's is the 25th and our anniversary is the 28th," he said.

After this round of golf will come the tradition that hitting a hole-in-one brings: Drinks on the house from the man who proves you're only as old as you feel.

Check out his interview here: <http://www.wlwt.com/article/92-year-old-northern-kentucky-man-records-1st-hole-in-one/10402466>

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Bishop Mulloy K of C Grand Knight Jim Hamberg (right) presents a plaque to immediate Past Grand Knight Bob Hassman in appreciation for his serving 3 years as Grand Knight.



Submitted by:

Deacon Bill Theis



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## Supreme Awards Fraternal Year 2016-2017

Supreme listed the awards earned by Kentucky Councils in the August Knightline. Forty-eight Councils earned fifty-five awards. Across the Order there are 15,000+ councils, only 2,071 of them achieved **Star Council** status. Sixteen Kentucky Councils achieved this award with five achieving Double Star status. Councils reporting a minimum of four programs in six program areas (and submitted the report) qualified for the **Columbian Award**. Thirty-one Kentucky Councils earned the award. The **McGivney Award**, membership, was awarded to six Councils and the **Founders Award**, insurance, to two Councils.

I have compiled a spreadsheet showing the Councils and the awards they earned. It is attached to this article. I want to extend my congratulations to all the members that contributed to earning these awards. Although your Council may not appear on the list, I hope to see it there at the end of this fraternal year. Keep up the good works!

Across the Order a total of 578 District Deputies qualified for the **Star District Award**. District Deputies Dick Burns and George Hayes are two of them. Congratulations!

**Billy R. Hancock, PSD**

**State Historian**

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## Supreme Awards FY 2016 - 2017

No.	Council Name	City or County	District	Star	Columbian	McGivney	Founders
390	Fr. Roy Dentinger	Louisville	15	DS			
1004	Fr. Durbin	Morganfield	3		X		
1055	Holy Rosary	Paducah	2				
1290	Bardstown	Bardstown	11		X		
1315	Fr. Ben Powers	Bowling Green	9				X
1320	Henderson	Henderson	3		X		
1367	Uniontown	Uniontown	3		X		
1377	Maysville	Maysville	23		X		
1483	Frankfort	Frankfort	16		X		
2499	Hardinsburg	Hardinsburg	8		X		
3908	Fr. Bealer	Erlanger	22		X		
4270	Brother Christopher	Springfield	11		X		
4665	Msgr. Newman	Shively	13		X		
5071	Pope John Paul	Corbin	17	DS			
5453	Bishop Ackerman	Hebron	21		X		
6743	Father Carroll White	Grayson County	10	X			
7831	Sebree	Sebree	7		X	X	
7847	Msgr. Willett	Hopkinsville	6		X		
10263	Saint Luke	Nicholasville	18		X		
10725	Bishop Henry J. Soenneker	Owensboro	4		X	X	
11470	Sts. John & Francis	Georgetown	16	X			
12774	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Lexington	18		X		
12852	St. Mark	Richmond	17		X		
12923	Fr. Pat Creed	Campbellsville	11	X			
12965	Fr. Emil Kapaun	Oak Grove	6		X		
13053	Bishop Flaget	Louisville	16		X		
13304	Fr. William Diersen	Lagrange	16	X			
13917	St. Leo	Versailles	15		X		
14128	Saint Mildred	Somerset	18	X			
14130	Christ the King	Lexington	20	X			
14234	All Saints	Taylorsville	12	X			
14290	Our Lady of Lourdes	Owensboro	4		X		
14372	Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary	Lexington	19		X		
14604	Mount Mercy	Peewee Valley	16		X	X	
14993	Mary Queen of Heaven	Erlanger	21		X		
15181	Blessed Trinity	Dawson Springs/Prince	6		X		
15211	St. Timothy's	Union	21	DS			
15452	Holy Spirit JH Newman	Lexington	19		X	X	
15484	St Charles/St Sebastian	Calhoun	7		X		

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## Supreme Awards (cont.)

