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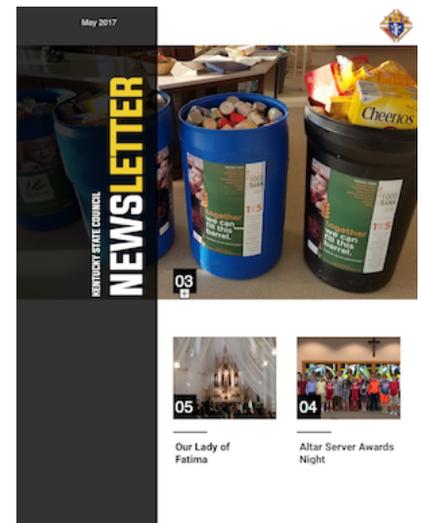
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40 Cans for 40 Days

Pax Christi council #15613 in Lexington held a 40 Cans for 40 Days food drive again this year. They collected around 4000 pounds of food which was split between Gods Pantry and the Catholic Action Center. In fact, it was the first delivery in their new location. Attached are pictures the 4 overflowing barrels for Gods Pantry and Jack Kubik's pickup weighed down for Catholic Action Center.



Stewards of Appalachia receives \$10,000 grant

Stewards of Appalachia is beginning our 11th year since our first trip to Mississippi to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina and we have been blessed from the beginning with dedicated donors and the greatest and most loyal volunteers and we would not exist without you. As you know, we operate with all volunteers allowing us to utilize all of our donations to support our mission. In fact, we purchased material this past week for a family whose mobile home was badly damaged by a fallen tree. Because we are able to operate without salaries or corporate overheads, we were able to secure a \$10,000 grant from UPS. This money will be used to procure building materials and services for our annual trip in October. As always, all remaining funds from our fund raising effort will be used to purchase materials for winter and spring projects when volunteer groups are scarce. Thank you for supporting our mission and making this work possible.

Altar Server Awards Night

Recognizing Saint Margaret Mary Parish Altar Servers for their dedicated service to the Church is a component of our #15979 Council's service program to the Church and youth.

Personalized service award certificates were presented to the Altar Servers of StMM Parish on Saturday, 30 APR 17 in appreciation for their ongoing special ministry. Special thanks to Mr. Kevin McCarron for serving as StMM's Parish Altar Server Coordinator & doing so much to organize this event.

All St Margaret Mary Parish Altar Servers and their families were invited to enjoy a hearty meal of fresh fruit, salad, Little Caesar's Pizza, cookies, coffee, iced tea, fruit juices, & water in the Hospitality Room following the Saturday 5PM Mass.



Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima statue came to Bowling Green at St Joseph's Church. We celebrated Mass many Knights were there including the students on April 25th. The Fatima statue is touring the us all this year for the hundredth anniversary Our Lady of Fatima. Many knights were in attendance at Mass. Additionally, today, April 26th the statue visits the Fathers of Mercy just south of Bowling Green in Auburn before it moves on south across the US. More info at: <https://www.fatimatourforpeace.com/the-tour/>

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue (IPVS) of Fatima is one of two “twin” statues sculpted in 1947 by famous sculptor José Thedim. The image reflects the precise instructions of Sister Lucia.

Her desire was that the pilgrim image represent Our Lady’s position when she revealed herself as the Immaculate Heart to the Shepherds in 1917. Our Lady of Fatima through the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, set forth from Fatima in May, 1947 to claim her dominion and become the Pilgrim of the World, carrying first to devastated Europe after WWII the message of peace.

Prayer for the U.S. Tour

O Queen of the Rosary, Sweet Virgin of Fatima, who has deigned to appear in the land of Portugal, we beg you to watch over our dear homeland and assure its moral and spiritual revival.

Bring back peace to all the nations of the world so that all, our own nation in particular, may be happy to call you their Queen and the Queen of Peace. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for our country.

Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for all humanity a lasting peace.



