

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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The month of January is dedicated to the [Holy Name of Jesus](#), which is celebrated on January 3. The first twelve days of January fall during the liturgical season known as [Christmas](#) which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning 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. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.



Thou shalt call His Name
Jesus, for He shall save His
people from their sins.

The opening days of January may be cold and nature bleak, but the domestic church still glows warm with the peace and joy of Christmas. We dedicate the New Year to Mary on the January 1st Solemnity honoring her as Mother of God; and on January 7, the Solemnity of Epiphany, we rejoice with her, as her Son is adored by the three Wise Men.

Herald John, who ushered in the Advent season, is present once again to close Christmastide on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (The First Luminous Mystery), and to open the Season of Ordinary Time. He points to Jesus, the Lamb of God who unites time and eternity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and even January's diminishing darkness seems to echo St. John's prayer: "He must increase and I must decrease."

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Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 was well represented at the 2020 March for Life in Washington DC this year. Some flew, others drove. We gathered to hear President Trump's inspirational talk at the mall then carried our home made K of C signs during the March. Afterwards we gathered at a restaurant to eat.



See story on our website to enlarge pictures.

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Fr. McGivney Award Membership Quota Achieved

200% Quota

Andrew's Apostles Council 17234, Harrodsburg

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

150% Quota

Fr. Roy Dentinger Council 390, Louisville

GK Paul Tadatada, DD John Staudt, Jr.

133% Quota

Msgr. Hugh O'Sullivan Council 2046, Whitesville

GK Joshua Barnstead, DD Bruce Whitehouse

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.

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Membership

Incentive n. something that serves to encourage or inspire. Many of you Grand Knights will recruit to grow your Councils without thoughts of any tangible benefits. An incentive is “icing on the cake” and when the criteria is met a pat on the back to those members who worked to earn it. There are many incentives offered by Supreme and the State Council. Supreme offers the **McGivney Award** (membership), **Founders Award** (insurance), **Columbian Award** (program) and all of these rolled into one - the **Star Council Award**. In addition, there are the International Service Awards presented to at the Supreme Convention to Councils that conducted an outstanding activity in the areas of **FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY** and **LIFE**.

The State Council offers four incentives – one for each quarter of the fraternal year. The first two quarters ended on December 31. Seven councils and one district met the requirements for the Fast Lane Challenge, first quarter, incentive: **Councils 11132, 15181, 15211, 15699, 15914, 16179 and 17234 and received \$100.00 checks. District 18 Steve O’Bryan DD received a \$50.00 check.** Seven Councils met the membership requirements for Fast Ride to 75 Challenge, second quarter, and will receive the **\$100.00** incentive. They are **Councils 390, 2046, 10988, 15181, 15699, 16179 and 17234.**

I wanted the following newly announced incentive printed as it was sent out by email on January 7 and 13.

Worthy Grand Knights,

Membership Director Billy Hancock and I have developed an incentive that we think you are really going to like. Here are the details:

Attend the Supreme Convention in Washington, DC as a delegate during the period August 4-6, 2020. Supreme will pay per diem and one-way travel. Unfortunately, there can be only one winner. A winning Council will be chosen through a drawing to be held at the State Convention in May. The winning council will choose a member to serve as the delegate. The delegate’s name must be furnished to the State Deputy prior to the end of the Convention. Here is how your Council can get into the drawing:

1 entry - bring 2 members into your council between 1/1/2020 and State Convention

2 entries - bring 3 members into your council between 1/1/2020 and State Convention

3 entries - bring 4 members into your council between 1/1/2020 and State Convention

4 entries - bring 5 members into your council between 1/1/2020 and State Convention

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There are only 4 ½ months to earn entries into the drawing. So, get cracking! Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck SD

I am pleased to report three **Councils 6743 (2), 1315 (1) and 12354 (1)**, as of January 17, have entries (number of entries) in the drawing. **Five Councils 4270, 6101, 7831, 12502 and 13196** need one additional member to qualify for one entry.

In another recent article, I mentioned that mathematically the Jurisdiction needs to recruit two members daily to achieve Circle of Honor. As of January 17, the Jurisdiction has been credited with 12 new members. That makes us 22 members behind for the month.

It is time to start planning for a March church drive and actively working the emember prospect list. Emembers, in most cases, have indicated a Council they are interested in joining. These are “low hanging fruit” for picking. Yet, some of them have been on the list for months. Go after them. Thanks for your dedication to the Kentucky Jurisdiction.

