

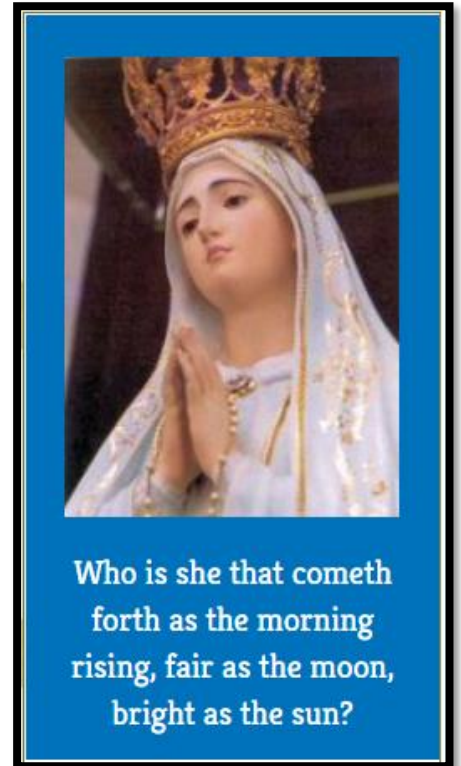
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The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month in the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality." With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books-Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.



Who is she that cometh
forth as the morning
rising, fair as the moon,
bright as the sun?

"In the medieval period, the rose was adopted as the flower symbol of the Virgin Birth, as expressed in Dante's phrase, 'The Rose wherein the Divine Word was made flesh,' and depicted in the central rose windows of the great gothic cathedrals-from which came the Christmas carol, 'Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming.' Also, in the medieval period, when monasteries were the centers of horticultural and agricultural knowledge, and with the spread of the Franciscan love of nature, the actual flowers themselves, of the fields, waysides and gardens, came to be seen as symbols of Mary..." – John S. Stokes
Pentecost, the birth of the Church, is also among the celebrations of May. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit — the Breath of God — was the "mighty wind [that] swept over the waters" (Gen 1:2); at the birth of the Church He is present again "like the rush of a mighty wind" to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2).

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary, who set out in haste to assist St. Elizabeth (feast of the Visitation, May 31). Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for his mercy endures forever!

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History

The following is extracted from the Louisville States Dinner Program of the 99th Annual Supreme Council Convention August 18, 1981. The States Dinner is one of the highlights of a Supreme Convention. I hope you enjoy the then Supreme Knight's commentary on the Church in Kentucky as much as I did. I am grateful to PSD Mike and Lady Jane Peak for sharing their memorabilia of the event with me. I will share more on the 99th Supreme Convention with you later.

Bill Hancock, PSD
State Historian

My Brother Knight

We meet in a see that once encompassed much of America's heartland. The Archdiocese of Louisville, originally the Diocese of Bardstown, once covered the states of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and most of Tennessee. The Louisville see truly is the mother church of the American Midwest.

Perhaps the first Mass on Kentucky soil was offered by Father Jacques Marquette in 1673 as he made his way down the Mississippi River on his historic exploration.

The first permanent priest in the state was Father Charles Whelan who journeyed there in the late 1780s to serve a colony of Catholics who had migrated from Maryland. But he stayed only three years.

The generally recognized apostle of Kentucky was Father Stephen Badin, a native of Orleans, France, who was a seminarian when the French revolution struck. He escaped the anti-religious reign of terror by journeying across the Atlantic and became the first priest ordained in the United States. He was given Holy Orders by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore in May 1793. He immediately was appointed vicar general of the Old West, which included Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Tennessee. He spent most of his time in Kentucky and for many years was the only priest serving the scattered Catholics in that state.

Another pioneer priest in Kentucky was Father Charles Nerinckx, a Belgian who for a time carried on a clandestine ministry during the French revolution and then joined Father Badin in 1805. An indefatigable man, Father Nerinckx built 10 churches in 10 years and founded the Sisters of Loretto, the first native American community.

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It is these and many other pioneers we honor by our gathering in Louisville and in the state of Kentucky. We hope to be inspired by their example. We aspire to imitate their zeal in the apostolate.

The preamble of the Kentucky Constitution expresses grate-fulness to Almighty God. We join in that gratitude for the blessings God has granted this state and for the multitude of kindnesses He has bestowed on our order as we begin our centennial year.

Virgil C Dechant
Supreme Knight

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Membership May 2019

On April 1 Supreme announced the Membership Tournament Challenge. They allocated \$39,000 in prize money. We barely survived Round One against North Dakota however there was no prize money for that round. Round Two our opponent was Michigan. We took a severe beating and was eliminated from the contest. I figured we needed an additional 8 to 10 new members to win over Michigan. Had we won Round Two, \$16.00 per new member would have been returned to recruiting Councils. Moving on.

