

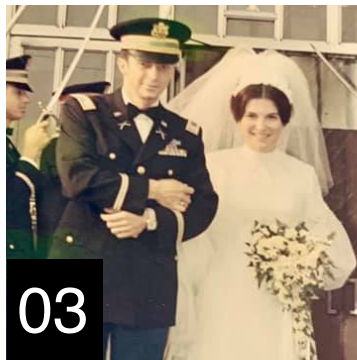


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## 50th Wedding Anniversary

District Deputy Ed Quinn and his wife Kathy celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 13th.





## New Deacons in Lexington

On June 6th, seven men were ordained as deacons in the Diocese of Lexington by Bishop John Stowe. One of those men was Former District Deputy Kurt Sosa. The other six were, Ed Parsons, David James, Jeremy Watson, Lane Marshall, Bob Amato, and transitional deacon candidate, Ron Sagum.

We thank these men for their service to the church and pray for their success in their new roles.



## Robby Higdon Pavilion

On June 14th, 2020, at Council 6743's business meeting, GK James Clemons presented the council with a beautiful sign for their pavilion. It was a gift from GK James Clemons and Brother Knight Allan Pearce. A wonderful, heart-warming, kind-of-a-gift. It read "Robby Higdon Pavilion". To make things even better, Robby's dad, Brother Marty Higdon, attended the meeting unaware of the unveiling. Robby continues to stir emotions with the mention of his name.





# Knights Deliver in Special Olympics Kentucky Salute to Summer Games

When coronavirus forced the cancellation of this year's Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games for the first time in history, the program replaced it with the Salute to Summer Games to commemorate everything that makes the State Summer Games so



special. The Salute included both a fundraising campaign and video presentation about the Games. And just as they do for the traditional Summer Games, Knights of Columbus came through in a big way for Special Olympics in both phases.

The fundraising campaign blew past its \$11,300 goal raising a total of \$21,416. Of that, Knights of Columbus were responsible for more than a quarter, raising or contributing \$5,680. Mount Mercy Council #14604 led the way raising \$1,830. Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390 raised \$1,396. And Bishop Flaget Council #13053 raised \$1,213. In addition, Bardstown Council #1290, St. Margaret Mary Council #15979, Bishop Ackerman Council #5453, Frankfort Council #1483, Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372, St. John/St. Francis Council #11470, and St. Gabriel Council #15699 all made donations in support of the Knights' effort.

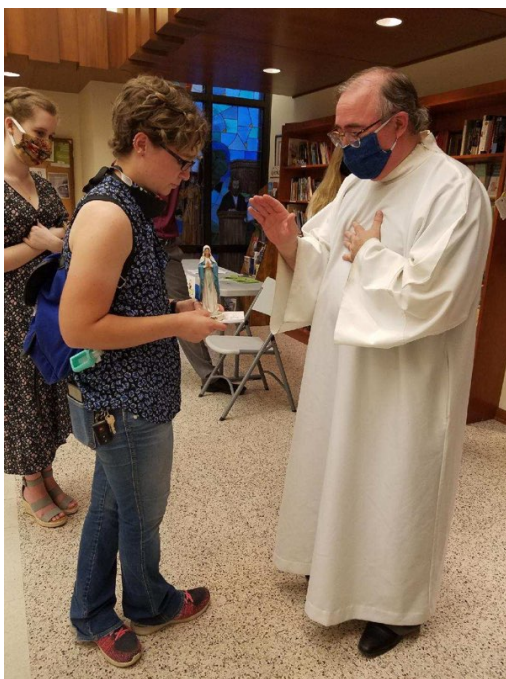
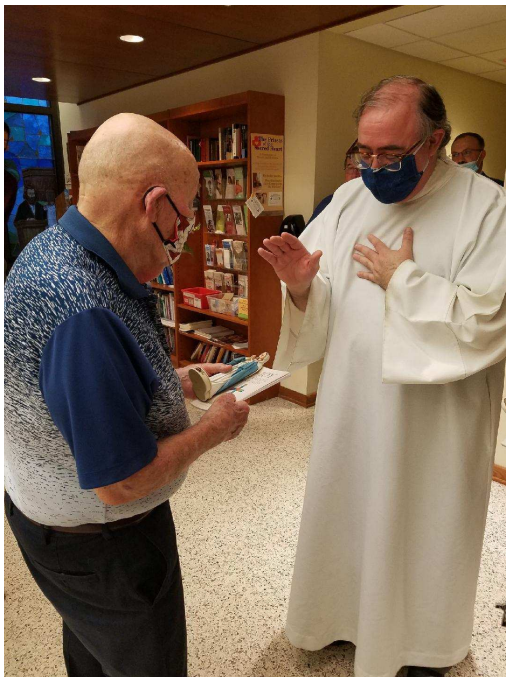
The video featured the Knights of Columbus' contribution to the Summer Games prominently as well. Brother Knight Phil Von Mann of St. Mark Council #12852 participated in the video to discuss the value of volunteering at the Games. Knights of Columbus from St. Mark, Sacred Heart Council #5071 in Corbin and Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary have provided the bulk of the volunteers for the busy softball throw venue for more than 20 years. You can watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/BK1saoQbj6Y>.

