

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

August 2019



The month of August is dedicated to [The Immaculate Heart of Mary](#). The entire month falls within the liturgical season of [Ordinary Time](#), which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.



The Blessed Virgin Mary is the most perfect example of Christian perseverance, but she is also our advocate in heaven where she is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth (August 22). Mary is the "Mother of Perpetual Help", the patroness of the Congregation founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori (August 1). "No one who has fled to her protection is left unaided" is the claim of the *Memorare* of St. Bernard (August 20). Heretics have returned to the faith by the prayers of her Rosary, first preached by St. Dominic (August 8) in the twelfth Century, and hearts have been converted by the graces received while wearing her Miraculous Medal, promoted by St. Maximilian Kolbe (August 14) and adopted as the "badge" for the Pious Union he founded. *Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope!*

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Council 7847 had a very busy week with our Christian County Special Olympics. On Tuesday, we presented new softball jerseys to the Special Olympics team provided by the council.

On Wednesday, we entertained the Special Olympics and other special needs individuals and their escorts to the Hoptown Hoppers baseball game. We had over 50 attendees and everyone had a great time. Plenty to eat and drink and the Hoppers won. What could be better?



State Deputy

Cameron Peck



Brothers,

I am so excited for this new Fraternal Year and I hope you are too. I just got back from the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota and it was such a great celebration of all the great work that Knights from around the world are doing including us Knights from Kentucky.

We are off to a good start in achieving our goal of earning the Supreme Council's Circle of Honor Award. The last time Kentucky earned this award was the 2015-2016 fraternal year and we have a great chance of earning it again this year. This year, Supreme simplified the requirements for Circle of Honor and it is only dependent on one thing, membership. So, to earn the Circle of Honor, we need to bring in 540 new men into the order before June 30th. That's it. We are currently at 42 and have 45 weeks left. So, we need to average 11 men per week for the remainder of the fraternal year. We can do that! We are currently ranked 12th in the order out of 75 jurisdictions. And we are 8th among the US states.

While intake of new members is necessary to ensure that our councils remain vibrant as our more experienced members take a well-deserved rest, our programs are where we really show our true greatness. Our first principal is Charity and we do so many great things for our Church and our community. Keep up the great work and make sure that when your councils are doing their projects, that everyone knows that you would like for them to join you in service. If you ask, they will join. And if they aren't ready to join, have them to continue to help you with your projects. The sense of satisfaction that comes with serving others is a powerful motivator. And remember, many hands make light work.

I look forward to working with all of you this next year as we continue doing great work for our Church and our communities.

Vivat Jesus,

Cameron Peck

State Deputy

State Secretary

Steve Zanone



My brother Knights,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our jurisdiction as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis Minnesota this year. This was an amazing event, and I encourage all of you to consider attending sometime if the opportunity arises. Our Supreme Knight spoke of ways to keep our order growing and relevant in today's society. One of my take aways is the fact that we must recruit young men and their families into the order. How do we do this? There is no silver bullet. But we need to take a hard look at what our councils are doing. Are we doing the things that interest young families? If not, the time is upon us to begin doing so. Look at any soccer field on Saturday morning. You will find young fathers watching and/or coaching their kids. These young dads are willing to be involved in activities, but I will wager they aren't going to want to sit around playing cards and drinking beer, or any other activity where they can't bring their wife and kids. Our new service program brings our councils closer to our parishes and families. It may not be the complete answer, but it certainly is a step in the right direction. Let's be sure we are an organization that men want to be a part of. Let's all do our part to grow the order.

Now, for a little State Secretary business. As you know, we bill twice annually for new members. Our Worthy State Deputy has again reduced the charge from \$10.00 to \$5.00. These bills have been processed, and will be coming to the email addresses of record for your council's Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. Please note: The bills will come from stevezanone@aol.com. The subject line will be "New Member Billing July Council..." Please pay these as soon as possible. There are a few councils that still owe billings from last year. I will be reaching out to you very soon to collect these monies.

