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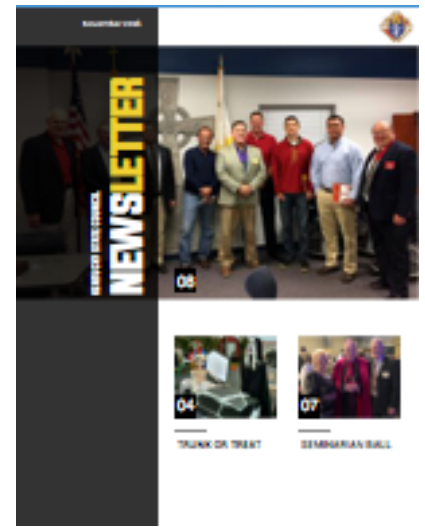
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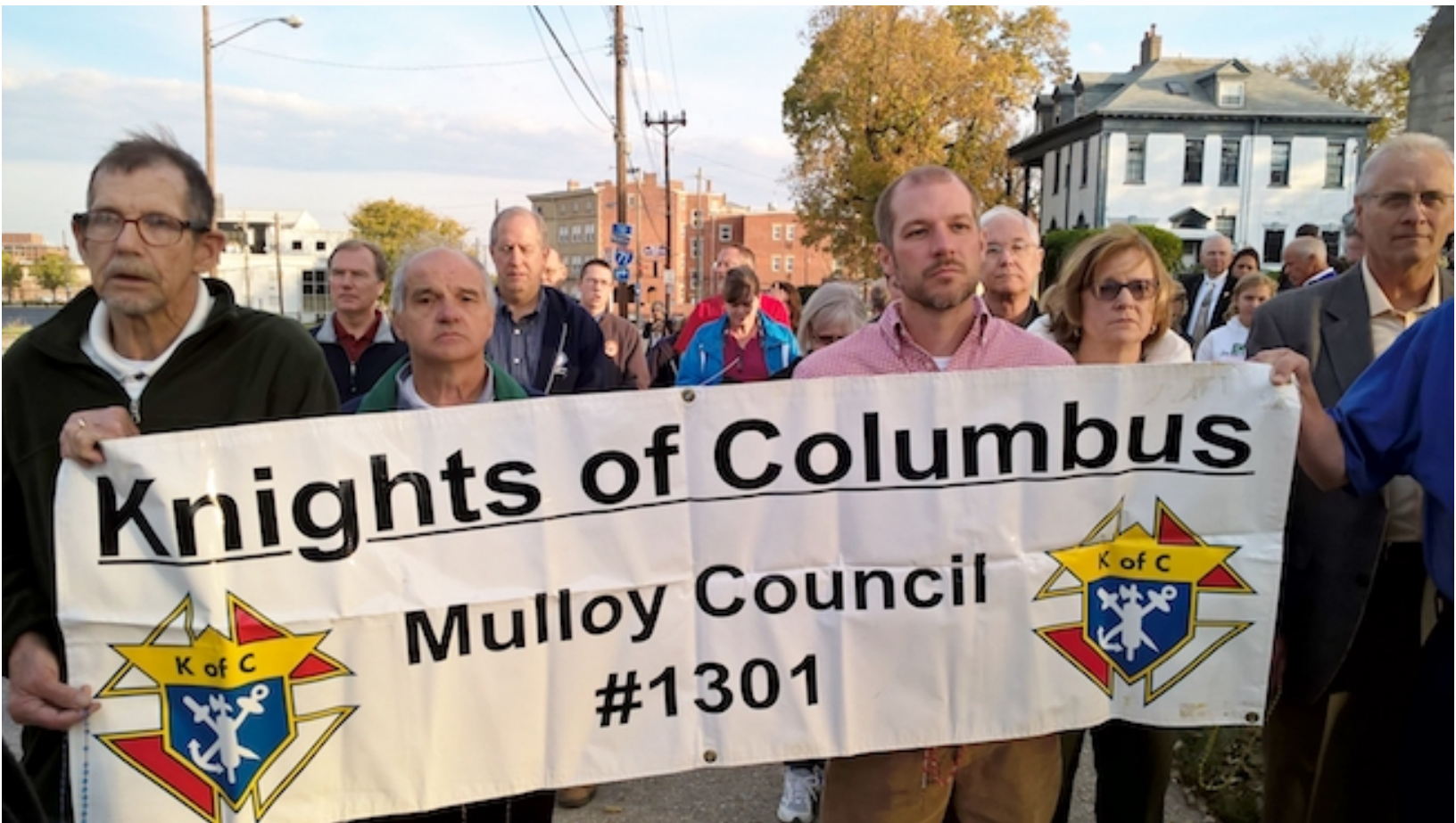
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Culture of Life March

