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Food Drive

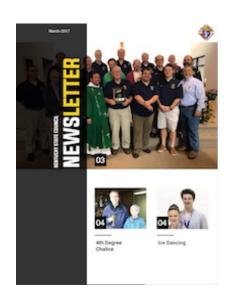
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Leave No Neighbor Behind food drive



Leave No Neighbor Behind food drive held by **Bishop Ackerman Council 5453** on 5/16 in Burlington, KY. Four truckloads of food were collected for **Rose Garden Mission** in Covington. The Youth Group of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish also with the food collection. The **Rose Garden Mission** provides food for 200 families each day who are in need.

Knights Supporting Special Olympics Kentucky's Salute to Summer Games



Knights of Columbus have been supporting Special Olympics since the very first International Games in 1968. In Kentucky, Knights have been an important part of the State Summer Games in Richmond for more than 20 years. Unfortunately, this year, COVID-19 has forced Special Olympics Kentucky to cancel the State Summer Games for the first time in its history. But that doesn't mean that Knights aren't still there to help these great athletes.

Special Olympics Kentucky is honoring its athletes and the Games with the "Salute to Summer Games." The Salute is a three-week fundraising campaign that will culminate in a video presentation about the Summer Games that will post to the Special Olympics Kentucky Facebook page and YouTube channel at 6:30 pm on June 5. The Knights figure prominently in both.

Already, Knights have raised or contributed more than \$2,200 to the effort, and all councils have been encouraged by the State Deputy to contribute in some way. If your Council would like to donate you can do so at kofc.sokysalute.com. If your Council would like to help raise money, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org or 859-338-6075 and he can help you set up a fundraising page.

The Knights are also featured as key volunteers in the video presentation, with Phil Von Mann of the St. Mark's Council talking about the Knights' involvement and what volunteers take away from participating in the Games.

For more information, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org or 859-338-6075.

Membership Update Billy Hancock PSD

McGivney Award						
Membership Quota Achieved May 22, 2020						
Council	District	Location	ADJ Quota	Intake	ADJ %	
390	15	Louisville	5	16	320%	
1004	3	Morganfield	5	5	100%	
2046	5	Whitesville	4	8	200%	
4665	13	Shively	7	7	100%	
6317	18	Danville	5	8	160%	
6743	10	Grayson County	6	12	200%	
7847	6	Hopkinsville	5	5	100%	
10682	13	Louisville	6	6	100%	
10988	2	Calvert City	2	3	150%	
11132	7	Madisonville	4	4	100%	
11453	1	Aurora	2	3	150%	
11470	16	Georgetown	7	8	114%	
12354	12	Mt Washington	4	8	200%	
13053	15	Louisville	5	5	100%	
13917	16	Versailles	4	5	125%	
14128	17	Somerset	4	6	150%	
14604	15	Pewee Valley	4	4	100%	
15181	6	Dawson Springs	2	3	150%	
15484	7	Calhoun	2	3	150%	
15525	14	Jeffersontown	4	4	100%	
15613	18	Lexington	2	2	100%	
15699	12	Louisville	2	5	250%	
15914	6	Fort Campbell	2	2	100%	
15979	14	Louisville	4	8	200%	
16179	14	Louisville	2	4	200%	
16232	9	Scottsville	2	2	100%	
16956	17	Middlesboro	2	2	100%	
17234	18	Harrodsburg	2	8	400%	
17247	4	Owensboro	2	3	150%	
17445	21	Covington	2	4	200%	

Membership Update Billy Hancock PSD

Founders Award					
Insurance Quota Achieved May 22, 2020					
Council	District	Location	Quota	Intake	% Quota
390	15	Louisville	2	2	100%
6743	10	Grayson County	2	5	250%
7831	11	Sebree	2	2	100%
7847	12	Hopkinsville	2	3	150%
12354	13	Mt Washington	2	2	100%
12623	14	Radcliff	2	2	100%
14128	15	Somerset	2	2	100%
14604	16	Pewee Valley	2	2	100%
15979	17	Louisville	2	3	150%
16179	18	Louisville	2	2	100%
16232	19	Scottsville	2	2	100%
17234	20	Harrodsburg	2	3	150%