For information about how your Council can support upcoming Special Olympics competitive and fundraising efforts, contact Mark Buerger at [mbuerger@soky.org](mailto:mbuerger@soky.org) or 859-338-6075.



## Council 5453 supports RCIA

On Thursday, June 4, 2020, 4 RCIA candidates were welcomed into the church at St. Paul Parish in Florence, KY. Each received a statuette of Mary from Bishop Ackerman Council 5453 as part of the sacramental gifts program. They were blessed by Father Michael Barth.



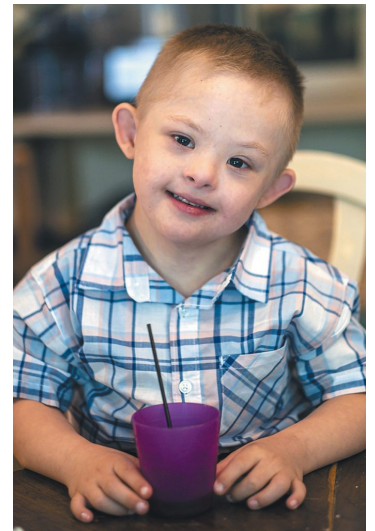


## Fr. McGivney's 1st Miracle - Close to Home

The 1st miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney that allowed him to be beatified was the healing of Michael "Mickey" McGivney Schachle, son of General Agent Daniel Schachle. The story below is a reprint of the story published in the *Tennessee Register* on 6/12/2020 by Andy Telli and can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Mikey Schachle, 5 years old, climbs onto a stump in the yard of his family's home in Dickson, Tennessee. He carefully takes stock of the short distance to the trampoline buried in the ground below him, then slowly steps off the stump into space and falls happily onto the trampoline as some of his 12 brothers and sisters surround him with smiles and hugs.

It's a scene that would have been impossible for his parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, to imagine five years ago when they sat in a doctor's office to hear that their still unborn son had zero chance of living more than a few days or weeks.



It took a miracle to save Mikey.

On Wednesday, May 27, Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing Mikey's cure from a deadly case of fetal hydrops while still in his mother's womb as a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

With the approval of the miracle, Father McGivney's cause for sainthood moves to the next step, beatification, when he will receive the title "Blessed."

"I think God had a plan for Father McGivney. I think God had a plan for Michael," Dan Schachle said of his son's miraculous cure. "You have to be open to God's grace, you have to be open to God's plan, because if you're not open to God's plan, he can't use you."

### **'Stewards of Father McGivney's vision'**

The Schachles like to tell people they met in prison. Michelle was a single mother with twin daughters working in the office of the chief of security at South Central Correctional Facility in Clifton, Tennessee, and Dan was working as a guard.



## Miracle - cont.

Their friendship blossomed into a romance and they were married on Sept. 20, 1997. Michelle's daughters were 4 years old. "Dan married the three of us," she said. After marrying, Dan adopted the two girls.

Michelle converted to Catholicism and entered the Church on their wedding day. "At first I kind of struggled with Mary, which is funny to me now," considering her family is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin, Michelle said.

Praying to saints was another feature of the Catholic faith that was difficult for her to accept at first. "It just seemed to be wrong to go through anybody but Jesus," she said.



One aspect of Catholic teaching that Michelle had no trouble accepting was respect for life. "When I became Catholic, right to life was something I could grab on to," she said.

With a little time, Michelle began to fully embrace all the teachings and devotions of the Catholic Church, and they became a lifeline when she needed them most.

## Miracle - cont.

As their family grew, Dan started looking for a new business opportunity and landed on the possibility of becoming a life insurance agent for the Knights of Columbus, one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe.

He had joined the Knights in 1994 and served as the Grand Knight of Council 8083 at his home parish, St. Mary Church in Savannah, Tennessee.

