

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

February 2018



Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter)! In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats.

The Solemnity of the [Presentation of the Lord](#) on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is “the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins.” Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

"The Light of Revelation" shines more brightly with each successive Sunday of Ordinary Time, until its magnificence – exposing our sinfulness and need for conversion – propels us into the penitential Season of Lent. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and plunge ourselves into anticipating the major exercises of Lent – fasting, prayer, almsgiving – laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of our Mother Mary. She, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow after her Son. (www.catholicculture.org)

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SUPREME AWARDS

As Of 2/9/2018

McGivney Founders

<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>% of Quota</u>	
390	Louisville	160.00	100.00
	John McCarthy, GK		
6368	Glasgow	125.00	133.33
	Jerry Baker,III, GK		
6317	Danville	177.78	
	Gregory Burns, GK		
16125	Knottsville	175.00	
	Mike Mudd, GK		
13053	Louisville	157.14	
	David R. Such, GK		
15841	Louisville	125.00	
	Michael Lohuis, GK		
1055	Paducah	100.00	
	Dan Kelley, GK		
5453	Hebron	100.00	
	John T. Doubrava, GK		
11453	Aurora	100.00	
	Thomas M. Kell, GK		
15931	Louisville	100.00	
	Dirk L. Gowin, GK		
15211	Union		100.00
	Mark Sippel, GK		

Congratulations!

Currently the Councils listed to the left have met or exceeded the Supreme quotas for award of the **McGivney**, membership, and **Founders**, insurance, Awards. I'm sure these accomplishments are just signposts on the way to **STAR COUNCIL**. Please check to make sure your Council has submitted the Forms 365 and 1728 either online or by mail. You can't reach the STARS without them.

Submitted by:

Bill Hancock, PSD, FDM

State Historian

State Deputy

Gabe Cabral



February 2018 Newsletter KY State Deputy:

My Brother Knights-Happy February!

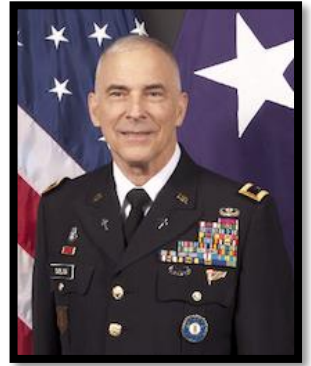
As we move toward the homestretch of this Fraternal year, please take the time to look around you at Mass, and at your council Fish Frys, for the guy(s) you have always thought would make a great Knight. Sadly, many don't join for the simple reason that they were never asked. In fact, I was almost one of them. My wife Claudine was the one who asked me about joining. Of course, her name didn't make it on the Form 100 as my proposer, none the less, she is the reason I joined, and continues to support my involvement every day. So as you survey the field of prospective Knights, think of these men and their families and how they could be positively affected by getting involved on the Order's good works in the Community, Church and Family events that spring up this time of the year. When you speak to a young man with a young family, be prepared to hear about how he has young kids and there is no time. That was me many more years ago than I want to remember. My solution was to have the kids involved in everything I could manage to get them in to do. The result was that all three of my sons are now 4th degree members. It's also worth noting that the reason my wife was so keen on the Knights of Columbus was that she was involved through her grandfather when she was a child. I hope you see a clear pattern here and use it to your advantage!

I have never heard a Brother Knight say he wished he had never got involved-Not once! If you yourself are not truly involved, TRY IT! When you get involved, you'll see clearly why this is something we should all try to share with every catholic man we know.

Gabe Cabral,
KY State Deputy

State Chaplain

Fr. Patrick Dolan



Beloved Brother Knights:

Our organization, like all groups, is made up of human individuals who try to follow Christ our Savior and cooperate with one another. Sadly, the apostles tried this and it did not always work for them either. The gospels record that Jesus frequently had to "intervene" with them amidst their bickering as to who was the greatest among them. Parents can understand this, for the phrase "don't make me stop this car and come back there..." resonates with us from earliest times. Yet, the apostle survived and we survived as children--and we will survive conflicts and misunderstandings and outright mistakes throughout life, and especially within our organization.

Within the past few years the Knights Supreme Council members have asked local councils to connect more directly with parishes and not with an independent council hall. This does not work in a county with 4 Catholic parishes--none of which is large enough to have their own council--so our "Holy Land" councils in Nelson, Hardin, Marion and Washington counties still have a separate location where all the members from that county meet, for example. In many other places the councils do indeed meet on church property and this works well. Sadly, in some places there are conflicts with other parish groups or with the priest--because we as humans are not perfect (nor were the apostles) and sometimes get our feelings hurt. There are even times when those hurts are very legitimate and deep--which is why the early Christians in Jerusalem did not trust Saul of Tarsus even after his conversion to the St. Paul we know today. The early church survived and grew, and so can we.

