

# STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## Annual Valentines Dance



**MARCH 2015**  
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“In service to one, in service to all.”

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### State Deputy visits local councils

Our State Deputy, Frank Shay has a goal of visiting all the councils in Kentucky this year. A lofty goal indeed but he is off to a strong start. the snow has forced cancellations of a number of council meetings.

The State Deputy has visited the following councils this month:

(photos on pages 15-16)

**Calendar**

4th Degree Exemp.	Mar. 14
State free throw cont.	Mar. 15
2nd & 3rd degree	Mar. 22
2nd & 3rd degree	April 12
2nd & 3rd degree	April 25

- Council 2459 Winchester
- Council 12774 Lexington
- Council 762 Lexington
- Council 15452 Lexington
- Council 12562 Louisville

## Local news



On Thursday, January 29, 2015, members of the Bishop Flaget Council loaded a truck full of furniture and household goods and completely furnished an apartment for a newly arriving refugee family from Iraq. Working in conjunction with the United Nations and Louisville Catholic Charities, 18 Knights donated all the items including beds, furniture, towels, blankets and every item down to soap and toothbrushes. The family walked into a newly refurbished and completely furnished apartment, which was a welcome sight after more than 24 hours of travel from Turkey. Every year over 1000 families find their way to Louisville and this. Was one family who arrived to a fully furnished new home!



StMM #15979  
Brother Donald & Susan Newland  
Admitted to  
Archdiocese of  
Louisville Diaconate  
Formation Program.

This five-year program, when completed, will result in the ordination of Don to the Permanent Diaconate in August 2020.

They begin their Aspirancy period of one year in July, 2015. This will be a period of personal discernment for them. It will be focused on an overview of most of the elements and challenges of diaconal service. Particular attention will be placed on prayer, spiritual development, personal introspective work and exploration of the call to diaconal service. The purpose of the year is to explore the questions of “Who am I?” – “Why am I here?” – “Am I supposed to be here?” and “Do I want to be here?”

After the Aspirancy period, Don and Susan will be enrolled at Saint Meinrad for four years of religious studies. Additionally, they will have monthly meetings with their deacon mentor couples and spiritual directors, and be expected to attend certain diaconate community functions and retreats.

These Candidacy years are very demanding of the couples’ time, and mental and physical energy. During this challenging program please offer your support to Don and Susan and keep them in your prayers.



## Local news cont.



Following the February 14th St Margaret Mary #15979 Business Meeting, Holy Innocents #12562 Brother Mike Michalak shared updates on his four (4) ongoing Ministries; Immaculata Classical Academy, Sisters of the Fiat, Angels in Disguise, and the Four Pillars Catholic Youth Group.

Mike and his wife Penny - proud parents of 12 children, their youngest daughter Elena with the gift of Down Syndrome, are now adopting two boys, ages 2 & 3, from Poland; the oldest also with the gift of Down Syndrome.

Mike & Penny, who last month escorted 77 Catholic teenagers from Louisville to the 2015 D.C March for Life, were honored in May 2014 by the Kentucky State Council as KofC Family of the Year.



Council 13053 ran a diaper drive to benefit St. Bernadette diaper bank, at Goshen Elementary school and we collected over 7000 diapers! This represents about a month of inventory for the diaper bank.

In the picture is Deeana Hornback, bank director and wife of brother knight Chris, school principal Lisa Peters and 2 unnamed school helpers.

## Local news cont.



Held February 28 in O'Brien Hall at St Louis Bertrand we always start after 4:15 Mass and end when they all leave. We offer full spaghetti dinner and a silent auction. This always works as a fund raiser for us even though it's free. It's an excellent opportunity to use our membership table which is a permanent part of O'Brien Hall.



Flaget Council #13053 hosted a Pancake Breakfast at Ascension Parish, Louisville, Sunday, February 15 serving a fine winter breakfast of hot and delicious Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Milk, & Coffee following the 8:30AM Mass. In all, 180 Parishioners were served in under an hour and \$800 was raised for the Ascension Parish Elementary School. (Very fun video can be viewed on the State Council's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/kentuckyknights](http://www.facebook.com/kentuckyknights))



Attached is photo of the 7:00 -8:00 shift of our help for the 40 Days program. That is our vigilance during Lent of praying the rosary at the only abortion clinic in Louisville. Council 10682 does this every Wednesday night in one hour shifts from 7:00pm Wednesday night thru 7:00am Thursday morning during Lent. Two knights do this every hour.



Members of council 12562 stuffing Easter Eggs for their annual Easter Egg hunt for the children of the parish.



