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The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

In 1494 the feast appeared in Bruges, where the Precious Blood of Christ was venerated; later on it made its way into France. It did not, however, become widespread in France before Benedict XIII included it in the Roman Calendar in 1727 and assigned it to the Friday before Palm Sunday.

Some Churches had previously celebrated this feast during the Easter season. Others, however, celebrated the Joys of the Blessed Virgin during the Easter season, as is still done today at Braga. In some places it was entitled "Recollection of the Feasts and Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

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Clergy Outing



On August 8 the Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus hosted its 17th annual Clergy Outing at Father Kehoe Council in Ludlow. This is an opportunity for the Knights to show appreciation for the clergy by providing them with a relaxing picnic with a steak or chicken dinner. Approximately 65 clergy attended along with 55 Knights.

Submitted by:

Deacon Bill Theis

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Catholic Charities Golf

The Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus held their 10th annual golf classic on Saturday July 14th at Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club. The Knights of Columbus Golf Outing Committee presented Alan Pickett, Executive Director of Catholic Charities with a check for \$13,000.

Over 10 years the Knights have raised over \$89,000 for Catholic Charities' Lifeline fund. This fund supports the Adoption and Pregnancy Counseling program and provides a safety net to women facing an unplanned pregnancy while they develop and carry out either a parenting or adoption plan for their children.



Pictured at the check presentation from left to right is Deacon Bill Theis, Dustin Reed, Chair Bill Koop, Vicky Bauerle, Catholic Charities, Alan Pickett, Catholic Charities, Chair Carl Biery, Bob Merkle, Keith Cahill, and Chair Dennis Elix. Committee members not pictured: Dave and Suanne Ledonne, Fred Porciello, Don Ward and Wayne Brown

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Holy Donuts

Worthy State Treasurer, Tom Johnson visited St. Cecilia parish in Independence, KY during the 100th Parish Festival celebration over Labor Day weekend.

Brother Tom visited the Holy Donut trailer, sponsored by Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 Burlington, KY and learned how to make Holy Donuts.

Upon successful training, Brother Tom was given an official Holy Donut Crew shirt by Brother Fred Meade.

So far this year, Bishop Ackerman Council has donated almost \$25,000 to parishes, youth groups and scouting organizations from donut events. The council has been making donuts and making a difference in their community for more than 50 years.



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2018 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

International Service Awards

International Service Program awards recognize outstanding council programs in six key areas of outreach — Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth — during the preceding fraternal year. Whether ongoing or one-time initiatives, these programs embody the spirit of the Order and serve as an inspiration for all Knights of Columbus.

Culture of Life Activities

Blessed Trinity Council 15181
Dawson Springs/Princeton, Kentucky
Open New Pregnancy Center with Ultrasound

As Knights and as followers of Christ, we are committed to the defense of life at all its stages. Members of Council 15181 in Dawson Springs/Princeton, Kentucky, answered the call to build a culture of life when they learned that a local pro-life pregnancy center wanted to reach more people by opening a satellite center in the small town of Eddyville. The Knights immediately pledged their support and, after a site was chosen, went to work renovating the new facility. Once the satellite office was operational, the council raised enough funds to enable the pregnancy center to purchase a 3D ultrasound machine, valued at \$15,000. The funds were supplemented through the Supreme Council's Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, which has helped place more than 950 ultrasounds in clinics. After the machine was installed last spring, Bishop William Medley of Owensboro blessed the center and machine. PGK George Barber, now District Deputy of District 6, attended the Supreme Convention in Baltimore as a guest of the Supreme Board of Directors to accept the Award on behalf of his Council.

Supreme Awards 2017-2018



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Council	Location	McGivney	Founders	Columbian	Star
390	Louisville				TS
817	Owensboro	X			
1055	Paducah	X		X	
1290	Bardstown			X	
1315	Bowling Green		X		
1320	Henderson			X	
2499	Hardinsburg			X	
5453	Burlington	X			
6317	Danville	X			
6368	Glasgow				S
6743	Clarkson				S
6897	Murray	X			
7847	Hopkinsville			X	
10725	Owensboro	X		X	
11453	Hardin	X			
11470	Georgetown	X			
11591	Paducah		X		
12852	Richmond				S
12965	Oak Grove	X			
13053	Louisville				DS
14130	Lexington			X	
14372	Lexington			X	
14604	Pewee Valley				S
15181	Princeton				S
15211	Union		X		
15452	Newman Ctr UK				S
15525	Jeffersontown				S
15613	Lexington			X	
15841	Louisville				DS
15914	Fort Campbell				S
15931	Louisville	X	X		
15979	Louisville				S