Bishop Mulloy council 1301 recently went to a pro-life Mass in Cincinnati celebrated by our own Bishop Foys. After Mass we marched to Planned Parenthood saying the rosary to end abortion. Submitted by Deacon Bill.

Trunk or Treat

On October 27th, Holy Family sponsored what appears to be something that could possibly turn out to be the "First Annual Holy Family Halloween Trunk or Treat" As always, the Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the school, were on hand to provide support. With this function, the local community was invited to what turned into a real extravaganza. In addition to several Holy Family School parents taking part, the Knights were on hand with their own decorations and provided free popcorn, candy, and hot



chocolate for everyone. We had great weather and fantastic participation. There was a competition for the "Best Decorated Trunk" which was won by Dr. Nancy Mussetter and her son Gunther, who is shown at left.

Motorcycle run to support Wednesday's Child charity

As a Year of Mercy outreach to a part of the community often overlooked, the St. Francis De Sales Assembly and its councils on the southern edge of Louisville, KY, each year help sponsor a motorcycle run and meal at St. Teresa of Calcutta parish in Fairdale to support Wednesday's Child charity. This year on Oct 9th we had 105 cycles and 65 extra riders, who are shown in the photo right after a special blessing by our State Chaplain (which was shown on our local TV station). All the riders love this yearly blessing, which for some is their only connection to religion--and an opening to Catholic mercy.



3rd Degree

a 3rd Degree Exemplification was held in Taylorsville on November 5th where 15 members were exemplified into full knighthood. Congratulations.



Bourbon Baskets

Bishop Flaget Council put together two bourbon themed baskets which were auctioned at the St. Bernadette Parish annual Italian Dinner.

Ten Knights donated various special bottles, including one signed by the Four Roses Master Distiller. The baskets were a big hit going for \$900



Seminarian Ball

The Knights of Columbus State Council purchased a table at the Seminarian Ball in the Covington Diocese. The Seminarian Ball was started many years ago to help raise money for the education of seminarians. After a long hiatus, Bishop Foys reinstated the Ball several years ago and it has gotten bigger every year since then.

Pictured below is Mike & Jane Peak, Paul & Sandra Motz, District 23, Joe & Sandy Feuser District 24, Greg & Terri Purol, Financial Secretary Council 12562.

Pictured left, Mike & Jane Peak with Bishop Roger J. Foys



Admission Degree Exemplification

StMM #15979 held an Admission (First) Degree Exemplification on November 7th at St Margaret Mary Parish.

DD#14 Richard J Burns, Jr., Bishop Spalding #2761 GK Richard Ratterman, St Edward the Confessor #15841 GK Michael Lohuis, and StMM #15979 GK Michael Saylor welcomed five (5) new Brother Knights, Geronimo Afable, Wayne McAllister, Kevin Rueff, Sean Saylor, and Donald Wolfe, into our Order Monday evening at the conclusion of the Knights of Columbus National Novena for the U.S. Elections.



Monthly Update

State Deputy Gabe Cabral



There is no mistaking the onset of Fall temperatures recently. The colors have finally been coaxed from behind the green leaves and the colors were amazing. And as the seasons change, we should look at ourselves to see what changes we can make to improve our lives or those around us.

