

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

November 2019



During November, as in all of Ordinary Time (Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy signifies and expresses the regenerated life from the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is to be spent on the model of Christ's Life and under the direction of His Spirit. As we come to the end of the Church year we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the world's. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Feast of Christ the King. "This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.... Beyond it we see Advent dawning with its perspective of the Lord's coming in glory." — *The Liturgy and Time*, A.G. Mortimort



State Advocate

Luke A. Williams



Worthy Brothers,

We are again at the time of year when we dig out our coats and gloves for those days that have gotten colder.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE

All Councils must be Safe Environment Compliant this year in order to be eligible for any recognition from Supreme or the State Council. The following people must complete the Safe Environment Course on the Supreme website; Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director. The Family and Community directors must also complete a background check.

As of the 30th of October;

19 Councils in the state are Safe Environment Compliant,

12 Councils are close with 3 of the 4 positions compliant,

21 Councils have 2 of the 4 positions compliant,

26 Councils have 1 of the 4 positions compliant, and

20 Councils have no positions compliant.

Please help your Council reach the goal of being Safe Environment training compliant.

93 Councils have turned in a form 185 and 13 have not.

65 Councils are complete with turning in a form 365 and 41 have not.

69 Councils have turned the latest Form 1295 Semi Annual audit and 37 have not.

Heads up! The 2019 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Due 01/31/20.

The last day to turn in the Columbian Award Application is 6/30/20

FAITH IN ACTION

The focus on Faith touches Catholic men in our parishes. They are yearning for ways to develop their spirituality both for themselves and for their families. The focus on the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action programs gives men a concrete way to make a difference in the world, take a leadership role in the church, or community and within their own families.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is a treasure that we should share, not conceal or hide.

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams (cont.)



December 29th is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As part of the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action program, there is an amazing opportunity to entrust families to the patronage of the Holy Family. Please consider your Council to begin preparations this Advent for a consecration to the Holy Family to take place on the Feast of the Holy Family. At the discretion of your pastor and the Council, the consecration to the Holy Family could take place at the end of each Mass. This way it would require minimal effort on the part of the Council and parish and give many more families the opportunity to participate in the Consecration. You will want to order the prayer cards for the day of the consecration along with many other program materials. These resources the Knights have to help guide and prepare families can be found at www.kofc.org/consecration. I encourage you to speak with your pastor, advertise this to your Council families and fellow parishioners soon, so they can prepare and dive more deeply into the season of Advent and the Incarnation.

Pam and I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming State Mid Year Meeting in Hebron.

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers,

Football Frenzy Sweepstakes

Just like last year, tickets started coming back in slowly, but then they finished with a “Frenzy”. 71 councils participated this year, up 3 from last year, as we continue to show that we truly take CHARITY, the principle of the First Degree, to heart.

William Ellis of J.H. Newman Council 15452 at UK won the top prize **both of the first two weeks** – \$400! The first week he won with a ticket he got online when he registered two hard copy tickets. We also had two councils, Frankfort Council 1483 and Uniontown Council 1367, won on tickets the Councils purchased to support the State Charities and make sure they earned points toward the State Deputy Award.

This is the only fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus Charities of Kentucky, Inc. The charity was formed in the early ‘90s to promote charitable and educational pursuits, to render mutual aid and assistance to those in need and to support and cooperate with all fraternal, charitable and civic enterprises rendering monetary aid.” More information is available on the State Program Guide at KYKofC.com. Its beneficiaries are not limited to Knights of Columbus. **I encourage you take advantage of the opportunity to submit proposals to the charity for ideas that your councils generate to help those in need.** They don’t need to be Knights; they don’t even have to be Catholic.

Proceeds of ticket sales after the cost of prizes, and the printing company are shared by the State Charities and the councils that sold the tickets. This year this should be about \$2.80/ticket.

Basketball Slam Sweepstakes

At the Mid-year meeting in December, I’ll be passing out packets for the State’s other fundraiser, the Basketball Slam. Similar to Football Frenzy, winners are determined by the teams on your card and how they do in the NCAA tournament. Profits from this Sweepstakes support the State Disaster Fund, for which there is no end of need with the weather and earthquake issues that we experience every year. Please have some fun, maybe get some winnings, count your blessings and help support the State Disaster Fund by participating in the Basketball Slam Sweepstakes!

State Warden

Dick Burns (cont.)



Remembrance

November is the month when we are encouraged to in a special way remember our departed Brother Knights. Let's keep them in our prayers, and remember them as good friends who performed good works.

Recruit!

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.