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fundraising throughout the year. Several non-profit organizations work this event. Represented this year; the Daughters of Isabella and the Sisters of Service provided the decorations, Total A/V Services provided the music, lighting and Disk Jockey, The Charity League provided 15 volunteers to serve food and drinks, The Knights of Columbus provided the hall, food, funding and 20+ Volunteers to setup, serve, cleanup. A tremendous amount of fun for all, we look forward to 2016.

I sent the above to a local advertiser for release to the community. I am proud to inform you that council 11591 provided workers for this event, 10988 provided funds for decorations, 10962



provided the hall and equipment, 1055 provided funding and workers, Brother Joe Weitlauf DJ'd this event also providing all the lighting, music and sound equipment free of charge.

District Deputy Pat Lipford worked this event making it truly a district council event we can all be very proud of and the volunteers look forward to it every year.

## Local news cont.



This morning, after Mass, Tom, Dustin Lay, and I, as representatives of St. Mildred Council, Knights of Columbus, formally presented the monstrance to Fr. Uba, who accepted it on behalf of Fr. Jeff and for the people of Good Shepherd Mission. Based upon the number of people who have signed up for Adoration this week, I am confident that this devotional will be well-received. This is a Knights of Columbus initiative, and our plan is to have Eucharistic Adoration each Friday during Lent and on each First Friday following Lent, unless it is requested more frequently. So, from the bottom of our hearts we, your brothers in McCreary County thank you for making this wonderful development in our faith community possible. This is what our Order is all about.

## Awards



The winners of the Lexington Diocese’s regional free throw contest.



The council 5453/district 22 competition was held on Saturday, January 31st at St. Paul School in Florence, KY. Eighteen competitors from St. Paul and IHM schools were in attendance. Council/District winners were: Gracyn White (9), Carson Shea (9), Jake Molique (10), Ethan Connett(11), Jake Maher (12), Andy Molique (13) and Ryan O’Connor (14). District winners advance to the regional competition on February 28th at Bishop Brossert High School in Alexandria, KY. Thanks to Brother Mike O’Conner, event chair, for

another successful activity! Above Left: GK David White, Brother Mike O’Connor, Brother Rick Lawrence and Brother Rob Tyszkiewicz, Council Program Director.



Thirty-five entries were received for the annual substance abuse poster contest for council 5453.

Thanks to Mrs. Anita France of Immaculate Heart of Mary School who coordinated student participation efforts and to Brother Rob Tyszkiewicz,

Council Program Director, for chairing the event. The following students were recognized as winners in their age group/category: Olivia White, age 10, Alcohol; Braydon Romine, age 10, Drugs; Katie Wells, age 13, Drugs. No entry was received for Alcohol in the upper age division. Left: Olivia White. Thanks to IHM Facebook page for the photo.

## Did you know?...

The Knights of Columbus initiated a campaign in 1951 to lobby for the public adoption of the phrase “under God” in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Order’s Board of Directors had amended the pledge’s recitation at Fourth Degree assembly meetings and encouraged congressional representatives to adopt the same language nationwide. One year after Supreme Knight Hart took office in 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law that officially added the words “under God” to the pledge.



## Degrees



The two newest members of All Saints Council. Tim Gahlinger has the council well on the way to double star council.



Welcome Third Degree Class at Council 2761 Bishop Spaulding.

Congratulations to the following members who received degrees at Fr. Kehoe Council Sunday February 8. Dan Schlake, Tim Cember, Frank Pulsfort and Andy "Popeye" Estes received their 2nd & 3rd Degree and Steve Crisler received his 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree. (no photo available)



## St. Patrick

*The following is a reprint from [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com).*

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes,

who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

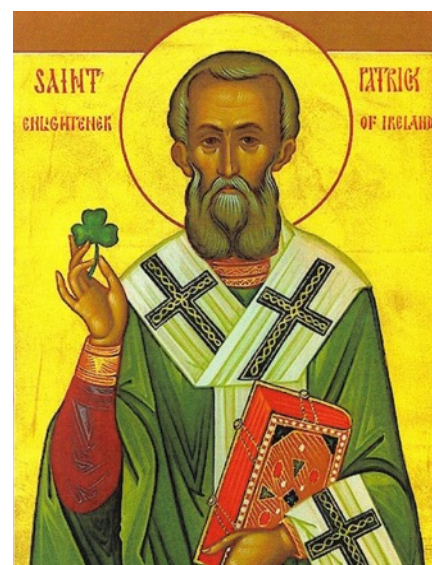
Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fiac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.



## From State Deputy Frank Shay



Brothers – February was another very good month for Kentucky. The State, through your efforts, did very well in the Supreme Membership contest winning over \$2,000 in incentives. That will be turned into incentives to the councils and members.

Speaking of the incentives on March 7th following Mass Father Harry, Chaplain of Council 12502 and Fr. Mario, State Chaplain conducted the drawing for the winners of the November/December/January state membership incentive.



