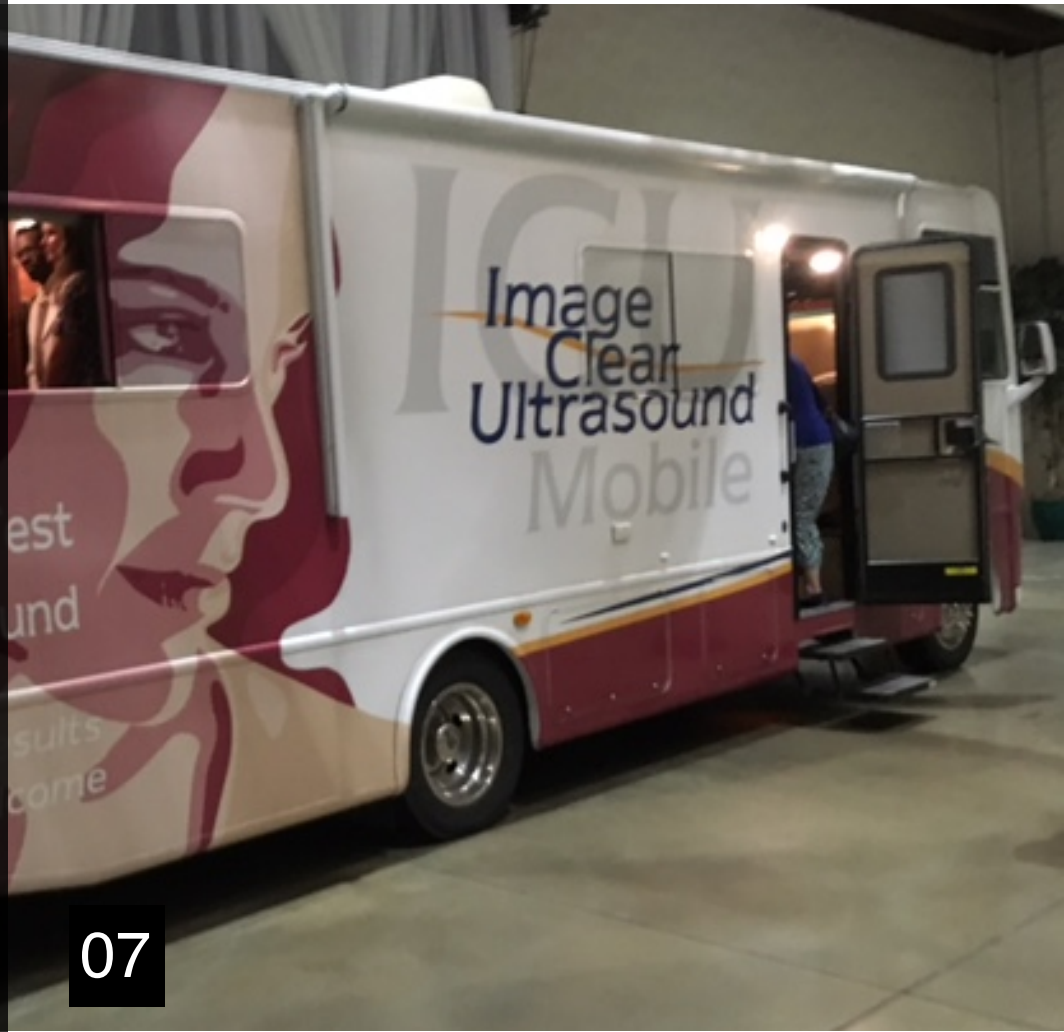




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Star Council

District Deputy and IPGK David White (center) presents the STAR Council Plaque for 2015-2016 to GK John Doubrava (left) and DGK Rob Tyszkiewicz (right) of Council #5453.

The STAR Council designation recognizes a council's achievement of membership, program and insurance goals.



Council Christmas Party

Bishop Ackerman Council #5453 held their annual Christmas party and a good time was had by all. The council collected food donations at the party for the pantry at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Campton, KY.





