

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



October 2019

October usually is an enjoyable time of the year in the United States. The autumn season manifests itself with wonderful fall foliage in many parts of the country. The temperatures are cooler, inviting people outdoors for nature walks, apple or pumpkin picking. School routines are more established and football season is in full swing. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October are also wonderful and unique. The feasts of some of the most popular saints of the universal Church are celebrated during this month: St. Therese the Little Flower (France), St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) and St. Teresa of Avila (Spain). These saints come from different countries, and in honoring these saints we can include cultural dishes or activities from each country to make the feastday even more special. Read more about the lives of these saints. Perhaps the family can pick one virtue that each saint practiced well and try to implement it.



Let us imitate what they  
contain so as to obtain  
what they promise.

The feasts in October also include two of the most popular, time-honored devotions of Catholics, the devotion to the Holy Rosary (October 7) and the Guardian Angels (October 2). In October 2002 our Holy Father John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary). "This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light, which are (1) Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, (2) Jesus' self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with the call to conversion, (4) the Transfiguration, and (5) the Institution of the Eucharist. Try to make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October, read the Apostolic Letter to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply, and pray the new Luminous mysteries. October 16 is known as "Pope Day" on which we celebrate the gift of the papacy and our current pope.

Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. Every Catholic should know the *Angele Dei* (Angel of God) prayer and pray it often. The Directory on Popular Piety suggests that families pray it at morning and evening prayers or after the Angelus.

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## **Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 In Eucharistic Procession**

Bishop Mulloy K of C Council 1301 recently participated in The Holy Name Men's Society Eucharistic Procession in Over the Rhine section of downtown Cincinnati. The event started off with an opening Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as presider. Next the crowd of approximately 500 men and boys accompanied the Eucharist, parading through the streets of Over the Rhine praying the rosary and singing religious hymns. Benediction was offered at two makeshift alters on the streets along the way. The two mile procession ended at Old St. Mary Church in Over the Rhine. After the service was over, coffee and doughnuts were offered in the court yard. It was truly an inspirational event. It was awesome!



Shown in picture (l-r)

Ron Bertsch, Jr, Jim Hamberg, Tony Zilliox, Deacon Brian Cox, Deacon Bill Theis, Matin Caballero, Carl Luersen, Ron Bertsch Sr, Bob Hassman, Mark Zilliox

Church shown is Old Saint Mary

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State Pin is presented to Pro Life Governor Matt Bevin on behalf of State Deputy Cameron Peck at the NKY Pro Life Conference

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## STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Our Country experienced one of her saddest and darkest days when the Federal Building in Oklahoma City was blown up. As we watched our TV's and read the newspapers, we were appalled and saddened by the heartache and suffering that we witnessed. It was almost impossible to believe that human beings could willingly cause so much heartache and grief.

But the tremendous outpouring of aid and assistance helped ease the pain. Men and women were willing to place their lives in jeopardy to save others. What a tremendous outpouring of love! What an inspiration!

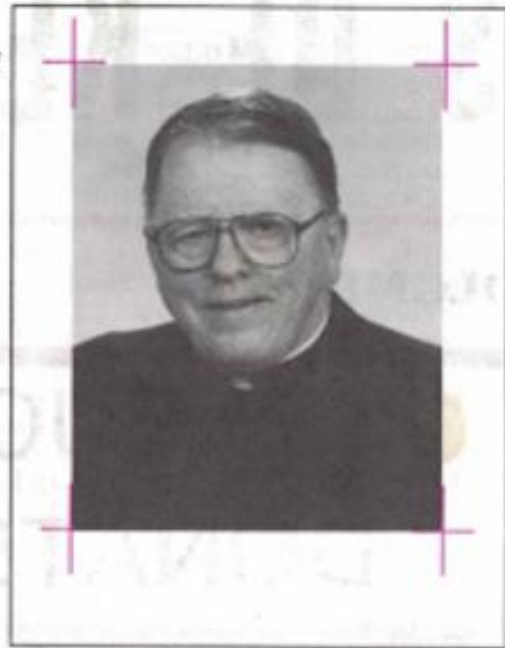
Hopefully, we will never be called to face the challenges of the Oklahoma City volunteers. But we are called upon to ease the hurt and pain of daily living in

our parishes, our neighborhoods, our councils. The needs are not obvious or as tragic but they are real. As Knights we must be willing to daily take up the cross of service and compassion. When we do this out of love the burden becomes a joy.

A place to start might be in our own council chambers. They should be places of tolerance, understanding and friendship. When our own Council members truly treat each other with respect, dignity and fraternal love then we are prepared to go out into the community to do likewise.

But if our council halls are places where charity and tolerance are just given lip service, we will not have much of a message to spread.

What is the situation in your council? What has been your part in making your council what it is? How you answered these questions can determine your role as a Knight and how your Council is able to fulfill the mission of the Knights of Columbus.