“The last thing I ever imagined myself being was a life insurance agent,” said Dan, who is now the general agent for the Knights’ insurance program in Tennessee, Kentucky and the eastern half of Arkansas, overseeing the work of 16 agents. “But once I read about Father McGivney and why he set us up, it was really eye opening to me. It was love of women and children that drove him to start the Knights of Columbus.”



“I bought into what he wanted,” he added. “We are the stewards of Father McGivney’s vision. ... I see it as a ministry.”



## Miracle - cont.

### **‘Said yes to God’**

Late in 2014, Michelle became pregnant with Mikey, their 13th child. Dan and Michelle hadn't planned on having such a big family. "We said yes to God one at time," Michelle said.

Michelle's midwife at the Vanderbilt Women's Health program in Nashville referred her for an ultrasound. On the last day of 2014, she was undergoing the ultrasound when the doctors found markers indicating the child had Down syndrome, which is caused when a person has an extra chromosome.

"It didn't matter to us," Dan said. "It's actually a gift to our family."

"We've always thought they were God's special people," Dan said of those with intellectual and developmental delays. "That didn't stop when we had a child with Down syndrome." But the doctors saw some other troubling signs and sent Michelle for more tests. On Feb. 25, 2015, the doctors delivered the news the Schachles feared most, that their child might not survive.

The baby had a severe case of fetal hydrops, a life-threatening condition of an abnormal buildup of fluids in the tissue around the lungs, heart or abdomen or under the skin.

"I had no idea what it was," Dan said.

He pressed the doctor for a percentage on the chances their son would live. "She finally said, 'I've been doing this for 30 years and I've never seen anybody survive,'" he said. The doctor told them "to have hydrops and a chromosomal diagnosis together, it's over," Michelle recalled.

The doctor tried to reassure them. There was no hope for their child, so they shouldn't feel guilty about terminating the pregnancy. The Schachles were told they could induce delivery now or "let nature take its course," Michelle said.

"I didn't like either one of those decisions," Dan said. "It made me mad. My job as a dad is to protect my children, not to kill them."

## Miracle - cont.

The condition was not only a threat to the baby but could also cause serious complications for Michelle, their doctor told them. “If you start getting sick, we’re going to have a very serious talk,” the doctor told Michelle.

For Michelle, the concern was delivering a child stillborn, something that had happened when she was younger. “I became so afraid of delivering another baby stillborn,” she said.



There was a moment when she asked herself, is it really an abortion if there is no hope. She quickly told herself yes it would be. “It was only a spit second, and then it was gone.” “We can both understand parents falling into that decision,” Dan said.

### **Turning to Father McGivney**

Instead, Dan and Michelle turned to Father McGivney for help. The Knights of Columbus have been promoting his sainthood cause since 1997 and the Schachles were members of the Father McGivney Guild, an organization established to support the cause.

As they were alone contemplating the news they had just received, “Dan was quiet for a moment,” Michelle remembered. “He looked at me and said, ‘Father McGivney needs a miracle. I just prayed that if Father McGivney saves him, I’m naming him Michael.’”



## Miracle - cont.

Until then, the couple had planned to name the child Ben.

“What if God decides not to save him?” Michelle asked her husband. In his answer he looked to another opportunity coming just around the corner to offer a powerful prayer for Father McGivney to intercede to save their son’s life.

“We’ve got a trip to Fatima in a couple of weeks,” Dan answered.

Normally, the Knights send their top insurance agents and their families to a resort as a reward for their success. “This was the first time ever the Knights sales award trip was a pilgrimage,” Dan said. The trip, from March 12 – 20 in 2015, included a visit to the Vatican, Madrid, Spain, and the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

Before the trip, Dan and Michelle sent out emails to as many people as they could, asking them to pray for the intercession of Father McGivney to save their son.

“I prayed, ‘Please Father McGivney, let him be the miracle,’” Michelle said. “I went from ‘How will I take care of a child with Down syndrome?’ to ‘Please God, I want a child with Down syndrome.’ I had hope.”

Throughout their pilgrimage, the Schachles were praying for Father McGivney’s intercession to save their son. Priests offered Masses for them in Rome and back home at their parish in Dickson, St. Christopher.

But it was the gospel reading while attending a Mass in Fatima on March 16 with the rest of the more than 250 people on the pilgrimage that left the most powerful impression on Dan and Michelle. The reading for the day was from the Gospel of John 4:43-54, the story of the official who asked Jesus to heal his son. The gospel reads: “The royal official said to him, ‘Sir, come down before my child dies.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You may go; your son will live.’ The man believed what Jesus said to him and left.”