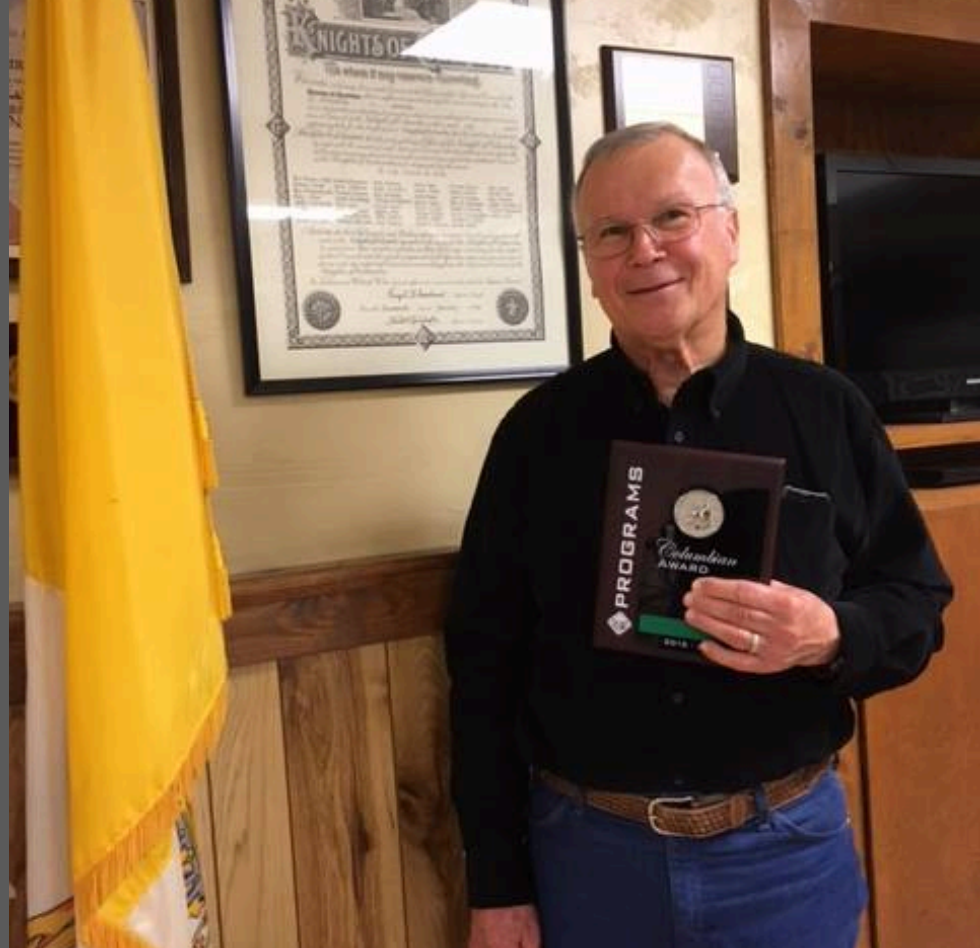
Decorating the Church

Knights from council #10262 in Nicholasville were once again in action Sunday (Dec. 18), along with youth volunteers, to set up the indoor Nativity scene at St. Luke Church. Moving the figures from storage and into the church is no easy task, especially when factoring in the weight of the Fontanini figures and the chilly weather. Terry Leitch kept the Knights in check as supervisor. Thanks to all who took part.



Columbian Award

Grand Knight, Lester Dzuik, displays council 10263's Columbian Award.



Holy Family Breakfast

Bishop Flaget served 300 breakfast between Masses for Holy Family weekend.





Double Star

District Deputy Ed Quinn presents Past Grand Knight Jim Wharton the Double Star Council Award for Council 14372 obtaining 200% Membership and fulfilling all other charity requirements for the year 2015-2016.

