

January 2017



January 1st celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Solemnity of Circumcision of Our Lord.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721



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Kentucky State Council Featured Program Renewal of Wedding Vows

Annually sponsoring this event will serve to make your council visible to the parish community and show your member's support for all fathers and husbands. During these events, Knights and their wives — along with all the married couples of the parish — have an opportunity to affirm their commitment to their wedding vows. After the event, councils should host a reception where they can congratulate each couple and thank them for their witness.

Working together with your pastor, provide the opportunity for married couples to recall and affirm their wedding vows together with a special blessing during or after the Sunday liturgy.

When planning the event, be sure to:

- Ask your pastor's permission to conduct the event, and discuss what time the Masses will be held. If possible, multiple ceremonies should be planned, with a renewal ceremony held at each and every Sunday Mass offered at the parish that weekend.
- Promote the event several weeks before it occurs. Prepare flyers for distribution at Masses and council meetings. Be sure to post the details on council and parish bulletin websites, as well as on social media.
- Discuss with your pastor how your council might offer catechesis to the parish on the Catholic understanding of marriage and the strength of the sacramental bond. If possible, arrange a lecture series to take place several weeks before the renewal ceremony.
- Make a pulpit announcement on the day of event just before Mass begins. Be sure to specifically invite all married couples — not simply Knights of Columbus members and their wives — to participate.
- Plan a reception to follow the event. Some councils may wish to hold a brunch or supply simple light refreshments, while others may wish to supply wedding cake in honor of the ceremony.

Congratulate each couple and thank them for their witness.

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



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Twenty-Four years of Kentucky State Council history has slipped into the past and for the most part gone unrecorded since the first history book, cover shown, was published in 1993. The information submitted by participating Councils was either very good or rather skimpy in content. Some Councils did not submit any input to the project either through lack of interest or for financial reasons. The cost was \$125.00 per page to print the article on. The book had been a dream since the late 1970s. It took another 23 years to bring the book to fruition. The late George M. Schrode, PSD and longtime state newspaper editor authored the book. The hardbound 128 page book made its debut at the 90th State Convention held in Covington. Charles "Carl" Biery was State Deputy.

In 1993 the State Council consisted of 56 Councils and 8,300 members. The last Council included in the book is Msgr Thompson Council 10988, Calvert City. Since then the number of Councils has grown to over 100 and members exceed 12,000. So, there is a lot of history to catch up on.

I propose we start now. Each Council should appoint a historian to research and submit their input for a new edition to our history. Send the articles to me and I will eventually bind the histories in a loose leaf binder. I don't expect this to be an overnight project but I would like to have it completed by the 2018 State Convention. Cost of the book will be minimal to cover cost of printing and binding.

I am including an outline as a guide to writing the article. There is no limit to the number of pages you submit. Please print on both sides of the paper. Thanks for your support in this undertaking.

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A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!!





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(Cont.)

Article outline:

Full council name and number

Institution date

Number of charter members (submit their names if you care to)

The above can be extracted from your charter

Charter Grand Knight

Current Grand Knight

Current number of members

Narrative:

- a. Prominent members
- b. Milestones
- c. Awards
- d. Special recognitions
- e. Special activities

The above list is certainly not an all conclusive list but a memory jogger of topics to explore.

Date article completed.



December 2017

Cemetery of the Innocents

Council #762 in Lexington set up a Cemetery of the Innocents display at St. Peter Church in the zero-degree weather Saturday morning.





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On December 9, 2017, the Fort Campbell, KY Council hosted a Breakfast with St. Nick for the Ft Campbell community. The event was to keep Christ in Christmas and it was for our Active Duty families and all ministries on Ft. Campbell. We had a great turn out and even had a special visit from St Nicolas himself. Over 70 families from Ft. Campbell participated. We involved the Confirmation Class of 2018, RCIA, and the Catholic Women of the Church to help with the activities. There were family activities, face painting, music by the Ft. Campbell Bell Choir.





