

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## Knights Raise More Than \$4,500 at Lexington Big Brown Truck Pull

Two Lexington Councils – Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary #14372 and Christ the King #14130 – combined to raise more than \$4,500 for Special Olympics Kentucky at the 2019 Lexington Big Brown Truck Pull. Each Council entered a team in the event, which features teams of 15 pulling a loaded UPS 18-wheeler to see who can pull it 12 feet in the fastest time. There were bragging rights for both as Christ the King narrowly won the pulling battle between the two and Mary Queen narrowly won the fundraising battle. The total raised for both Councils came to \$4,750.

Knights also provided important help at the Paducah Big Brown Truck Pull as event volunteers.

Special Olympics hosts three Truck Pulls (Paducah, Lexington and Northern Kentucky) and a Plane Pull (Louisville) each year in Kentucky. They are great ways to raise money to support Special Olympics and log volunteer hours for the organization, as well as great team building activities for Councils.



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## **Volunteers Needed for Bowling Tournaments Across Kentucky**

Bowling has long been a favorite activity of the Knights, so what better way to support Special Olympics than volunteering at any of the Area Bowling Tournaments scheduled for October and early November throughout the state, or at the State Bowling Tournament in December in Louisville. Bowling volunteers serve either as lane workers, keeping the bowlers organized and reporting scores, or as awards runners or presenters. Even if you don't bowl you can help as you don't need to know how to keep score. There are eight Area Tournaments statewide, so there is one near your Council. For more information about how to volunteer, contact Kelli at 502-695-8222 or [kfirquin@soky.org](mailto:kfirquin@soky.org), or visit [soky.org/volunteernow](http://soky.org/volunteernow)

## **2019 Bowling Schedule**

Area 1 – October 19-20, Paducah  
Area 2 – October 26, Owensboro  
Area 3 & 9 – October 12, Prestonsburg  
Area 4 – October 26-27, Louisville  
Area 5 – October 19, Bowling Green  
Area 6 – October 19, Richmond  
Area 7 – November 2, Erlanger  
Area 8 – October 11 & 13, Lexington  
State Tournament – December 7-8, Louisville

## **2019 Gift Card Raffle**

Once again in 2019 Special Olympics Kentucky will hold its annual Gift Card Raffle. The organization is raffling off a gift card package that will be valued at more than \$3,000. Tickets are just \$10 and will be available for purchase on-line at [sokyraffle.com](http://sokyraffle.com) starting on Oct. 1 and the drawing will be held Dec. 13, just in time for Christmas. If you would like to help sell tickets, contact Chelsea at 502-695-8222 or [cwilder@soky.org](mailto:cwilder@soky.org). Your Council will receive credit for any tickets you sell.

## **Knights Top \$15,000 in support for Special Olympics in 2019**

Including the Big Brown Truck Pulls, Knights of Columbus Councils from across the state have contributed or raised more than \$15,000 for Special Olympics so far in 2019. That amount is enough to have the Knights included as official supporters of Special Olympics Kentucky and recognized on the program Web site. Keep up the great work!

For more information about ways your Council can help support Special Olympics Kentucky you can always contact State Special Olympics chair Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or [lexbuerger@gmail.com](mailto:lexbuerger@gmail.com).

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## History

**Fraternal year 2018-2019 ended with 44 Kentucky Councils earning 47 Supreme Awards. Fr. D Council 390 topped the list by earning Three Star Council. There are 8 additional Star Councils. A pleasant surprise is the 26 Columbian Awards. This award attests to good programs. It was a good year. Make 2019-2020 a better one. The State Officers appreciate the Council's recruiting and proگرامing effort to achieve these awards.**

Supreme Awards FY 2018-2019						
Council	District	Location	McGivney	Founders	Columbian	Star
390	15	Louisville				SSS
1004	3	Morganfield			X	
1055	2	Paducah			X	
12502	21	Independence				S
1290	11	Bardstown			X	
1301	22	Southgate			X	
1320	3	Henderson			X	
1361	3	Waverly				
1367	3	Uniontown	X		X	
1377	23	Maysville		X		
1483	16	Frankfort			X	
2282	8	Brandenburg	X		X	
2499	8	Hardinsburg	X		X	
3908	22	Erlanger			X	
5453	21	Hebron			X	
6317	18	Danville	X			
6743	10	Grayson County			X	
6897	1	Murray	X			
7387	8	Hawesville			X	
7831	7	Sebree	X		X	
7847	6	Hopkinsville			X	
10725	4	Owensboro	X		X	
10962	2	Paducah				
10988	2	Calvert City	X		X	
11132	7	Madisonville	X			
12562	13	Louisville			X	
12852	17	Richmond			X	
13053	15	Louisville			X	
13196	23	Cynthiana				