Begin by looking into your councils' activities. Virtually every council has

holiday events for Thanksgiving and Christmas and these events don't happen on their own. They take planning and work from our members and typically the churches they serve. What a great way to serve the church, community, and youth around us!

So that takes care of improving our lives, but what about the guys around us? There are potential GREAT KNIGHTS, all around us. They're not hidden, or in disguise—they're right in plain sight. You can find them at church sitting all around you. If your council was on the ball, there was a church recruiting drive that took place sometime in the month of October. But

please be aware that recruiting drives can happen whenever you want them and are not tied to a specific calendar period. The month of October happens to be pretty good target for the Knights because of Columbus Day. This time period also allows the new knight enough time to get in and get started doing something before the hectic holiday rush. But, none of this can happen unless you ask these men to join. Believe it or not, that is the single greatest reason new members give for not having joined sooner. It's hard to imagine that, but it's true. Our own State Chaplain, Fr. Dolan had to ask repeatedly, to join the Knights of Columbus. And thank God he did!

I would like to ask you to commit to asking at least 1 catholic man (no maximum limit) to join the Knights in the next 2 weeks. This is a low risk, high value proposition for you to be the guy who brings in a good man and watches him become a great Knight.

At the upcoming Midyear meeting, we will be summarizing all the membership incentives that are available throughout the rest of the fraternal year, so please plan to attend. If you're unable to be there, be sure to ask your District Deputy or Grand Knight about what these incentives are. We love handing out awards and prizes!

Gabe Cabral

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State Chaplain

Fr. Patrick Dolan

This past week we had an election—with a result that surprised a number of the poll casters. More surprising is the query by many Catholics that wondered about the seeming lack of guidance by church officials about how to vote. “Isn’t the magisterium supposed to teach us the truth? Why are they so silent?” are hints I have heard in many circles. When I explain to folks that the church’s mandate to teach, govern and sanctify do not mean doing so in a dictatorial way—as many of us remember from the nun who taught us in first grade. That was a first grade style of leading, and voters are no longer at that stage of development.

When I asked these questioners if they knew any bishop who said that abortion was good or in any way right to do, they replied: “No!” When I asked whether they were taught that in a free society that if you “support” someone who is doing bad things, fostering bad things, intending to make them law and force them on others, do you not share in the guilt for that bad result because you had the chance to support the opposite, they replied: “Yes.” All this shows that the church had indeed spoken clearly about the moral dimensions of any and all polit-

ical activity—but does not dictate anyone's vote. Doing that would reduce us to first grade maturity—which is exactly the opposite of what the church as community is called to do. The bishops of Florida put out a pastoral letter which outlined these same issues, as did the archbishop of Kansas City—all of which were circulated through social media.



We are indeed free cooperators with God's grace. Giving “too strong” guidance reduces that freedom, contrary to the last several centuries where the church has called faithful lay members to deeper freedom and ownership of fullness of membership in the mystical body of Christ. Indeed, the church always gives a huge circle of ideas in which we are free to hold varying positions; it is only when we stray too far that we are hauled back. May you use your freedom to build up the body of Christ. In the next few issues I will discuss how we all participate in the governing and sanctifying aspects of the church as well.

State Warden

Tom Johnson

NFL Ticket Update:

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL! This year's NFL Sweepstakes is in full gear. Monies and ticket stubs have been collected and submitted. A BIG Thank You to those councils that participated in this year's NFL Sweepstakes.

The State's goal for this year was to increase ticket sales by a modest 5%. Unfortunately that didn't happen. In fact we experienced a 15% decline in ticket sales compared to 2015. While I am grateful for the work and commitment of the councils, I am disappointed in the final results. The total money raised was \$38,900.00 or \$6,940.00 less than last year. Lower ticket sales means less money for KY Charities and less money to the councils. Here is a summary of the final stats:

Total number of State Councils	107
Number of councils participating	83 or 77.5%
Number not participating	12 or 11.2%
Inactive Councils	12 or 11.2%

I'll have additional Stats at the mid-year meeting in Bardstown on December 3rd & 4th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Mid-Year Meeting:

The December mid-year meeting will be held in Bardstown this year. What a great venue. Bardstown is such a lovely town and Council 1290 is a great council with some great cooks. Hmmm good!