15525	St. Michael	Jeffersontown	14	X				
15613	Pax Christi	Lexington	18		X		X	
15841	St. Edward	Louisville	14	DS				
15914	Fr. Francis L. Sampson	Fort Campbell	6	X				
15931	Ave Maria	Louisville	14		X	X		
15979	St. Margaret Mary	Louisville	14	X				
16125	Knotsville	Knottsville	5	DS				
16179	Sts Brigid and James	Louisville	14		X	X		
16206	Fr. John Garvey, HM	Morehead	23		X			
16232	Christ The King	Scottsville	9	X				
48 Councils/55 Awards				5 DS - Double Star	16	31	6	2

# State Deputy

## Gabe Cabral



My Brother Knights, we are 1 month into the new fraternal year and we are looking at a great start! The Supreme Knight and Deputy Supreme Knights have issued a challenge to all jurisdictions to do at least one better than our historical best membership recruitment for July (35) and August (56). Thanks to the hard work and efforts of several councils, our record for **the best July for Kentucky is now 45 new members!!!** I'd like to thank all of you for making this happen. Let's take some time to celebrate this accomplishment, but remember that we now have the August goal to conquer. The new target is now at least 57 and as of 8/6/2017, we have just 1 new member. Remember that the regular **New Member Fee of \$10 has been reduced to just \$5 for any member recruited between 7/1/2017 and 12/31/2017.** So, get these guys in right away and save your council some money while helping us meet this next challenge!

Our success in meeting these and future goals begins with a positive attitude and some real dedication. In the coming weeks, you will be contacted by your District Deputy or a State Officer to discuss the council's plans to meet your goals and which help the state reach these goals. Please work on your plans through December 2017 and beyond to make this a great year for Kentucky and earn your council the Star Council Award!

The 135th Supreme Convention in St Louis is now history, and I'm sure you have heard a lot about the surprise reveal of uniform change for the 4th degree. There is a significant amount of online discussion on social media and other sites taking place and not all of it is civil or even accurate. I would ask that all our Brothers and Sir Knights keep an open mind and watch for official and authorized communication on this topic from Supreme and our District Master.

While the uniform change seems to have dominated the discussion, it was by no means the most important story. The Knights of Columbus have committed to raise and donate \$2 million to rebuild the city of Karamdes Iraq, a predominantly Christian town on the Nineveh Plain which was liberated from ISIS late last year. Since 2014, the Knights' Christian Refugee Relief Fund has donated more than \$13 million for humanitarian assistance primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region. It would be an unbearable tragedy if one day, the region of the world responsible for Christianity's start no longer had any remaining Christians. If your council is looking for something meaningful to pray for, or a worthy cause to raise money -This is it.

My Brothers, once again, thank you for the effort to this point. Let's keep up the great work and continue on the path to greatness. Work Hard, Have Fun, and Make History!

**Vivat Jesus,**

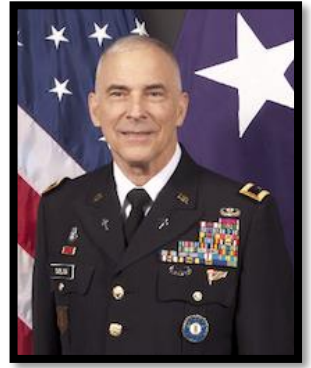
**Gabe Cabral**

**KY State Deputy**



# State Chaplain

## Fr. Patrick Dolan



### **Report of the KY state chaplain from the Knights of Columbus Supreme meeting in St. Louis**

After the Supreme meeting concluded, the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, and Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Lori, provided a very nice lunch (salad, veggies, chicken or salmon, etc.) buffet for the approximately 75 state chaplains and followed that with an address by each as well as by Fr. Kalisch. After those addresses (summarized below) the Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, stayed with the other clergy to exchange ideas and field questions.