Thank you for all the good works your councils are doing. Keep up the good work.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Zanone, State Secretary

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson



If you missed it...YOU MISSED IT!

I'm talking about the State Organizational Meeting this past month in Lexington. What a great turnout! There were 21 of 24 DDs present on both Saturday and Sunday. There was an overflowing and overwhelming number of councils and their leaders present on Sunday. Darrell Barrios was our Supreme Representative this year and what a great job he did with the "new church drive" training. A number of Past State Deputies were present as well. We started both meeting days with a Rosary and offered our prayers for the well-being of our members, our military and our country. The information and meeting format was well received by all.

As the saying goes...you can take the horse to water but you can't make it drink. The same goes for you...if you choose not to attend the meetings offered by the State Council, then there is little we can do to help you. Fellows we're here for you. We want you to succeed. Allow us to help you.

Supreme Convention:

This year's Supreme Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN from August 5th through August 8th, 2019. There is something to be said about being with several thousand Catholics, over a four day period, coming together from around the world giving Praise to God and sharing a common bond that is the Knights of Columbus. Next year's Supreme Convention will be in Washington, DC. Maybe we'll see you there!

Treasurer Report:

July Financials are in the book. At the end of July, 2019 the following monies were available for each program:

KY Heavenly Pennies Program

Covington-	\$522.71
Lexington -	\$1293.39
Louisville -	\$1519.30
Owensboro	- \$848.30

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-	\$356.38
Lexington -	\$100.00
Louisville -	\$1406.08
Owensboro	- \$1237.64

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 by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson dated April 15, 2019

Let's make the 2019-2020 fraternal year a banner year for all.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Johnson

State Treasurer

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams



WHAT COUNCIL FORMS ARE DUE NOW?

Complete the report of officers chosen **Form 185** and email copies to Supreme, the State deputy and the District Deputy (especially if you have not done so already or Officers have changed since the May or June election). This form was due on June 30th and should be sent in as soon as possible (even if all positions are not full).

Complete the Service Program Personnel report **Form 365** and email copies to Supreme, the State Deputy and the District Deputy. This form was due on August 1st and should be sent in as soon as possible (even if all positions are not full).

Complete the first half of 2019 Semi-Annual Council Audit **Form 1295** and email copies to Supreme, the State Deputy and the District Deputy. This form was due on August 15th and should be sent in as soon as possible after the Council Trustees review and sign off.

WHY ARE SUBMITTING YOUR REPORTS AND FORMS SO IMPORTANT?

I hear these questions and statements sometimes...Why do we need to submit these reports? There seems to be so many of them. Also, the deadlines seem so arbitrary.

Yes, there are many reports to submit. Each one has their own purpose and each one is important not only to your council, but also to the bigger picture of the Knights of Columbus. Here are some of the important ones and why they are needed.

Form 185 – Report of Officers: This form has several purposes. It tells Supreme and your State Council who is in charge of each of vital areas of running your council. It also is used to send emails and flyers to the key players. All council members should strive to serve in officer positions and if possible progress up the ladder and take your turn as a Grand Knight. Your Parish needs you!

Form 365 – Service Program Personnel Report: Programs are the driving force of the success and growth of a council. This list is also needed to find out who are the key players in the areas dealing with youth. This list is used to determine who to send the Safe Environment Training and Certification requirements to.

Form 1295 – Semi-Annual Council Audit: The semi-annual audit process insures that the accounting practices of the council are in order. As a side note, if your council does not submit an audit for two consecutive times, then your bonding from Supreme will be removed, and that is not a good thing to happen. There is help for a council who needs to catch up or just get the form completed.

Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities: This form reports your councils hours and money donated to causes that we believe in as a charitable organization. We prove that by compiling all of the activities that each council does on one form and submit it, with all the other councils within the Knights of Columbus. This not only insures our tax-free status, but it also is great advertisement of how impactful the Knights of Columbus is in our world.

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams (cont.)