Recently I was asked to intervene between a council and the parish pastor--but I could not, for the conflict was one internal to the parish, which only tangentially affected the council. That did not stop me praying for all of the individuals involved, as well as seeking a way to "encourage" the priest in his duties. These actions are all still "in process" and still require prayer.

Many times the actions of knighthood bring out the best in us all. For those times that the not-quite-best comes into play, I fraternally ask your ongoing prayers--especially as we begin the penitential season of Lent. Acknowledging that we are all sinners and in need of God's mercy is a good way to do this--especially on Ash Wednesday.

Blessings and Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Patrick Dolan

State Secretary

Cameron Peck



Brothers,

I am so proud to be a Knight. Last night Anne and I received our ashes at the 6:00pm Mass at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary. As the Mass progressed, I kept noticing how many brother knights were not only in attendance, but had also stepped up and taken an active role in the Mass. All the Ushers were knights, several of the Eucharistic Ministers were knights, a few of the people distributing ashes were knights. We had knights in the choir too. Not to mention that our Pastor, Fr. Dan Noll is also a knight. All these men were not only there because it was a holy day of obligation, they were there to make the experience better for all the parishioners. Well over half of the people helping in Mass were members of the Knights of Columbus.

And when I looked around the room, it was filled with brother knights. Not only from my home council, but I saw several that were from neighboring councils as well. There are several parishes in Lexington and it is nice to have the flexibility to attend Mass at other parishes when your schedule dictates the need.

When I see all these faces it reminds me that, we as a brotherhood, do so many things for others. Not only the more obvious things like Pancake Breakfasts, Bingo, Tootsie Roll Drives and the like. But we do the less noticeable things like Lecturing, being Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers, setting up before Mass and cleaning up afterward.

Keep up the great work that you do with the Church and the community. I am truly proud to call each of you my Brother Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

Cameron Peck

State Secretary

State Treasurer

Steve Zanone

Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe, but Lent is upon us. The time for prayer and preparation for Easter. It is also that magical time of year when most councils turn out in force to hold fish fries at our parishes. These are wonderful opportunities to show everyone that we are truly family oriented. They are also a time for us to recruit new families to join our ranks. When councils work together as a team there is always a good time to be had, and if potential new families see that you're having fun while working hard you might just get some interest in joining. Be sure to have some Form 100's handy and take the time to answer questions from potential new members.

I am still asking everyone to look around for old checks written to you by the State Council. There are several of them out there somewhere, and I am starting the process of cleaning them up. It would help your poor old Treasurer if you'd let me know if you have one or more of these.

Thank you to all who have sent prayers for my family in the recent weeks. As many of you know, my wife Sandra has been dealing with medical issues. She and I appreciate the love, support, and understanding we continue to receive.

VJ,

Steve Zanone

State Treasurer

State Advocate

Tom Johnson



Council Resolutions:

It's that time of year again to be thinking about writing and submitting **Resolutions** for consideration at the State Convention. **Resolutions** should be voted on and approved at the council level and submitted to the State Advocate by **March 15th, 2018**.

Safe Environment Training:

As of 2/1/2018 there are 33 GKs that have not completed their training. There are 6 Youth Directors that have not completed their training. Five of those six have not had a background check done. There are 2 Squires Chairman that have not completed their training. All training should have been completed by the end of December, 2017.

Delinquent Council Reports:

As of 2-10-2018 we have a large number of councils showing delinquent reports with Supreme.

F-185 Officers Chosen for the Term - 3 Councils * report was due by the end of July

F-365 Service Program Personnel Report - 21 Councils * report was due by the end of July

F-1295 Semi Annual Audit for Period ending 6/30/2017

COUNCILS DELINQUENT LAST 2 PERIODS: 12 * These councils are in danger of losing their bonding and face possible suspension.

COUNCILS DELINQUENT ONLY LAST PERIOD: 5

TOTAL NUMBER OF DELINQUENT COUNCILS: 17

F-1728 Survey of Fraternal Activity - 31 Councils * report was due January 31st, 2018

Councils that have not recruited a New Member

29 Councils as of 2/10/18

State Advocate

Tom Johnson (cont.)



Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Trustees...It is your responsibility to insure that your council reports are completed and turned in on time. District Deputies...you have access to the councils within your district. Please help to make sure that all of your councils are compliant.