Knights of Columbus-Council 7847 Hopkinsville KY Ultrasound Initiative

Below is a copy of a press release sent to us about one of the ultrasounds placed by council #7874 in Hopkinsville.

A new portable ultrasound machine is being donated by the Knights of Columbus Council 7847 in Hopkinsville, KY, to Alpha Alternative PCC and will be incorporated in their mobile RV unit. A commissioning ceremony will be held on November 30, 2016 at 4:00pm at 1705 S. Main Street in Hopkinsville KY.

In 2009 the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus launched an initiative of matching 50% of the cost of ultrasound machines in an effort to provide women considering abortion a new way of viewing the life within them. Over 700 machines, at a cost of over \$20 million dollars, have been donated in all 50 states as well as in Canada, Gua-

temala, Jamaica, and Peru where centers such as Alpha Alternative support this Pro-Life initiative while providing health counseling for the prospective mother and child. The sophistication of today's medical technology provides a "window on the womb" said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "Even from the early stages of pregnancy, a mother can see her developing child, hear the baby's heartbeat, and recognize the miracle of the new life within her."

The local Knights of Columbus council saw a need at Alpha Alternative to provide a heart (the ultrasound machine) to the mobile RV that was leased by Alpha Alternative to enhance their Pro-Life support services. By collaborating with Alpha Alternative, the local council membership, the Supreme Council, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and the friends of Alpha, we were able to complete a fundraising program that would generate the required funds for 50% of the cost of the portable ultrasound that is being matched by Knights of Columbus Supreme. The Council worked in close partnership with the medical director to establish a scope for the equipment, found suppliers, negotiated cost, clearly identified and ordered an advanced ultrasound that would satisfy Alpha Alternative's needs in their mobile RV.

Founded in 1991, Alpha Alternative Pregnancy Care Center is an inter-denominational Christian ministry committed to meeting the spiritual, emotional, and material needs of women who find themselves in a crisis situation as the result of a pregnancy. Whether a woman faces fear, grief, or pain resulting from an unplanned, lost or terminated pregnancy, Alpha's peer counselors listen and care. All of the services are free and confidential, regardless of race, age, religion, or socio-economic background. Services include free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, pregnancy counseling, post-abortion support, pregnancy loss support, material assistance, and parenting classes.



Food Baskets for the Community

K of C Council 10263 members gathered Saturday (Dec. 17) to distribute food baskets -- turkey and all the trimmings -- to 15 families in the church community. After purchasing the food at Kroger's, the Knights set up an "assembly line" in the parish hall in order to prepare each basket. Then, the Knights went out individually to deliver the food. Thanks to all involved!



From Supreme's Website

NEW DEPUTY SUPREME KNIGHT APPOINTED

Patrick E. Kelly, a Past State Deputy of the District of Columbia, was appointed Deputy Supreme Knight by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors on December 13. A Knight for 33 years, Kelly became the Order's Vice President for Public Policy in 2006 and since 2011 has also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. He was elected to the Order's Board of Directors in 2013. Earlier this year, he retired with the rank of Captain from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College. Previously, Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress and the Department of Justice. Kelly also served as Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal interlocutor with the Holy See and other nations on religious freedom issues.



He succeeds Logan T. Ludwig, who is retiring at age 70 after serving as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2013. Ludwig served previously for two years as Supreme Treasurer and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2007.

Kelly has served as the first Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, which is adjacent to The Catholic University of America. He has overseen the renewal of that facility, previously known as the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, which was purchased by the Supreme Council in 2011. During his tenure, the Shrine has developed a world-class permanent exhibit, called "A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II," and created two new worship spaces that feature the mosaic artwork of Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik — the Redemptor Hominis Church and the Luminous Mysteries Chapel, which enshrines a first-class blood relic of St. John Paul II. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Kelly will continue to oversee the Shrine's operations.

He holds a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America. He and his wife, Vanessa, have three young daughters.