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns,

State Warden

502-468-5105

sanddb2@att.net

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



My Brothers and Friends of the Kentucky Knights of Columbus, the work NEVER ENDS! Membership is the lifeblood of any organization, and as I was reminded by the loss of a personal friend who was just 43 years old, no one is immortal. Recall the perpetual watchwords "*Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori*", and plan for it!

If a brother knight has not recruited at least one new member, he has not planned to replace himself. If he has not recruited at least 2 members, he has not helped the order grow & expand our good works. You only need to read a couple of pages of the newspaper, or watch a few minutes of the news to see how desperately the world needs good men & women doing good works in our communities. As the seasons change, we should look at ourselves to see what changes we can make to improve our lives or those around us. Begin by looking into your councils' activities. Every council has holiday events for Thanksgiving and Christmas and these events don't happen on their own. They take planning and work from our members, their wives and typically the churches they serve. What a great way to serve the church, community, and youth around us while getting the entire family involved!

So that takes care of improving our lives, but what about the guys around us? There are potential GREAT KNIGHTS, all around us. They're not hidden, or in disguise- they're in plain sight. You can find them at church sitting all around you. Your council may have held a church recruiting drive sometime in the month of October; but remember that recruiting drives can happen whenever you want them and are not tied to a specific calendar period. October happens to be pretty good target for the Knights because of Columbus Day and it allows the new knight enough time to get in and get started doing something before the hectic holiday rush. But, none of this can happen unless you ask these men to join. Over and over, we hear the reason new members give for not having joined sooner is because no one asked them. It's hard to imagine that, but it's true. Our own Former State Chaplain, Fr. Dolan had to ask repeatedly, to join the Knights of Columbus before it finally happened. And thank God he did! Remember that we have the new tool of Online Membership where a man can join in just a few minutes. Just direct them to www.kofc.org, and click on the Join Button.

I would like you to commit to asking at least 1 catholic man (no maximum limit) to join the Knights in the next 2 weeks. This is a low risk, high value proposition for you to be the guy who brings in a good man and watches him become a great Knight.

This year, I will unfortunately miss the December Midyear meeting, as I must travel out of town for work, but I will be thinking of all of you gathered in Northern Kentucky. I wish you all a very successful meeting filled with Fraternity, Unity, Charity and Patriotism and the Spirit of the Holy Season we are about to enter. Safe Travels to you all!

Gabe Cabral

KY Immediate Past State Deputy

General Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

As we move closer to the end of 2019, it is clear that we have a lot of work to do! Through November and December, councils generally become very active with charitable programs around Thanksgiving and Christmas. You need to plan these programs and get your team assembled to make them effective. These programs typically include Coats for Kids, feeding the homeless, Keep Christ in Christmas, and Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Program. Whatever programs you run, remember to always invite the members of your parish to join with you. This is what Faith in Action is for the Order – integrating our councils with our parishes. You will find this integration to be very meaningful for your council and for your parish.

It may not seem so, but it is not too early to work towards Star Council. Hopefully your council's recruiting efforts are paying off, and your Field Agent is doing his job to convert members to Insurance members. With these two large requirements under control, you can concentrate on working your programs through the year to earn the Columbian Award. If you are not familiar with the Columbian Award requirements, refer to my previous newsletter articles where I have included links to various Supreme articles. Lastly, do not ignore your Safe Environment training. Councils are not eligible to earn a Supreme Award if their respective chairmen have not satisfied their Safe Environment requirements. If you are not sure where your council stands with this requirement, contact State Advocate Luke Williams.

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

BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net

270-242-0337

District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD



Sir Knights –

The next Exemplification will be held in Frankfort on Saturday, February 8th. Details will be coming soon as we work out the details. Assemblies should start working with their respective councils now to recruit new Sir Knights for the Exemplification. If you are struggling to figure out how to recruit new Sir Knights, there is a wealth of information at the Supreme website that can be very helpful. Download the flyer at this link <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/4155.pdf> for a step by step guide to Fourth Degree recruiting.

Programs naturally help recruiting as they draw in new members. Supreme has a Fourth Degree Program Manual with suggested programs for Assemblies. You can download it from the Supreme website at

https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/1953_Program_Manual_3-14.pdf.

This Fourth Degree Program Manual outlines ways by which assemblies or individuals can take part in the preservation and the perpetuation of freedom. Every individual man, woman and child; company; union; religious, civic, fraternal and patriotic organization has a part to play. Learn what you can do in the name of patriotism and do it — every day! Suggested programs include Essay Contests, “Get out the Vote”, Chalice Program, Parades, Flag Promotion, Veterans’ Assistance, and the RSVP Program. I strongly recommend that you download the Program Manual right away and discuss what programs your Assembly should consider holding.

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,

Bill Schmidt, PSD

Kentucky District Master

BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net

270-242-0337

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

November 2019



Scheduled Events

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