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Council	District	Location	McGivney	Founders	Columbian	Star
13304	15	Lagrange			X	
13917	16	Versailles			X	
14372	19	Lexington				S
14604	15	Pewee Valley				S
14993	21	Erlanger	X			
15181	6	Dawson Springs			X	
15484	7	Calhoun	X			
15525	14	Jeffersontown				S
15681	16	Lawrenceburg			X	
15841	14	Louisville				S
15914	6	Fort Campbell				S
15931	14	Louisville			X	
15979	14	Louisville				S
16125	5	Knottsville				S
16232	9	Scottsville			X	
		44 Councils	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>
		47 Awards				

Submitted by:  
Billy R. Hancock, PSD  
State Historian  
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## Membership

September 30 will end the First of four incentive periods. Councils 15699, 15914, 16956 and 17234 have currently achieved the membership requirement (50% of quota). The second requirement is to file the 365 form to earn the \$100.00. Only two of the four Councils ( 15699 and 17234) have been credited with filing it. Don't lose the 100 bucks!

Andrew's Apostles Council 17234, Harrodsburg was instituted February 28, 2019. Since then their membership has increased by 9 to 41. Six of those were recruited this FY giving them 150% of their Supreme quota. To date they are the only Council on the Membership Honor Roll.



Fr. McGivney Award

Membership Quota Achieved

150% Quota

Andrew's Apostles Council 17234, Harrodsburg

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

Submitted by:

Bill Hancock, PSD

Membership Director

# State Secretary

## Steve Zanone



Brother Knights,

The new member bills for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 have been sent out. Many councils have already sent their payment in, and I thank you. My job as State Secretary is much easier if I don't have to send these bills out multiple times. If your council hasn't remitted payment, please do so as soon as possible.

Vacation time is over, and the kids are all back in school, so right now is the ideal time to recruit. Before you know it, the holiday season will be upon us, and we all know that recruiting and scheduling initiation degrees becomes much more difficult at that time of the year. One strategy that appears to work well is to schedule the initiation, then recruit to that date. Being able to give a candidate a definite time and date for their initiation will allow him to plan accordingly.

I want to personally thank all the District Deputies for the work they are doing for the Order. You men are the backbone of the State council. Your commitment of time and effort is certainly appreciated. Thank you and please keep up the good work.

Also, please pray for all the people suffering the effects of hurricane Dorian, and all of our brothers and sister who are sick or in distress.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Zanone, State Secretary

# State Treasurer

## Tom Johnson



Its September...that means the kids are back in school, after school activities, fall sports and family reunions. For many of us it's a busy time of year. On September 2<sup>nd</sup> many gathered with family and friends and celebrate Labor Day.

Fall is right around the corner. It's time to start taking care of those outdoor chores and projects that you've wanted to get done this summer and it's time to focus on your council and the charitable works that make a difference in the lives of so many.

Upcoming Regional Meetings:

Our WSD Cameron has decided not to hold the traditional September Regional meetings for a number of reasons, one big one being that a lack of attendance by the councils in the area and their representatives. With that said he and your State Officers are in the process of revising the format and the method in which information will be disseminated to the councils. Stay tuned!

Supreme Convention Take Away:

Once again the Supreme Convention was an awesome experience. This year it was held in Minneapolis, MN, hats off to the Minnesota Jurisdiction on a job well done. Much was discussed in the business meetings. One item of particular interest was a talk given by Tracy Staller the Immediate Past State Deputy from TN on the major transformation that his Jurisdiction has gone through in refocusing their State on serving God and living the Word of God in their daily and council activities.

The need for younger men is evident. Councils are literally dying from a lack of recruiting. Supreme has dedicated many hours and resources in studying what younger men (30 to 50) are looking for.

Based on extensive research by Supreme:

Men want to...