Mr. Anderson called us to be “radiant witnesses” to the gospel at work in our lives: to be joyful as we show care for others. He emphasized that the chaplain’s message at the council or assembly would energize folks spiritually—and from that base we would have the organizational strength to reach the periphery of humanity as pope Francis has asked us to do. For the Building the Domestic Church he accented consecration of families to the holy family—to complement the order’s support of persecuted families in the Middle East. He also asked us to intercede with priests who have had a bad experience with the Knights to help mellow their attitudes.

The Supreme Chaplain continued that call to clergy within the knights to build bridges to other priests by sharing our spirit. He reminded us that the Knights were “born in a parish” and truly belong there. By providing men’s spirituality at the meetings we build up the knights and “give their wives a reason to send their husbands to a K of C meeting.”

Fr. Kalisch reinforced the call to have a priest at every meeting, and to display the spiritual aspect of every charitable event. One could do that by having a holy movie going on one wall of a pancake breakfast or fish fry, for example. He also asked us to pray for potential knights. The afternoon concluded with several suggestions and reports by other state chaplains, and was abruptly ended at 4 pm as promised. If we had had the chaplains meeting on Monday as in previous years, there would have been time for discussion—all through the week. Instead, I had to leave immediately to avoid rush hour traffic—and still arrived home only at midnight Thursday night. May God give us all the grace to implement these suggestions in the coming fraternal year. Blessings be with each of you and with the families who depend on you.

**Fr. Patrick Dolan**  
**State Chaplain**

# State Secretary

## Cameron Peck



Brothers,

I was very fortunate to be part of the Kentucky Delegation at the Supreme Convention in St. Louis on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was very energizing and I would suggest the trip to all brother knights.

During his State of the Order Address, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced that the Board of Directors had decided to update the 4<sup>th</sup> degree regalia. This has created quite a bit of buzz on social media and much of that buzz has been negative. Most of the negative comments tend to fall into two categories; cost and change.

Before I address the objections that many people have, I want to explain what the new regalia consists of. Black shoes, black socks, dark gray slacks, white dress shirt, navy jacket, navy 4<sup>th</sup> degree tie and black beret. The jacket has specific 4<sup>th</sup> degree buttons and a special 4<sup>th</sup> degree patch. The beret has the 4<sup>th</sup> degree emblem in gold colored metal over the left eye. At the Supreme Convention, the Vice Supreme Masters were wearing the new regalia and they all had a light blue flash (colored section behind the emblem) on their berets. The color of the flash will coincide with the color of the capes that we are familiar with except for those that wore the red cape previously. Their beret will have no flash behind the emblem. And the sword will still be part of the regalia.

As for the cost, the new regalia is currently available on [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com) for \$510. That covers the slacks, jacket, tie and beret. At the moment, the individual pieces are not being sold separately or being sold by any other vendors. This is clearly an expensive proposition, especially for those of us that already have a full set of regalia. But, I expect that the cost of the regalia will come down as other vendors are allowed to sell the new regalia. In the meantime, members are allowed to wear the "old" regalia until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. I expect by that time the cost of the new regalia will come down quite a bit. On a side note, any member that purchased the old regalia after May 1, 2017 can email their member number and a copy of their receipt to [regaliacredit@kofc.org](mailto:regaliacredit@kofc.org) for a \$200 credit toward the new uniform.

And now to address the idea of change. Change is always hard, no matter what the situation. Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson said "The Board of Directors has decided that the time is right for a modernization of the Fourth Degree Uniform." Many of us (myself included) will miss the cape and chapeau. They are unmistakably flashy and are instantly recognizable as 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights of Columbus, I will miss them for sure. But I like the new uniform as well. It gives a strong, powerful impression.

# State Secretary

## Cameron Peck (cont.)



There is a short but helpful Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on Supreme's website that may help answer some of the questions you have. It can be found at <http://kofc.org/en/news/releases/new-fourth-degree-uniform-faq.html>

In case you were not aware, this is not the first time that the 4<sup>th</sup> degree regalia has changed. So, the "old" regalia that we are familiar with, was at some point the "new" regalia. And undoubtedly was met with a bit of resistance when it was introduced.