## Miracle - cont.

“We both looked at each other with our mouths open,” Dan said. “It was surreal.”

While on the trip, Dan told one of the officials of the Knights insurance program what the family was going through. “He said, ‘You never know. We’re in Fatima.’”

### **‘There’s always hope’**

Four days after the Schachles returned home from the pilgrimage, Michelle went back to the doctor’s office for another ultrasound to check the baby’s fluid levels and the status of the hydrops.

“I was pretty scared,” Michelle said. “The ultrasound technician, she kept looking and looking, she was taking a long time.”

The technician eventually showed Michelle an ultrasound picture of the baby’s face with none of the swelling and fluid buildup that was so apparent on the last ultrasound. “This is the prettiest baby I’ve ever seen,” she told Michelle.

Dr. Mary-Anne Carroll came into the room to talk to Michelle about the ultrasound. Michelle had never met Dr. Carroll before, having dealt with other doctors in the practice.

“She started talking about this and that, about what we’re going to do when the baby is born,” Michelle said. “I said what about the fluid in the lungs. She said, ‘A lot of babies have a little fluid in the lungs. It’s called wet lungs.’”

“Wait a minute, I was told there’s no hope,” Michelle said.

Dr. Carroll then realized that Michelle and her baby were the patients she had heard about from the other doctors in the practice. “We would meet regularly to review the cases, so it would have been reviewed,” she said.

She consulted with her colleagues who confirmed that the baby was no longer showing any signs of fetal hydrops. “That was a very interesting and potentially unexplained finding,”



## Miracle - cont.



The Schachle family, from left, John Paul, Isabella, Joshua (Dan and Michelle's grandson), Chelsea, Leo, Gianna, Dan, Mickey, Michelle, Joseph, Genevieve, Mary, Danielle, and Nathan. Not pictured are two of Dan and Michelle's daughters, Jessica Lundquist and Diana Piper.

said Dr. Carroll, who now practices at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas. "It was an unexpected finding."

Without knowing the history of the case, "I would not have put together that this baby had hydrops," Dr. Carroll said.

"It was just there and then it was gone," Michelle said. "Then we were just pregnant with a baby with Down syndrome."

"There's a whole host of things that can lead to hydrops," Dr. Carroll said. "We went looking for the cause of the hydrops."

## Miracle - cont.

The condition can be caused by a virus passed from the mother, it can be genetic, or it can be caused by a problem with the heart that leads to a circulation failure, Dr. Carroll explained. “It can be a cause we never know.”

If the cause of the hydrops is reversible, Dr. Carroll said, doctors can treat the cause in hopes of saving the child. “Michelle had testing to look for some of the reversible causes, which we didn’t identify,” Dr. Carroll said.

“Short of there being hydrops as a result of an identifiable, reversible cause, the classic teaching is that hydrops is irreversible,” Dr. Carroll said.

When she heard that the hydrops had disappeared, “Michelle was overwhelmed because she had prayed over this,” Dr. Carroll recalled. “She really felt this was an answer to prayers.”

“Wearing a medical hat, you have to look for other reasons,” Dr. Carroll said. “But I can’t exclude that there was a miracle here because there was grave concern and disappearance of what we consider a terminal or not reversible endpoint.”





## Miracle - cont.

But Mikey and Michelle weren't completely out of the woods. Doctors were worried that the blood flow through the umbilical cord was restricted and the baby was not receiving enough nutrients. When Michelle came to the doctor's office for another checkup on May 15, 2015, week 31 of her pregnancy, the doctors told her, "There's an issue. We have to do the C-section today."

"I felt completely at peace," Michelle said. "Let's not forget, (the doctors at Vanderbilt University Medical Center) saved my child too."

Dan was in San Antonio, Texas, for a business meeting. He caught the first available flight back to Nashville. "He was born when I was between Dallas and Nashville," Dan said. Michael McGivney Schachle was born at 2:23 p.m. on May 15, 2015, more than two months premature, weighing 3 pounds 4 ounces.

"Michael was perfect just the way he was," Michelle said.

Mikey was still facing serious health issues. Like many babies born with Down syndrome, Mikey had a heart condition that required surgery, which was performed seven weeks after he was born. He spent a total of 71 days in the hospital.

At six months of age, he also nearly died because of a respiratory illness that kept him in the hospital for about six weeks more before he recovered.

Today, his health problems are under control and he is an active 5-year-old. "He's a healthy little boy," Dan said.