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Installation Ceremony

On December 10, 2017, the parishes or All Saints in Taylorsville, Ky and St. Michael the Archangel in Fairfield, Ky had an installation ceremony by the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. to install our new priest, Father Johnny Johnson. As a gift to the Archbishop, the All Saints Knights of Columbus Council #14234 donated in the Archbishop's name \$700.00 to the Spencer County, Ky "Cram the Cruiser" program, which supplied 140 food baskets to the community last Saturday December 16. Attached is a photo of the gift presentation to the Archbishop.

Submitted by Greg Eiden G.K.





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Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 from Southgate uses its free throw contest as a recruitment tool. A banner advertising our council is prominently displayed and pamphlets on the benefits of Knights of Columbus membership.

Shown here are members Dave Grome and Paul Kramer at the scoring table (left).



Bishop Mulloy K of C gives its Free Throw contest an added twist. After all the kids are finished, the members try their skill at the free throw line. The challenge is to make the most free throws out of ten tries. Shown here are the council champions, Greg Ziegler and Paul Kramer (right). They tied at making 4 out of 10. I think we need some practice.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis FS 1301



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SAINT MARGARET MARY KNIGHTS SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS KENTUCKY STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT DEC 2ND AT KING PIN LANES

StMM KofC Brothers Mike Koenig, Otto Knop, and Fred Doyle served as Lane Workers ensuring the Athletes bowled in the correct order, assist the Athletes, reported any lane issues, and shared in the thrill of victory,...the agony of defeat,...the excitement and human drama of athletic competition.

Since 1968, the Knights of Columbus has raised and donated more than \$600 million to programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities - Special Olympics ranks among the larger gifts the Order makes annually of time and money.

The Knights of Columbus commitment to Special Olympics and to hundreds of grassroots programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities is an expression of our belief in the intrinsic worth of every human being.

The Knights of Columbus believe that the Special Olympics are nearly unparalleled in their ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being. These games don't just build strength and character in the athletes and participants; it only takes a few moments with the competitors to be inspired by the force of their determination, and the true sense of God's love.









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Council #1290 - Bardstown which has members from all churches in Nelson County. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz and Fr. Terry Bradshaw celebrated Mass at the St. Joseph Proto Cathedral in Bardstown this past Saturday to help celebrate the councils 110 year Anniversary. The Assembly #309 Color Corps was also invited to help celebrate. A reception for all was held in the Parish Hall after Mass.



State Deputy Gabe Cabral



January 2017 Newsletter Article--From the KY State Deputy:

Happy New Year! Many thanks to all those who recruited a new member last year-you saved your council \$5.00 per member recruited between July and December. I know many of you know someone who is not a Knight, but he really should be. Reach out to these men! He's the man who is a church every week, he sits with his children, or grandchildren or his wife. Yes, he's just like you and has the same potential to be a role model and an exemplary catholic man and an outstanding Brother Knight.

-AND, GET THIS- Supreme is offering a once in a lifetime opportunity. In response to the Holy Father's exhortation to strengthen the Domestic Church the Supreme Knight announced at the Mid-Year Meeting a lottery incentive for 10 couples to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland with all expenses paid.

Here's how it works: beginning December 1st, 2017, every time that you recruit a member into the Order through June 30th, 2018, your name will go into a drawing and on July 1st, 2018, ten names will be drawn at random. If you are a winner, we will notify you and your wife immediately so you can plan this once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state. The more men that you recruit, the greater the probability you will have to win this trip. So please communicate this incentive to all of your council members so that they can have the chance to win this experience of a lifetime. For more information on the World meeting of Families 2018, please visit: <u>www.worldmeeting2018.ie</u>.

I recently attended a 2nd/3rd degree in Lexington where I spoke about us as sons and daughters of the Catholic Church, we have all been introduced to the many elements of a virtuous life, and warned of those things that take away from this goal. And just as doing the wrong thing is a bad idea, so too is not doing the right thing. So how does this apply to the Knights of Columbus? Well think about <u>Apathy</u>. It's not one of the seven deadly sins, but it's one of the most insidious enemies of action and good works in our Order and it's all around us. It causes Councils with great plans for service programs to be grossly understaffed and leads to reduced benefits or ultimate failure. While we can all resolve to avoid apathy, a much better approach is to fill the void it causes and commit ourselves to be active participants in 3 or 4 of our council's programs every year. Work these programs with a fellow Knight, or invite that man I described above-The potential outstanding Brother Knight. You'll quickly see that just as apathy can be contagious, so too can enthusiasm, so let's all resolve to get involved!