Reflections:

Brother Knights,

You are invited to take part in one of the most beautiful, humbling and uplifting traditions within the Catholic Church...The Stations of the Cross.

I have been moved by and in awe of the Stations of the Cross since my days as a server. I clearly remember holding the crucifix or the candle and walking side by side with the priest, chanting the hymns before and after each Station. Listening to the words of Christ's Passion as it is relived Station by Station.

As a grown man my love for the Stations of the Cross has only grown stronger. The words are more meaningful, the humbling act of focusing on Christ's Passion is more sincere and the feeling that you are closer to Christ is more alive.

We are asked to give up something for Lent. Why...to help us focus on our Lord's Passion. For the next 6 weeks let's work on putting the little unimportant daily activities and problems aside and truly reflect on the Gift our Savior gave us.

You can either give up an hour on the 6 Fridays of Lent or you can take your Lenten devotion one step further by committing to attend the Stations of the Cross for the next 6 weeks starting Feb 16th. The choice is yours. I look at it as an opportunity to humble myself in front of the Lord and ask him for his forgiveness and blessings.

If your parish doesn't observe this tradition why not ask your pastor for permission to start one. If your parish does offer the Stations of the Cross make a commitment to be there every Friday during Lent. Even if you are the only one there remember God is there and He sees what man cannot.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Johnson

State Advocate

State Warden

Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

We are in the home stretch for our State Basketball Slam Sweepstakes Disaster Fund Drive. Please have all ticket packets mailed or delivered back to me by March 10th, so that everything can be completed before the contest officially starts. I need the following sent back to me for processing;

- * Unsold Tickets,
- * Completed ticket stubs from sold tickets, and
- * A Check made payable to "Kentucky State Council" (NO CASH) for sold tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support of the 2018 Knights of Columbus Basketball Slam Sweepstakes and for all you do for your Church, Community, and Council.

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

State Warden

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General Program Director

Bill Schmidt IPSD



Brother Knights –

February is already upon us. You have roughly six more weeks until the deadline for the State Deputy Award has passed (sort of like that darned groundhog's prediction). Lent is now upon us, and with it, you have many opportunities to grow in your faith, become a better Catholic man, and to share the experience of being a Knight with fellow Catholic gentlemen. Work with your Grand Knight and Program Director to find out what programs your council has to offer.

In February and March, councils should conduct programs such as Basketball Slam Sweepstakes, Wedding Vow Renewal, Council Free Throw Challenge, 40 Cans for Lent, RCIA involvement, Founder's Day Celebration, and Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child. Councils should be planning for programs to be conducted in April and May. Programs such as and Fifth Sunday Rosary (Apr. 29th), Adopt a Highway, Special Olympics, and attending the State Convention should be planned now.

As I mentioned in the beginning, the deadline for the Program Director and State Deputy Awards is rapidly approaching. ***The deadline for your submissions is March 31st!*** You can't earn the award unless you report your activities. Email me a report as soon as possible. Be sure to include any pictures or other details that you find interesting or noteworthy. I will be sending out point updates in the coming days.

Remember that the Columbian Award (SP-7) can be submitted to Supreme as soon as April 1st. As a reminder, ***the newest requirement to earn the Columbian Award is to report at least four activities from the Building the Domestic Church program.***

There are many opportunities to conduct one of these programs at your parishes in the next month. One way to easily achieve this is to purchase the Building the Domestic Church kiosk from Supreme and putting it in one of your parish churches. More information can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/parish-programs/cis.html>. Take advantage of these opportunities to ensure that you have earned the Columbian Award. If you are on track to earn the Star Council Award, it is extremely important that you schedule these programs now to ensure that you earn the Columbian Award. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Speaking of Star Council, congratulations to the following councils for already meeting their membership and insurance quotas towards Star Council: 390 Louisville and 6368 Glasgow! Keep up the great work. The Star is within your grasp.

General Program Director

Bill Schmidt IPSD (cont.)



Congratulations as well to the following councils that have met their membership quota but still need to meet their insurance quota: 1055 Paducah, 5453 Burlington, 6317 Danville, 11453 Aurora, 13053 Louisville, 15841 Louisville, 15931 Louisville, and 16125 Knottsville. 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.

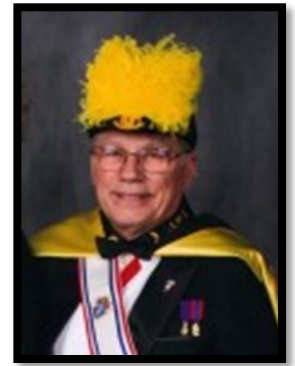
Lastly, congratulations to council 15211 Union for already meeting their insurance quota. With some effort, you can meet your membership goal to qualify for Star. Be sure to get all of your other required reports submitted right away.