Regardless of how you feel about the new regalia, it is here to stay. So I ask you to look at it with an open mind and know that the cost will come down. And when we are all wearing the new uniform, we will look great.



**Vivat Jesus,  
Cameron Peck  
State Secretary**

# State Treasurer

## Steve Zanone

Brother Knights,

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the honor of representing the Kentucky Jurisdiction at the 135<sup>th</sup> annual Supreme Convention. The Supreme Convention is an opportunity for your State officers to bond tighter as a unit and for us to be inspired and reinvigorated as Knights to serve you better. I will cover the information that I took away from the meetings and addresses.

In his address, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson cited the Order's record charitable contributions, which totaled over \$177 million last year. We also performed over 75 million hours of volunteer service. To me, these numbers once again prove that the Knights of Columbus is certainly the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, and our works make that arm stronger. Every council, in every jurisdiction, has the potential to perform amazing acts of charity. The dollar value is not the important part of this equation. The important thing is to help someone in need. To reach out to the periphery.

The Supreme Knight went on to inform us of a new initiative to assist persecuted Christians. The order will begin to raise \$2 million to rebuild the town of Karamdes. Karamdes is in Iraq on the Nineveh plain. Until recently, ISIS controlled this city. Terrorists desecrated graves, looted churches and homes, and drove the Christians from the city. Now that ISIS has been driven from the town, the Knights of Columbus will assist in rebuilding the town in order that our Christian brothers and sister may return home. In addition to the Supreme Council's commitment to this project, for \$2,000 a council, parish, or individual can move a Christian family back to their home. These families left behind everything except the Christian faith when they left. Hate and terrorism will not prevail. We must support this effort. Maybe a council cannot raise \$2,000 by itself, but maybe 2 or 3 small councils together can.

Another takeaway for me was the need for us to recruit younger men. In order to do this, some councils will need to make changes in their programs. We must find activities that are attractive to the whole family. The amount of free time that men have today is often times not as great as it once was. If these young dads are to be part of our Order, they will want to bring their wives and kids. By becoming more involved in the Building the Domestic Church program, we should be able to accomplish this goal. Remember when you ask a man to join to speak to his wife and children as well. Be clear that they will be welcome too.

Finally, we are off to a good start to the Fraternal year. Let us continue. Do not forget to support the NFL sweepstakes sales. I will remind all of you again to buy a ticket for your chaplain. Remember, Father probably likes football too. I have purchased tickets for priests several times, and they have always been delighted to get them.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Steve Zanone, State Treasurer**

# State Advocate

## Tom Johnson



### Supreme Convention:

This year's Supreme Convention was held in St Louis, MO from July 30th to August 3rd, 2017. This being my second Supreme Convention I had a much better idea of what to expect this year. Once again the atmosphere was warm and welcoming. There is something to be said about being with several thousand Catholics, over a four day period, coming together from around the world giving Praise to God and sharing a common bond that is the Knights of Columbus. The daily masses held prior to the business meetings were quite impressive. The opening mass was said in memory of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the second day mass Votive was for "Persecuted Christians", and the third day's mass was the Memorial Mass in memory of all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus including special recognition of Most Reverend John J. McRaith Bishop of Owensboro and Former Fourth Degree Master Joseph B. Dant both from Kentucky. There was no shortage of Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Priest. Several members of clergy of the Eastern Rite were present and we heard a first-hand testimonial of the genocide that is occurring in Syria and other parts of the Middle East and the hope that the Knights of Columbus has brought to the persecuted Christians in that part of the world. Not only has your Knights of Columbus pledged and provided financial support but the spiritual support of the Knights of Columbus has help these Christians to know that they are not forgotten.

The awards ceremony & business meetings were very similar to how we conduct our business meetings here in the Kentucky Jurisdiction. Next year's Supreme Convention will be in Baltimore, MD.

### Council Reports Update:

There are still a number of councils that have not submitted the Forms 185 Officers Chosen for the Year and Form 365 Service Personnel. Both forms are important for proper communications between Supreme and your State Council. As your State Advocate I have taken on the responsibility of working with all councils to ensure 100% compliance.

Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit is due August 15th for the period ending June 30th, 2017. There are a number of councils that still have not filed the February 2017 report for the period ending December 31st, 2016. These reports are critical in order for a council to maintain their "bonding" status. Without these reports your council may not be protected against a financial loss as a result of an illegal action by a member(s).

For those councils whose fiscal year ended June 30th, 2017 its time to file your 990N with the IRS. If you miss filing the 990N three (3) years in a row you will lose your tax exempt status with the IRS. If you miss one year you will not be able to file the electronic version of the 990N but will have to fill out and file a paper form for the year(s) missed.



# State Advocate

**Tom Johnson** (cont.)



## **Safe Environment Training:**

If you are a Grand Knight, a council Youth Director or a Squires coordinator you are required to take the courses offered by Supremes' in order to remain compliant. All KofC members that work with the youth of our parishes and communities must take this training. This training is above and beyond any parish or diocesan training required by the Catholic Church.

## **Regional Meetings:**

Mid-Year meetings will be coming up in September. Please look at the KY State website for a meeting near you.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Tom Johnson**

**State Advocate**

# State Warden

## Luke A. Williams



## 2017 SWEEPSTAKES UPDATE

This year's tickets were distributed at the July Organizational meeting and here are the main points we are stressing in this year's Football Frenzy Sweepstakes:

1. We hope the councils who sold 0 tickets last year would please participate this year.
2. We hope all council members participate in this KY State Charities fundraiser so that it is a successful fundraiser for your council.
3. Last year's "return to council per ticket amount" was \$3.08.
4. We hope each council will sell at least 25 tickets to receive 25 points towards the State Deputy Award.
5. The Buy 2 get 1 free offer is available again this year.

Each council should have received a packet containing instructions and tickets to trade for money. Grand Knights, if you or a council representative did not attend the meeting, either your District Deputy picked them up to give to you or I mailed them to the last known Grand Knight address listed in the KY State Directory. Please delegate someone in your council to head up this worthwhile fundraiser for both the State Charities Fund and your council. Don't forget, if anyone buys two (2) tickets they can get a third ticket free from Green Bee. Just go online and register the two tickets that you bought. They don't even have to have the same person's name on them. Go to [kykofc.com](http://kykofc.com) to check results, order tickets or get your free ticket.

Remember...the proceeds from the sale of the NFL Sweepstake tickets go to help fund your KY State Charities and your local council.

# General Program Director

## Bill Schmidt IPSD



Brother Knights –

The Supreme Council has challenged us to get off to a “Fast Start”. Hopefully your council is off to a Fast Start, not only in recruiting, but also with your programs. By now, you should have met with your pastor(s) and put a program line up in place for the fraternal year. If you have not completed this task yet, now is the time! Meet with your pastor and find out what programs he would like to see your council perform to more fully integrate the council and the parish. The “Building the Domestic Church” programs specifically will help you get this most important job done. Speak with your pastor(s) about it today!

In August and September, councils should be conducting programs such as the Family Week Celebration (August 7-13), selling the NFL Sweepstakes tickets, Voter Registration, and hosting the Soccer Challenge at the council level. Councils should be planning for programs in October, November, and even December in August and September. Programs such as Fifth Sunday Rosary (October 29<sup>th</sup>), Tootsie Roll Drive, Columbus Day celebration, and a Memorial Mass to name a few should be planned now.

Build on your successes from last year to develop your program portfolio for this year now. Build your programs around the “Building the Domestic Church” initiative. More information can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/index.html>. I am challenging every council to make this their best year ever and to show it by submitting the Columbian Award application (SP-7) regardless of your ability to achieve Star Council. The Columbian is also a prestigious award as it shows that your council is active and growing! You will be hearing more from me on this topic as the year progresses.

The Program Spotlight for this month is the “Building the Domestic Church” initiative. If you have any questions about this most important set of programs, please let me know. I am more than happy to help you learn more.