### **'Looked pretty promising'**

When Dan told folks at the Knights' Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut, about Mikey's cure and birth, they asked if they could inform those working on Father McGivney's sainthood cause. Dan quickly agreed.

## Miracle - cont.

Word of Mikey's birth soon made it to Brian Caulfield, the vice postulator of Father McGivney's sainthood cause. Part of his job is to do an initial investigation into possible miracles attributed to Father McGivney's intercession.

"Basically, a miracle is defined as an extraordinary event that has no current medical or scientific explanation," Caulfield said.

Two previous healings had been presented to officials in Rome as possible miracles, but both had been rejected, Caulfield said. "It shows you the high standard they have" when evaluating whether an event is indeed a miracle, he added.

"It looked pretty promising," Caulfield said of Mikey's cure. "You never know until you start getting medical records and testimony of medical experts."

"This was such a severe case that it was distinguished from the others," Caulfield said of Mikey's medical prognosis. "This was considered by the doctors to be such a severe case, that they did not expect the child to survive."

The second hurdle in having Mikey's cure declared a miracle was determining that the prayers to save his life were specifically directed to Father McGivney, Caulfield said. "It was pretty intentional" on the part of the Schachles, Caulfield said. "Once (Dan) saw the dire prognosis and that a miracle was going to be needed to save this child, he was clear he wanted to pray to Father McGivney."

On a trip to Tennessee to interview the Schachles, Caulfield asked them why the child was healed of hydrops but not of Down syndrome.

"We never prayed to have Down syndrome healed. That wasn't life threatening," they answered. "We thought a child with Down syndrome would be a blessing for our family." "A tear came to my eye," Caulfield said. "I said I feel like I've got real people of faith here. To me, that said this is why God has chosen this family."

**'Never had any doubts'**



## Miracle - cont.

The next step was a tribunal held in the Diocese of Nashville to investigate the case. It was the first time since the diocese was founded in 1837 that a tribunal had been convened to investigate a possible miracle.

The tribunal serves as a fact-gathering body and interviewed the Schachles and all the doctors involved in the case. "It was like being deposed," Dan said of the process.

Just as Caulfield had asked, members of the tribunal wanted to know why the Schachles didn't pray their son would be cured of Down syndrome as well.

"Why would we have asked for that," Dan told the tribunal. "God made him that way. I'm good with that."

"To ask for him to not have Down syndrome is to ask that he not be the way God wanted him," Michelle added.

The tribunal also asked how they knew the cure was the result of Father McGivney's intercession and not that of Our Lady of Fatima.

The Schachles recounted how they specifically prayed for the intercession of Father McGivney and asked so many others to do the same. At the same time, Knights of Columbus around the world have been offering up prayers for Father McGivney's canonization, which requires two miracles attributed to his intercession, Dan noted.

"There are so many coincidences, how can you look at this and not know it was Father McGivney," said Dan as he ticked off a list: Mikey was born on May 15, the same date in 1882 that the first Knights of Columbus council was chartered; Michelle and Father McGivney share a birthday; Father McGivney was the oldest of 13 children and Mikey is the youngest of 13.

"I looked at Father McGivney and I looked at what the Knights of Columbus does for special needs children, for the pro-life cause," Dan said. "If there was ever a baby Father McGivney would want to help, this is who it would be."

## Miracle - cont.

“You couldn’t write with a human brain a more perfect story,” Dan said. “All these things we thought were coincidences, were not coincidences. It was God writing the story.”

After the diocesan tribunal completed its report, it was sent to the postulator of the sainthood cause in Rome, who had it translated into Italian and submitted it to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for its review.

A panel of physicians in Rome examined the medical record and a panel of theologians examined the spiritual record of the case before making a recommendation for the pope’s approval, Caulfield said.

“We never had any doubts” Mikey’s cure would be declared a miracle, Dan said.

### **‘The happy beneficiaries’**

And on May 27, it was.

“About 6 a.m. our phones started blowing up with text messages,” Dan said.

“Everything that the Knights stand for ... all of those things are in our story,” Michelle said. Reflected in Mikey’s miracle are the Knights’ dedication to respecting life in all its stages, the order’s support for people with intellectual and developmental delays, its support for families, and the example of Father McGivney for all parish priests, she said.

When Dr. Carroll, who is Catholic and whose father was a Knight, found out about the Vatican’s decree that Mikey’s cure was a miracle, “I told Michelle I was just in awe and dumbfounded and amazed.”

“We know this isn’t anything we’ve done,” Dan said. “Millions of people have been praying for Father McGivney. We’re the happy beneficiaries.”