ANOTHER WORD ON THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING...

Brother Knights, As we begin the new fraternal year 2019-2020, take a moment to review the below summary of safe environment requirements relating to the “Faith in Action” model.

Council Youth Activities Require the Presence of Fully Compliant Grand Knight and Directors. All Knights of Columbus activities where minor children are present require at least one member who has been trained and background checked and there should never be fewer than two fully trained members in attendance. Visit www.kofc.org/safe or the Officers' Desk Reference for more information. Here is a chart to show who and what are required for the Safe Environment process.

Roles	Trained	Background Check	ARMATUS Administration
Grand Knight	✓		✓
Faithful Navigator	✓		
Program Director	✓		✓
Family Director	✓	✓	
Community Director	✓	✓	

Grand knights and program directors must complete the three required safe environment training modules within 30 days of notification by Praesidium, the Order's strategic partner in safe environments and youth protection.

Family directors and community directors must complete the three required safe environment training modules and provide consent for a background check within 30 days of notification. Please complete safe environment training as soon as invitations are received.

Any directors and counselors who have not completed the required training and background check authorization with-in 30 days of notification are subject to removal from their roles. The noncompliant member, grand knight or the state deputy will be notified of removal(s).

Leaving one or more of program, family or community director roles vacant DOES NOT exempt the council from the safe environment requirements. The council must list a program director, family director and community director who, along with the council's grand knight, are fully compliant with the requirements of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program in order to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award and Star Council Award from Supreme. If a Council submits and wins an award at the State level, it will not be considered for an International award if the Safe Environment requirements have not been met by May 1st. As I mentioned last year, it is permissible for one, two, or three persons to be listed for more than one of these required positions.

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams (cont.)



Safe environment training and background checks from other organizations, regardless of source or provider, will NOT be accepted in lieu of the obligation to complete the requirements of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.

Beginning July 16, 2018, the Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection, through Praesidium, will send email notifications to members appointed to the roles shown above.

If members serving in these roles do not receive an email from Praesidium by Sept.1, it may be either 1) there is no email on file with the Knights of Columbus, or 2) the council has not yet updated/submitted its Forms #185 and #365 to indicate the members' role assignments. Members should not forget to look for email notifications from Praesidium in their inbox or spam folder.

Email notification provides usernames and passwords necessary to complete the required training and, in a separate email, the link to provide background check authorization (when applicable). Usernames and passwords are unique to each recipient and cannot be forwarded or used by another member.

You may check the compliance status of the family director, community director and program director by accessing Praesidium's Armatus Administrative dashboard.

SUPREME CONVENTION UPDATE

The usual Resolutions honoring Pope Francis, Felicitations to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Salutations to Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori, In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests, for Beatification of the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, for Building a Culture of Life, In Defense of Religious Liberty, Support for the Institution of Marriage, In Solidarity with Persecuted Christians, and In Support of our Armed Forces and Service Personnel were voted and passed by the delegates who were presented by Jurisdictions.

Some of the other resolutions for considerations were For Faithful Citizenship, In Defense of Children against Moral Corruption, a prayer campaign for the Canonization of Blessed Carlos Manuel Cecilia Rodriguez Santiago, for encouragement of Councils to recite the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, In recognition of His Holiness Benedict XVI, Supreme Pontiff Emeritus, for those media outlets such as EWTN and Real Presence Radio Network as Decency in Media, In support of Catholic Education, Support for Vocations, In Support of School Prayer, Respect for First Responders, In Honor of Our Blessed Saint, Pope John Paul II, For Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish, and a resolution Commemorating the National Relic Tour of St. John Vianny, names a few.

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams (cont.)



One resolution suggesting the Change to the Degree Structure was submitted by Illinois and this resolution was referred to the Ceremonials Committee of the Board of Directors.

Another resolution referred to the Board of Directors was a resolution to establish a Preservation Fund for the needs of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, the birthplace of our order.