Remember that every program your council performs should be used as an opportunity to invite a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus. The benefits of recruiting just one new member are significant not only to your council, but to the new member as well. Invite one of these gentlemen to join us and be part of the programs your council has to offer.

As always, if you need any assistance or have any questions, I am available for you. I would love to hear from you.

**Fraternally,**  
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**General Program Director**  
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# Membership Director

## Rick Arnold

Dear Brothers all,

### **Congratulations! We are off to a great start for the new Fraternal Year!**

We Recruited 45 new members in July (which is the best July on record) and we are starting off with a bang for August with 19 new members already this month. That's right, we have recruited 64 new members this Fraternal Year. But, if we want to be known as the real Boys of Summer, we must build on this terrific momentum. We have a great chance to have over 100 new members in Kentucky before the first day of September.

I challenged each District Deputy to schedule at least two Admission Degrees in his District in July and August. If they did and we achieved our State goal of 100 new members he would receive a customized Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat.

Because we had such a great start to the year, I am offering forgiveness to the DDs that did not have the two membership degrees in July. As long as they have two membership degrees in August and the state meets the 100 new members intake goal, they will be eligible for the bat.

I want to especially thank a few councils who have really excelled early this fraternal year:

C6317 Danville	111.11% of goal
C13053 Louisville	57.14% of goal
C11453 Aurora	50% of goal
C14372 Lexington	50% of goal
C15841 Louisville	50% of goal
C16525 Knottsville	50% of goal
C11470 Georgetown	45.45% of goal
C15979 Louisville	33.33% of goal
C1301 Dayton	30% of goal
C16179 Louisville	25% of goal

Please, let's keep up the good work!!!

# Membership Director

**Rick Arnold** (cont.)

We should be very proud of our efforts this Fraternal Year! Kentucky ranks 2nd in the order at 11.13% of our goal. Our net numbers and net/net numbers are also looking very strong.

All of you Grand Knights should be making sure you have an Admission Degree scheduled for your council in August. Then make sure that you are recruiting towards those degrees. Always remember that the State officers and I are here to help in anyway.

Thanks for all you do. God bless! Vivat Jesus! And Peace be with you!

**Rick Arnold PSD**

**Membership Director**



# District Master

## Gary Dykuis



Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

**August Events:** August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 5, 1583, the first British colony in North America was founded by Sir Humphrey Gilbert, a British navigator and explorer. He sighted the Newfoundland coast and took possession of the area around St. John's harbor in the name of the Queen. He was later lost at sea in a storm off the Azores on his return trip to England.

August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber Enola Gay. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 13, 1961, the Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire to discourage emigration to the West. The barbed wire was replaced by a 12 foot-high concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles (166 km) around the perimeter of West Berlin. The wall included electrified fences, fortifications, and guard posts. It became a notorious symbol of the Cold War. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan made notable appearances at the wall accompanied by speeches denouncing Communism. The wall was finally opened by an East German governmental decree in November 1989 and torn down by the end of 1990.

**Next Exemplification:** October 14, 2017, Bluegrass Assembly, Lexington, KY. This will be the Lexington Diocese Exemplification. Please congratulate the 22 new Sir Knights that were in the class on the July 22, 2017, Father Alexander Korte, Bowling Green, KY. The planning is done and the information is on the Kentucky Website. The new Year starts July 1, and I hope to have an Exemplification in each of the Diocese of Kentucky. The February Exemplification will be held in Radcliff on February 24. If your Assembly would like to sponsor an Exemplification, please let me know.

Please report the new Assembly Officers on the Knights of Columbus Website. It only takes a few minutes to do this.

# District Master

## Gary Dykuis (cont.)



Yes, the Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson and the Board of Directors, have made some changes. There is a New Fourth Degree Uniform. In the 27 years that I was in the Army there were seven uniform changes, in which the last one was over \$1,000. One uniform I wore one time (Pants \$90, Shirt \$28, Jacket \$290 not including rank, service stripes). Tuxedos are optional for Exemplifications, Navy Blue or Black Suits can be worn for the Exemplification.

