

# Kentucky State Council Newsletter

March 2018



Ask for the name of a saint from Ireland and most people immediately will mention St. Patrick. They might go on to explain how he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity and cite the legend of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland. But many would be hard pressed to identify another Irish saint.

As we prepare to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 with parades, bagpipes and green beer (which they would never drink in Ireland), as well as tales of rainbows, leprechauns and pots of gold, let us look at the holy man and bishop, along with seven others associated with the Emerald Isle.

Although Patrick was not a native of the land — he was born in what is now England, in the late fourth century when it was part of the Roman Empire — he is one of the patron saints of Ireland. Kidnapped as a teen by Irish pirates and held captive for six years, he later returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. His *Confessions*, relating the major events of his life, begins with a humble statement, "My name is Patrick, a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers." One of the holiest natural sites in Ireland is Croagh Patrick, a mountain where he fasted 40 days in imitation of Jesus in the desert. After laboring and preaching for 40 years, Patrick died in 461 and his remains are believed to be in Down Cathedral.

Although Patrick gets the accolades this month, we also pay tribute to a handful of other holy ones associated with the land of saints and scholars.

**St. Palladius**, also born in Roman Britain, preceded St. Patrick as a missionary to Ireland in 431, sent by the pope to serve as bishop to the "Irish who believed in Christ." Apparently, the Christian faith had already been introduced to Ireland, probably by British merchants, refugees or slaves like Patrick. Palladius established at least three churches but did not remain long in Ireland. Feast day: July 7.

**St. Brigid of Kildare**, born in the fifth-century, established monastic institutions, one for men and one for women, and served as abbess of the latter. She is the second in veneration in Irish history, which is why Patrick and Brigid (and their variants) became the two most popular names in Irish Catholic families. Feast day: Feb. 1

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**St. Brendan the Navigator** was a sixth-century priest who built a monastery near Galway that housed as many as 3,000 monks. As his moniker implies, he had considerable seafaring abilities and sailed to Scotland, Wales and France, sometimes founding new monasteries. Legend has him exploring the seas in search of the “Isle of the Blessed,” where his expedition encounters many fanciful creatures and historical figures before returning to Ireland. Some claim Brendan sailed to Greenland and the North American coast centuries before Columbus. Feast day: May 16.

**St. Columba (Columcille)** of Iona was a sixth-century monk who had artistic skills in illumination — the enhancement of a manuscript with highly decorative calligraphy, borders (marginalia), and miniature illustrations. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona, off Scotland’s coast, where his monks produced many beautiful illuminated manuscripts, the most famous of which is the “Book of Kells.” He, too, is a patron saint of Ireland. Feast day: June 9.

**St. Aidan** was born in Ireland and became a missionary bishop who preached in England’s Northumbria and founded the famed monastery of Lindisfarne, off the English coast. Known for his strict fasts and disciplines, he often walked from town to town, spreading the faith and renewing devotion among the people. Feast day: Aug. 31.

**St. Oliver Plunkett**, a 17th-century archbishop of Armagh and primate of Ireland, served during a time of intense persecution of Catholics under English rule. He was implicated in the “Popish Plot,” a conspiracy theory claiming that Catholics were scheming to assassinate the English king. He was arrested on charges of treason “for promoting the Roman faith,” faced trial in London, and condemned to death. He was hanged, drawn and quartered in Tyburn in 1681. Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1975, he became the first new Irish saint in nearly 700 years. Feast day: July 1.

**Blessed Columba Marmion**, a 19th-century Benedictine abbot from Dublin, was a noted spiritual writer and retreat master. His spirituality was centered on the disciple’s status as adopted children of God through Baptism. “When God says to us, ‘Be perfect,’” Abbot Marmion wrote, “He knows all that He is asking of us, yet at the same time He requires nothing beyond our power, when we rely on His grace.” He died in 1923 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2000. Feast day: Oct. 3

# State Deputy Gabe Cabral



## State Newsletter Article from the State Deputy March 2018

My Brother Knights, this will likely be one of my shorter articles. (I'll wait for the applause to stop). This month, both my Day Job, and my Knights Job has me hopping, so I just wanted to wish you all a wonderful Easter. If you travel to be with family, I sincerely hope you have a safe journey and enjoy the company of your friends and family.