“We have Michael,” Michelle said. “Michael’s life has changed our life.”

“It helped our family not take our faith for granted,” Dan said. “It made me examine myself. I could never deserve what God has done for us.”



## Miracle - cont.

"You believe in God, but when he shows up and it's undeniable that he's there, it's like a big light," Dan added. "How unworthy I was compared to God's holiness. We're completely unworthy."

"We're not perfect. All of us have issues, all families do," Michelle said. "I've seen really holy families, but we're just normal, I promise you."

She's wary of the attention that will be focused on her family now that Mikey's cure has been declared a miracle. "But his story is so important," she said of her son's cure and Father McGivney's powerful intercession for him, "I want it to get out."

"We've prayed a lot as a family the last month or two ... that God keep us focused on the right thing," said Dan, to remember that it is God's love and mercy that is responsible for Mikey's miracle.

A personal note from General Agent, Daniel Schachle.

"We could never thank the members of the Knights of Columbus enough for their decades of prayers for our Founder's cause. Their prayers saved my son's life."

# Membership Update

## Billy Hancock PSD

I am winding down my two-year tenure as the State Membership Director. It is not the way I wanted it to end. I wanted to leave with the State Deputy in the Circle of Honor, but it will not happen. Supreme lowered the membership quota from 540 to 459. As of June 9, the Councils and e-members amassed an intake of 349 – 110 members short of goal. The 9000th associate member goal has taken a giant step backward. From lacking one member in December, the jurisdiction now needs sixty-six to qualify for an additional supreme council delegate.

Suspensions/withdrawals has taken its toll. I am enclosing four attachments to this narrative. All four are current data for the fraternal year through June 12. One shows fifty-nine Councils that have grown. Another shows 30 Councils with zero growth. Another shows ten Councils that have negative growth. Finally, I have added a chart showing ten Councils that have achieved or exceeded both their membership and insurance quotas. Congratulations to the Grand Knights and members of the fifty-nine Councils that have grown by at least one member. Congratulations to the ten Councils that have both their membership and insurance toward Star Council. I do not have information on Councils that have been credited with their insurance quota via conducting an insurance promotion night.

Fraternally,  
Bill Hancock, PSD  
Membership Director

4 Attachments can be viewed online  
[Councils with Both Membership and Insurance](#)  
[Councils with Growth](#)  
[Councils with Zero Growth](#)  
[Councils with Negative Growth](#)



History Report

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# History Report

## Billy Hancock PSD

Three years ago, I wrote an article for the State Newsletter titled "Time for an Update". The original article is attached. Please read it. It is an appeal to the Councils to update or write their history. Three years later I have received historical updates from only thirteen of over one hundred Councils. I recently received an excellent one from St. John St. Francis Council 11470, Georgetown that I want to share with you. It is a very thorough history of their Council. Their format could be used as a template for you to submit your Council history.

I have been asked by the State Deputy Elect to remain the State Historian. I will do so. Please share your history with us.

**Fraternaly,**  
**Bill Hancock, PSD**  
**State Historian**

2 Attachments:

[Time for an Update](#)

[Council 11470 History for an example](#)

Click on the above links to access the articles.



Monthly Update

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## State Deputy

### Cameron Peck

Brothers,

July 1st is just around the corner and that will bring my term as State Deputy to a close. I want to thank everyone for the work you have done for me and the Kentucky jurisdiction over the past two years. It has been an honor to lead this wonderful group of dedicated Catholic men. I am not going anywhere, just changing job titles.

I look forward to helping the jurisdiction however I am asked going forward. I have said it several times during my term, and I am going to say it again. I could not be any prouder of this jurisdiction and our members than I am right now. You are a great group of men and I am proud to call you my brothers!

Last month I challenged each of the councils to make a donation to Special Olympics equal to \$0.50 per council member to aid Special Olympics in their Salute to Summer Games campaign. Several (13) councils accepted that challenge and some of them went big. The final results can be viewed on our website [here](#). A special thanks goes out to the following councils for participating in this terrific cause - 390, 1290, 1320, 1483, 5453, 11470, 12502, 12965, 13053, 14604, 14372, 15699, and 15979. In total these councils raised \$5,800.00 for Special Olympics. Way to go!

As we approach June 30th, the words I said in my first state of the jurisdiction address are still relevant today, and maybe even more so.