McGivney and Founders Awards								
	Membership & Insurance Quota Achieved May 22, 2020							
Council	District	Location	M'Ship Quota	Intake	% Quota	Ins Quota	Intake	% Quota
390	15	Louisville	5	16	320%	2	2	100%
6743	10	Grayson County	6	12	200%	2	5	250%
7847	12	Hopkinsville	5	5	100%	2	3	150%
12354	13	Mt Washington	4	8	200%	2	2	100%
14128	15	Somerset	4	6	150%	2	2	100%
14604	16	Pewee Valley	4	4	100%	2	2	100%
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Circle of Honor

Membership Quota 459, Intake 330, Need 129.

Billy Hancock, PSD, Membership Director

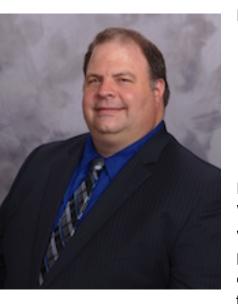
History Report History Report Billy Hancock PSD

The picture was used to recognize the District Deputies that served the State Council during 2010. They were a driving force to help the Jurisdiction achieve the Circle of Honor that year. Most are still serving in some capacity today. Three became State Officers – a State Secretary, State Deputy, and State Deputy (Elect). Can you name them?



Answer: John McGill, Gabe Cabral, and Steve Zanone. Submitted by:

Bill Hancock, PSD State Historian



State Deputy Cameron Peck

Brothers,

What an experience! We just finished with our virtual state convention that was done as a phone conference call. Due to the restrictions on gatherings of people that are in place, we were forced to change the format of our state convention this year. After considering several options, Supreme mandated the format that the state councils in USA and Canada would use.

A recording of the state convention conference call can be listened to on the state website at https://kykofc.com/2020-state-convention-audio-recording/ for those that would like to listen to it. Due to time constraints, I did not deliver the State of the Jurisdiction Address on the state convention call. I have posted it on our state council website and I encourage you to read it at your connivence. It can be found here. https://kykofc.com/2020-state-of-the-jurisdiction-address/. The call went well due to the prep-work that many people did ahead of time. Thank you to all the people that helped make it go smoothly.

As of May 21st, we still need 130 new members before June 30th for us to earn the Circle of Honor Award. We have 40 days remaining to achieve this goal. It is very doable, but we will all have to work together and give it 100% of our effort.

Today, the Vatican announced that Fr. McGivney will beatified. A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney. This paves the way for Fr. McGivney to become a saint in the near future.

I would like to congratulate all the state officers for next year. We have a great group of dedicated men ready to continue our tradition of excellence for years to come. I am confident that Steve will do a great job as State Deputy and I hope that you all help him as much as you have helped me during these last two years. The office of State Deputy is a big job and I know Steve is up to the task.

Vivat Jesus, Cameron Peck State Deputy

State Secretary Steve Zanone

My Brother Knights,

Thank you for all the prayers and messages of support for my family as we deal with my wife Sandra's serious health issues. She is making some progress, and she is scheduled to move to rehab very soon. I have been praying for everyone who has a family member in the hospital or in a nursing home during this awful time. My family has

experienced the cruelty of this pandemic first hand, and we pray that no more families have to go through what we have been through. Please remember your neighbors who are alone and may be lonely or in need during these hard times.

The convention is over for the year, and I wish to thank everyone who took time out of their day to be with us. I certainly hope that this is a onetime occurrence, as it was a very strange meeting with an agenda we had no control over. I am sure we will be talking about this meeting for many years to come. However, just because the convention is over, that does not mean the fraternal year is over. There is still time for us to reach Circle of Honor status for the year. As we come out of quarantine, let's get busy with degree ceremonies and membership drives.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our jurisdiction as State Deputy. I will always try to put the good of the order uppermost in my mind, and I hope to see every council be active not just in recruiting, but also in their programs. I firmly believe that what the Church needs now are strong Knights of Columbus families. Our world has been turned on its ear, and someone has to help those most in need now. If not us, then who? If not now, then when?