For those who stay home and attend local mass, I ask that you watch for the men who just completed the RCIA requirements and joined our Catholic ranks. They aren't doing it to become popular-no one does, but rather to be a part of something great that they believe in. This is exactly what we need in our Knights! Reach out to these men and give them an opportunity to be all they can be as a Catholic! A letter with this same message was just sent to every registered deacon in KY who is a Brother Knight. Also included were copies of letters of recommendation from our 4 bishops. If you aren't sure who the RCIA candidates are, reach out to your local deacon and volunteer to speak to the group about the Knights of Columbus - and bring your Form 100's!

Now, let's discuss some other very significant events- Knights of Columbus Fish Frys! Across the state, Brother Knights are serving up some very tasty fare, earning money for their councils, building lifelong friendships and maybe attracting new members. Why not participate in one or all these? The rewards of getting involved in these activities are much greater than the effort and time you spend doing them, and if you can experience them with your old or brand new friends, it sweetens the deal. These great social events have far reaching effects in our communities and are the start of some wonderful family memories and maybe even the spark in a young catholic man's heart to explore becoming a Knight. I know if you look at the folks who come to these events, you'll spot a few men you see at church, probably with their family. ***Here's an idea...Bring that family a few extra pieces of fish as thanks for supporting the Knights of Columbus and let him know you'd like to see him get personally involved by joining the Knights.*** Be prepared to talk about some of the youth and family activities the Knights offer, and you'll likely see his family encourage him to join too. Oh, and bring your Form 100's!

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Gabe Cabral**

**KY State Deputy**

# State Chaplain

## Fr. Patrick Dolan



Brother Knights:

Though I was actually born in late February, I celebrate March 17th instead. Not only is there a tradition in Europe among Catholics of celebrating one's "name day" instead of one's birthday because it focuses on the baptismal character and calling of one's patron saint, in my case it was a time of greater confidence I was going to survive. Here's the story:

In 1948 a young couple found themselves pregnant and knew they could not handle a baby. The legend goes that they were both in school, the man probably using the GI bill after WW II, and they may or may not have been married yet. Instead of choosing abortion, they let me live and contacted a distant orphanage to accept the baby. This was done "no questions asked" in the 1940s. These "blood parents" of mine came to St. Vincent's in downtown Chicago and delivered me and left me there in the care of the good sisters in February of 1949. I have never found them to express my gratitude--or to grandparents who, legend has it, were eager that I get out into a "good Catholic family."

Since their marriage in 1938 my adoptive parents had been trying unsuccessfully to have a baby. In the late 1940s they applied to adopt an infant, and were told they could get a baby boy and sometime later a baby girl (which happened). They were intending to name the boy Patrick Joseph, but their Irish relatives talked them out of that, saying it was too "restrictive" and there were too many relatives with a derivative of that name, etc. Instead, they chose the names "James Edward" so that with the last name of Dolan the initials would be JED, which actually goes well in Kentucky.

However, there was an epidemic of dysentery that hit the hospital when I was born, and it was nearly a month after my birth date that I was "out of the woods" enough that the good sisters could contact an adoptive family with the news of a baby available--and not have to call them back with the news that the baby had died before they could get there. As a consequence, my parents got the call on St. Patrick's day that a baby boy was theirs. They took that as an omen from God and said "The relatives be damned, we're going to call him Patrick!"

That I why I celebrate March 17 instead of a birthday--and as a particular news commentator would say "is the rest of the story."

# State Chaplain

**Fr. Patrick Dolan** (cont.)



May you celebrate March or any other month that God gives you blessings--even a month in which Lent overshadows all celebrations that the secular world enjoys.

**Blessings & Vivat Jesus!**

**Fr. Patrick Dolan**

**KY State Chaplain**

# State Treasurer

## Steve Zanone

Brother Knights,

This month I am asking you to speak to your councils about donating to the Culture of Life Fund. It seems to me donations are off this year. We responded very well to the disaster relief effort but have been sorely lacking in donations to the Culture of Life accounts. The reality is that if we don't step up our efforts in this area, we may not be able to fully fund requests made to the State Council. Please help us maintain our history of supporting these efforts.

March is church drive month again. I had the opportunity to speak to many of the Grand Knights about recruiting and am happy to say that most councils are planning to finish strong this fraternal year in recruiting. We can meet our goals if we try. The number one reason men don't join our order is that they haven't been asked. Asking men to join may be awkward to you at first, but I promise it is very rewarding to see a man you asked to join become an active member in your council. You will become more comfortable asking men to join after you've gotten some positive results. Just keep trying.