*"It is tempting to view June 30th as the finish line, but similar to a Nascar race, July 1 is not the finish line, it is the beginning of the next lap of the race. So, don't slow down because we are almost there, we need to be thinking about how we can run the next lap faster, stronger, and more efficiently."*

**Vivat Jesus,  
Cameron Peck  
State Deputy**

Monthly Update

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# State Secretary

## Steve Zanone



Brother Knights,

We are going through times, which can only be described as very strange. Our whole world has been turned upside down. Cameron has the distinction of being the first, and hopefully only, State Deputy who could not host a live convention. I have the dubious honor of being the first State Deputy elected via a virtual meeting. Please do not let these strange events stop you and your councils from doing good works. The new Supreme Leave No Neighbor Behind program is the most important program right now. Be sure to reach out to all of your members either through a phone call, text, or in person visit. An email will not cut it this time guys. We have to reach out and be assured our families are okay. If your council has not started this yet, please get on it. I say our neighbor is every family in your parish. Try to contact all of them. In addition, be sure your council is the go-to group for Father as your parish resumes ministry.

Recruiting will not stop because of a virus and lockdown. Have men to join as e-members, then either ask them to attend the online degree or use the new ceremony live at your council if possible. The new ceremony is faster, safer, and once completed gives you a 3rd degree member. We should be able to get some new men interested through checking on parish members and being very visible in our parishes as we re-open them. Keep the faith, and keep showing your Catholic neighbors who we are, and what they have to gain by joining us.

I want thank Cameron for all of his dedication and hard work as our State Deputy. None of us could know how strange this year would wind up, and he has remained dedicated and philosophical no matter what the virus or the Supreme Council has thrown our way. He stood his ground to be sure that the PSDs and DDs would be allowed to participate in the convention meeting, and I am proud of him for that.

On a personal note, thank you for all of the prayers and calls about my wife Sandra and her condition. On April 29, she suffered a massive hemorrhagic stroke, which required surgery. The surgeon would not give me odds of her surviving through the O.R. As I sat alone in that waiting room, I asked for and received the intervention of Fr McGivney. She came through better than expected. It was 2 weeks later before we saw her again, which



Monthly Update

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## Zanone cont.

was a painful time for all of my family. The damage is severe, but she is in rehab now and only time will tell what her recovery will be.

Brothers, be assured we are working on plans for the new fraternal year. While we may be behind, we will be ready on July 1st. We do plan an in person Organizational meeting, but we will limit attendance and try to do part of it online. More details will follow. I am honored and humbled to be your next State Deputy. I will do my very best for the good of the order.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Steve Zanone  
State Deputy Elect**



# State Treasurer

## Tom Johnson

The end of the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year is quickly coming to a close. It clearly has been a most unusual Fraternal Year. Everything started out as normal with:

State and Council meetings taking place, Councils providing assistance to their parish communities and communities at large, Fish Fries kicked off the Lenten Season, Attending Mass on Sundays & throughout the

week was routine, And then...everything stopped:

No more in person State or Council meetings, No more gatherings to work on parish and community projects, Fish Fries came to a screeching halt, No more attending Mass .

The good news is that even with all of the negative news and events that took place and are still taking place we have the knowledge that we live in God and God lives in us and we know that "God Is Good All The Time".

This most unusual time has provided us with a most unique opportunity. When our everyday fast paced hustle and bustle came to a screeching halt we were like "what just happened"? I hope you & your family were able to take advantage of this unusual time. I know I did and I thank God for the time to reflect, to pray, to be with my children and grandchildren & to spend time with my mother.

My grandmother use to say that "there is no ill wind that doesn't blow some good". Once again she was right.

I'd like to congratulate those councils that have achieved the prestigious State Deputy Award and the many other councils that achieved awards. Congratulations to all!

State Deputy Cameron Peck and State Deputy Elect Steve Zanone are working on a plan to recognize these councils in a way that is deserving of their hard work.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Will there be an Organizational meeting in July? Many are asking the same question. Supreme has asked the State Jurisdictions to consider holding virtual meetings similar to our State Convention. However Supreme also left open the possibility of holding an in person Organizational Meeting if we adhere to KY State guidelines. Stay tuned!

# Johnson cont.

## Treasure's Notes:

May Financials are in the book. At the end of May, 2020 the following monies were available for each program:

### KY Heavenly Pennies Program

Covington	-	\$599.67
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.

## In Closing:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank State Deputy Cameron Peck for his leadership and hard work over the past two years. Few people understand the commitment and dedication required to be a State Deputy. Cameron has excelled in both dedication and commitment. I am proud to call him a friend and Brother Knight.

Well done Worthy State Deputy Cameron Peck! Well Done!

