

Kentucky State Council Newsletter

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The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated on **December 8**. The first day of December falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical color green. The next 22 days fall during the liturgical season of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity.

Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.



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New 4D Ultrasound Machine for the Rose Garden Mission

When the Rose Garden's ultrasound machine broke, it was a big setback for their efforts to encourage mothers and fathers to keep their babies and not abort them. When the State Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Chairman Eric Ritchie heard of this he went right to work on purchasing a new machine. He raised \$47,948 of which half came from Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Mary Queen of Heaven Knights of Columbus in Erlanger took the lead in the fundraising. Bishop Mulloy Council, Bishop Ackerman Council, St. Timothy Council, and Bishop Flaget Assembly also contributed funds, as did the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office, and dozens of individuals, including the Bishop.

The new machine is a 2018 4D model which can record the entire session on DVD or send the baby's picture directly to the mother's phone. The old machine was from the 1980's. This is the 5th Ultrasound machine the local Knights have purchased for a pregnancy center in NKY, and the fourth project that Eric has personally run. Everyone has brand new machines now! Even though Eric has done four of these, he is always amazed each time at how quickly it comes together.



Left to Right:

Don Heffernan – Treasurer of Mary Queen of Heaven Council 14993, Erlanger
Rick Pratt – Grand Knight of Mary Queen of Heaven Council 14993, Erlanger
Eric Ritchie – State Culture of Life Chairman, Kentucky Knights of Columbus. Member of IHM Parish and MQH Council 14993.
Sheila Carroll Director of Rose Garden Clinic
Mother Seraphina
Deacon Bill Theis – Member of Bishop Mulloy Council
John Doubrava – Member of MQH Council 14993, IHM Parish, and Ultrasound Committee Treasurer.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis

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Christ the King Council 16232 Annual Turkey Fry

One of the greatest joys of being a Knight is the feeling of brotherhood with those in your council as well as with Knights around the world. This is never more apparent than when Council 16232 gets together for their annual turkey fry on Thanksgiving morning. The cool brisk air at 5am definitely wakes us up as we prepare the fry pots for the Thanksgiving centerpiece for those families that allow us to prepare their turkeys for them. This year we cooked 23 turkeys, 1 ham, and 1 goose and even fried a Boston butt (we will fry anything in the south). Of course the first turkey to come out is the sample turkey for all in attendance, and it was delicious, as usual. Twelve brothers showed up to help and enjoy fellowship with each other to start the holiday and we were able to raise over \$350 which will be used to purchase and fill stockings for each of the children on the Angel Trees at Christ the King Church in Scottsville and St. Mary's Church in Franklin.



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Membership Drive



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Mid-Year Meeting



PSD/Program Director Bill Schmidt speaking to DD's at Midyear Mtg



Sunday Prayer for Persecuted Christians

State Deputy Cameron Peck



Brothers,

Last weekend was a great weekend. We had pretty good turnout for the mid-year meeting in Hebron, KY. I truly appreciate the sacrifice that you all made to get there. Some people drove over 500 miles for this meeting. Mileage for the men is always a concern and some states like Rhode Island are great for that. But, imagine what it is like for planning the state meetings in Texas. We have it pretty good. A lot of great information was shared in both directions and that is always great to see. And other than a few audio problems, the meetings went off without a hitch.

The banquet was held at the Kehoe Council Hall in Ludlow. The council did a great job with the food and the setup. It was a great success. We heard inspirational words from Fr. Mario, and Mother Seraphina of the Rose Garden Mission spoke about the great work that they do (and wow, they seem to do it all). Our keynote speaker was Brother Chris Luketich and he did a great job of showing how the knights are always “lifting as we climb”. That was very inspirational. Then everyone got to listen to me tell the story about why we were wearing white jackets after Labor Day. *Spoiler Alert* – I confused the mid-year banquet with the state convention banquet in my head. All the state officers and even our Supreme Representative were kind enough to wear the white jackets even though they knew it was a mistake. Thanks guys, what a show of unity.

Speaking of our Supreme Representative, we were very fortunate to have Chris Micik, Director of Data Analytics and Special Projects spend the weekend with us. Brother Chris was great to get to know and so helpful throughout the weekend. Chris, you are welcome back to Kentucky anytime.

Anne and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck
State Deputy

State Secretary

Steve Zanone



My Brother Knights,

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the mid-year meeting. I really enjoy being able to spend quality time with those of you who live away from my area, and hearing all about your council's activities and recruiting strategies. To anyone who wasn't able to attend, I encourage you to attend one of our state meetings. You may be surprised what you can learn there. And you just might make some new friends as well.

We are at the mid point of our fraternal year. So very shortly, your council will be receiving a new member fee billing, and the annual state per capita assessment. Please pay these as soon as possible, as your council will not be eligible for awards or delegate seating at the State Convention. We need to keep working on getting new members. I know that we can make our goals if we all just keep trying.