Monthly Update

State Deputy Gabe Cabral



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

During Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's first address to the state deputies, he stated that "**... we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our Order.**" Think about this obligation and make this one of your primary mission elements both personally and as a directive of your council. The world around us desperately needs to good works and the positive influence exemplified by the Knights of Columbus.

This time of the year, you will very likely hear at least a couple of people talking about their resolutions. It's interesting to hear what folks are resolving "to do", or resolving to "not to do". In a very basic sense, it boils down to choices. Virtually every day, we are presented with the option to choose to between right and wrong—Free Will in other words.

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

**Gabe Cabral
State Deputy**

Monthly Update

State Chaplain

Fr. Patrick Dolan

Brother Knights:

At the end of the November 2016 article here after talking about how knights share in the teaching charism of the church, I promised to elaborate later how Knights share in the governing and sanctifying charism of the church as well. Here goes. You already know that you can certainly lead prayers with your family and can ask a blessing on your food before each meal; but you may not have known that you can bless your children officially—often as you put them to bed at night. We all also know how intently you pray for them as they begin their first day of school—or the first time you give them the car keys on their own.

Building the domestic church is your responsibility—and your special privilege. You teach by words and good example, but you also sanctify by words and good example. When you pray the rosary as a family you sanctify each other. (My family always did this on a long car trip, where my mom would hold the rosary but my dad would lead it. She would prompt him when we were coming to the end of a decade but he would lead it all. I believe this kept us safe—though I cannot guarantee it helped his navigation skills, for he was famous for his “different routes” that made long trips even longer and let us run out of gas when we could easily have made it to our destinations.)

My dad also got me up to serve the masses I was scheduled for—which is a way of sanctifying one’s children. He himself went to 7 am mass during Advent & Lent and led by example for me to do that with

him. That also was sanctifying someone, for “being an instrument of God’s grace,” which is what sanctifying

actually is, does not mean only consecrating the Eucharist—but distributing it as well (and many of you are Eucharistic Ministers) and leading others to it.

Indeed, you are at the “tip of the spear” in bringing Christ into the workplace and the marketplace and the local community, which is truly the sanctifying mission of the church. You do all these things with the clergy assisting you through the sacraments, but you are the ones who actually sanctify the world in which we live. There is a reason that on the chessboard the knight is next to the bishop: You share in the teaching, sanctifying and governing mission of the church, and you do this where it matters most at the individual personal level.

In the near future I will talk about governing. Blessings to all of you and to your families and communities this entire new year of the Lord: 2017.

Fr. Patrick Dolan
KY State Chaplain



Monthly Update

State Secretary **Cameron Peck**



Brothers,

I want to talk to you today about kindness. Being kind is the easiest thing to do, and it can be the hardest thing to do as well.

The first principal of our order is Charity. And a simple way to be charitable is to show kindness to our fellow brothers and sisters.

I'm not talking about your siblings, I am talking about the other 7.2 billion people we share this planet with.

It is easy to be kind to someone that is obviously in need. None of us would hesitate to help a pregnant woman while she is trying to load a heavy box into her car. Or to hold the door for an elderly man as he slowly shuffles into the doctor's office. That's easy. The hard part is being kind to someone that you don't like. Could we be kind to them? That's a bit tougher.

I have a challenge for you. During the next month, I want you to be extra kind to your spouse, be extra kind to your parish priest, and more difficult, be kind to someone that you would normally avoid. Do you accept the challenge?

**Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck
State Secretary**

State Advocate

Tom Johnson

Congratulations to all of our 2016 NFL Sweepstake WINNERS!

NFL Ticket Update:

I would like to apologize for all of the confusion surrounding this year's council payouts. It was an honest error and I am most grateful to KY Charities Treasurer and PSD Squack Jones for his help in cleaning up the mess. I would also like to thank the GKs and FSs of the affected councils for their help as well.

ATTENTION GK's:

It's that time of year again to be thinking about writing and submitting **Resolutions** for consideration at the State Convention. **Resolutions** should be voted on and approved at the council level and submitted to the State Advocate by **March 15th, 2017**.