Cruze-in



Council #5453 in Burlington held a cruze-in on April 22nd. Thanks to Brother Ken DeMaria for another successful Cruise In! While the weather wasn't as nice as we had hoped, there were still many who came out! Thanks to Brothers Terry Eibel, Bill Isler, GK John Doubrava, Rick Wells, Terry Kidwell, DGK Rob Tyszkiewicz, Chris Spiers , Don Redwine and David White for helping out! Enjoy this photo collage of the event.



State Deputy Gabe Cabral

May is upon us and things are hopping! Preparations for the State Convention are at full speed and we are fast the approaching wrap up of the fraternal year. We have 2 months to put the final polish on

all the great work that has been done by our nearly 12,000 Brother Knights and their families from across the state.

This year's State Convention begins on Saturday May 20th -- Armed Forces Day, and we have made a request to the councils across the state to send the names of current or former military members among our ranks. I hope you were able to get this sent to PSD Bill Schmidt, it may not be too late, but you must act immediately- email this information to BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net

The Grand Knights across the state were also contacted by me regarding something new we want to try on for size at the State Convention. This year, we are asking all councils who attend the State Convention, to bring their council's banner (and Pole & Stand) for proud display in the meeting room. Let the other councils from around our state know that you are represented! Please be sure to mark the pole and stands so that you can easily identify your equipment when the convention concludes on Sunday.

As we approach the Run for the Roses, Every Council should be engaged in their own race to achieve Star Council. There is a significant savings to your council for reaching this through the reduced Supreme Per Capita. The Supreme Knight has authorized the \$4.50 per capita credit for all billable members (excludes Honorary Life and disability exemptions) to all councils that attain one or more levels of the Star Council Award for this Fraternal Year, 2016-2017. We had several councils who took advantage of this last year and I hope that we have more councils will take advantage of this opportunity to earn needed funds.

I wish I had more time to write something eloquent, inspiring and motivational. But with all the work ahead in the next few days I only have enough time to tell you all how proud I am of what the Knights stand for, and more specifically, all the great things you have accomplished this year. It has been an honor to serve as your State Deputy and I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention in Lexington.

**Vivat Jesus,
Gabe Cabral
State Deputy**

State Chaplain

Fr. Patrick Dolan

We are all members of the Mystical Body of Christ. You all have heard this and do indeed believe it--but what does it mean in practical terms? First, it means that we assist one another, which is the "charity" part of our motto. You do that, and you do that very well: consistently and especially when it is not very convenient.

The "unity" aspect of our order essentially also fits in that "body" comparison: we are all different, but mutually support each other. Each hand helps each foot, each eye helps each ear, the top teeth help the bottom teeth, etc. in a body, and each of us helps the other grow in both faith and grace by good example, common prayer, and a coordinating structure within the church that divides and focuses your good efforts. Both the church organization and the structure of our Knights groups (councils, assemblies, etc.) helps us get organized to cooperate better despite the different personalities wielding the different skills we each bring to knighthood. We have unity rather than uniformity, and that unity makes us stronger in Christ. We may not all agree, but we cooperate anyway for the sake of the Body of Christ.

The mystical body image also helps us understand the "fraternity" aspect of who we are as Knights. In short: the image of God in each one of us shines (through our individuality) onto the image of God in each other Knight and enhances it. This is particularly true whenever knights gather during the social; part of our meetings--and especially at the conventions. Your recreation is actually holy. You rejoice in seeing old friends. Because of your common knighthood, you see the image of Christ in the strong, manly character in each other and enhance each other's goodness because you know each other as brother Knights and empathize with each other. The Christ in each of you shines more directly onto each other Knight because of that connection which bypasses the subtle defenses we erect. Come, share the "good times" and let the image of God work its grace in each of you and among each of you whenever you meet.

Vivat Jesus!

**Fr. Patrick Dolan
State Chaplain**



Monthly Update

State Secretary

Cameron Peck



Brothers,
The state convention is approaching quickly. The official opening is Saturday, May 20th at the morning meeting. But on Friday the 19th there is a great dinner being put on by council #762 in the cafeteria of Saints Peter and Paul School (133 Barr St, Lexington, KY 40507). They did this meal last year and it was a great and delicious success.