We still can win part of the \$39,000 prize money. There are consolation prizes to be won in the Membership Tournament Challenge.

Consolation Contest: In addition to the prizes awarded after each round, there will be \$5,000 in prize money for jurisdictions that are eliminated.

\$3,500 will go to the jurisdiction with the highest percentage intake gain (from April 1 – Jun 30)

\$1,500 will go to the jurisdiction with the second-highest percentage intake gain

\$500 will go to the jurisdiction with the third-highest percentage intake gain

The jurisdiction that wins the Membership Tournament Challenge is ineligible for consolation prize money.

On April 1 the Jurisdiction stood at 60.00% of quota. If on June 30, for example, we are at 100.00% our percentage of intake gain is 40.00%. Should this percentage fall within the top 3 Jurisdictions we are a WINNER. Any money won will be returned to the recruiting Councils on the basis of one share per member recruited.

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We are 72 days, as of May 9, away from the end of the fraternal year. To reach quota we need 188 more new members. Thirteen Councils have achieved or exceeded their membership quotas of 100 – 260 percent (see Membership Honor Roll on the State Council website). Congratulations! Sixty-five Councils have positive growth while 34 Councils show zero growth. How this fraternal year's membership growth ends is up to you Worthy Grand Knights.

Congratulations Grand Knight Mike Mudd and the members of Knottsville Council 16125. Indicators point out you have completed all requirements for the Star Council Award.

With best regards,

Bill Hancock, PSD
Membership Director

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Special Olympics Kentucky

Council Donations

Two Councils made donations to Special Olympics Kentucky in April. Pax Christi Council #15613 presented a check for \$1,000 at their monthly meeting in April. The money was raised during their Tootsie Roll campaign. Frankfort Council #1483 Worthy Grand Knight Dan Bruning and Financial Secretary Alan Hamilton made the short trip to the Special Olympics State Office in Frankfort to present a \$500 donation that represented proceeds from their Lenten fish fries.



Pax Christi Council #15613 Worthy Grand Knight AL Dodak presents a check to Special Olympics Kentucky Communications Director and Brother Knight Mark Buerger



Frankfort Council Financial Secretary Alan Hamilton and Worthy Grand Knight Dan Bruning present a donation to Special Olympics Kentucky athlete and Good Shepherd parishioner Leigh Ann Fallis.

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State Summer Games

Volunteers are needed for the 2019 Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games May 31-June 2 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. The greatest volunteer needs will be on Saturday, June 1, from 8 am to 3 pm. Athletes will be competing in five sports at the Games – bocce, rhythmic gymnastics, soccer, swimming and track and field. Volunteers are needed at sports venues as well as in other roles during the day. To volunteer as a Council contact Kelli Firquin at 502-695-8222 or kfirquin@soky.org. You can also volunteer on-line at <http://soky.org/volunteernow/>.



Knights from St. Mark's Council #12852 in Richmond and Sacred Heart Council #5071 in Corbin have helped at the Summer Games for many years.

State Treasurer

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. Mario Tizziani.
- 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)

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson (cont.)



Treasure's Notes:

April Financials are in the book. The big events this past month were the payouts to the 13 winners of our State Basketball Slam & to the supplier of the tickets and the Per Capita and State Convention related receipts from the councils. As soon as I receive the BB Slam payout information for the councils that participated I will process those checks this month.

At the end of April, 2019 the following monies were available for each program:

KY Heavenly Pennies Program

- Covington - \$472.71
- Lexington - \$844.61
- Louisville - \$1450.05
- Owensboro - \$698.20

These monies will be distributed to the Bishop of each of the diocese in which the monies was raised for the support of our seminarians.

Culture of Life Fund

- Covington - \$250.00
- Lexington - \$100.00
- Louisville - \$656.08
- Owensboro - \$2587.64

These monies will be distributed to each of the diocese in which the monies were raised for the support of Culture of Life needs.

Recruitment is not about quotas or incentives – it is about changing history, one act of charity at a time. Knights of Columbus are men on a mission and the more men among our ranks, the more we can do for our families, our communities and the Church.Quote taken from letter to District Deputies from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson dated April 15, 2019

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Johnson

State Treasurer

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

It is May and the state convention is May 18-19, 2019 in Lexington. Please take time celebrate our charitable, fraternal, united and patriotic triumphs victories at home and with our brothers.

Safe Environment Training:

Safe Environment Training for the Knights of Columbus this fraternal year has been a topic that has been taken serious as well as taken for granted.

We currently have 28 councils who are now fully compliant. Great Job!

There are more councils who have a few spots pending to become fully compliant.