Most importantly, as we celebrate Christmas let us remember those less fortunate than us. Also, keep our military men and women in our prayers, as many of them will be away from home for the Christmas feast. Take time to pray, reflect, and relax this year. My family and I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. May God bless us all.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Zanone, State Secretary

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson



Mid-Year Meeting:

This year's December mid-year meeting was held at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott in Hebron, KY. What a great venue and what a great opportunity to mingle with brother knights from around the state. The rooms and meeting rooms were very nice and the "free" morning breakfast was awesome.

According to my wife the ladies had a wonderful time on Saturday touring the Basilica of the Assumption and the Rose Garden Mission. In fact my wife said she now knows what to do with the odds and ends that have accumulated around our home over the years. She said what the Sisters can do with that stuff is unbelievable. Rose Garden Mission is a true blessing to the needy and less fortunate in Northern KY.

Saturday's meeting was geared towards the District Deputies and Sunday's meeting towards your council's leadership. Our Supreme Representative Christopher Misick was most interesting. One of the Stats that he threw out dealt with the "Order wide Net Net" calculation for membership.

Net Net is the calculation that is derived after subtracting the number of members that have left the Order by either quitting or dying from the number of new members that have joined throughout the fraternal year. I was shocked to learn that the Net Net for last fraternal year was **less than 500. That's Order Wide...not just KY.** A big reason for such a low Net Net is that we are an aging Order and members are dying off. Another reason seems to be a lack of interest in joining an organization by the younger generations. That is a big reason Supreme has been making what some think are "radical" changes.

As the former head of Chrysler Corporation, Lee Iacocca once stated..."You're either going to lead, follow or get run over". If you recall, Chrysler enjoyed great growth & success under his leadership. Change is inevitable...you're either going to embrace it or you're going to ignore it. The choice is yours.

End of Year Financial update:

I thought I would share with you some of what the State Treasurer does and provide you with an update on where and how the State Jurisdiction handles its finances.

To begin, as State Treasurer it is my responsibility to maintain the State's checking account by making and recording deposits and writing and recording checks and debit transactions. Basically the same things you do with your personal checking account. One big job that I've been working on has been going back and "classifying" the various "restricted funds" transactions. The goal is to be able to run a monthly report directly out of QuickBooks.

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson (cont.)



I am also responsible for running a number of month end reports for review by the State Officers.

Since July 2013, the Basketball Slam fund raiser has raised \$97,240.00 or an average of \$19,448 dollars per year. Monies transferred into the "Disaster Relief" fund over that same 5 year period was \$72,076...the difference being the cost of the tickets, mailings and winnings to the various winners. The Basketball slam program is a great program, please buy a ticket and help your brother knights in their hour of need.

If you attended the Mid-Year meeting and are expecting a check to cover some of your cost, please note that the WSS is processing the vouchers and I am writing checks as soon as I get them. A number of vouchers have already been processed.

Please Note:

Worthy District Deputy Dennis Herricks, DD #2 has taken the new "retention" worksheet that was handed out by our WSD Cameron at the Mid-Year meeting and converted it to a fillable electronic file. The new "retention" worksheet should make it easier for the council's Retention Chairman and the Financial Secretary to track their progress.

The form is now available on the KY State Knights of Columbus website. It can be found on the "Forms-Kentucky" page under the Resources tab or follow this link...

<http://kykofc.com/forms-kentucky/>

And Lastly:

Let us as Men of faith reach out to our neighbors and offer a kind word. Let us pray to Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and ask for her intercession for peace within our land. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him to help us choose our words carefully so as to build up the Kingdom of God and not alienate those in need.

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 Treasurer

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

At the December mid-year meeting held in Northern Kentucky this past weekend, I hope that all who attended came away with some good things to help us be good men. I am grateful to have seen old faces and met new folks. A lot of who attended the Banquet on Saturday night will have a memory of the narrow and curvy Point Pleasant vs. Sleepy Hollow Road route to the Ludlow KofC Hall that will stay with us for awhile. We met and learned about The Franciscan Daughters of Mary Sisters at the Rose Garden Home Mission in Covington who are the embodiment of true love and true charity at its simplest and best. No one is turned away from their doors. We were thankful of our Supreme Representative, Chris Misik-Director of Data Analytics and Special Projects who gave us some insightful facts on where we are with our membership numbers. The information is not something we did not know but how he presented it helped our understanding on why increasing our membership is so important. Without new members, it becomes harder to do the charity work so vital for our Parishes and communities.