Submitted for the January Newsletter by:

Best regards,
Billy Hancock, PSD
Membership Director

State Deputy Cameron Peck



Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2019 was good for you all. We are a little over half way through the fraternal year now. When I look at all the great work that the councils in Kentucky have done so far this year, I am so proud to be your brother knight. Keep up the great work!

As many of you heard, Supreme has developed a new ceremonial that will bring guys into the order and all the way to 3rd degree in a single ceremony. We had the opportunity to watch the ceremony during the midyear meeting in early December. The feeling of the viewers was mostly positive. There were a few people that voiced their opposition to the new degree and that is ok. The one constant in life is change and change is not always easy.

District Deputy Joe Carter did some research on the subject and posted the following in his district newsletter.

"At the second Supreme Council meeting on May 12, 1883 Supreme Knight James T. Mullen introduced the emblem of the Order.

The first ritual handbook was printed in 1885 but contained only sections teaching Unity and Charity. Supreme Knight Mullen, along with primary ritual author Daniel Colwell, believed that the initiation ceremony should be held in three sections "in accord with the 'Trinity of Virtues, Charity, Unity, and Brotherly love.'" The third section, expounding Fraternity, was officially adopted in 1891.

I'm guessing that back then some knights didn't like the addition of the third degree. Moreover, the third degree took all-day. It was divided into four different sections.

Today, our community is no longer interested in secret organization, nor are they interested in long drawn out ceremonies. They want to spend as much time with their families as possible. The more we involve families in our activities the better. The new ceremony is responsive."

Thanks, Joe for letting me borrow that. Like I said earlier, change is not always easy, but many times it is necessary. And I believe that this new combined ceremony will be good for the councils, the Kentucky Jurisdiction, and the Order as a whole. One of the best parts of this new ceremony is that it is open for our wives and families to see. Men no longer have to leave their families at home so they can join the Knights of Columbus. Supreme has stated that this will be available for the councils to start using on February 1st. You may have some questions, so feel free to contact your district deputy or myself and we will get you the answers.

State Deputy

Cameron Peck (cont.)



Because there are those that may want to continue to do things they way they have always been done, As State Deputy, I am authorizing councils to continue to use the “old” separate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees if they would like to. This will continue to be an option until the end of my term on June 30, 2020. After that it will be up to my successor to decide if they want to continue with this option.

Please keep District Deputy John Staudt and his wife Deanna in your prayers. During the storms on the morning of 1/11/2020, their house was struck by lightning and caught fire. The fire department arrived quickly but was unable to save the house. Luckily no one was home at the time and there were no injuries.

I have some good news also. Our newest council in Covington has been officially been instituted. They are Bishop Maes Holy Cross Council #17445. Congratulations go out to District Deputy David White for seeing this through from concept to completion. Great job!

Like I said earlier, we are a little over half way through the fraternal year. And that means we have a little less than 6 months left before the 2019-2020 fraternal year is history. Let’s continue to roll up our sleeves, jump in, and finish strong as we charge ahead to make the Kentucky jurisdiction a beacon of light for all others to follow.

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck
State Deputy

State Treasurer

Tom Johnson



Happy New Year Brother Knights!

May you and your families have a happy and prosperous New Year! While 2019 is now in the books make sure to take a moment and reflect on the events that have taken place over the past year.

And while we may not know what 2020 will bring we do know that there will be both expected and unexpected events that will impact our daily lives. Some will be good and some will not be so good. Let us prepare ourselves for both by giving thanks to God for all that He has done for us and to ask for God's mercy and blessing when we stumble and fall.

If you haven't spent an hour alone with God in a while I suggest that you make time to visit with Him during Adoration at your local church. I use to think that praying to God off and on during my normal day was enough until I started attending Adoration. That hour alone is much different. Let your mind wonder. Talk to God! Tell Him what's on your mind. He's listening. You may not think so at first but after a while you'll begin to see His work at hand.

And don't forget to pray the Rosary. If your council is not praying the Rosary before your monthly council meeting suggest to your brother Knights that they do so. As Knights, we pledged our allegiance to Mary and promised to pray the Rosary as often as we could.

Please Note:

For the most part December was a quite month as far as managing the State's financial records. If you attended the Mid-Year Meeting in December you should have received your reimbursement check by now. Checks were mailed out in the middle of December. There are a few checks that have not been cashed or deposited per the December ending bank statement. If you have not cashed or deposited your check please do so immediately. If you believe you should have received a check and did not receive one please contact me immediately.