I still have about (100) 2016 State pins featuring Saint Mother Teresa. What a great gift to give a loved one, your pastor, chaplain, deacon or sister/nun. The cost is \$2.00 each, 2 for \$3.00 or 3 for \$5.00. If your council will be hosting a 1st degree exemplification, just think what a great gift this would be to give to your new members. To make sure you don't miss out on the State pins email me and I'll set some aside for you.

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Post-election thoughts:

This election has been one for the history books. Division has occurred between family members, friends and neighbors and even within parish communities. The election is over. It is what it is. For many pro-life supporters great hope for an end to abortion is foremost on their minds. For pro-choice supporters they fear a reversal of policy. For supporters of our first and second amendment rights they see a huge victory for their rights to freedom of speech to bear arms. We as a nation are divided along a number of lines. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson wrote a very good op-ed about how we as Catholics and members of the Knights of Columbus can reach out and help with the healing process. Let us as Men of faith reach out to our neighbors and offer a kind word. Let us pray to Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth and ask for her intercession for peace within our land. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him to help us choose our words carefully so as to build the Kingdom of God and not alienate those in need. And let us thank God for all that He has given us and done for us. Pray that He may continue to Bless the United States of America.

**Vivat Jesus,
Tom Johnson
State Warden**



Monthly Update

State Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD

Brother Knights –

As we head into the holiday season, starting with Thanksgiving and ending with New Year's Day, your council should have a lot of activities planned. Have you signed up to be a part of any of these activities or possibly even chair one? If not, I urge you to get involved with your council as soon as possible. This is a great time to exemplify our first principle of Charity to the world. Contact your Grand Knight and ask how you can help!

In November and December, councils should conduct programs such as Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Journey to the Inn, and the Consecration to the Holy Family. All of these programs are either Supreme Featured or Building the Domestic Church Programs. The Supreme website www.kykofc.org has all the information you need to conduct any one of these.

This month, Councils should be planning for programs to be conducted in January and February. Programs such as Polar Plunge, Essay Contests, March for Life, Fifth Sunday Rosary (Jan. 29), RCIA Involvement, Wedding Vow Renewal, Basketball Slam Sweepstakes, and Council Free Throw Contest should be planned now.

Please continue submitting your monthly activity reports as soon as possible. I plan

to have an update on every council's progress towards the State Deputy Award at the State Council Mid-Year Meeting in Bardstown. Remember that you can't earn the award unless you report your activities. Email me a report of the activities that you have conducted so far. Be sure to include any pictures or other details that you find interesting or noteworthy.

This month's "Program Spotlight" features one of the Supreme Featured Programs – Food for Families. Food for Families is a program that every council can do. In fact, you may already have an activity planned here in the holiday season that meets the requirements. Check out the Program Spotlight for more information.

As always, remember to use every program as an opportunity to invite a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus. Invite a friend to join us and be part of the programs your council has to offer.

Fraternally,
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Kentucky State Council Featured Program

Food For Families

While the need to feed hungry families is constant, the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season is traditionally a time of increased Knights of Columbus outreach to feed hungry people. Since 2012, the Knights of Columbus has donated over \$8.5 million and 14.7 million pounds of food to local food pantries, community food banks and soup kitchens.

To encourage local Knights of Columbus councils to participate in this worthwhile program, the Supreme Council offers financial rebates to councils that donate food or money. The Supreme Council will refund \$100 for every \$500 donated, or for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen - up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Reported contributions of food and/or monetary donations should be cumulative for the fraternal year and there is no need to send in a refund request every time a contribution is made. However, to be eligible for the rebate, the cumulative total of contributions of food/money needs to reach a minimum of \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food.

In addition, the Supreme Council recognizes that participating in this program can be time consuming for the local council. Should a council choose to participate in this program, this will fulfill all four of the Family Activity requirements for the Columbian Award. In order to qualify as fulfilling all four requirements, the council must collect and donate a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food and council members must contribute a minimum of 100 man-hours in the program.