As many of you know, one of my responsibilities is to register the delegates for the convention. I have called many of the councils that have not submitted delegates yet just to make sure that it was not overlooked. One thing that I have discovered is that many councils have trouble finding council members that want to go to the state convention. Unfortunately, to some people the state convention appears as a burden rather than a celebration of the many great things we have done during the past year that it is intended to be.

I encourage everyone to come to the state convention and help us celebrate. Of course, we will do a bit of business too, but we will have fun celebrating council and personal achievements too.

Time is getting short but, it is not too late. If you are not registered yet, you can do so by filling out the the registration form in the state convention information pack that can be found here. <http://kykofc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-convention.pdf>. It can also be downloaded from the front page of our website too. www.kykofc.com.

I need to remind everyone that if your council is planning on attending the state convention, you need to make sure that the council has paid all the debts owed to the Kentucky State Council and the Supreme Council or the council will not be able to have delegates seated at the convention.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Kentucky State Convention. And remember that this is a celebration of all that you and your councils have done this past year. So come celebrate with us.

**Vivat Jesus,
 Cameron Peck
 State Secretary**

State Advocate

Tom Johnson



UPCOMING STATE CONVENTION – The State Convention is *your* Convention

- It is *your* opportunity to be recognized for the Good Works performed by *your* council over the past year.
- It is *your* opportunity to see, hear and learn about the Good Works performed by other councils.
- It is *your* opportunity to meet new Brother Knights. To develop new friendships and to build upon existing friendships.
- It is an opportunity for *you* to spend a moment in silent adoration in front of the Our Lord during the Adoration Hour and to attend mass with *your* State Chaplin Fr. Patrick Dolan.
- It is an opportunity to break bread with *your* Brother Knights. To be one in Christ and to give thanks to Fr. McGivney for his vision of founding an organization dedicated to Mary and serving those in need.

UPCOMING STATE CONVENTION – Things you should know

- Any 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus that is in good standing with the Order and that has a valid travel/membership card may attend the State Convention Business meeting.
- Only those councils in good standing with Supreme and the State Council may have a voice (vote) at the convention. (Article 1 section 9 of the KY State By-laws)
- Only those councils having properly submitted their delegate's paper work may have a voice (vote) during the convention. In the case of a "Contest of Delegate" one member of each side may appear before the Credentials Committee. (Article 1 section 8 of the KY State By-laws)
- All meetings of the State Council shall be conducted in the Third Section. ***DO NOT send a 1st or 2nd degree member to the State Convention as a delegate.***
- A candidate being nominated for office must be nominated by a recognized delegate or a member of the State Council with "Voice" privilege.
- A third degree member in good standing can be nominated from the floor, but it will be announced that he does so without a review or recommendation from the Election Committee. (Article III section 2(f) of the KY State By-Laws)

Johnson cont.

Council Resolutions:

We have a total of 14 Resolutions submitted for review and action at the upcoming State Convention. The Resolution Committee will be composed of the following councils:

1055, 1361, 1418, 1955, 2046, 2282, 3909, 5634, 6897, 10725, 12623, 13196, 14728, 15063, 15484, 15841, 16206, 16232 and 16424

It is the responsibility of the Resolutions Committee to be familiar with the resolutions, bring up any concerns for discussion and be prepared to vote on them at the State Convention. All 14 resolutions were sent out last month to each Council's Grand Knight and to the Past State Deputies. For those councils that will be serving on the Resolutions Committee you will be receiving an additional email with the resolutions so that you can share them with your council's delegates. Although I will have a few copies of the resolutions with me at the State Convention, it is my expectation that the members of the Resolution Committee will be fully informed and ready to express any concerns and then vote on each resolution.

Candidacy Declarations:

There are a total of 5 Candidacy Declarations at this time, one for each current State Officer. An individual wishing to run for a State Office and not having submitted a Declaration for Candidacy may do so at the State Convention during the period of time that the request for additional candidates for a specific office is called out. A candidate for office cannot nominate himself. In order for a candidate's nomination be accepted, the nomination must be presented to the assembly by a certified delegate to the State Council or a member of the State Council having "Voice" privilege.