There were awesome Masses celebrated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as part of the schedule, but many other opportunities were present for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and veneration of Saints Relics to help us with our faith.

It was an honor to serve as an Associate Representative and Delegate of Kentucky at the 137th Supreme Convention held this month in Minneapolis, MN.

Vivat Jesus

Luke A. Williams

State Advocate

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers,

It was great to see old friends again and making new friends at the Organizational Meeting. Thanks to all who continue to serve in their old roles and to those who stepped up to take on new challenges in the service of the Order!

NFL Sweepstakes ticket packages were distributed at the Organizational Meeting. Those of you who weren't there will either get their packets from your DD or it'll come in the mail. If you don't see it, send me a note. Profits are split 50/50 between Kentucky State Charities and the councils that sell them – about \$3 comes back to the council for every ticket sold! Ask about them at your council meetings – buy two and register on line for a free third ticket. All Councils who sell at least 25 tickets also get 25 points toward the highly coveted 90.4 Proof State Deputy Award. Let's try to outdo last year!

This years' State Pin designed by State Deputy Cameron Peck - was unveiled at the Organizational Meeting and it's one of the best yet!



These pins make a statement on your shirt, collar, or lapel that "I'm a Knight", especially if your council doesn't have name badges. You should wear something identifying you as a Knight every time you're at church or working another council activity. It can trigger a conversation with the guy next to you in the pew that could lead to a new member! Ask your DD or GK to pick one up for you – I'll ship to them on request (\$2 ea/3 for \$5).

State Warden

Dick Burns (cont.)



We just got back from the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis. The daily Masses, especially the opening Mass, began with an incredible procession of dozens of Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, and Cardinals. A beautiful backdrop of America's first Basilica (St. Mary's in Minneapolis for you trivia fans), and the music from the choir of the National Basilica made it a very moving experience. Meeting and interacting with Knights from around the world gave credence to the vision of our Founder, as the Order continues to spread.

There'll be some exciting new programs coming out soon, including opportunities for councils to adopt parishes of persecuted Catholics in Syria. We got reminders of the principle of the Second Degree – Unity – including a new logo "Knights in Unity", and a reminder by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson that "Being a Knight means never having to go it alone".

Grow the Order! (GTO)

If each Knight asks just 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns

State Warden

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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

State Deputy Gabe Cabral



Brother Knights,

The Fraternal Year is off and running and I hope your Council's Programs, Activities and Membership recruiting is off to a great start. Don't let the "Dog Days" of summer sap all your ambition and energy. Spend a little time on the Supreme Website to look at some of the great programs and videos that are available to not only recruit new members, but also to engage them and keep them active. Remember that all of us have Online Membership at our disposal to satisfy any potential Knight who says he just doesn't have the time to participate. Once he joins, whether he joins your council or online, be sure to include him in your council's good works. Our programs are what keep our members engaged!

This month is typically referred to as "Back-to-School" month, and the Kentucky State Officers and delegates have been in Minneapolis MN for the first full week of August doing pretty much exactly that. The sessions that we attended are where we hear from our Supreme Officers, the programs we are undertaking in the Order, and the status of the Order and the good works done worldwide. It truly is a learning opportunity for all of us. If you have the ability to see any or some of the Supreme Convention via EWTN or other Catholic TV broadcast stations- please do so. It will be a worthwhile use of your time, and I'm sure you'll get something out of it that you can use as a Knight of Columbus.

Gabe Cabral

KY Immediate Past State Deputy

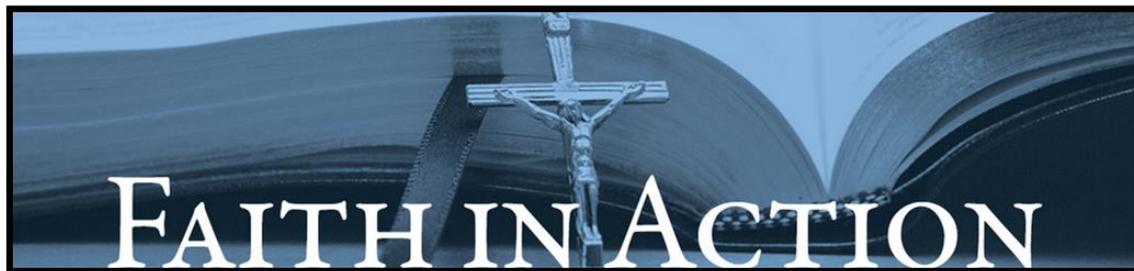
General Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