Participating councils/assemblies/circles can qualify to receive an attractive plaque by reporting activity in the program on the Food for Families Reimbursement Program Form (#10057) to the Supreme Council.

For more information please contact Family Activities Director PSD Keith Baughman at (kmbaugh@bbtel.com) or visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/community-activities/food-for-families.html#/>



District Master Gary Dykuis

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

November Events; All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day, commemorating those who have no special feast day.

November 1, 1776, Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded in California. Each year, the swallows of Capistrano leave their nests there around St. John's Day (October 23rd) and return the following year near St. Joseph's Day (March 19th).

November 11, 1918, at 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War one, effective at 11:00 a.m. – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed.

November 11, 1885, World War II General George S. Patton was born in San Gabriel, California. In 1942, he led the Allied task force that landed at Casablanca in North Africa. He

commanded the U.S. 7th Army during the invasion of Sicily, then received worldwide attention and an official reprimand for slapping a hospitalized soldier suffering from battle fatigue. After D-Day, he led the U.S. 3rd Army across France and into Germany. He died at Heidelberg, Germany on December 21, 1945, of injuries from an automobile accident.

Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is an important public holiday, celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, after a proclamation by George Washington. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was cele-

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brated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New Woeld in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

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 members 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.

Please welcome our five new Sir Knights from the Exemplification Clarksville, TN, November 5th.

Next Exemplification: February 4, 2017, Louisville Assemblies, Louisville, KY. Watch for information coming soon. The Louisville Navigators are the host for this Exemplification.

**Vivat Jesus,
SK Gary Dykhuis,
Kentucky District Master**

Monthly Update

General Agent Darrell Swope

What Happens if You Live? 11/2/2016

The security of long-term care insurance. Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get in an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.¹

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.



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Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides and specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. Your dedicated Knights of Columbus agent can help explain your options.

Contact him today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don't want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

Long-Term Care insurance contracts contain certain exclusions, limitations, and other terms. Your contract and licensed Knights of Columbus field agent can provide you with complete details. The Knights of Columbus reserves the right to ask questions about your health and review your medical records. Benefits are subject to underwriting. Premiums may increase.

¹ U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC Information, March 3, 2014.

I am are looking for Brother Knights to be Field Agents throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. If you or someone you know is under employed, unemployed or looking for a new career and want to work within your Catholic Faith and keeping the dream of Father McGivney alive by helping those Brother Knights and their families please call me at 859-421-6164 or email me at darrell.swope@kofc.org.

**Vivat Jesus!!
Darrell Swope**

State Historian

Bill Hancock PSD, FM

Birthplace of the Knights of Columbus – The Kentucky Connection

Saint Mary's Church, New Haven, Connecticut was dedicated in 1874, celebrated for its beauty but burdened financially. Because a debt of \$150,000 had to be paid off by a congregation of working people, the original plans for a steeple were dropped and the façade of St. Mary's for more than a century featured an untopped stone tower without belfry or spire.



(Façade with the untopped stone tower.)

Beginning in the early 1980's the Order funded several renovation projects to restore the church to its former luster. The most conspicuous occurred in 1986 with the construction of the steeple, with bells to be erected on the untopped stone tower. The ar-

chitectural firm that designed the Supreme Council building designed a lofty spire. Use of the latest construction techniques and materials, however, bypassed much on-the-spot building. The steeple was fabricated of structural aluminum and steel in CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY., trucked to New Haven in sections and lifted into place by derrick for final assembly. Are there any Kentucky Knights that worked on the project?

Rising 179 feet from the once stubby tower of the church, the neo Gothic spire is among New Haven's highest structures. With its 11-foot Celtic cross, it stands 240 feet above the town.

This article is an extract of information contained the pamphlet *St. Mary's Church and the Knights of Columbus*.

**Compiled by Billy Hancock
State Historian**



Upcoming Events

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