Treasurer's Report:

December Financials are in the book. At the end of December, 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	-	\$2507.08
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.

Your councils should be gearing up for all of the upcoming activities over the next several months.

January 19th Pro-life mass in Louisville

January 1st-31st Local Council Free Throw events

February 8th 4th Degree Exemplification in Frankfort

February 1st-29th District and Regional Free Throw events

February 26th Ash Wednesday

February 28th 1st Fish Fry for many councils

March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May

These are just a few that quickly come to mind. I'm sure there are many more. Wishing you a great year!

AND Remember...

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.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Johnson

KY State Treasurer

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams



Worthy Brothers,

2020 RESOLUTIONS

Now is the time for your council to be working on any resolutions you may be considering for submission, review and formal voting at the upcoming Kentucky State Convention in May of 2020.

The Kentucky State Council By-Laws require **all** resolutions be submitted to the State Advocate by March 15 (copies to the State Deputy and State Secretary) for constitutional review by the State Advocate. Within 10 days the State Advocate will file a report with the State Deputy, State Secretary and the submitting council regarding the legality and constitutionality of the resolution.

The State Advocate must publish the approved resolutions by sending copies to each of the local councils by April 15th and will provide copies of all resolutions to the Executive Secretary in order for him to include them in the State Meeting materials.

At the State Convention, the State Advocate will meet with the delegates assigned to the Resolutions Committee and present all resolutions to them for their recommendations. He will then present the resolutions to all delegates at the business meeting along with the committee's recommendations.

The State Convention delegates will be allowed to discuss each resolution in a reasonable matter and then a vote shall be taken. Resolutions that receive a simple majority of votes will be adopted. Resolutions passed at the State Convention that deal with matters beyond the State Jurisdiction will be submitted to Supreme by June 15 for consideration at the Supreme Convention. The Supreme Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the resolutions and forward them to the Supreme Advocate.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE

Please stay vigilant with being Safe Environment Compliant. Compliance must be up to date by May 1st for a Council to be eligible for Star Council recognition or be eligible for a Supreme Program Award. The Council's Safe Environment Status can now be seen when the Officers Online "Reports" tab is chosen and the "Safe Environment Member Status" report is viewed. If you have any questions about Safe Environment status for yourself or your council, let me know.

State Advocate

Luke A. Williams (cont.)



As of the 1st of January, 2020;

21 Councils in the state are Safe Environment Compliant (19 in October),

16 Councils are close with 3 of the 4 positions compliant (12 in October),

20 Councils have 2 of the 4 positions compliant (21 in October),

26 Councils have 1 of the 4 positions compliant (Same), and

20 Councils have no positions compliant (15 in October).

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

IMPORTANT SUBMITTAL OF COUNCIL FORMS

The "Partnership With Special Olympics (#4584)" form is due January 31, 2020. Please fill out if your council had anyone volunteer or the council donated money to Special Olympics.

The "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) for calendar year 2019 is due.

The Semiannual Council Audit Report for period ending December 31, 2019 is due by February 15, 2020.

The Round Table Coordinator form (#2629) should be filled out and sent in if you have not done so.

12 Active Councils still need to fill out and turn in the Form 185-The Report of Officers Chosen for Term. That number was 13 in November.

28 Active Councils still need to fill out and turn in the Form 365-Service Program Personnel Report. That number was 41 in November.

Good Luck to all Free Throw Challenge participants and the Councils who are holding events. I know the kids have been practicing so please support your council for this youth event.

Thank you for your support and prayers for all.

Vivat Jesus,

Luke A. Williams

State Advocate

State Warden

Dick Burns



Brothers,

I hope you and your families had a Merry and Blessed Christmas! And I wish a Happy New Year to all! I hope you're off to a better start than we are.... Our resolution that "nobody goes to the hospital this year" lasted two days. I had a freak bedroom closet accident that resulted in the first stitches I remember ever getting (I'll tell anybody that wants to know about it at the convention in May over an adult beverage, but I'm not going to put it in print). Two weeks later, my granddaughter went to the ER with what now thought to be a torn tendon in her shoulder she injured in the regional HS Bowling Tournament. It's always something in my house.