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16125	Knottsville	X				
16179	Louisville				S	
16206	Morehead	X				
16232	Scottsville			X		
36		12	4	10	13	39

The chart above is as accurate as the data Supreme has released through Knightline and a document on awards adjustment. The good news is three additional Councils achieved Star Council status following the adjustment. At least two were the result of a District Deputy filing a request with Supreme to review their records. As a recap 36 Councils earned 39 Supreme Awards for FY 2017-2018. Of the 13 Star Councils there is one Triple Star, Council 390; two Double Star, Councils 13053 and 15841 and ten Star, Councils 6368, 6743, 12852, 14604, 15181, 15452, 15525, 15914, 15979 and 16179. Congratulations to the Grand Knights and Members of the 36 Councils that worked to earn the awards.

Submitted by:
Billy Hancock, PSD
State Historian

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HOW TO CONDUCT A CHURCH DRIVE

It makes sense to look for new members in the place you're most likely to find them — your parish. One efficient and proven way to do this is to hold a Church Recruitment Drive. Here are steps to success for your event.

1. The Preparation Phase

Get permission from your pastor to hold a Church Recruitment Drive Weekend after all Masses.

Contact your council's field agent to get his assistance.

Advertise the drive in the parish bulletin.

To order supplies for your next Recruitment Drive, officers with access to Officers Online should log in, click the Supplies Online link, and search under Kits.

Organize your members into teams for the drive weekend. Make sure that enough council members are committed to covering each Mass.

Conduct a First-Degree Ceremonial within one week of the recruitment drive. If necessary, use the First-Degree Video Production available via Officers Online.

2. The Implementation Phase

Arrange for a membership recruitment announcement to be made before or after Mass.

Have members, wearing Knights of Columbus branded apparel so they are easily identified, positioned at the entrances of the Church or other appropriate area, to talk to prospects about joining and help them complete a *Membership Document* (#100) or a *Prospect Card* (#921A) if he'd rather learn more about the Knights before filling out a Membership Document.

3. The Follow-Up Phase

Within 48 HOURS, council members must contact every prospect who completed a *Membership Document* (#100) or expressed interest in joining during the Implementation Phase.

Inform prospects of the date, time and location of the open house and invite families to attend as well. Also, let them know the date, time and location of the First-Degree Ceremonial.

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What Your Council Needs for a Church Drive

To make your Church Recruitment Drive a success you will need the right tools. Here is a quick guide to what every council might need to have on hand for their recruitment drive:

Membership Document (#100):

This is what it is all about: getting those prospects to sign up and join you as brother Knights. Next stop — the First Degree, and then your prospects and their families can start being active within your council.

Prospect Cards (#921A): These 3"x5" cards will help your council collect the contact information on prospects who are looking for more information on your council before completing a Membership Document.



[Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual \(#10237\):](#)

Finding potential new members for your council can be as simple as reaching out to the members of your parish. An announcement by your pastor or a fellow Knight at the end of each Mass on a given weekend, or once a month, is one of the most effective ways to encourage men to join your council. To assist your council in putting together a message to your parish, please consult the *Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual* (#10237). This booklet includes an announcement that should be customized to reflect your council's activities as well as some suggestions on follow-up activities.

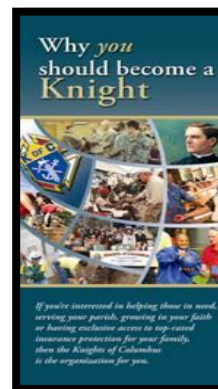
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[24 Hours Can Change Your Life flyer \(#10099\):](#)

This flyer explains how by only giving 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus a man can make a difference in his community, serve his parish, grow in his faith, and protect his family with Knights of Columbus insurance.



[Why You Should Become a Knight flyer \(#10100\):](#)

This flyer gives a quick overview of the Knights of Columbus, explaining how the Order was created to unite men in their faith and help them in times of need, as well as how the Knights offers many opportunities to grow in service to their faith, community, family and youth. It also highlights the value of the Order's insurance program.