Thank you for all of your good works and support so far this year. I am honored to serve you as State Treasurer, and I am willing to do anything I can to assist you and your council. Feel free to email me @ [stevezanone@aol.com](mailto:stevezanone@aol.com) or call me @ (859) 509-2965

VJ,

**Steve Zanone,**  
**State Treasurer**

# State Advocate

## Tom Johnson



### **Council Resolutions:**

Council and Candidate Resolutions that are to be submitted for consideration at the 116<sup>th</sup> State Convention in May should be voted on and approved at the council level and submitted to the State Advocate by **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

### **Safe Environment Training:**

As of 3/1/2018 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 3-1-2018 there is 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: 4**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF DELINQUENT COUNCILS: 16**

F-1728 Survey of Fraternal Activity - 26 Councils \* report was due January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Councils that have not recruited a New Member - 24 Councils as of 3/1/18

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.

# State Advocate

**Tom Johnson** (cont.)



## **Reflections:**

March is a special month for me. It signals the end of winter and the start of spring. The days get longer as the chill of winter fades away. The sounds of the birds chirping are more prevalent and the yearning to be outside grows stronger.

The crocus and daffodils are blooming; the grass is greening and there is a freshness in the air. Catholics and Christians around the world are preparing for the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our world is alive!

March is special because there are several family birthdays that will be celebrated and loved ones remembered.

A year ago this month my father passed away. My mother still grieves as do my brother and I. You know he died; yet there are signs everywhere that remind you that he is alive within your heart, your soul and your mind. You mourn his passing and you laugh at the memories. Every time I see an American flag I salute my father and I ask God to bless this great country of ours.

Isn't that what the Lenten Season is all about; remembering Jesus, His Passion and death on the Cross. Mourning His passing and rejoicing in His resurrection. Jesus is alive just as my father is alive in everything I see, hear, taste and feel. I try and thank God every day for all the blessing that He has bestowed on me; my mother and father, my brother, my wife and children, friends and relatives. But most importantly I thank God for watching over me and loving me. I know I can never repay Him so I'll do my best and serve Him.

**Happy Easter!**

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Tom Johnson**

**State Advocate**



# State Warden

## Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

We are finishing up with the logistics for the 2018 Basketball Slam Sweepstakes fundraiser. March 10th was the deadline for sold ticket stubs to be in the State Wardens possession. We are having a good participation so far. As the tickets and money are returned, the sold tickets are forwarded to Green Bee Fundraising, and the money is sent to our State Secretary Cameron Peck. As soon as all Councils that received packets have turned in the sold ticket stubs, checks, or contact me about not participating, I will be able to calculate how much money will be split between the State Disaster Relief Fund and the councils who participated. Last year, each council received \$3.15 per ticket sold. The checks for winners of the Sweepstakes and the Councils who participated will be mailed out sometime next month after the tournament is completed. Next month I will report the results of this important fundraiser.

Thank you to all Brother Knights and their families who continually participate in all the functions of our order and especially the Charity of your time, talents or money.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at any upcoming events and the May State Convention in Lexington. Thanks to all of you for being a part of this great organization.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Luke A. Williams**

**State Warden**

# General Program Director

**Bill Schmidt IPSD**



Brother Knights –

Time is running out! March is here, and the madness is ready to commence! I'm not referring to the big basketball tournament. I'm referring to the deadline for submission for the Program Director/State Deputy Award. Please get me your activity reports before March 31. For those councils have been sending me their reports – Thank You!

In March and April, councils should conduct programs such as 40 Cans for Lent, RCIA involvement, Founder's Day Celebration, Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child, and Fifth Sunday Rosary (Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>). Councils should be planning for programs to be conducted in May and June. Programs such as Adopt a Highway, Special Olympics, attending the State Convention, and Habitat for Humanity should be planned now.

As I mentioned in the beginning, the deadline for the Program Director and State Deputy Awards almost here. ***The deadline for your submissions is March 31<sup>st</sup>!*** 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.