Vivat Jesus, Steve Zanone State Deputy Elect







State Treasurer Tom Johnson

STATE CONVENTION – my thoughts and opinions

My father use to say "opinions are like butt holes...everybody has one" and I'm certainly no different. In case you missed it, our State Convention was held this past Sunday May 17th, 2020.

- There was no Friday night gathering to get together with friends and brother Knights and their wives.
- There was no early Saturday morning "setting up the meeting hall" activity running back to the hotel room and making a quick wardrobe change.
- There was no reciting the Rosary before the Convention kicked off.
- There was no awards presentation to highlight the council achievements over the past fraternal year.
- There was no Mass where brother Knights and their wives could celebrate their Faith in oneness in Christ.
- There was no banquet where we could break bread together.
- There were no hospitality rooms where we could gather and share a drink and munch on snacks until late in the evening.
- There was no Sunday morning gathering of the delegates, Rosary or in person delegate voting for next year's State Officers, attendees to the Supreme Convention, Trustees to the serve KAPID and Charities of KY, Inc.

I missed that... In place of all the normal State Convention activities we had a "Virtual State Convention". Instead what we had was...

State Officers, Screeners and support personnel all logged in early on Sunday morning to the website to make sure we were all connected and that everything was working. We had a robo-call type mechanism that called each of the delegate phone numbers and put them into a queue until it was time to join the meeting. The State Deputy opened the State Convention, our State Chaplin said a prayer, we heard a recording from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and live comments from Supreme Advocate John Marella. The State Deputy verifying delegate credentials and then moving directly into the election of officers for the next fraternal year. Delegates voting for candidates by pushing a number on their phones to indicate a "yes" or "no" vote or to vote for a specific candidate for State Warden. Delegates were able to speak by pressing *3 and being screened and placed in a queue until called upon by the State Deputy. We had the State Advocate review the resolutions presented

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before the assembly. We had discussion and a vote on Resolution #15 We recited the Prayer to Fr. McGivney and the State Deputy closed the 2020 State Convention and everyone started hanging up.

While the business of the jurisdiction was conducted as required by our Supreme Constitution and By-Laws, as amended by Supreme due to these unprecedented times, it just wasn't the same. State Deputy Cameron Peck did a fantastic job of working with Supreme and the State Officer's in preparing for this most unusual convention. I would like to congratulate State Warden Elect Gary Dykhuis and welcome him as our newest State Officer.

There is one item that occurred during this convention that concerns me greatly. During the discussions surrounding Resolution #15, a comment was made that troubles me. The speaker on the line said he was against the resolution being sent to the Executive Committee for review because he felt that it would not be given due process, meaning in my mind that he didn't "TRUST" the leadership of the KY Jurisdiction. This is very disheartening, yet if he feels this way, how many more do as well. I believe this is a conversation that needs to take place soon rather than later.

The 2020 State Convention has come and gone without much fanfare. Could this be the new norm for future state conventions? I hope not. While it accomplished the goal & requirements imposed upon state jurisdictions to comply with the Supreme Constitution & By-Laws it sure didn't fulfill the "human" aspect of a state convention. It's the "human" aspect, the brotherhood that links us together as brother Knights, that allows us to share our Catholic Faith and to come together in oneness. It's the "human" aspect that enables us to do the many good & charitable works that we do. It's the "human" aspect that allows us to weep & mourn those that we have lost and it's the "human" aspect of our organization we would be no more than individuals going about our daily lives day in and day out with some sort of direction. The Knights of Columbus, our Catholic faith, our trust in the Holy Family are important elements in living our lives as Christ has shown us.

What the 2021 State Convention will be like is yet to be determined. I feel certain that there will be changes based on this year's convention. Maybe instead of two and a half days things can be reduced to one and a half days. Time will tell. **And...** That's my thoughts and opinion.

Treasurer's Notes:

April Financials are in the book. The big events this past month were the payouts to the winners of our State Basketball Slam, Per Capita collections and State Convention related receipts from the councils.