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Membership Quota Achieved

133.33%

**Fr. Dentinger Council 390, Louisville
GK Paul Tadatada, DD John Staudt**

Two months of the fraternal year have passed. Twenty-Six Councils produced an intake of 52 members for the Jurisdiction through the end of August. Congratulations to the recruiters. Twenty-One members were lost through suspension or withdrawals. One third, eight, of the Districts comprised of 28 Councils have not had an increase in their member rosters during the past two months.

October traditionally is one of two church drive months. October is in honor of our patron Christopher Columbus and March is in honor of our founder Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Now is the time to gear up to plan and conduct the October drive. Supreme has developed a comprehensive plan to conduct an effective drive. I have enclosed a copy of the plan. **An addition to the plan is to have information on hand so a prospect could immediately register as an eMember and subsequently become a member of your Council.**

Supreme Fast Start Contest. A \$600.00 award will be paid to the Jurisdiction if its Councils recruited 25%, 140 members, of the Circle of Honor quota during the period July 1 – September 30. We need 88 more members to be able to add the \$600.00 to the State incentive budget. You can make it happen. Congratulations to District 14 Councils and District 6 Councils for being the top District in the State contest for July and August respectively.

Fast Start Contest

		Goal	July	%	August	%
Joe Carter, DD 14						
15525	Jeffersontown					
15841	Louisville		1		1	
15931	Louisville					
15979	Louisville		2			
16179	Louisville					
		6	3	50.00%	1	16.67%

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Fast Start Contest

		Goal	July	%	August	%
George Barber, DD 6						
7847	Hopkinsville				1	
12965	Oak Grove				2	
15181	Princeton/Eddyville/Dawson Springs					
15914	Fort Campbell				1	
		6	0	0.00%	4	66.67%

Submitted by:

Billy Hancock, PSD
Membership Director

Encl: How to Conduct a Church Drive

State Deputy

Cameron Peck



Brothers,

I am so excited about September, we have so many great things going on this month. First of all, we are doing our first state-wide food drive September 15-23. This is the time of year that the food banks run low on food. So, we are asking every council to run a food drive at that time and donate the food to the foodbank in their area. Please report the amount of food collected to Program Director Bill Schmidt or to myself. After the drive is over, we will tally all the results and tell the world how much good the Kentucky Knights of Columbus can do when bound together in unity.

We also have the regional meetings coming up this month too. Owensboro Diocese 9/8, Louisville Archdiocese 9/9, Covington Diocese 9/15, and Lexington Diocese 9/16. I hope you can attend the meeting in your diocese. Supreme has introduced the new Faith in Action model and because of this, there is a lot of new information that will be very helpful to our councils. Plus, we are going to have door prizes.

PSD Billy Hancock and Ceremonials Chairman Joe Schmidt are busy building 2nd degree kits for our district deputies to make it easier to advance men into the 2nd degree without having to wait a long time. Thanks guys for going above and beyond the call of duty, your efforts are truly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to congratulate PSD Bill Schmidt for being appointed as the new District Master for Kentucky. And I would like to thank Former District Master Gary Dykhuis for his service these past five years.

Vivat Jesus,

Cameron Peck

State Deputy

State Secretary

Steve Zanone



My Brother Knights,

Last month it was my great honor to represent you at the Supreme Convention in Baltimore. Every time I go, I am amazed by the sheer number of like-minded Catholic men and their families. If you ever get the opportunity, I encourage you to attend. You won't be disappointed.

Attention all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries: You should have received an email this week with a bill attached to it. This bill is the new member fee for the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. IPSD Gabe had opted to discount this fee to \$5.00 instead of the regular \$10.00. Please send the payment in as soon as possible.

We are currently holding the annual regional meetings. Thank you to everyone who has attended. We have had 2 really well attended meetings thus far. I trust the last 2 meetings will be well attended too. Recruiting is off to a very slow start. We can do better than this, guys. Summer is over, and it's time to get back to business. Many men haven't joined our order because they haven't been asked. Don't be shy. Ask someone you see at church to join us. Now, more than ever, we need to show everyone our faith in action.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Zanone

State Secretary

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson



Its September...that means the kids are back in school, after school activities, fall sports and family reunions. For many of us it's a busy time of year. On September 3rd we'll gather with family and friends and celebrate Labor Day. Let's not forget that on September 4th, 2016 St Mother Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis and the positive and lasting impact that she has had on so many lives around the world. We must not forget 9/11/2001 and the lasting impact it has had on so many lives around the world; One, a horrific and senseless act born out of hatred for others...the other a beautiful loving and caring woman who did so much for humanity. Both should be remembered. Both had an impact on the World. St. Mother Teresa pray for us and our country.