I am sending reports out to District Deputies this month to ask them to help those councils who for whatever reason have not sent in some important paperwork for this fraternal year. With any organization, the family household, or a business, **some** paperwork is important and must be done to be successful. We are just about 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, and 1295 Semi-Annual Audit(s). Thank you to those councils who are keeping up with your forms and reports. Please let others know what is working for you or let us help with anything you are having difficulty with. If help is needed for anything, please contact any of your State Officers, your District Deputy or a past Council Officer.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, it is the time of year for Councils to begin working on Resolutions to be sent in for consideration then to be presented at the 2019 State Convention. A notice will be sent to Grand Knights soon with details but if you have any questions, please contact me.

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 A. Williams

State Advocate

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers,

Going to keep this short – got home late from work (26 days to retirement!) and have to pack for a 5am flight to Disney World to see my granddaughter sing with her high school choir behind Whoopie Goldberg on Friday night – no self-respecting grandparent would want to miss that!

Lady Suzanne and I had a great time at the Mid-year meeting. It's always good to see old friends, make new ones and enjoy Fraternity. Thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules to be there and get the latest updates on our plans to make Star Councils and Circle of Honor for the State

Football Frenzy Sweepstakes

We'll net out about \$9K each to the councils and the Knights of Columbus Charities of Kentucky, Inc. thanks to your charity! We had a board Meeting at the Mid-year meeting and allocated gifts to four worthy causes around the state. Participation was down this year. I hope it wasn't because of the "kneelers". The only thing the NFL has to do with is the scores being used for the weekly winners – no money goes to any NFL group, and the only ones who are hurt are those who might benefit from the charity of our councils and the State Charity.

Basketball Slam! Sweepstakes

From one season to the next we switch sports, too. This is the only fundraiser for our State Disaster relief Program. We donate about \$8K a year from the proceeds to councils of other Jurisdictions who send it to help their knights who have been victims of natural disasters like hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Florida, and the East Coast. Please consider buying a ticket (or buy two and get one free!) at your next council meeting. Have some fun, maybe get some winnings, count your blessings and help support the State Disaster Fund by participating in the Basketball Slam Sweepstakes!

Recruit!

On-line membership is proving to be a real tool for recruiting. I've got several handout cards in the card holder I keep on the back of my iPhone.

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.

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



Brothers, the calendar year is winding down, and many of us have been recharged from the Mid-Year Meeting in Hebron this past weekend. 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 1764 in Ludlow did an exemplary job in welcoming us and hosting our banquet.

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.

As you think about the impressive amount of work we do as Knights, 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! If you come across a man who is not quite ready to fully commit as a council member, **PLEASE DIRECT HIM TO WWW.KNIGHTS.NET**. He can become an online member in a matter of minutes, and begin his service to the Order!

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. We are all the better for it!

Vivat Jesus,

Gabe Cabral

KY Immediate Past State Deputy

General Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us. There are so many opportunities available for your council to be active in your parish and your community at this time of the year. Whether you are planning to hold a “Consecration to the Holy Family” prayer service, “Journey to the Inn” Celebration, “Rosary Program”, “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!

At the Mid-Year Meeting earlier this month, we reviewed the programs from Faith in Action, concentrating on the Mandatory Programs for each program category. A copy of the presentation was sent to the Grand Knights for their review. In addition to reviewing Faith in Action programs, we also reviewed the new SP-7 Columbian Award application. We reviewed one completed by Council 6743 in Grayson County. I have challenged every council to initiate their SP-7 Columbian Award application to see how many councils can complete their form by the end of the 2018 calendar year. I am eager to see how your council is able to complete the SP-7.

Also, we reviewed the State Deputy Award and again reviewed the submission by Council 6743. With a heavy dose of Faith in Action programs, they have amassed more than 1000 points! This combined with the fact that their SP-7 is complete means that they have already earned the State Deputy Award once their remaining Supreme reports have been filed. The State Deputy Award Tally Sheet can be found in the Program Guide. I would like to have every council send me their State Deputy Award Tally Sheet at the earliest opportunity. Please urge your Grand Knight and Program Director to initiate and submit the form to me now. If you need any help, please let me know.

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,
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District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD



Sir Knights –

As we rapidly approach Christmas and a New Year of 2019, I would like to take a moment to suggest a valuable gift either for yourself, a relative, or a friend – membership in the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus! Register this special Catholic Gentleman for the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification in Louisville on February 2nd, 2019! You will be changing a Brother Knight's life by giving him the experience of the Fourth Degree Exemplification and an opportunity to further grow himself as a Knight. What a way to say Merry Christmas!

Speaking of the next Exemplification, the location has been confirmed in Louisville at St. Patrick Catholic Church, home of Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390. It will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, which is Super Bowl weekend. In keeping with the spirit of the Big Game, this will be a "Super Exemplification". Details are being finalized and packets are now in the hands of Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators. This will be a collective effort of all Louisville Assemblies to make this a very special Exemplification. Assemblies should start working with their respective councils now to recruit new Sir Knights. For help in recruiting, there is a wealth of information at the Supreme website that can be very helpful. Download the flyer at this link

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/4155.pdf> for a step by step guide to Fourth Degree recruiting.