Gabe Cabral State Deputy

State Chaplain Fr. Patrick Dolan



Beloved Brother Knights:

The event that speaks to me most in January is the feast of the Epiphany. Being a scientist, I have always related to the Magi who searched earth and heavens for hints of God--and found them. In my chemistry research I constantly saw the "fingerprints" of God in creation--which helped me see the image of God in those around me, even when their actions tried to disguise that image.

The Magi also did not just discover a message from God, they acted on it. The kind of travel they did was much more difficult then than it is now, though even today the Middle East is hardly a safe place.

You are like those Magi: you have noticed God's image in those around you, and you have consistently done great things together to enhance that image in one another and in those whom your charities have helped. May God's blessings be on you as they were on those "adventurers" from an age when science and magic were interchangeable, and may our Risen Lord welcome you as eagerly as the Infant Lord welcomed them to his manger bed!

A blessed and happy New Year to you all and to all the members of your families!

Vivat Jesus! Fr. Patrick Dolan State Chaplain

State Secretary Cameron Peck



Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2017 was a good year for all of you. And now that 2018 is here, it is time to make those resolutions. As you know, Supreme has given us a goal of bringing in 575 new members this fraternal year. We are now 6-1/2 months into the year and we have brought in 254 new members so far. That is a good start but we still have work to do. It is time for us to refocus our attention on making sure that every eligible man in your parish is invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Many men won't join a group unless they are asked. So, let's ask them. Circle of Honor is within our reach but we need to work hard and continue to seek good men. So I ask you to make one of your New Year's Resolutions to do the following. While you are in church, look around and ask yourself "Who would I like to have standing next to me while I am flipping pancakes or handing out winter coats or hauling food to the food bank?" And then go ask them if they have ever considered joining the Knights of Columbus.

I hope you had a great 2017 and that 2018 turns out to be even better!

Vivat Jesus, Cameron Peck State Secretary

State Treasurer Steve Zanone

Brother Knights,

Happy new year to everyone. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are coming into the new year refreshed and energized. I have begun reviewing the books for uncleared checks and in the next few weeks plan to be re-issuing checks to get them cleared. So I am asking g everyone to do me a favor. Please look in your desk, in your briefcase, at the council hall, and in your Financial Secretary's briefcase for un-cashed checks from the state council. We really want you to have your money. If you find old ones let me know. I'll be happy to help you with them.

Remember the season of giving is over, but the need remains in many instances. If you know of an area that needs coats and warm clothes contact me! My council has some available. We were told that currently there is no more room for them in Lexington. This is a good problem to have I suppose, but we want to be sure no one is cold.

This weekend is the Pro-life Mass in Louisville. I have been to several of these now and am always humbled and inspired by the number of people and organizations represented there. I hope to see many of you there. Once again Happy New Year!

VJ,

Steve Zanone,

State Treasurer.

State Advocate Tom Johnson



Happy New Year Brother Knights!

May you and your families have a happy and prosperous New Year! While 2017 is now in the books make sure to take a moment and reflect on the events that have taken place over the past year.

And while we may not know what 2018 will bring we do know that there will be both expected and unexpected events that will impact our daily lives. Some will be good and some will not be so good. Let us prepare ourselves for both by giving thanks to God for all that He has done for us and to ask for God's mercy and blessing when we stumble and fall.

If you haven't spent an hour alone with God in a while I suggest that you make time to visit with Him during Adoration at your local church. I use to think that praying to God off and on during my normal day was enough until I started attending Adoration. That hour alone is much different. Let your mind wonder. Talk to God. Tell Him what's on your mind. He's listening. You may not think so at first but after a while you'll begin to see His work at hand.