Upcoming Regional Meetings:

September also means it's time for our Regional Meetings. Meetings for the Owensboro, Lexington, Covington Diocese and the Louisville Archdiocese are planned for September 8th in Princeton, KY, on September 9th at St Teresa of Calcutta in Fairdale KY, on September 15th at Council 5453 in Burlington, KY and on September 16th at Christ the King Cathedral in Lexington, KY. Start times will be at 9:00am local time. Locations and starting times are subject to change. Keep a sharp eye out for any changes that may occur.

These meetings are for the council officers. It is important that you attend the meetings to get updated on what's happening within our jurisdiction and within our Order. Get updated about membership goals and holding Membership drives. How the new "e-membership" is boosting council membership intake. The new Faith In Action programs that have replaced the old Surge with Service programs. Want to find out more...come to your Regional Meeting. We'd love to see you.

Supreme Convention Take Away:

Once again the Supreme Convention was an awesome experience. This year it was held in Baltimore, MD, hats off to the Maryland Jurisdiction on a job well done. The masses were beautiful and the opportunity to see and touch the relics of St John Paul II, St Mother Teresa, St Faustina and many other holy saints was an extraordinary and moving experience.

Much was discussed in the business meetings. One item of particular interest was a talk given by the Nebraska State Deputy on recruiting young men into the Order. They have developed a program targeted at Catholic high school seniors at both Catholic and public schools. Their results have been very good.

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson (cont.)



The need for younger men is evident. Councils are literally dying from a lack of recruiting. Supreme has dedicated many hours and resources in studying what younger men (30 to 50) are looking for.

Based on extensive research by Supreme:

Men want to...

1. Grow in their faith
2. Become better Catholic men by performing Charitable works
3. Involve their families. This gives them the opportunity to be with their families and share their Christian values with the children and neighbors

Men are expected to be “equal” to their wives and share in all family responsibilities. And their wives have to believe that involvement in the Knights of Columbus is beneficial to the family.

There you are...If you want to recruit young men with young families you’re going to have to develop programs and activities that address these needs. Guy’s just because you recruited a new & younger member don’t automatically make them a council officer. Bring them in slowly. Get them involved, yes, but let them move at their own pace and always extend a helping hand.

September is also a time to reflect. Summer is about over, Fall is upon us, Winter is just around the corner and Spring seems far away but the truth of the matter is that Spring will be here before we know. In fact if you haven’t looked Ash Wednesday is March 6th next year and Easter Sunday is April 21st.

Take Care and God Bless,

Tom Johnson

KY State Treasurer

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

It was an honor to represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a Delegate to the 136th KofC Supreme Convention in Baltimore this past month. I thank you for having the confidence in all of the State Officers to be present and gain knowledge and experiences that help the Kentucky Councils serve our parishes better. The highlight of the convention for me this year was seeing DD#6/PGK George Barber and his wife Sharon accepting the **International Culture of Life Award** for Council #15181 - Blessed Trinity at the awards banquet. Congratulations to all that helped make the project and recognition possible.

As of August 29, we currently have 20 councils showing as not having a **form #185**, "Report of Officers Chosen" for the new fraternal year turned into Supreme. With 6 Suspended Councils, that leaves 14 that I will be helping to get this important report in. Please contact your District Deputy or myself if you have any questions.

For the "**Service Program Personnel Report**", form #365, which was due by **August 1st**, we have **51 councils to go to reach 100% submittal**. This form is important for Supreme to be able to send valuable training tools, and enable online access to safe environment training.

Thanks to all councils who have turned in the "**Semiannual Council Audit**" form #1295 that was due **August 15th**. If your council is still working on this important report and have questions, please contact your District Deputy or myself.

The KY Jurisdiction is committed to help councils setup and report "**Parish Roundtables**" on form #2629. We currently only have **11 roundtables reported for our State Council**. Please help our Parishes by implementing a Roundtable in each Parish your Council represents. Questions? Contact your District Deputy or a State Officer.

