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The month of December is dedicated to the [Immaculate Conception](#), which is ordinarily celebrated on December 8 but since it falls on a Sunday, the feast has been transferred to December 9. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of [Advent](#) and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the [Christmas](#) season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.



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Fr. McGivney Award

Membership Quota Achieved

175% Quota

Andrew's Apostles Council 17234, Harrodsburg

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

125% Quota

St. Gabriel Council 15699, Louisville

GK Phillip Miller, DD Greg Eiden, Jr.

St. Brigid and James Council 16179, Louisville

GK Adam Waldner, DD Joseph Carter, Jr.

100% Quota

Fr. Roy Dentinger Council 390, Louisville

GK Paul Tadatada, DD John Staudt, Jr.

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History

Extract of *Knights of Kentucky* Newspaper June 1977



O'Connor Award Presented

The first Charles J. O'Connor Memorial Award was presented to George M. Schrode Past State Deputy at the State Meeting on January 22, 1977. At the Convention this year the second of these awards was presented to F. Robert Fleck, Past State Deputy. This award, named after Kentucky's first State Deputy and the highest award in the state, is given to an individual who has contributed greatly and unselfishly to the Knights of Columbus State Council over the years.

Congratulations to both recipients.

In the photo, left to right, George M. Schrode PSD ; F. Robert Fleck PSD and Michael T. Peak, present State Deputy.

Historian. Since the first O'Connor Award presentation a total of 13 Past State Deputies have been honored with the award. In addition to the two PSDs in the article above, they include: Michael T. Peak, Harold P. Roth, Charles J. Doyle, Carl J. Biery, Sr., Keith L. Baughman, James E. Fink, James E. Roberts, Charles E. "Squack" Jones, Phillip L. Carr, Billy R. Hancock, and Gerald T. Roof.

Submitted by:
Billy R. Hancock, PSD
State Historian

State Secretary

Steve Zanone



My Brother Knights,

I enjoyed seeing many of you at our mid-year meeting. Your dedication to the Order is one of the reasons I am humbled to serve as your State Secretary again this year. We are halfway through the fraternal year. While we are a little behind in our recruiting efforts, let's not give up. Keep working toward Kentucky reclaiming our rightful place in the Circle of Honor. We promised our Worthy State Deputy that we would give him our best effort, and I am confident in our chances, as we are historically a second half team.

Soon after the first of the year, you will be receiving more new member bills, and the State per capita bill. Many councils still owe the last bills I emailed out, and a few councils haven't paid all of their bills from last year. Therefore, I will be including the District Deputies on all the bills as well. I am asking that the DDs follow up with their councils to help me out. Remember that Deacons are exempt from per capita for the state. My billing database looks for them, but I am aware that there will be a few that aren't listed as a Deacon on your roster. Just make a note on the bill and deduct their per capita. Per capita is based on the official roster from Supreme. If you have a question about your bill, contact me at stevezanone@aol.com or (859) 509-2965.

My wife Sandra and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to serving the Kentucky Knights of Columbus for the remainder of this fraternal year, and the years to come.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Zanone, State Secretary

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson



Mid-Year Meeting:

This year's December mid-year meeting was held at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott in Hebron, KY. What a great venue and what a great opportunity to mingle with brother knights from around the state. The rooms and meeting rooms were very nice and the "free" morning breakfast was awesome.

Saturday's meeting was geared towards the District Deputies and Sunday's meeting towards your council's leadership. Our Supreme Representative David St. Hilaire was present. David is the College Coordinator for Supreme and presents his thoughts on why it's important to recruit young college age members and the importance of listening to their new and creative ideas.

Breaking News:

Those in attendance saw a video on the new Exemplification Degree – Charity, Unity & Fraternity that will be rolled out after the first of the year. The target date is February 2020. In a nut shell...the 1st, 2nd & 3rd will now be combined into one ceremony, will take about thirty minutes and can be held in the council chamber or Church with family & friends present.

The State's new General Agent, Daniel Schachle, was present for the weekend meetings and gave an outstanding overview of his vision for providing financial protection to the members of the KY Jurisdiction. As a former Field Agent I saw firsthand the enormous need that our members have for creating a financial plan to insure that they are financially stability and to have a plan that ensures not only a transfer of wealth but also to ensure that their families do not face financial ruin in the event of a tragedy.

I highly recommend that you take the time to talk to Daniel or one of our Field Agents. The call and the appointment are free. They are Brother Knights and they are here for you!

Treasurer's Report:

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

KY Heavenly Pennies Program

Covington	-	\$0.00
Lexington	-	\$0.00
Louisville	-	\$0.00
Owensboro	-	\$150.21

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson (cont.)



Checks were cut to be distributed to the Bishop of each of the diocese. Covington received \$522.71. Lexington received \$1293.39. Louisville received \$1519.30 and Owensboro received \$848.30. The monies raised support our seminarians.

Culture of Life Fund

Covington	-	\$1756.38
Lexington	-	\$250.00
Louisville	-	\$2107.08
Owensboro	-	\$2037.64

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

If you attended the Mid-Year meeting and you are expecting a check to cover some of your cost, please note that the WSS is processing the vouchers and I will write checks as soon as I get them. A number of vouchers have already been processed.

Reflections:

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 you are interested in learning more, please talk to a current DD or State Officer. God is in control...we just have to believe and be willing to do His will.

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.

And Lastly:

Let us as Men of faith reach out to our neighbors and offer a kind word. Let us pray to Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and ask for her intercession for peace within our land. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him to help us choose our words carefully so as to build up the Kingdom of God and not alienate those in need.

Let us thank God for all that He has given us and done for us and let us pray for all that He may do. Pray that He may continue to bless our families and watch over His people and pray that He may continue to bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus & Merry Christmas!

Tom Johnson

State Treasurer

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers,

Lady Suzanne and I had a great time at the Mid-year meeting. It's always good to see old friends, make new ones and enjoy Fraternity. Thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules to be there and get the latest updates on our plans to make Star Councils and Circle of Honor for the Jurisdiction.

Football Frenzy! Sweepstakes

We'll net out about \$8.6K each to the councils (~\$2.80/ticket sold) and the Knights of Columbus Charities of Kentucky, Inc. thanks to your charity!

Through the first 7 weeks, 46 of the 69 participating councils have had winners. One brother from J.H. Newman Council 15452 at UK won the big prize the first two weeks for \$400 – never been done before!

Basketball Slam! Sweepstakes

From one season to the next we switch sports, too. This is the only fundraiser for our State Disaster relief Program. We donate about \$8K a year from the proceeds to councils of other Jurisdictions who send it to help their knights who have been victims of natural disasters like hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Florida, and the East Coast. Please consider buying a ticket (or buy two and get one free!) at your next council meeting. Have some fun, maybe get some winnings, count your blessings and help support the State Disaster Fund by participating in the Basketball Slam Sweepstakes!

Recruit!

We've got some work to do to catch up from a slow start if we hope to show the Order that Kentucky is well and growing and earn Circle of Honor for the Jurisdiction.

On-line membership is proving to be a real tool for recruiting. I've got several handout cards in the card holder I keep on the back of my iPhone.

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.

Speaking of Seasons

As we near the celebration of the birth of Our Lord, Suzanne and I wish you a Blessed Advent, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New 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

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Scheduled Events

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