And don't forget to pray the Rosary. If your council is not praying the Rosary before your monthly council meeting suggest to your brother Knights that they do so. As Knights, we pledged our allegiance to Mary and promised to pray the Rosary as often as we could.

ATTENTION GK's:

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**. If you are thinking about running for a State Office you too will need to have a resolution announcing your candidacy for office. If you need help with writing a candidacy resolution please contact me or any State Officer. Candidacy Resolution must be approved by your council and submitted to the State Advocate by **March 15th**, **2018**.

State Advocate Tom Johnson (cont.)



Safe Environment Training:

Only about 65% of the State's GKs and 69% of the Youth Directors or Squires Chairman have completed their required Safe Environment training. That means that there are 35 GK's and 10 Youth Directors and or Squires Chairmen that have not completed their training and/or background check. Supreme is sending out notices to the council GKs. **As a Grand Knight or Youth Director it is your responsibility to complete the training.**

If you are unsure about your status please contact me at: johnson8288@bellsouth.net

Basketball Free Throw:

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

Please contact your District Deputy for information concerning the dates and times of the District, Regional & State Competitions. Bardstown Council 1290 will be hosting the State Event again this year.

Vivat Jesus, Tom Johnson KY State Advocate

State Warden Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

I hope that you and your families had a Very Merry Christmas season and are already experiencing a Happy New Year! Thank you to all the councils that are participating in the 2018 Basketball Slam fundraiser which not only benefits the State Disaster Relief fund but the council's who sell tickets. The Buy Two Get One Free online offer is available again this year. Please consider selling or buying Basketball Slam Sweepstakes tickets for the next two months (Complete rules are on the back of the ticket). All completed Stubs, moneys and unsold tickets need to be turned back in to the State Warden by March 10, 2018.

I encourage all Brothers (and wives if you are reading this) to ask someone if they would consider being a Knight or to advance in Degrees. Many opportunities are available and close for those who have joined but not completed the Formation (2nd), Knighthood (3rd), or Patriotic (4th) Degrees. Visit the KYKofC.com website calendar for upcoming dates and locations

Thank you for your support and prayers for all.

Vivat Jesus, Luke A. Williams State Warden

General Program Director Bill Schmidt IPSD



Brother Knights –

Happy New Year! Here's wishing you health, happiness, and peace as we enter 2018.

The fraternal year is now more than half way done. Some councils are well on their way to reaching Star Council. I'm sure they know who they are and they deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done halfway through the fraternal year. There are many more councils that are making strong progress. Now is the time to put your strategy into motion to recruit more deserving Catholic men, protect them, and offer them ways to get involved with the council, your members, your community, and of course, your Church! Membership, Insurance promotion, and active Programs are what Star Council is all about. If you need help with any of these areas, give me a call!

In January, there are many opportunities for your council to be involved with the Culture of Life, marking the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Hopefully by now you have found programs that your council can participate in celebrating life, whether it be at a local, state, or national level. Even the smallest program or outreach can make a big difference in someone's life that may be struggling with this issue.

This month's "Program Spotlight" features another Building the Domestic Church program. "Renewal of Wedding Vows" is a way for Brother Knights, with their wives, to integrate with the parish community in renewing their love and commitment to each other together with the Lord. The program is suggested to be done near Father's Day, however, the State Deputy has asked that councils host this program at the parish mass prior to Valentine's Day. A reception for married couples and their families should be held following the program.

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, IPSD General Program Director <u>BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net</u> 270-259-2607

District Master Gary Dykuis



Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

January Events: Happy New Year I hope you and your Family had a wonderful Christmas.

In Washington, D.C., Senator John F. Kennedy announced his intention to seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

During the American Revolution, General George Washington defeated the British at Princeton and drove them back toward New Brunswick. Washington then established winter quarters at Morristown, New Jersey. During the long harsh winter, Washington's army shrank to about a thousand men as enlistments expired and deserters fled.

Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was born in New York. She became the first American Catholic Saint in 1975.

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

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.

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. Tuxedos are optional for Exemplifications, Navy Blue or Black Suits can be worn for the Exemplification. A pin stripe gray suite is acceptable. The current wear out date is now June 30, 2019 for the old Regalia.