Response for councils filling out the Partnership Profile Report with "**Special Olympics**" form #4584 has been slow but it is not too late to fill out this important report especially since Special Olympics is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year.

The Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director and Family Director for each Council is required to have completed the **Safe Environment Training** courses administered by "Praesidium" for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. There are 3 short courses to be taken via internet (hard copies are available if necessary). The Family and Community Directors also need to have background checks (no charge) thru the Supreme Council. Please look for email notifications from Praesidium in your "inbox" or "spam/junk" folders for assigned username and password to complete this important training. There is no cost for this training/check.

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams (cont.)



If compliance is not met within the 30 days of notification, it takes some more steps to start the reappointment and reissue of username and password process over again. If you are one of the positions for your council mentioned and have not completed **ALL** the courses, please take time and do it now for your council.

Please try to attend one of the State Regional Meetings to be held September 8, 9, 15, and 16. If you miss the one for your diocese, you can always go to one of the other meetings. Check the KYKofC.com September Calendar for locations and further details.

The State Deputy has ask me to check into obtaining the services of a tax expert for some overall guidance on recurring questions about Kentucky State Sales Tax for the jurisdictions' councils. I will have a report at the Regional Meetings to help with this overall guidance about council fundraising activities from a qualified tax expert.

Keep the faith, pray for the strength and courage to do God's will.

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

State Advocate

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers,

Last month I had the privilege of attending my first Supreme Convention in Baltimore. The daily Masses, especially the opening Mass, began with an incredible procession of dozens of Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, and Cardinals. A beautiful backdrop of the Baltimore Basilica where Fr. Michael McGivney was ordained, and the music from the choir of the National Basilica made it a very moving experience. Meeting and interacting with Knights from around the world gave credence to the vision of our Founder, as the Order continues to spread.

Grand Knights take note – The State Council is emphasizing the Shining Armor award. This is awarded to Knights who in their first year of membership exemplify what a true Knight is by:

Being involved in at least three council activities

Attending at least three council Business Meetings

Receiving their Formation and Knighthood Degrees

Meeting with their Council's insurance representative, and

Recruiting at least one new member



At the Regional Meetings we're rolling out three new incentives for the Shining Armor Award:

Each council with at least one member earning the Shining Armor award will receive 25 points toward the coveted 90.4 Proof State Deputy Award!

Every Grand Knight whose council has a Shining Armor award winner will have their name thrown in a hat and one lucky winner will get a personalized Louisville Slugger bat!

Every Shining Armor award winner will have their name thrown in a hat and THREE lucky winners will get a personalized Louisville Slugger bat!

I was fortunate enough to win one of these bats last year, and they'll make a great addition to anyone's Man Cave! And a Council that promotes the Shining Armor award is a sure bet to earn Star Council award as well

Hopefully councils are doing well distributing their NFL Sweepstakes tickets in support of our Kentucky State Charities. Please get your monies and stubs in as soon as you can, but no later than October 14th!

State Warden

Dick Burns (cont.)



I talked to three men about joining the Knights this month. Opportunities can come at any time. I found out an old childhood friend I bumped into had been in a college council and dropped out when he graduated – I’ll be like a dog on a bone with him! At my granddaughter’s high school “mock schedule” night I met one of her classmate’s fathers I recognized from church – turned out there was already a member of the council working on him; now we’ll double team him! And after her Theology teacher talked about the domestic church, I talked with him about our emphasis on Building the Domestic Church and invited him to check out our website (have to be careful not to be too pushy with the teacher, though...). Keep some On-Line Membership cards in your wallet!

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 502-468-5105 sanddb2@att.net

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



Brother Knights, the first quarter of this Fraternal Year is coming to a close. By now I hope all the dust has settled at your council with any new officers who have been elected. My observation has been that it normally takes 2-3 months for the “new guys” to really start hitting their strides and working like a well-oiled machine with the other officers. If you have seen this, you are either (A) really observant or, (B) you’ve been there yourself.

If it’s (B), consider mentoring the new officer(s) or some other worthy brother knight who you feel would make a good officer. The experience you bring will help this person’s development, commitment to the Order, and it will help your council with competent members you can rely on to fill open offices.

If it turns out that you’re (A)- really observant... **YOU** are the guy that every council is looking for! Step up and get involved with the programs and work that your council needs to get done. I can guarantee you will get much more out than you put in.