Safe Environment Training:

The GOOD NEWS is that we've made some progress in our efforts to get every council compliant with Supreme's mandate that all councils be trained in the Safe Environment Training program. The BAD NEWS is that there are currently 28 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.

Those councils that have not completed their training have either been called or have received at least one email notice requesting feedback as to when they will complete their training. If you are having problems logging in or are unsure about your status please contact me at: johnson8288@bellsouth.net

Johnson cont.

Delinquent Council Reports:

As of 5-1-2017 we have a large number of councils showing delinquent reports with Supreme. Individual correspondences will be going out to those councils with past due reports.

F-185 Officers Chosen for the Term - 12 Councils * report was due by the end of July

F-365 Service Program Personnel Report - 26 Councils * report was due by the end of July

F-1295 (1) Semi Annual Audit for Period ending 6/30/2016

COUNCILS DELINQUENT LAST 2 PERIODS: - 20 * **These councils are in danger of losing their bonding and face possible suspension.**

- **COUNCILS DELINQUENT FOR THE LAST PERIOD:** 5
- **TOTAL NUMBER OF DELINQUENT COUNCILS:** 25

F-1295 (2) Semi Annual Audit for Period ending 12/31/2016

COUNCILS DELINQUENT LAST 2 PERIODS: - 24 * **These councils are in danger of losing their bonding and face possible suspension.**

- **COUNCILS DELINQUENT FOR THE LAST PERIOD:** 7
- **TOTAL NUMBER OF DELINQUENT COUNCILS:** 31

F-1728 Survey of Fraternal Activity - 17 Councils * report was due January 31st, 2017

SP-7 Columbian Award Application - 98 Councils * report due June 30th, 2017

Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Trustees...It is your responsibility to insure that your council reports are completed and turned in on time. District Deputies...you have access to the councils within your district. Please help to make sure that all of your councils are compliant.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Johnson
State Advocate

Monthly Update

State Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD

Brother Knights –

We are rapidly approaching the end of the fraternal year, and many of you are poised to attain some lofty goals in the Order. As of May 10th, I would like to congratulate the members of the following councils for having met all of the requirements for Star Council, including membership, insurance, programs, and reports: Sacred Heart Council #5071 in Corbin and Fr. Carroll White Council #6743 in Grayson County!

The following councils have met their membership and insurance quotas and only need to submit their SP-7 to the Supreme Council (and it must be approved by them): St. Timothy Council #15211 in Union and Christ the King Council #16232 in Scottsville. Congratulations, you are almost there! If you have not yet submitted the SP-7 Columbian Award application, now is the time to submit it.

The following councils have met their membership quota but have not yet met their insurance quota: Fr. Dentinger Council #390 in Louisville, Sebree Council #7831, Bishop Soenneker Council #10725 in Owensboro, Saint Henry Council #11453 in Aurora, St. John/St. Francis Council #11470 in Georgetown, Bishop Flaget Council #13053 in Louisville, St. Michael Council #15525 in Jeffersontown, St. Edward the Confessor Council #15841

in Louisville, Fr.

Francis L.

Sampson Council

#15941 in Ft.

Campbell,

Knottsville

Council #16125,

and St. Brigid &

St. James Council #16179 in Louisville.

Contact your Field Agent today to find out how you can meet your insurance quota.

There is still time to attain this goal and reach Star Council!



The following councils have met their insurance quota but have not yet met their membership quota: St. Mildred Council #14128 in Somerset, All Saints Council #14234 in Taylorsville, and Pax Christi Council #15613 in Lexington. You have met one of the more challenging quotas already. Let's recruit some members and reach Star Council!

Kentucky's quota this year is 20 Star Councils. I truly believe we will reach this goal, but only by the efforts of you, the membership. There are many other councils that are close to reaching both their membership and insurance goals. Don't give up! There is still plenty of time to reach Star Council but you cannot wait any longer! If you need any assistance, the State leadership team is here to help!