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.

Please note my new e-mail address; garydykhuis@att.net

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis, Kentucky District Master

General Agent Darrell Swope



FINANCIAL FITNESS FOR THE NEW YEAR

1/3/2018

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and assess where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves, improving on health and habits or setting new bars to which they may aspire. These are great practices. After all, no matter how good we're doing, we can always do better. Critical self-reflection and setting goals can help. This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health.

As we begin 2018, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your financial situation and find opportunities for improvement.

Start With a Comprehensive Review

Take stock of your entire situation. Look at your assets and liabilities, as well as the plans and protection that you already have in place. Try to anticipate the future. Are you hoping to have more children? Do you want to help pay for your children's education? Are you nearing retirement?

This is a valuable and revealing process, and it is one that you don't have to do alone. As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated, well-trained professional brother Knight field agent who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family.

Through your field agent, you can receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled "Profiles & Forecaster," is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs. It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing but can tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, shortages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more. It's a great way to start.

Focus on the Future

Ask yourself a series of questions: What happens when you die? Will your family be adequately protected? Do you have life insurance? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? Is it temporary or permanent? As a member, you have exclusive access to our extensive portfolio of permanent and temporary life insurance products that can be customized to fit your needs.

General Agent Darrell Swope (cont.)



What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive without your income? Do you have disability income insurance? How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus has recently introduced a disability income insurance product that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck.

What happens if you get sick? If you need extended care in a nursing facility or at home, will you have money set aside for those needs? Have you looked to see what care like that may cost? Members of the Knights of Columbus have the ability to purchase long-term care insurance that can provide the cash needed to pay for long-term care services while shielding the savings they've set aside for retirement and other purposes.

What happens when you retire? Do you have enough money tucked away? How do you know if it's enough? How will your retirement age and social security affect your financial situation? By working with your brother Knight field agent, you can establish a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity that takes out the guesswork by guaranteeing your principal. It also guarantees growth and — when properly structured — an income stream for life, no matter how long you live.

Prioritize Protection

Make protecting the most important things a priority. Think of all the things you insure in your life: your car, home, important electronic devices and major appliances. But how much more precious and valuable is your life? Shouldn't this be protected and prioritized as well?

Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis, and he can walk you through all your options and create a plan that is right for you and your family.



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Scheduled Events

Check the State Council Calendar at <u>www.kykofc.com</u> for more details.

Wed Jan 17, 2018 7pm - 8pm 1st Degree Exemplification Where: 800 Cincinnati Rd, Georgetown, KY 40324, USA

Sun Jan 21, 2018 3pm - 4pm Louisville Pro-Life Mass St Martin of Tours

Tue Jan 30, 2018 7pm - 8pm 1st Degree Exemplification Eastern Where: 903 Fairdale Rd, Fairdale, KY 40118, USA

Sat Feb 3, 2018

12pm - 4:30pm 1st-9AM 2nd-10AM, 3rd-1PM CENTRAL TIME Where: 2695 Jackson Bridge Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101, USA

Mon Feb 5, 2018

7:30pm - 8:30pm 1st degree Ackerman Council 5453 7:30 PM Eastern Where: Burlington, KY 7:30



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Sat Feb 10, 2018

10am - 2pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree Princeton, KY 9AM CENTRAL Where: St Paul Parish Center 813 S Jefferson St, Princeton, KY 42445, USA

7pm - 11pm Valentine's Dance 7pm Eastern Where: 4417 River Rd, Louisville, KY 40222, USA

Sun Feb 11, 2018 12pm - 3:30pm 2nd & 3rd degree Northern Kentucky Where: TBD

Tue Feb 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, USA

Sat Feb 24, 2018 10am - 7:30pm 4th Degree Exemplification Radcliffe 10am Eastern Where: 1225 S Wilson Rd, Radcliff, KY 40160, USA

Tue Feb 27, 2018 7pm - 8pm 1st Degree Exemplification Eastern Where: 903 Fairdale Rd, Fairdale, KY 40118, USA