New this year at the Exemplification, will be a ***Chalice Ceremony***. All Grand Knights are asked to contact their respective parishes to determine the number of Knights of Columbus Chalices they have. We would like to borrow these chalices to be blessed at the Chalice Ceremony. We are hoping to have Archbishop conduct this special ceremony. Please contact me as soon as possible to advise how many chalices your Council can sponsor for the Ceremony. We hope the Ceremony will be a strong reminder as to our support for our faith community and also that the chalices be used as they were intended.

The Chalice Program began at the Cardinal Glennon Assembly #567 at Bloomsdale, Missouri, on July 19, 1948. Reverend Ralph Kutz, then-Chancellor of the Jefferson City Diocese headed by Bishop Joseph M. Marling, proposed a chalice be inscribed with the name of the departed Fourth Degree Knight, and the inscribed chalice be sent to the mission fields in the memory of the Brother Sir Knight, a Knight of Christ. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD (cont.)



I would like to know what programs you are doing in your Assembly that you are particularly proud of. As programs are not promoted in the Fourth Degree quite as strongly as at the Council level, I would like to put together a list of effective programs being run in Kentucky. From this list I will develop a Program Guide so that every Assembly can develop their portfolio. In the spirit of unity, I ask you to help out your Brother Sir Knights and grow the Fourth Degree by emailing me a paragraph for each program that your Assembly conducts that you consider to be very effective. You will likely discover a program or two that you can add to your portfolio!

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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Bill Schmidt, PSD

Kentucky District Master

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General Agent

Darrell Swope



THE MOST OVERLOOKED ASPECT OF RETIREMENT PLANNING

A Knight since 1983, General Agent Robert Marlowe has been selling insurance in the greater Baltimore area for nearly four decades. His insights show why we need to add retirement planning into our New Year's Resolutions.

Working with Brother Knights and their wives over the past 35 years has led me to observe that it's a natural inclination to overlook what is perhaps one of the most important aspects of retirement planning — having the sufficient amount of life insurance coverage.

Consider the elements of retirement planning that most people fully consider:

- What their income streams will be in retirement; their pension and social security amounts?
- What will their monthly expenses be?
- What their 401k or investments will yield to supplement expenses?
- Will they have sufficient health insurance coverage?

All of these areas are vital, certainly. They are the basic architecture of a good retirement plan. However, we must consider some effects death will have on our spouse. Here are some crucial facts to consider:

- The surviving spouse will receive the greater of the two social security amounts — which is about a 30 percent loss of income.
- The surviving spouse will typically receive only 50 percent of their spouse's pension (if they have one).
- Most group life insurance either reduces greatly or entirely upon retirement.
- There is a strong probability that one of the two spouses will live into their 90s and an early death could leave a surviving spouse 20-30 years to live with these reduced incomes.
- Term insurance will eventually become cost prohibitive or terminate in coverage as the spouse ages.
- Health care costs and taxes will go up — the longer the surviving spouse is alive, these costs can impinge on budgets.

General Agent

Darrell Swope (cont.)



So what is the answer? A simple analysis by your Knights of Columbus field agent will help you address retirement financial planning: a permanent life insurance policy that will never go up in cost and has a built-in guaranteed cash value. I like to call this the last “love letter” you will write to your spouse.

By purchasing a life insurance policy from Knights of Columbus, you make a choice to make a difference — not only for your family, but for the many charitable and humanitarian causes our organization supports.

Brother’s I would like to wish every one of you and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!! From me and our Field Agents; Chris, Dustin, Dwight and Leonard. Our Savior is born!!



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Scheduled Events

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

Sat Dec 1, 2018

9am - 3:30pm Mid-Year Meeting 9:00 am Eastern

Where: 2395 Progress Dr, Hebron, KY 41048, USA

Sun Dec 2, 2018

9am - 3:30pm Mid-Year Meeting 9:00 am Eastern

Where: 2395 Progress Dr, Hebron, KY 41048, USA

Mon Dec 3, 2018

7:30pm - 8:30pm 1st degree Ackerman Council 5453 7:30 PM Eastern

Where: Burlington, KY 7:30

Sat Dec 8, 2018

9am - 1:30pm 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree 9:30 eastern

Where: St Aloysius Pewee Valley, 212 Mt Mercy Dr, Pewee Valley, KY 40056, USA

Tue Dec 11, 2018

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

Wed Dec 26, 2018

7:45pm - 8:30pm 1st Degree Ceremony

Where: 62 Needmore St, Walton, KY 41094, USA