It’s been a couple of months since my last newsletter entry. The last few months for me have been filled with the State Organizational Meeting, Supreme Convention, Golf Scramble and this little sideline activity I call “my job” of 50+ hrs per week. When you add to that, yard work, house renovation and planning for a proper 33 year anniversary with my wife, you can start to see why I’ve been missing in action. (By the way, the traditional 33 year anniversary gift is Amethyst.)

I hope your council’s recruiting has started to come together. Our first couple of months were somewhat sluggish. Getting these men in early will help them get integrated sooner, develop their commitment to the Order, and it will help your council identify competent members you can rely on to fill open offices. Please keep in mind that you’re not just recruiting new members; but are sowing the seeds of the future of our beloved Order. I look to hearing many wildly successful stories at the Mid Year meeting of your recruiting efforts.

Remember-“Good leaders are made, not born- Colin Powell”

General Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

The Regional Meetings are being held again in each of the dioceses this year. This will be your best opportunity to learn more about the “Faith in Action” programs and to ask questions in person. I strongly urge you to attend this meeting, especially if you are a Program Director. The information you bring home with you will be invaluable. The meeting schedule has been finalized as follows:

Sept. 8th Owensboro Diocese - 813 South Jefferson St., Princeton

Sept. 9th Louisville Archdiocese - Saint Teresa of Calcutta, 903 Fairdale Road, Fairdale

Sept. 15th Covington Diocese - Immaculate Heart of Mary, 5876 Veterans Way,

Burlington

Sept. 16th Lexington Diocese - Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd,

Lexington

The first unified State Program is scheduled for this month. All councils are asked to hold a Food Drive between September 17th and 23rd. Councils should donate the food to a local food bank following the drive. When your drive is complete, please notify me or the State Deputy and report out on how much food was donated and to whom the donation was made. The State Deputy will use this information to report out on the success of our unified program in the name of Charity. I urge every council to make this one of your first programs that you run this year. The next unified State programs are Novena for Life, January 14 – 22, 2019, and Special Olympics, March 18 – 24, 2019. I will send out more information on these as we get closer to these dates.

By now, you should have your program calendar complete for the year. Plan all of your activities and be sure to include the Mandatory Programs from “Faith in Action”. These are required for a council to be awarded the Columbian Award or the Star Council Award. If you have any questions or need any help, consult your District Deputy or feel free to contact me. Let’s make this year the best ever for your council.

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, PSD, DM

General Program Director

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District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD



Sir Knights –

As of September 1, 2018, I have assumed another duty in the Knights of Columbus, serving the Kentucky District as the District Master of the Fourth Degree. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve you!

First, I would like congratulate and thank Former District Master Gary Dykhuis for his nearly five years of service to the Kentucky District and the Fr. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C. Province and for a job well done! I had the pleasure of serving Gary as his Secretary for the past four years and because of this interaction and experience, I have learned a lot of what goes on behind the scenes in the Fourth Degree. I still have a lot to learn but am confident with guidance from the Supreme Assembly and Former District Masters, I will continue building on the progress made in Kentucky to grow the Patriotic arm of the Order.

Your Kentucky District Fourth Degree Team for the new fraternal year is:

Faithful Friar:	Fr. Gary Padgett
Degree Team Captain:	Tim Gahlinger
Secretary to the Master:	Rick Arnold, PSD
District Marshal:	Gary Dykhuis, FM

Please join me in welcoming and thanking these Sir Knights for their continued service to the Order and to the Fourth Degree. I look forward to a successful year working with all of you!

I would like to announce that there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Lexington on Saturday, October 13th. Bluegrass Assembly 310 is hard at work along with the District Team to make sure that the experience for all new Sir Knights is one that they will always fondly remember. Information packets should be in the hands of your Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator, and are available on the state website at kykofc.com. Lexington has always been a great place for our Exemplifications and I expect another one this year. I look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Fraternally,
Bill Schmidt, PSD
Kentucky District Master
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General Agent

Darrell Swope



Before you think about how you and your family would use life insurance, how your council members can benefit from our insurance program, or what products and options you would need, there's a more basic question that needs to be answered: Why do the Knights of Columbus care about life insurance? The answer is simple: Providing financial protection for Catholic families has been at the core of our mission since the beginning.