The Winners were:

Father Paul G. Prabell, Chaplain at Our Newest Council at Jesus Our Savior Parish in Morehead. Father Prabel is a long time member of the Knights and was credited with 13 new members for the new council in Morehead. Father Prabel won the \$500 prize.

Grand Knight Eugene Block Jr. Council 15525 was credited with 5 new members and he won the \$250 prize.

William M. Buckman, Council 1264 was credited with one new member and he won the \$100 prize.



For February and March there will be a drawing for a Membership Incentive. For each new member you recruit your name will go into the bucket. Five \$100 winners will be drawn from the bucket. The drawing will be in late April as soon as Supreme releases the February/March Proposers lists to the State. Also, the state has announced a new incentive for councils. Any council achieving Star Status by the opening of the State Convention in May will receive a bottle of Woodford Reserve Bourbon with the Logo of the Order etched into the bottle. The council can keep the bottle as a trophy memento or hold an in council raffle to raise funds or use it as an in council incentive award. Supreme has also announced that councils that achieve Star status this year will be given a \$4.50 Credit for each member on their roster on July 1. This is a great incentive and I hope many of you take advantage of it.

Brothers I think it is fair for you to ask why Supreme puts so much emphasis on recruiting. It is fairly simple math. The average age of a Knight in Kentucky is 62. Without recruitment in twenty years or so the order simply ceases to exist. So we must replace ourselves – Grow or die. I want to thank each and every one of you that has recruited a new member, for you have helped insure the future and continued existence of our order.

I am very pleased to announce that in the last month we have gone from two certified Third Degree Conferring Officers to five. Our conferring Officers now include Keith Baughman, Paul Motz, Dr. Dean Adams, Joe Schmitt, and George Hayes.

In the past month Dean, Joe and George have all conducted third degree ceremonies with 20 or more candidates at each of the ceremonies. The addition of these new conferring officers will give us a lot more flexibility in holding degrees throughout the State. Third Degrees are planned for March 7 in Prestonsburg, March 22 in Lebanon, April 12 in Lexington, April 25 in Morehead, and one in late May in Clarkson (tentative date May

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## State Deputy Frank Shay cont.

30). This should greatly increase our number of third degree knights.

I am still visiting councils though the snow has forced cancellations of a number of council meetings. Everywhere I go I am still seeing amazing things being done by our local councils. I am very proud of what I have seen and heard. In Kentucky, Father McGivney's dream is alive and well. Please keep doing the many good things you are doing. With only two thirds of the councils reporting so far the outstanding results of the Kentucky Fraternal Survey are listed in the table to the right.

Brothers this is a record to be proud of.

Finally for those councils I have not yet visited I will be there to enjoy some time with you.

Vivat Jesus,  
Frank Shay

<u>Results of the Annual Fraternal Survey</u>	
<u>Kentucky Jurisdiction</u>	
<u>Donations</u>	
Charitable Activity Expenses	\$569,413
Church Donations	\$442,691
Community Donations	\$388,470
Culture of Life Donations	\$111,902
Youth Donations	\$168,928
<u>Total Donations</u>	<u>\$1,681,404</u>
Visits to the Sick & Bereaved	47,545
Volunteer Service Hours	523,335

## From State Secretary Gabe Cabral

By the time this newsletter is published, I hope the snowy winter weather will have finally been put behind us! In the last 3 weeks, I have been snowed in 7 days, shoveled a couple of tons of snow/slush/ice and spread hundreds of pounds of salt. If it sounds like I'm complaining, I'm really not. I have no reason to complain. I have a roof over my head, food to eat and the good health that allows me to get outdoors for an extreme physical workout. But enough about the weather, let's discuss something more significant- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry events! Across the state our 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 even more. 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.

Vivat Jesus!  
Gabe Cabral



## From State Advocate Cameron Peck

Brothers, I would like to thank you for the incredible participation your councils have shown in the Basketball Slam fundraiser. We still have a few councils that need to turn in their ticket stubs, but so far the numbers are looking very good. I will post the final numbers in a future newsletter. In case you are not aware, the profit from the ticket sales will be split 50/50 between the local council and the state council's disaster relief fund. We hope we never have to use it but we all know that at some point we will have a disaster and this will help us to act quickly to help those in most need.

Good luck to everyone who purchased a Basketball Slam ticket. Soon a link will be put on the state council's website so that you can check your results.

Vivat Jesus,  
Cameron Peck

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## From District Master Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,  
**March Events;** On National Anthem Day, March 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate and honor this song. Written by Francis Scott Key, the Star Spangled Banner is the national anthem of the United States of America. By a congressional resolution, signed by President Herbert Hoover, The Star Spangled Banner officially became the national anthem of the United States of America on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1931. The Star Spangled Banner was written during the War of 1812. After watching the bombardment of Fort McHenry from a ship the next morning seeing the American flag still flying over the Fort, Francis Scott Key was inspired by that on September 14, 1814.