Successful completion of the Safe Environment Training modules for the Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors, along with Background Checks for the Community and Family Directors are a requirement for a council to achieve Star Council and also to be considered for any Supreme award.

Council Resolutions:

As I stated last month, we have a total of 12 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 12 resolutions were sent out last month to each Council's Grand Knight.

Candidacy Declarations:

There are a total of 5 Candidacy Declarations at this time, one for each current State Officer.

I hope to see you at the convention.

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

State Advocate

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers Knights,

Derby Week Activities

Here in Louisville, this is the social calendar high point of the year. I got to participate in several KofC Derby Week events.

The KofC Charity Dinner, sponsored by Bishop Spalding Council 2761, is a Monday Kickoff event for Derby Week and the Kentucky Derby Festival. There were about 400 people at the Galt House to celebrate the Council's outstanding fundraising activities and witness their recognition and donations to several very deserving charities in the Louisville area. Truly representative of the principle of the Admission Degree – Charity!

On Wednesday, I was with Council 2761 again, at their hall on the Ohio River to observe the Great Steamboat Race. It's an ideal vantage point – and the food was good, too!. The paddle wheelers Belle of Louisville and Belle of Cincinnati passed the hall and were within view as they turned into the current and went back down river to the I-65 Bridges finish line. The home town boat scored a rare win!

And on Thursday ("Thurby" to the locals who choose this day to go to the Downs because the Friday/Saturday Oaks/Derby days have been taken over by celebrities and out of towners) I marched with the State Officers, Past State Chaplain Father Dolan, and members of the Patriotic Degree, most taking advantage of one of their last opportunities to wear the old Regalia. The rain held off and we had 18 blocks of fun waving to the crowds. Thanks to all those who were there garnering public recognition of the good works of the Order, and especially to DD Joe Carter for organizing the event. He was one of the Knights in Regalia who made it to the television coverage of the event!

Recruit! and Retain!

I hope you all had successful Church Drives! My Council, St. Margaret Mary #15979 took advantage of the Fish Fries with a table set up where everyone had to pass us to get to their food! We're also going to recruit at our food booth during our Parish Picnic in June.

If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says yes, you'll still double the size of your council. If you don't ask, you don't grow.

State Warden

Dick Burns (cont.)



State Convention

I look forward to seeing you at the 2019 State Convention in Lexington 5/18&19 as we celebrate our achievements from the last year and share in the fraternity of meeting with friends and Brothers and their families! I hope that we see all 96 councils represented there! It's a really great time for delegates and their families while we conduct the business of the Order. I hear General Agent Darrell Swope is sponsoring a new Hospitality Room this year!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns,

State Warden

For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. Eph 2:10

Immediate Past State Deputy Gabe Cabral IPSD



May has lots of events packed into it, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. And let's not forget the approaching wrap up of the fraternal year, and State Convention.

Mother's Day honors the ones in or lives who gave us life. Everyone on this Earth has a mother and whether the one we call "Mom" is our biological or adopted mother, there is always a special place reserved in our hearts for her. For some of us, our mothers are no longer with us, but we still think of her daily, and sometimes speak to her.

Armed Forces Day honors those individuals who felt the desire and answered the call to serve this great nation and protect the lives of our citizens. My wife and I share the pride with the many other families whose sons and daughters have taken the solemn oath to defend the nation and the Constitution in our Armed Forces.

Finally, Memorial Day serves to remind us to remember those who have left this world for their eternal reward. As a teenager, I worked at a Nursing Home and I got to know many, many wonderful people who have long since passed away. Most of them were part of the group Tom Brokaw referred to as "The Greatest Generation". It's a title that was earned by these fine people for all their hard work and sacrifice. These folks continue to have a huge influence on my life every day and their advice could generally be boiled down to these few words- "Do the right thing, work hard and you'll be rewarded". Sadly, there is less of this theme in today's society, but it's good to see that those who follow this advice, consistently come out on top.

So for the month of May, I ask you to celebrate your deep connection with your mother, thank our active military and veterans for their service to this nation, and remember and honor those who have gone on before us by doing the right thing and working hard. The reward will come.

Gabe Cabral

Immediate Past State Deputy

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Scheduled Events

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

Sat May 18, 2019

All day State Convention Sat May 18, 2019 - Sun May 19, 2019 Where: Clarion Hotel Conference Center - North, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, USA

Sun May 19, 2019

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Wed May 22, 2019

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

Mon Jun 3, 2019

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

Tue Jun 11, 2019

6:45pm - 7:30pm Council 1315 1st degree 6:45 PM CENTRAL Where: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4754 Smallhouse Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42104, USA

Sat Jun 15, 2019

11am - 4:30pm Fourth Degree Exemplification 10am Central time Wed Jun 26, 2019

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