First, I would like to thank everyone that made it to the Organizational Meeting in Lexington in July. With the programs still being somewhat “new” to many, councils that are educated of the new programs will have the best chance for success. If you missed out, there will be more opportunities to learn. The Supreme and State websites are your best resources for information right now. Search for “Faith in Action” at www.kofc.org; and look for copies of the presentations given at the Organizational Meeting at www.kykofc.com.



As a reminder, we will be holding the unified statewide programs again this year. The first one is coming very soon and you need to start planning for it now. All councils are asked to hold a Food Drive between September 14th and 22nd. Councils should donate the food to a local food bank following the drive. When your drive is complete, please notify me or the State Deputy and report out on how much food was donated and to whom the donation was made. The State Deputy will use this information to report out on the success of our unified program in the name of Charity. I urge every council to make this one of your first programs that you run this year.

Hopefully you have your program calendar nearly complete for the year. Plan all of your activities and be sure to include the Mandatory Programs from “Faith in Action”. These are required for a council to be awarded the Columbian Award or the Star Council Award. If you have any questions or need any help, consult your District Deputy or feel free to contact me. Let’s make this year the best ever for your council.

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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District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD



Sir Knights –

The new year is shifting into high gear. I hope you and your Assembly are keeping up! You should have your new officers installed by now. If you have not, please let me know and I will work out a date with you. Also, you should be planning your Assembly programs for the year and recruiting Third Degree members from your councils for the upcoming Exemplifications. As a reminder, here is the schedule for the year. Details will be released closer to the dates for each.

October 26 – Louisville Diocese

February 8 – Lexington Diocese

April 18 – Owensboro Diocese

June 20 – Louisville Diocese

Plans are underway in Louisville and in the Lexington area.

Lastly, I know there are Councils that would like to have their own Assembly. If that describes you, feel free to contact me to discuss how to bring on a new Assembly. There are many reasons to form new Assemblies including having to travel a significant distance to attend an Assembly meeting. Let's review how to make this happen.

In order to grow the Fourth Degree, we must first grow in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. Recruit new members into your council and advance them through the higher degrees so that they can become Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree. Our councils, parishes, and communities need us Sir Knights more than ever. Let's build up our Army of Knights to fight for what is right and just.

Fraternally,

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Kentucky District Master

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Kentucky Agency Team

Daniel E Schachle

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, *Faith and Fraternalism*, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process we use when we meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

Kentucky Agency Team

Daniel E Schachle (cont.)

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where we can help.

Vivat Jesus!

Daniel E Schachle

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We are refounding the KY insurance program, we are looking for men who have the drive to be an entrepreneur and want to very well for their family while doing good for others. If you believe deeply in Fr. McGivney's dream: www.kofc.org/careers

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Scheduled Events

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

Sat Sep 7, 2019

9am - 2pm 16th Annual Council #7847 Golf Scramble Where: 2160 Russellville Rd, Hopkinsville, KY 42240, USA

Tue Sep 10, 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

Sun Sep 15, 2019

1pm - 6pm 17th Annual Motorcycle Ride for Wednesday's Child Where: 903 Fairdale Rd, Fairdale, KY 40118, USA

Sat Sep 21, 2019

7:30am - 1pm Kentucky Bourbon Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am Eastern Where: 111 N. Fourth Street, Bardstown, KY 40004 9am - 12:30pm 2nd & 3rd degree Exemplification Where: Middlesboro

Wed Sep 25, 2019

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