Basketball Slam! Sweepstakes

I've already received tickets from several councils – THANKS! Please encourage your councils to participate in the only fundraiser for our State Disaster relief Program. Have some fun, maybe get some winnings, count your blessings and help support the State Disaster Fund by participating in the Basketball Slam Sweepstakes – top prize is \$700!

Recruit!

We just held a membership drive at our parish and were fortunate enough to set several new prospects, On-line membership is proving to be a benefit – we're pushing them to commit that way until we get our new Exemplification Team put together and prepared to put on a good ceremony. There are currently 69 Online members in the State. Membership Chairmen – ask your DDs for a copy to see if any of them are in your area so you can contact them to join your council – they still count as new members!

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

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



Happy New Year- And so begins another season of Resolutions. For some folks, the resolutions they make are somewhat short lived and usually involve a long term weight loss goal, eating healthier. I have tried to keep my resolutions, and I've found the ones that are easier to keep are the ones that involve **doing** something rather than avoiding something. Oscar Wilde once said "The only thing I can't resist is temptation"- I hear you brother! So why not **Do Something** this January? Invite a friend to join the Order. Make friends with the guy sitting in front of you at Mass every week and invite him!

Speaking of resolutions, and **doing** something rather than **avoiding** something, it's time for a fraternal reminder that now is the time to get your council's resolutions typed up, read and approved by the council and submitted to State Advocate Luke Williams for review. The State By-Laws require that all resolutions must be submitted to the State Advocate by March 15 for constitutional review and the State Advocate must publish the approved resolutions by sending copies to each of the local councils by April 15.

Gabe Cabral

Kentucky Immediate Past State Deputy

General Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights –

Happy New Year! With Christmas behind us, it's time to double down your efforts to get ready for State Awards and Supreme Awards such as Star Council! I am sure that there are councils that can rise up to this challenge. Please review the Program Guide to update your State Deputy Award form, initiate your SP-7, and identify the program(s) your council is conducting that should be submitted for a State Award for consideration at the Supreme level. The deadlines are closer than you think!

One of the things you will need to do to meet the new requirements for the Columbian Award is to hold the Novena for Life. You can find more information at the following link to the Supreme website:

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/programs/10622%205-18%20Novena%20for%20Life%20SS.pdf>

Don't forget that the next Unified State Program is the Novena for Life to be held from January 21st thru the 29th. If you have not set it up yet, you will need to act very quickly! Remember that being a part of the Unified State Programs earns you points towards to the State Deputy Award as well. The last point I would like to make regarding the Novena for Life is that the Supreme Council has made this a required program in order to earn the Columbian Award, which is required to earn Star Council. Let me know if you need any help in setting up your program.

Lastly, I wanted to remind you all that the State Award deadlines are fast approaching.

State Deputy/Program Director Award: March 31st

Dentinger Lifetime Service Award: April 1st

Knight of the Year: April 1st

Chaplain of the Year (one for each diocese): April 1st

Family of the Year: April 1st

Single Service Program Awards (Faith, Community, Family, and Life): April 1st

Consult the Program Guide if you need any help with these award submissions.

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 –

Happy New Year! Plans are coming together rapidly for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in Frankfort at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, home of Frankfort Council #1483 on Saturday, February 8th. This is going to be a very special Exemplification as Bishop John Stowe will be a part of the Exemplification, Mass, and Banquet! I cannot stress the importance of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus making a strong showing to honor Bishop Stowe. Also, February 22nd marks the 120th Anniversary of the First Fourth Degree Exemplification held in New York City in 1900. To commemorate this historic occasion, Candidates will be issued a special certificate at Exemplifications between January 1st and March 31st.

Assemblies should be finalizing recruitment of new Sir Knights and getting their paperwork turned in on time. For help in recruiting, 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.

The District Biennial Meeting is coming in either March or April. Faithful Navigators will be notified of the date and location for the meeting in the coming weeks. Per the Fourth Degree Bylaws: *“Faithful Navigator of each Assembly in the District and one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof of each Assembly which delegates shall be elected by ballot at the February meeting in the year in which such district assembly is convened and after prior notice of the holding of such election has been given to the members by notice or publication. Assemblies shall have the right to elect alternates for the Faithful Navigator and for any delegates to which they may be entitled.”* Please ensure this most important piece of business is included in your Assembly’s February meeting. Any resolutions to be brought before the Supreme Assembly Meeting in August must be brought to the District meeting in accordance with the approved Supreme procedure should be developed and considered now. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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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Scheduled Events

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