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At the end of April, 2020 the following monies were available for each program:

KY Heavenly Pennies Program

Covingion	-	ψυθθ.07
Lexington	-	\$972.17
Louisville	-	\$1,135.05
Owensboro	-	\$550.96

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	-	\$2,156.38
Lexington	-	\$400.00
Louisville	-	\$1,304.10
Owensboro	-	\$3,137.64

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 from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson dated April 15, 2019

Vivat Jesus, Tom Johnson State Treasurer

Monthly Update State Advocate Luke Williams

Brother Knights,

The 2019-2020 Fraternal Year has changed with the times. The events Kentucky Councils usually are doing for our 4 principles have been cancelled due to social distancing requirements. I ask all of us to keep our families, friends and parishes continually in our prayers as we move towards reestablishing our way of life as Catholic gentlemen.

Safe Environment Compliance

We currently have 23 councils who are now fully compliant. Great Job! There are 11 more councils who have one position pending to become fully compliant. Successful completion of the Safe Environment Training modules for the Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors, along with Background Checks for the Community and Family Directors are a requirement for a council to achieve Star Council and also to be considered for any Supreme award.

Fraternal Survey #1728 Form

Currently, there are 90 councils that have met this requirement for Star Council this year. Great Job with all the volunteer work and deeds done by your council.

Service Personnel #365

Currently, there are 74 councils that have met this requirement for Star Council this year.

Semi Annual Audit #1295

Currently, there are 68 councils who have met this requirement for Star Council

SP7

Please fill out the SP7 and ask State Program Director Bill Schmidt to look over before sending to Supreme. This form with the revised requirements filled in will be the last form necessary to qualify for Star Council. Don't wait till the last day (6/30/20)



Good luck with the Revised Star Council Requirements for this 2019-2020 Fraternal Year that ends June 30th.

Thank You for supporting me during the last two years as State Advocate. I look forward to serving as your incoming State Treasurer.

Vivat Jesus, Luke A. Williams

State Warden

Hello Brothers! **Derby Week Activities** (Or Not) (Space saver for September)

I Hope & Pray...

- I hope and pray that this is the only time in my life there won't be an eighth race on the first Saturday in May.
- I hope and pray that this is the only time in my life I won't be in church attending Mass every Sunday.
- I hope and pray that this is the only time in my life that I "attend" an online State Convention
- I hope and pray that I don't ever forget my good friend and Council Brother Mikey Small, a man who loved the Lord and His Church, was a strong pro-life prayer warrior, and was found dead in his home from the coronavirus last week at the age of 44.
- I hope and pray for all of you and your families that we all stay safe from the pandemic and soon return to our normal lives. Please wear your masks and gloves and practice social distancing when you leave the house! I don't want to lose another Brother.



Eternal life grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

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State Convention

Technically/technologically the State Convention came off without a hitch. Fraternally, not getting to see my Brothers from across the state was disappointing, to say the least. I hope and pray that we'll be able to meet in person at the Organizational Meeting in July, and we can celebrate our achievements from the past year and share in the fraternity of meeting with friends and Brothers and their families!

I appreciate the opportunity to have served you for the last two years as your State Warden, I thank the delegates for their support in electing me to be your new State Advocate, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Jurisdiction and the Order.

Recruit! and Retain!

It's going to be a while yet before we can do a Church Drive. In the meantime, good old fashioned one on one recruiting can still get the job done.

Congratulations to the 25 councils who have qualified for the new McGivney Award New Member quotas reduced by Supreme. 6 more councils only need one more new member to qualify – there's still plenty of time to get on the phones and get that new Brother Knight! With Supreme letting us use a Fraternal Benefits Night to satisfy our Founders Award New Insurance Member quota, we should be able to see an amazing number of Star Councils this year! Just make sure all your paperwork is submitted and Safe Environment Training is complete. 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, State Advocate Elect

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

May is upon us and things are hopping! Typically, this time of the year, we would have just finished another great State Convention. While we did hold a convention, it was all completed as a phone conference call due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, the meeting format we used did not allow our delegates to hear the direct messages from our speakers as we were limited to about 1-1/2 hours for our session. I encourage all of you to go to WWW.KYKOFC.COM to read up on the details of what we all missed from our "regular" State Convention.