Schmidt cont.

Since this fraternal year is drawing to a close, believe it or not, now is the time schedule your 2017-2018 program calendar. Meet with your Chaplain and leadership team as soon as possible. Every council should strive to put their program calendar in place by July 1st. If you need any help, let me know. I am glad to help! ***Remember***, the Building the Domestic Church must be a part of your program portfolio. Information on these programs can be found at the Supreme Council website at www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/.

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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District Master

Gary Dykuis



Worthy Faithful Navigators and Ladies,

May Events; May 1st, Observed as May Day, a holiday and spring festival since ancient times, also

observed in socialist countries as a workers' holiday or Labor Day. On May 2, Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903) was born in Carpino, Italy (as Gioacchino Pecci). He was elected Pope in 1878 at age 67 and lived to govern the church another 25 years, laying the foundation for modernization of Church attitudes toward a rapidly industrializing and changing world. May 5th is celebrated in Mexico as Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

May 8, 1945, a second German surrender ceremony was held in Berlin. Soviet Russia's leader Josef Stalin had refused to recognize the German surrender document signed a day earlier at Reims. This time, German Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel signed the surrender document which declared, as did the first, that hostilities would end as of 12:01 a.m. on May 9th.

May 1869, the newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways

were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah. A golden spike was driven by Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific, to celebrate the linkage.. It is said that he missed the spike on his first swing which brought roars of laughter from men who had driven thousands upon thousands of spikes themselves.

May 26, 1917 John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born, the 35th U.S. President was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. He was the youngest man ever elected to the presidency and the first Roman Catholic. He was assassinated in Dallas, November 22, 1963, the fourth President to be killed by an assassin.

Next Exemplification: July 22, 2017, Father Alexander Korte, Bowling Green, KY. The planning is almost done and the information will be on the Kentucky Website soon. The information will be handed out at the State Convention, this Exemplification will be held in the Owensboro Diocese. This will be the First Exemplification for 2018 Fraternal Year. The new Year starts July 1, and I hope to have an Exemplification in each of the Diocese of Kentucky. The February Exemplification will be held in Radcliff on February 24. If your Assembly would like to sponsor an Exemplification, please let me know.

May is election month. Please conduct your elections and report the new Assembly Officers on the Knights of Columbus Website.

Dykuis cont.

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. But as Sir Knights, we should be having Admission – First Degrees at our council meetings. Yes, the Council can use the DVD, as works great.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Gary Dykhuis,
Kentucky District Master

Monthly Update

General Agent

Darrell Swope



Protecting Your Paycheck

4/28/2017

For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations. We look forward to holidays and special occasions. We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at the freedom that we have planned for so deliberately.

But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with surprise? What if the end of work comes with an illness or an accident that prevents us from doing our job? Will we be prepared? Can we be?

With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can.

We welcome retirement because we have planned for it. We know when it is coming, we know what it will take to get there, and we know what

we will need when it arrives. But how can we plan for something unexpected? How can we know what we will need when we do not know what will happen?

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience.

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67.* The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.**

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.***

And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is really your last paycheck?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.****

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck.

Swope cont.

With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your brother Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company. *****

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

Talk to your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn how easy and affordable disability income insurance can be.

Find him at kofc.org/findagent.

* "Social Security Fact Sheet," United States Social Security Administration, accessed April 4, 2017, www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf.

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Joke of the Month

A husband had just finished reading a book entitled, "You Can Be The Man of Your House."

He stormed into the kitchen and suddenly announced to his wife, "From now on, you need to know that I am the man of this house and my word is law. Tonight, you are going to prepare me a gourmet meal and when I'm finished eating my meal, you will serve me a sumptuous dessert. After dinner, I'll relax.

Afterwards, you will prepare the bath so I can relax. You'll wash my back, towel me dry, bring me my robe, and then massage my feet and hands. Tomorrow, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?" The wife replied, "My first guess would be the funeral director!"

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