March Exemplification at the Jenny Willey State Park, Prestonsburg, KY. Registration starts at 9:00 AM (Eastern Daylight Time) to 11:30. Exemplification start at 12:00 noon sharp. Please bring your Regalia, as we need File Leaders and Honor Guard. The Ladies Event will be held at the Jenny Wiley State Park. The program begins at 9:00am to 11:30 am and a light lunch will be served about 12:15 am.

**March Birthdays:** Please wish Faithful Navigators Jim French, Archbishop John Floersh Assembly, Louisville; Kurk Schmidt, St Pous V Assembly, Calvert city; Joseph Schmitt, Fr George P. Boehmicke Assembly, Hopkinsville; Jack Dombroski, Monsignor Albert Schmitt Assembly, LaGrange, a Happy Birthday.

**Help Wanted:** One Veteran Volunteer for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington, training provided by the VA. This is a very rewarding position. Please contact me.

Don't overdo it with the snow, I need you all to be healthy. It might look like not a problem, but it will catch you off guard.

Make sure that your Assembly has filed your IRS forms (990).

Vivat Jesus,

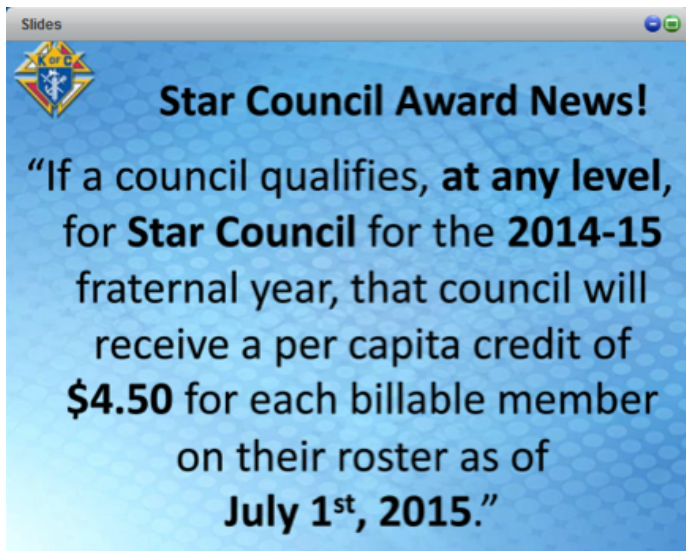
SK Gary Dykhuis,  
Kentucky District Master

## From Membership Director Bill Hancock

### Star Council Windfall

Membership + Insurance + Programs = Star Council = Supreme Incentive

This power point slide was extracted from the Saturday, March 7, webinar with a target audience of fraternal leaders.



My calculator and I did some multiplication and came up with some examples of savings for qualifying Councils:

Billable Members	Savings
50	\$225.00
75	\$337.50
100	\$450.00
200	\$900.00

Do the math for your Council to see what this incentive can do for your bank account. A few Councils have already qualified for the Star(s) Council Award. St. Margaret Mary Council 15979, Louisville, is currently at Four Star level, Fr. Kapaun Council 12965, Oak Grove, Three Star level and Christ the King Council 14130, Lexington, Star level. There are at least 15 other Councils that have achieved their membership quota but are lacking an insurance member or two. Develop your plan to overcome any short falls to achieve Star Council and cash in on the Supreme incentive. Don't forget the paperwork. If you have not submitted a report do so. Supreme will give you credit for late reports except the Columbian Award Application, SP7. If you are having troubles with this report contact Program Director Kent Hoskins for assistance. Knights of Columbus membership are reaching only 5% of the catholic male population. Therefore, there are still 95% eligible to be members. Go get your share of them.

Bill Hancock, PSD  
Membership Director

## From Program Director Kent Hoskins Programming tip of the month

Shortly after we conduct our Church Membership Drives this month, a Council Open House is in order. We bring in the prospective members, their wives and families for an informal get together along with a light meal or snacks at our regular meeting place.

This is the time to fully explain the Council's programs and activities and whom they benefit. (Don't forget to count an open house as a council activity.) Remember, membership is who we are. Programs are what we do! We can't plan or execute any charitable or fraternal activities without the members to do the work and we can't expect to keep our new members for long without good programs and activities. They go hand in hand.

For some great tips on conducting an Open House:

- 1) Go to the Supreme Website: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)
- 2) Under the tab "What We Do" drop and click on Membership Campaign
- 3) Click on Action Steps
- 4) Click on Conduct an Open House

If I can help in any way, my contact information is below.

Be sure to send in your Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7) as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

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