Fr. JOHN D. DEATRUCK

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## Notes:

The Oklahoma City bombing occurred when a truck packed with explosives was detonated on April 19, 1995, outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, leaving 168 people dead and hundreds more injured. The blast was set off by anti-government militant Timothy McVeigh, who in 2001 was executed for his crimes. His co-conspirator Terry Nichols was sentenced to life in prison. Until September 11, 2001, the Oklahoma City bombing was the worst terrorist attack to take place on U.S. soil.

I want to express my gratitude to Deacon Bill Theis for his generous donation of 17 Knights of Kentucky newspapers to the historical archives. The dates range from June 1995 through April 2001. I would appreciate receiving other donations. There is much history to be gleaned from them.

Submitted by,  
Billy Hancock, PSD  
State Historian

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## **Membership October 2019**

September 30 ended the First of four incentive periods. Seven Councils 11132, 15181, 15699, 15914, 16179, 16956 and 17234 achieved the membership requirement (50% of quota). The second requirement was to file the 365 form to earn the \$100.00. The State Treasurer mailed each Council a \$100.00 check.

Andrew's Apostles Council 17234, Harrodsburg was instituted February 28, 2019. Since then their membership continues to grow. They are now at **175%** of their Supreme quota. Their recruiting effort has qualified them for the membership requirement for all four incentive periods.

To date they are the only Council on the Membership Honor Roll.



**Fr. McGivney Award**

**Membership Quota Achieved**

**175% Quota**

Andrew's Apostles Council 17234, Harrodsburg

GK James Holiday, DD Steve O'Bryan, Jr.

Submitted by:  
Bill Hancock, PSD  
Membership Director

# State Treasurer

## Tom Johnson



### Regional Meeting Recap:

Did you miss the Regional Meetings? Probably not...well maybe just a little. Due to the light attendance over the past several years, our State Deputy is going to try something different this year. The State Officers and DDs will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November. The goal is to listen to the issues facing the DDs and together work on solutions to help them and the councils. If you're having issues that you would like help with please contact your DD or a State Officer so that we can make sure to address your issue.

### October... Fatima, the Rosary, Christopher Columbus & Halloween

October is traditionally recognized as the beginning of the Fall Season. It is also recognized as the Month of the Rosary for it was on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917 that Our Lady appeared to the children of Fatima and instructed them to pray the Rosary daily for the salvation of the world. On October 14<sup>th</sup> we'll celebrate Columbus Day in honor of Christopher Columbus and we'll wrap up the month with Halloween which has its origin's within the Catholic Church.

### Upcoming Mid-Year Meeting:

The December mid-year meeting will be held again this year at the Airport Marriott in Northern KY on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. What a great place and time of year to get together with friends from across the state and celebrate our Order and our Faith.

Come and join your brother knights at this year's Mid-Year meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

September Financials are in the book. At the end of September, 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 in October 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	-	\$956.38
Lexington	-	\$100.00
Louisville	-	\$1507.08
Owensboro	-	\$2037.64

# State Treasurer

**Tom Johnson** (cont.)



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

Do you feel God is calling you to serve Him in a greater capacity? If so you might consider becoming a DD or running for a State Office. If so please talk to a current DD or State Officer.

*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.*

Take Care and God Bless,

Tom Johnson

State Treasurer



# State Advocate

## Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

### Forms for your Council to communicate with

First off for this month, some Forms facts...

As of October 15, we currently have 21 councils showing as not having a **form #185**, "Report of Officers Chosen" for the new fraternal year turned into Supreme. We also have 45 councils who have not turned in a "**Service Program Personnel Report**", **form #365, which was due August 1st. These forms are critical for Supreme to be able to send valuable training tools, and enable online access to safe environment training. Please remember to sign in and complete the Safe Environment Training** courses administered by "Praesidium".

Thank you to all councils who have turned in the "**Semiannual Council Audit**" **form #1295 that was due August 15th. At present, we have 28 councils with 2 or more due, and 13 councils due an audit report.**

### More About Safe Environment Compliance

Safe Environment training is NOT an optional activity, it is mandatory and MUST be completed to be eligible for any recognition at the State and Supreme level this Fraternal Year. Unless the training is completed and at least one compliant member is present, the Supreme Council has stated that councils must not host activities where children may be present. Here is the list of Council Positions that have Safe Environment Training requirements...

Grand Knight (All 3 Courses).

Program Director (All 3 Courses).

Family Director (All 3 Courses and a back ground check).

Community Director (All 3 Courses and a back ground check).

In order to successfully submit the Service Program Personnel Report form 365 the Program Director, Membership Director, Family Director, and Community Director information must be filled out. After the form 365 is successfully submitted the Membership Director, Family Director and Community Director will get an email with instructions on how to complete the Safe Environment requirements. They have 45 days to complete or be removed from the position.

It takes a couple of hours to complete the training including the back ground check. Get it done quickly.

October is Pray the Rosary Month. Do something special and ask your Patron Saint to say the rosary with you this month.