Grow in their faith

Become better Catholic men by performing Charitable works

Involve their families. This gives them the opportunity to be with their families and share their Christian values with the children and neighbors

Men are expected to be "equal" to their wives and share in all family responsibilities.

And their wives have to believe that involvement in the Knights of Columbus is beneficial to the family.

Bring them in slowly. Get them involved, let them move at their own pace and always extend a helping hand.

# State Treasurer

**Tom Johnson** (cont)



## Treasurer Report:

August Financials are in the book. At the end of August, 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	-	\$956.38
Lexington	-	\$100.00
Louisville	-	\$1406.08
Owensboro	-	\$1837.64

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**

**KY State Treasurer**



# State Advocate

## Luke A. Williams



Brothers,

### Forms

As of September 5, we currently have 19 councils showing as not having a **form #185**, "Report of Officers Chosen" for the new fraternal year turned into Supreme. Please contact your District Deputy or myself if you have any questions.

For the "**Service Program Personnel Report**", **form #365**, which was due by **August 1st**, we have **46 councils to go to reach 100% submittal**. This form is important for Supreme to be able to send valuable training tools, and enable online access to safe environment training.

Thanks to all councils who have turned in the "**Semiannual Council Audit**" **form #1295** that was due **August 15th**. If your council is still working on this important report and have questions, please contact your District Deputy or myself.

The KY Jurisdiction is committed to help councils setup and report "**Parish Roundtables**" on **form #2629**. We currently only have 6 roundtables reported for our State Council. Please help our Parishes by implementing a Roundtable in each Parish your Council represents. Questions? Contact your District Deputy or a State Officer.

### Safe Environment

**Grand Knights**, please ensure you start the process by filling out, reviewing, and following up on who you have named on the **form #365** for the 3 Directors positions of your council with Safe Environment Training requirements.

The Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director and Family Director for each Council is required to have completed the **Safe Environment Training** courses administered by "Praesidium" for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. There are 3 short courses to be taken via internet (hard copies are available if necessary). The Family and Community Directors also need to have background checks (no charge) thru the Supreme Council. Please look for email notifications from Praesidium in your "inbox" or "spam/junk" folders for assigned username and password to complete this important training. There is no cost for this training/check.

If compliance is not met within the 30 days of notification, it takes some more steps to start the reappointment and reissue of username and password process over again. If you are one of the positions for your council mentioned and have not completed **ALL** the courses, please take time and do it now for your council. This requirement is very important, especially if you have any Youth activities sponsored by your council.

Keep the faith, pray for the strength and courage to do God's will.

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

State Advocate

# State Warden

## Dick Burns



Brothers,

NFL Sweepstakes tickets are due to me by October 13<sup>th</sup>. The primary principle of the Knights of Columbus, as we learned in the First Degree, is CHARITY. The Sweepstakes is one of the easiest ways for a Council to raise money for charitable purposes. It requires very little manpower and no investment of any kind. It is a win-win situation for all involved. 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 online 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!

**The share of the proceeds going to your KY State Charities is available for grants to your local council.** If you would like the Charities Board of Directors to consider a grant request, check out the Program Guide, ask your GK, DD or a State Officer for a "Request for Funds" form to fill out.

### **Grow the Order! (GTO)**

Don't forget, the State Council is offering a \$100 incentive to all councils who meet 50% of their new member quota by 9/30!

**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



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Ah September! The temperatures get a little more tolerable, the kids are back in school and the fishing is still pretty good.- At least that's what I remember from my last fishing trip over 4 years ago. This is also my anniversary month and Claudine & I will be celebrating 34 years. In case you're wondering, the typical gift for 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary is Opal, so this one is going to cost me.

Sadly, this month also marks the anniversary of the terrorist hijacking of 4 planes and the loss of thousands of lives in New York, Washington, DC and western Pennsylvania. Some were on planes, some were on the ground, some wore travel clothes, and others wore uniforms. Heroes were made that day, many of whom are no longer with us but they live in our hearts. This event 18 years ago changed all of our lives forever and this day became a day of remembrance, reflection and prayer for many of us. I hope you and your council do something to remember those who died, those who rose to the aide of their fellow man and those who have defended and are still defending our nation.