The Columbian Award (SP-7) can be submitted to Supreme as soon as April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 5071 Corbin, 5453 Hebron, 6317 Danville, 11453 Aurora, 13053 Louisville, 14604 Pewee Valley, 14993 Erlanger, 15841 Louisville, 15931 Louisville, 16125 Knottsville, and 16179 Louisville. Please contact your Field Agent right away to put a strategy into motion on how to meet your Insurance requirement. There is still time to meet your quota, but it is ticking away very fast. There are many other councils that are on track to meet their membership quota as well. Keep going! The Star is within your reach as well.

Lastly, congratulations to councils 1315 Bowling Green and 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.

**Fraternaly,**

**Bill Schmidt, PSD**

**General Program Director**

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# District Master

## Gary Dykuis



Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

**March Events;** March 1, 1781 - Formal ratification of the Articles of Confederation was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the 13 original states. The Articles remained in effect through the Revolutionary War until 1789, when the current U.S. Constitution was adopted.

Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512) was born in Florence, Italy. He explored South America and the Amazon River, believing he had discovered a new continent. In 1507, a German mapmaker first referred to the lands discovered in the New World as America.

Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) the 7th U.S. President was born in a log cabin in Waxhaw, South Carolina. As a boy he volunteered to serve in the American Revolution. Captured by the British, he refused an order to clean an officer's boots and was slashed by his sword. Jackson later gained fame as a hero during the War of 1812. In politics he helped form the new Democratic Party and became the first man from an impoverished background to be elected President, serving from 1829 to 1837.

James Madison (1751-1836) the 4th U.S. President was born in Port Conway, Virginia. He played an important role in the formation of the new U.S. Constitution following the American Revolutionary War. During the War of 1812, President Madison was forced to flee Washington, D.C., while the British attacked and burned the White House and other important public buildings.

Please welcome the 28 new Sir Knights from the Exemplification in Radcliff on February 24, 2018.

**Next Exemplification:** June 23, 2018, Owensboro Assembly, Owensboro, KY. This will be the Owensboro Diocese Exemplification. Please use the registrations on the state Website. The planning is almost done and the information will be on the Kentucky Website. 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.

# District Master

**Gary Dykuis** (cont.)



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.

Please note my e-mail address; [gdykhuis@bbtel.com](mailto:gdykhuis@bbtel.com)

**Vivat Jesus,**

**SK Gary Dykhuis,**

**Kentucky District Master**

# General Agent Darrell Swope



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SETS INSURANCE RECORD FOR 17TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR 2/28/2018**

### ***\$8.78 BILLION IN NEW INSURANCE SOLD***

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 17th consecutive year of growth in insurance sales in 2017 with \$8.78 billion in new life insurance sold — an increase of more than \$245 million over the previous year. The K of C now has more than \$109 billion of life insurance in force, signifying a \$39.5 billion increase in the last decade due to record sales.

“We remain committed to our founding vision of protecting the financial future of Catholic families,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “We offer top-quality financial protection provided by professionals who are brother Knights, who share our values and who act on them.”

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., by Father Michael J. McGivney. Today, it is the largest Catholic fraternal order in the world.

“As a true parish priest, Father McGivney accompanied his people in times of tragedy and sought to alleviate their hardships with practical solutions, which led to the establishment of the insurance program,” said Supreme Knight Anderson.

The new sales record caps a solid year for the Knights. In February, for the fifth consecutive year, the organization was named a "World's Most Ethical Company®" by the Ethisphere® Institute, an independent center for research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance.

In 2017, the Knights was again listed on the Fortune 1000 list (880) and earned a financial strength rating of A+ (Superior) from AM Best.

With one of the lowest lapse rates in the industry, the K of C offers a product line designed to provide life insurance, annuities, disability income and long-term care policies to meet the needs of Catholic families, all while enjoying a stellar reputation for financial security.

If you would like more information about the Knight's insurance program give a call 859-421-6164 or send me an email to [darrell.swope@kofcc.org](mailto:darrell.swope@kofcc.org)

I would also like to wish my Irish brother's a Happy St. Patty's Day on March 17 and my Catholic family a very wonderful Lenten Season so that we may grow within our faith and closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

Vivat Jesus!!

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## Scheduled Events

Check the State Council Calendar at [www.kykofc.com](http://www.kykofc.com) for more details.

### **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 Mon Apr 2, 2018**

**7:30pm - 8:30pm 1st degree Ackerman Council 5453 7:30 PM Eastern Where: Burlington, KY 7:30 Tue Apr 10, 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 Tue Apr 24, 2018**

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