Two Problems, One Solution

The drive to offer financial protection for Catholic families comes from our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

In the summer of 1873, as a young seminarian in Canada, he was forced to leave theological studies and return home to aid his family after the sudden death of his father, Patrick. "He was reeling," it says in his biography *Parish Priest*. "He packed his belongings, knowing that he would never return to Sainte-Marie, and went home."

"Money for tuition was no longer available," the authors continue. "Even if the McGivney family could survive without Michael's financial support, it was not clear that he could survive without help from them — or someone." Michael was able to continue his studies only after receiving a scholarship from the then-Diocese of Hartford.

Less than a decade later, as an associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., Father McGivney was faced with an all-too-similar situation.

One of his parishioners, Edward Downes Jr., was forced to quit the seminary after his father died unexpectedly. He returned home to New Haven to support his mother and 12 siblings.

In those days, the court had the right to assign children to public institutions if it had reason to believe that their families could not properly care for and support them. Unless they were represented by a financially secure guardian in court, the teenage Downes boys would be removed from their family.

On Feb. 6, 1882 — the very same day as the first meeting for what would become the Knights of Columbus — Father McGivney appeared in court to stand as guardian for Edward's brother Alfred. The court accepted, yet Father McGivney was frustrated by the recurring nightmare of financial hardship.

"Even though he was only a young man," *Parish Priest* says of Father McGivney, "he was filled with a lifetime of anger and frustration at the sense of doom that settled over nearly every family that lost its wage earner. ... On the afternoon of February 6, he was more determined than ever that what had happened to the Downes family need not happen to anyone else."

General Agent

Darrell Swope (cont.)



The Mission Begins – And Continues

In that spirit, Father McGivney set off with “entrepreneurial zeal” to found the Knights of Columbus. In his own words, Father McGivney wanted the organization to “to unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness, to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of the deceased members.”

He knew what life was like without that assistance. The initial system of “life insurance” designed by Father McGivney was a simple one, a pass-the-hat system through which each member could help support his brother Knights.

As the organization grew council by council, state by state, and country by country, so too did the insurance program. The pass-the-hat system was transformed into one of the largest and most highly rated life insurance programs in North America.

The Knights of Columbus has passed many milestones and received many accolades along the way: \$100 billion of life insurance in force, 40 consecutive A++ (Superior) ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best, 14 consecutive years of sales growth, and designation as a 2015 “World’s Most Ethical Company,” but all that is secondary.

What matters most is that we continue to fulfill Father McGivney’s mission of offering and providing financial protection for Catholic families. 2015 is not 1882. Times are different. Laws are different. Economies are different. But even for those families who may have slightly more than next-to-nothing, insurance protection can be the difference between getting by and getting evicted. In its role as the premier Catholic life insurer, the Knights of Columbus continues to provide a valuable and noble service.

That’s why we offer life insurance.

It’s not for the \$8 billion in annual sales volume, or the \$100 billion in force, or the 2 million policies on the books. It’s not the amount that counts, but the impact of those dollars.

It’s the homes saved, the college tuitions provided, the Catholic funerals paid for and the families shielded that create the legacy of protection that would make Father McGivney proud.

It’s those things that are the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program.

Kentucky State Council Newsletter

September 2018



Scheduled Events

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

Sat Sep 22, 2018

10am - 3pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree 9am Central Where: 298 Bluegrass Dr S,
Scottsville, KY 42164, USA

Wed Sep 26, 2018

7:45pm - 8:30pm 1st Degree Ceremony Where: 62 Needmore St, Walton, KY 41094,
USA

Sat Sep 29, 2018

10am - 12:30pm 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification Louisville 10am Eastern Where:
7813 Shelbyville Rd, Lyndon, KY 40222, USA

Mon Oct 1, 2018

7:30pm - 9pm 1st & 2nd degree 6:30 pm Central Where: 1200 High Street,
Brandenburg, KY 40108,

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

Sat Oct 6, 2018

8:30am - 11:30am 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree Where: 320 Rose Ln Lexington, KY, 40508

Tue Oct 9, 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 Oct 13, 2018

12pm - 9pm 4th Degree Exemplification Lexington Noon Eastern Where: 299 Colony
Blvd, Lexington, KY 40502, USA

Wed Oct 24, 2018

7:45pm - 8:30pm 1st Degree Ceremony Where: 62 Needmore St, Walton, KY 41094,
USA