Brother Knights, with this month, the first quarter of this Fraternal Year is coming to a close. This is usually when things start to "come together" for councils. Over the past two months, many councils have been working on their Family Picnics, getting ready for the big "back to school" events and of course the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. But what about your membership drives? - You know, the ones we schedule every year in October around Columbus Day? Imagine the additional work that could be done with a few extra hands from new members who are eager to serve.

Getting these men in early in the year will help them get integrated sooner, develop their commitment to the Order, and it will help your council identify competent members you can rely on to fill open offices. You're not just recruiting new members, but are sowing the seeds for the future of our beloved Order. I look forward to hearing many wildly successful stories at the Mid Year meeting of your recruiting efforts.

Remember-"Good leaders are made, not born- Colin Powell"

Gabe Cabral

KY Immediate Past State Deputy

# Kentucky Agency Team

**Daniel E Schachle**

<https://www.ourkofcinsurance.org/>

Pray like it is all up to God, work like it is all up to you. – St. Augustin

I was younger, beginning the journey of fatherhood and this dad stuff was hard. I asked dad how he raised six children in that modern day. He imparted on me those words of wisdom from St. Augustine, they made a huge impact on how I view my vocation as husband, provider and business man charged with caring for the KofC families entrusted to me. It helped me realize there is no way to be effective at my vocation without faith. I also realized God demand that if he is to help, I better not be sitting around expecting Him to do it all.

In my professional life I have been able to see the effects on the family and finances of those who don't use this two-pronged approach. Members have told me they don't need what we have to offer because "God is going to take care of them and their family". This left me asking a question with an obvious answer. Did the Founder of our order suffer from a lack of faith because he saw the need for an insurance program? Absolutely not! He knew that families bound in a strong financial cable could provide charity that begins at home. That small cable has now blossomed into the financial engine of our order, and provides funds for charity throughout the world.

I don't presume to know what drove our Venerable Founder besides the plight of his own family and those coming to his rectory door. I cannot imagine however during our founding the words of James 1:27, 1 Timothy 5:8 and Isaiah 1:17 weren't in his mind. He wanted no family to suffer what his did, and this love for the suffering of others drove him to create an organization that allowed men live just what scripture instructed. He spent his life building fraternal bonds among Catholic families and convincing men that they owed a sacred responsibility as stewards of their families, a tribute imposed on rich and poor alike.

It's true, the KofC Insurance program now has the strength and products like various life, disability, long term care and retirement plans to help those even in the top end of the economic spectrum, we will not forgotten our mission to care for every Catholic family no matter their station in life.

Those families in your parish who aren't yet protected by our brotherhood have the right to be. I often tell our agents that there are many social, Catholic and charitable organizations, but we are called to be different, we are called above the others. We love families enough to ask parents to care for the future of their families without them. We ask them to plan a legacy for their families and charities that will make them and our Creator proud of their sacrifice.

In closing, a story a man trapped in his flooded house. A boat came by and he waived them on saying God would take care of him. He moved to the second floor another, boat came by and elicited the same response. He moved to the top of his chimney and waived away the helicopter with the same faith that God would come to his aid. Finding himself in front of God after his drowning he questioned God as to why he let him drown, God replied that he had sent two boats and helicopter...

I am thankful that God created our order and inspires your agents to pilot those boats and helicopters for your family. We work together as members and agents to continue building the culture Ven. Michael McGivney dreamed of. Along with our community service we create a culture where no Catholic family is left destitute by the loss of a breadwinner. We start by asking men to join our order and our culture that demands that level of stewardship in each other. Each family that falls through the cracks is a failure on the part of us all to work like it's up to us. We can't all be insurance agents, but we can be Fr. McGivney's agents through works of charity and encouraging men to meet with your council's professional insurance representative.

*Daniel Schachle is a General Agent serving the families of Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas. He and his wife Michelle are members of St Christopher's Church and reside in Dickson, TN. To date they have been blessed with 13 children and three grandchildren.*

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## Scheduled Events

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

**Sat Oct 5, 2019**

**10am - 1pm 2nd 3rd Degree Danville 10am Eastern Where: 3001 Shakertown Rd, Danville, KY 40422, USA**

**Mon Oct 7, 2019**

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

**Tue Oct 8, 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 Oct 23, 2019**

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

**Sat Oct 26, 2019**

**10am - 8pm Louisville Area 4th Degree Exemplification Where: 6500 St Bernadette Ave, Prospect, KY 40059**