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

State Advocate

# State Warden

## Dick Burns



Brothers,

The NFL Frenzy tickets are starting to trickle in slowly – thanks to Council 1418, who were the first to get theirs in. Besides supporting the KY State Charities, and by selling 50 tickets, they'll get back ~\$150 and earn 25 points toward the State Deputy Award!

October is a month we traditionally hold Church Membership Drives (the latest model is called the Delta Drive – I hope your council leadership has gotten and shared their training on this). Good luck! Remember, 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.

Happy Columbus Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns,

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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***

# Immediate Past State Deputy Gabe Cabral



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As we start the second quarter of this fraternal year, it's time for a health check of sorts. The biggest question we need to answer is "Are we doing everything we possibly can to grow the Order and make this the best year possible?" From the accounts of our brother Knights across the state, we have some wonderful work being done in all areas. I am thrilled to hear of all the great project/programs that take place around our great state. These programs are critical to the communities, churches and the disadvantage people they are intended to serve. As a bonus, the brother Knights who work on these programs get the satisfaction of knowing THEY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE. Now it's time to share that joy of accomplishment with your neighbor. October is one of the key months that our Order expects councils worldwide to conduct membership drives. The timing couldn't be better for a these drives. Bringing new brother knight in the month of October leaves just the right amount of time for him to get involved in council Christmas programs and programs like Coats for Kids. If you can get him involved at this time of the year, he will be ready for your other winter and spring programs such as Lenten Fish Fry events and church landscaping, just to name a few. I was recruited in the month of October many years ago, and at that time of the year, I found myself with more free time due to the slowing lawn mowing and other duties that occupied a lot of my time.

NOTE: If you have not scheduled a membership drive in October or if you find your council is a behind where you planned to be according to your timeline, you can still make up this time and get back on track! Recruiting drives can happen whenever you want them and are not tied to a specific calendar period. There is no reason to throw in the towel because the month sneaked up on you. Every day, week or month is a good time to recruit a member!

Vivat Jesus!

Gabe Cabral

# General Program Director

## Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

The year is moving quickly! Fall is here, and we are now in the second quarter. By now you should have your 2019 - 2020 calendar finalized. You should have all of the Mandatory Programs from “Faith in Action” for the Columbian Award scheduled and a chairman appointed for each. You should also have the unified State Programs in place as well. Conveniently, one of these programs fits the both of these categories with the Novena for Life. If you need any help with your programs, please let me know.

The first unified State Program has come and gone with the September Food Drive. If you have not reported your activity to either myself, or to State Deputy, Cameron Peck, please let one of us know right away. The next unified State programs are Novena for Life, January 21 – 29, 2020, and Special Olympics, March 7 – 15, 2020. I will send out more information on these as we get closer to these dates.

Lastly, I am still looking for a council to host the State Soccer Challenge. We need to hold this in early November. Please contact me right away if you have council winners, and if your council would be willing to host the State Challenge to crown our champions!

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, DM

General Program Director

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# District Master

## Bill Schmidt PSD



Sir Knights –

The upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification in Louisville on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is coming together quickly and time is running out for you to be a part of it. If you have candidates or members to register, please let me know right away. I do not want anyone to miss out on being a part of this opportunity.

Similar to the “Star Council” Award that all of us are familiar with, there is a “Star Assembly” Award that can be earned in the Fourth Degree. The requirements are very similar to that of the Star Council Award and includes membership quota, submittal of required Supreme reports, report four Patriotic Programs, enter the “To Be a Patriot” competition, and publish a monthly newsletter/bulletin. All Assemblies should have no problem earning the Star Assembly Award but just like in the council, you need to get working on your recruiting, programs, and reports now.

More information can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/10486-star-assembly-award.pdf>. Please bring this up for discussion at your next Assembly Meeting and put a plan in action to earn this most prestigious award! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Supreme just announced that the Fourth Degree Uniform is now being made here in the United States meaning that the availability and potential cost of the uniform will be improved over what has been available. Look for updates to the kofc.org website and announcements from myself and/or Supreme as the new supplier comes on line. Please consider purchasing the Uniform as every Assembly could use more Color Corps members.

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 Agency Team

## Daniel E Schachle

The theme for October is “Real Life Stories.”

A General Agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I'd like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children's activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he “was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot.”

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He's done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was “Boomer” ...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

“Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love,” Boomer says. “Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.” That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

# Kentucky Agency Team

## Daniel E Schachle (cont.)

The other story is not similar at all. It's about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer's family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don't know; you don't hear about those men. Because the council didn't have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you'll never know it...because he planned.

Let's sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

Vivat Jesus!

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## Scheduled Events

Check the State Council Calendar at [www.kykofc.com](http://www.kykofc.com) for more details.

**Tue Nov 12, 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**

**Wed Nov 27, 2019**

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

**Dec 2, 2019**

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

**Tue Dec 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**

**Wed Dec 25, 2019**

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