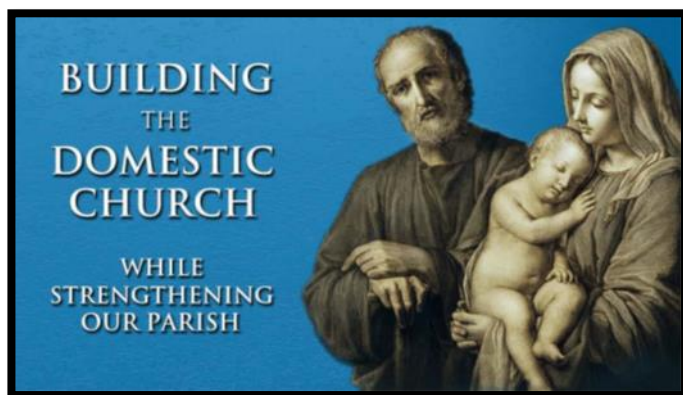
Please help the Kentucky District with new Sir Knights. You can do this by assisting your council holding; First Degree - Admission Degrees, Second Degree - Formation Degrees, and Third Degree - Knighthood Degrees.

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**

# Kentucky State Council Featured Programs



The Knights of Columbus has always been an organization dedicated to the well-being and support of Catholic family life. The family is the first and primary place where we experience and are formed in our Catholic faith. By building upon our current programs and activities, the Knights of Columbus continues to promote the family as a "domestic church" where husbands and wives, parents and children, grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith. In order to perform its important mission of evangelization, each family needs to find support in the sacramental life of the parish.

Knights of Columbus councils have always responded to the most urgent needs of the Church, particularly through charitable and social outreach. In order to support the evangelization of family life today, our councils must be even more fully integrated into our parishes. As the world's largest Catholic fraternal and family organization, we have a responsibility to dedicate our time, talent and resources to ensuring that our parishes are beacons of the new evangelization.

In order to highlight the importance of this new initiative and its impact on our mission, the Supreme Council has announced that this year, at least four major council programs must be designated as "Domestic Church" activities to earn the Columbian Award.

The following programs currently carry the "Domestic Church" activity designation:

- 5th Sunday Rosary Program
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Fully Alive Devotional Program
- Family Week Celebrations
- Affirmation of Wedding Vows
- Food for Families
- Holy Family Prayer Program
- Journey to the Inn
- Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign
- Spiritual Formation Groups ( ex. Into the Breach)
- CIS - Building the Domestic Church Series
- Simple Supper & Stations

# General Agent

## Darrell Swope



### CARING FOR OUR OWN

Because the Knights of Columbus isn't just another insurance company, our members are more to us than customers — current or potential — who are valued only for the products they purchase. Father McGivney founded the Knights 135 years ago so that we could help each other, and so we offer unique products and services out of concern for the well-being of both you and your family. That's the Knights of Columbus difference.

For starters, we extend to our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus. The program — which is only available in insurance jurisdictions — provides a benefit of \$1,000-\$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions). Since its launch in 1994, the program has provided nearly \$15 million in benefits.

In addition to the Accidental Death benefit, the Knights of Columbus and our agents offer a number of free services to our members and their families. Our agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one.

Knights of Columbus agents will stand by you and assist you with any of the following: contacting your attorney to sort out your will; making funeral arrangements; notifying and coordinating with the council; resolving any financial matters; filing any claims (including claims with companies other than the Knights of Columbus); and filing for survivor benefits or veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Get to know all of our fraternal benefits and the ways your council's members may benefit from them. Help educate them and connect them with their field agent, who can provide them with specific details. Because, at the end of the day, we're brothers and we're here to help.

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## Scheduled Events

### **August**

Golf Scramble 19

1st Degree 29

### **September**

Regional Meeting 16

Regional Meeting 17

Regional Meeting 23

Regional Meeting 24

1st Degree 26