We are fast the approaching wrap up of the fraternal year and have just 2 months to put the final polish on all the great work that has been done by over 12,000 Brother Knights and their families from across the state. At this time every Council should be engaged in their own race to achieve Star Council. Our State Deputy and Membership team is anxious to see every council do the best they can despite the current conditions under which we are required to operate. With the degree changes that have been put in place and the on-going e-Membership program, we have more tool at hand than ever before. These new tools are designed for catholic men who are interested in joining and offers them the option to join through an online degree, or remain as an eMember and join a council at a later date.

These are all impressive recruiting tools but just like any tools in your toolbox, they will never work if you don't use them!

Finally, as we begin to emerge from our lives of isolation and seclusion, I wish you and your family continued good health and safety and remember that no man is alone who believes in God. I look forward to seeing many of you again soon at the upcoming KY Knights of Columbus State gatherings.

Vivat Jesus,

Gabe Cabral Immediate Past State Deputy State Program Director

Bill Schmidt PSD

Brother Knights -

As we continue moving through this COVID-19 pandemic, things are starting to open up. With any luck, we will have the opportunity to gradually resume the programs we had planned for the year. Remember that many of our Brother Knights continue to be alone at home. We must continue to help our fellow Brother Knights and neighbors. We must Leave No Neighbor Behind.

The Columbian Award (SP-7) must be submitted to Supreme as soon as possible. Supreme has reduced the requirements for the Columbian Award for this year only as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Take advantage of the concession and send in your SP-7! For those of you pursuing Star Council, the Star is within your grasp. Submit the Columbian Award Application right away!

Now is the time to make that final push in Membership, Insurance, and Programs to make this year the best one possible for your council. Contact your Grand Knight to find out how you can help. 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. Lastly, now is the time as well to start your 2020 – 2021 program calendar. Newly elected Grand Knights and Program Directors for the coming year need to meet with their Chaplain to schedule the full year's activities. Use the Faith in Action model to guide your program schedule.

Fraternally, Bill Schmidt, PSD, DM General Program Director BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net 270-242-0337





District Master Bill Schmidt PSD

Sir Knights –

It should come as no surprise that the schedule Fourth Degree Exemplification for June 20th in Louisville has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am working on the calendar for the next fraternal year and will send out the proposed dates to the Assemblies so that everyone can plan early.

I am excited to announce that the Fr. Edward Sorin Province is going to hold an on line Fourth Degree Exemplification on June 27th. This will be very similar to the on line Degrees that have been put on by Supreme in the past few weeks in the first, second, and third degrees. I ask that all Fourth Degree Assemblies get to work now on recruiting Third Degree members into the Fourth Degree in preparation for the on line Exemplification. Information has been sent to the Faithful Navigators. If you are interested in being a part of this landmark event, reach out to your affiliated assembly or to me. This is also an opportunity to save some money as the initiation fee has been reduced to \$50 for this event.

Remember that Assemblies can earn the Star Assembly Award by reaching their membership quota, earning the Civic Award (similar to the Columbian Award), entering the "To Be A Patriot" competition, publishing a monthly newsletter, and submitting the required Supreme reports. More information can be found at <u>https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/10486-star-assembly-award.pdf</u>. All Assemblies are encouraged to shoot for the Star Assembly Award! If you have any questions, just ask me.

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

Monthly Update General Agent Daniel Schachle

What a month this has been! I pray that all of you are safe and well and that you remain so. Let's pray for those who have lost their lives, especially those heroes, those health care workers that made the ultimate sacrifice to help save others.

A short essay has made its way around the internet over the past month. It spoke to me and I would like to refer to it and the comparison of these last weeks.

The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid...If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk.

Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that God's love was the most powerful...Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided. They went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth.

This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!

This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like. Although the author is unknown, it's a sobering thought to remember that the disciples were worried, scared, hiding alone..."sheltering in place."



Perhaps being with our loved ones for this extended period of time has opened your eyes a bit. I know it has opened mine. What's really important in my life? What are my priorities? What are my opportunities to serve...to love?

As we pray for a return to our normal lives let's pledge to not let the lessons of these past weeks be forgotten when we return to the hustle and bustle of "normalcy."

Vivat Jesus! Daniel E Schachle

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