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,
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District Master

Gary Dykuis



Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

February Events; The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas. The treaty was ratified on March 10, 1848.

An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

Legendary baseball player George Herman "Babe" Ruth (1895-1948) was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Ruth held or shared 60 Major League records, including pitching 29 consecutive scoreless innings and hitting 714 home runs.

Next Exemplification: February 24, E.T. Murphy and Father Meader Assembly, Radcliff, KY. This will be the Louisville Archdiocese Exemplification. Please use the 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.

The Biannual meeting is going to be March 24, 2018, at Bardstown, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. 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 term is up August 31, 2018.

New Sir Knights: Please help the Kentucky District with new Sir Knights. You can do this by assisting your council holding; First Degree - Admission Degrees, Second Degree - Formation Degrees, and Third Degree - Knighthood Degrees. There are a large number First Degree member of our order that need to be advanced to 2nd and 3rd Degrees. These are members that would make Great Council Officers and Sir Knights. Brother Knights, we should be having Admission – First Degrees at our council meetings. Yes, the Council can use the DVD, as works great.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis,

Kentucky District Master

General Agent

Darrell Swope



YOUR SHIELD OF STRENGTH

The Knights of Columbus remains committed to Venerable Father Michael McGivney's vision of protecting the financial future of our Catholic families.

For the 17th consecutive year in a row, insurance sales increased thanks to the hard work and dedication of our ever-improving and expanding sales force. The Knights finished the year selling more than \$8.78 billion of life insurance in force on 71,186 certificates, protecting the futures of tens of thousands of Catholic families.

Our strength is undeniable. More members than ever before see it and are using our shield to protect their families. Are you? If you need life insurance — and chances are you do — why would you look anywhere else? Let us be your shield.

Did you know the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America? The Knights of Columbus has surpassed \$109 billion of insurance in force and is a member of the Fortune 1000.

Did you know the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest possible ratings for its ethical business practices? For four consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been designated a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute, and it is one of only a handful of companies in the insurance industry to have earned the honor.*

Did you know providing financial benefits for members was the reason that Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus? Our founding charter from 1882 makes it clear: The Knights of Columbus' primary goal is "to render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members."

Did you know the Knights of Columbus offers a full, top-quality product line of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities? We have products and solutions to fit your family's needs and budgets. A Knights of Columbus agent is available to provide a complimentary comprehensive analysis to assess your situation.

Did you know there are a number of products and services that you may be eligible for just by being a Knight? Whether it's through our Family Fraternal Benefits Program, our survivor benefits or our *Personal Planning Workbook*, there are a lot of ways that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program can benefit you and your family.

General Agent

Darrell Swope (cont.)



Did you know there are more than 1,400 Knights of Columbus agents throughout the United States and Canada? They are dedicated, full-time professionals who live to serve you, your family and your community.

There might be quite a bit you don't know about Knights of Columbus Insurance and the financial benefits of your membership. Join the hundreds of thousands of your brother Knights who use our shield as their protection. Contact your agent today.

Find him at kofc.org/findagent.

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Scheduled Events

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

Sat Feb 24, 2018

10am - 7:30pm 4th Degree Exemplification Radcliffe 10am Eastern Where: 1225 S Wilson Rd, Radcliff, KY 40160

Tue Feb 27, 2018

7pm - 8pm 1st Degree Exemplification Eastern Where: 903 Fairdale Rd, Fairdale, KY 40118

Mon Mar 12, 2018

7:30pm - 8:30pm Council 15211 1st degree 7:30 pm Eastern Where: 10272 US-42, Union, KY 41091

Tue Mar 13, 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

Sun Mar 18, 2018

11am - 2pm State Free Throw Contest 11am Eastern Where: Bethlehem High School, 309 W Stephen Foster Ave, Bardstown, KY 40004

Wed Mar 21, 2018

7pm - 8pm 1st Degree Exemplification Where: 800 Cincinnati Rd, Georgetown, KY 40324

Sat Mar 24, 2018

10:30am - 2pm Biannual KY Navigator Meeting 10:30 AM Eastern Where: 111 N 4th St, Bardstown, KY 40004

Tue Mar 27, 2018

7pm - 8pm 1st Degree Exemplification Eastern Where: 903 Fairdale Rd, Fairdale, KY 40118

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Special Note

Due to a major computer issue, submitted articles, pictures and events from various councils this month, will be published in a future newsletter.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Mike Mudd

State Newsletter Editor