Safe Environment Training:

There are currently 30 councils that have not completed the required training. In some cases it may be that an individual did not get his "background" check completed, in most cases either the GK or Youth Director or both have not completed their training. All training should have been completed by the end of December, 2016. If you are unsure about your status please contact me at: johnson8288@bellsouth.net

**Vivat Jesus,
Tom Johnson
State Advocate**

Monthly Update

State Warden Luke Williams



**Brothers,
Happy New Year to
you and your fami-
lies.**

We had an issue with our original Basketball Slam tickets that were distributed at the

12/4/16 Bardstown Mid Year Meeting. Fortunately, the issue was discovered early enough by a few of our members and most councils had not began to sell the tickets yet. Some of the printed Basketball Slam tickets had two "Virginias" printed under the scratch off section. Green Bee Marketing was contacted and stated that one of the VIRGINIA codes should have been for Maryland. The problem was in the design program. Originally, there were thought to be a total of 59 tickets affected. After further review by Green Bee, there was the possibility of up to 600 tickets with duplicate teams. This would have created a large possibility of "Ties" in final scores.

The KY Knights of Columbus State Officers decided that the best course of action was to have Green Bee correct the program, reprint and redistribute NEW tickets for the 2017 Basketball Slam contest.

As part of the new distribution plan,

- All KY KofC Councils have been directed to stop selling the original distributed tickets.
- Any of the sold original tickets will be replaced with tickets from the new batch. OLD tickets have the first 3 letters of the Access Code = KYN. All of the 'original' tickets have become void including any free electronic tickets that were awarded from the buy 2 get 1 free program. The customer will need to go online and enter the codes from their new tickets to generate new free electronic tickets.
- All Councils were mailed NEW tickets after Christmas. NEW tickets have the first 3 letters of the Access Code =KNG.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Knights of Columbus Basketball Slam Sweepstakes. We appreciate your cooperation and efforts in dealing with this issue. The Disaster Relief Fund which is the only beneficiary of this program is a very worthwhile program for our state and it helps us offer aid to our Brother Knights worldwide in their time of need.

**Vivat Jesus,
Luke**

Monthly Update

State Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

Welcome to a New Year! As many of you have made your New Year's resolution to improve yourself in some way, I can think of no better way to improve yourself than to grow in your faith. By getting more involved with your council, you can do exactly that by putting your faith into action. Make a resolution to get involved in at least one of your council's programs today! Contact your Grand Knight and ask how you can help!

In January and February, councils should conduct programs such as Polar Plunge, Essay Contests, March for Life, Fifth Sunday Rosary (Jan. 29), Basketball Slam Sweepstakes, Wedding Vow Renewal, Council Free Throw Challenge, 40 Cans for Lent, and RCIA involvement. Councils should be planning for programs to be conducted in March and April. Programs such as Founder's Day Celebration, Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child, and Fifth Sunday Rosary (Apr. 30th) should be planned now.

Please continue submitting your monthly activity reports to me. We are heading into the

home stretch for earning the Program Director or State Deputy

Award. ***The dead-***

line for your submissions is March 31st!

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.

You will also need to work on completing the Columbian Award in the coming weeks. Supreme will accept completed SP-7 Columbian Award applications as soon as April 1st. ***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

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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.

This month's "Program Spotlight" features another Building the Domestic Church program. "Renewal of Wedding Vows" is a way for Brother Knights, with their wives, to integrate with the parish community in renewing their love and commitment to each other together with the Lord. The program is suggested to be done near Father's Day, however, the

State Deputy has asked that councils host this program at the parish mass close to Valentine's Day. A reception for married couples and their families should be held following the program.

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

**Fraternally,
Bill Schmidt, PSD
General Program Director
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Kentucky State Council Featured Program

Renewal of Wedding Vows

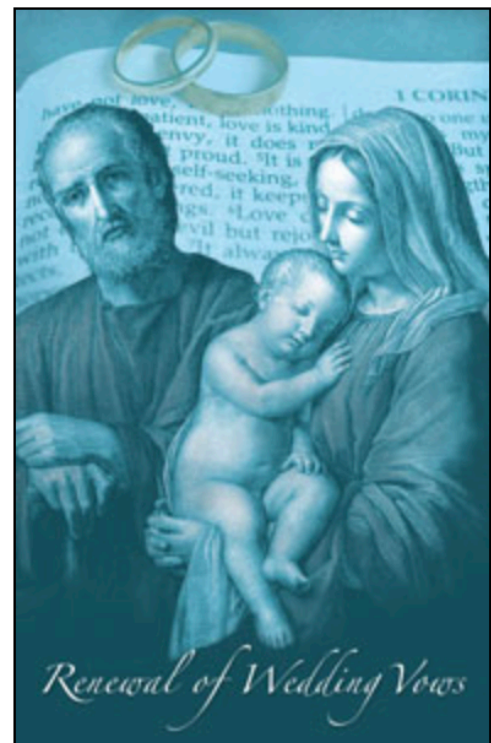
Annually sponsoring this event will serve to make your council visible to the parish community and show your member's support for all fathers and husbands. During these events, Knights and their wives — along with all the married couples of the parish — have an opportunity to affirm their commitment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

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

When planning the event, be sure to:

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

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



District Master

Gary Dykuis



Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

January Events; During the American Revolution, in January 1776, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America. During the American Revolution, General George Washington defeated the British at Princeton and drove them back toward New Brunswick. Washington then established winter quarters at Morristown, New Jersey. During the long harsh winter, Washington's army shrank to about a thousand men as enlistments expired and deserters fled. In 1790, President George Washington delivered the first State of the Union address.

On January 1892, Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

Birthdays include the American Patriot Paul Revere (1735-1818) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Best known for his ride on the night of April 18, 1775, warning Americans of

British plans to raid Lexington and Concord. Also Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a seamstress credited with helping to originate and sew the Stars and Stripes flag of America in 1776.

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.

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

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

Monthly Update

General Agent

Darrell Swope

Financial Fitness for the New Year 1/1/2017

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and take stock of where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves to be better. Many focus on their health and well-being.

These are great practices. No matter how good we're doing, we can always be doing better, and critical self-reflection and setting goals can help.

This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health.

So, as we begin 2017, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your financial situation and find opportunities for improvement.

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

This is a valuable and revealing process — and one that you don't have to do alone.

As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated, well-trained profession-

al brother Knight field agent who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family.

Through their agent, members

receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled "Profiles & Forecaster," is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs.

It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, short-ages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more.

It's a great way to start.

Focus on the Future

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

What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive without your income? Do you have disability income insurance?



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How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus has recently introduced a disability income insurance product that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck.

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

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

Prioritize Protection

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

Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Just how affordable? Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis, and he can walk you through all your options.

You just may be surprised.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! To you and your family..

Monthly Update

State Historian

Bill Hancock PSD, FM

Interior of St. Mary's Church



Facing the altar the Kentucky pew is the 16th on the left of the center aisle.



The 16th Pew

Each jurisdiction has an assigned pew in St. Mary's Church based on their institution date. Kentucky became the 16th State Council of the Supreme Council in 1903 and was assigned the 16th pew left of the center aisle.

Harriette and I sat in that pew in 2008 during Mass for the State Deputies attending orientation. Each State Deputy sits in his jurisdiction's designated pew. I feel sure the State Deputies preceding and following me have had the same experience. If you are ever in New Haven be sure to visit St. Mary's Church and sit in the Kentucky pew.

Submitted by:
Billy Hancock, PSD, FDM
State Historian

The plaque reads:
 Kentucky State Council
 Instituted September 23, 1903

Upcoming Events

January

1st Degree 31

February

4th Degree 4
1st Degree 6
1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree 12
Valentines Day 14
1st Degree 28

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