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Tom Johnson**

**State Treasurer**



# State Advocate

## Luke Williams

Brother Knights,

### **Resolutions submitted for the 2020 KY State Meeting**

Last month, we concluded our 117th State Meeting via telephone. We had a large slate of State and Council submitted Resolutions this year that were to be considered. As per the KY State Bylaws, I received 21 Resolutions submitted by Local and the State Council by the March 15, 2020 deadline. Out of the 21 Resolutions, 3 were immediately deemed out of order since they dealt with 4th Degree matters, and 2 were reviewed by an Appointed Special Resolutions Committee and deemed as not in line with KofC Guidelines for Resolutions to be considered. At the May 9, 2020 KY State Resolutions Committee virtual meeting, 1 additional resolution was requested by the State Deputy to be considered (According to KY State Bylaws, this resolution may be considered only when directed by the State Deputy to the Resolution Committee and 2/3rds of the resolution committee, by vote, recommend consideration) and the Committee voted to recommend consideration. This "17th" State resolution was drafted to recognize the accomplishments of PSD Robert N. Hood who recently passed away in April.

Since the State Virtual meeting was shortened by Special Rules outlined by the Supreme Council (in accordance with Charter Constitution and Laws of The Knights of Columbus), Resolutions #1 thru #12 & #17 were presented together and were voted on. They are the resolutions that are normally submitted at the KY State Convention that recognize notable achievements by members, clergy, or causes. These resolutions together, were recommended and approved as Adopted.

Resolution #13 was submitted to make a change to current KY State Bylaw dealing with Article III Elections-Section 2(c). A "candidate review committee" will be convened for "new" candidates for State Office instead of the wording "election committee" since during the State Meeting, there is already an Election Committee tasked per bylaws. This resolution was recommended and approved as Adopted.

Resolution #14 asks the Supreme Directors to consider a "Paid for Life Dues" option. This resolution was recommended and approved as Adopted.



## Williams cont.

Resolution #15 was submitted by a local council proposing that Article I of the KY State Bylaws be amended to name what individuals of the State Council and what members of the general State Membership be allowed to be a part of those named to be delegates sent to the Supreme Convention. As presented, the resolution content was deemed to have merit and met the bylaws guidelines to be considered by the resolution committee. It was felt by the resolution committee that a recommendation of "refer to State Executive Committee" be made so issues in conflict with Bylaws, could try to be worked out before being sent for Supreme Director review. The recommendation was voted down. At that point, rather than a vote to adopt or reject the resolution as written, the State Advocate ruled the Resolution out of order since even if it was adopted by the State Delegates, it would have been rejected by the Supreme Advocate's office due to the use of a lottery to elect delegates to the Supreme Convention is not permitted.

Resolution #16 asked that a submitted Fiscal Responsibility Resolution be considered. The recommendation from our resolutions committee was "NO ACTION" due to it was felt that the resolution proposes something that is already in effect in the State Council or in the Order.

### **The Knights of Columbus principles in action**

Many Councils and Individuals would have been acknowledged for their efforts during the Awards session of this year's State Convention but this has been a very tough 3 months..... "Thank You" and appreciation to all Brother Knights for all of their hard work and efforts. Your work, support and help are very much appreciated

As the response to this coronavirus has shown, the impacts of a pandemic can cause confusion, fear and disorientation. Our Order responded with the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" initiative along with other guidance to help Knights and their families stay focused on our Catholic principles. We have also watched People expressing opposition to injustices and racism. We continue to see the tragedies of both these crisis's add up to shocking and stinging totals. We must face it with love and compassion toward our neighbors. Please continue your commitment to contribute in the ways we know best and serve everyone.

### **Acknowledgement and Gratitude**

Congratulations to outgoing Council Officers and good luck to all new incoming Officers. Finally, I am grateful for your support the past two years that I have served as your State Advocate.

**Vivat Jesus**

**Luke A. Williams**

**State Advocate**

# State Warden

## Dick Burns



Brothers Knights,

### **Covid-19**

Finally back to Mass and Holy Communion! It's not over, but we're at last being able to take steps to return to normal – or the “new normal”, whatever that may be.

We just learned yesterday of another victim – the Supreme Convention scheduled in Washington DC in August is now going to be virtual. But I did get to attend a face to face Business Meeting of Bishop Spalding Council 2761 last week, with masks and proper social distancing (they are blessed to have facilities the size that they're able to do it). There was a Brother Knight there who survived Covid-19. God is good! But please continue to use every precaution to keep yourself and your families safe from this disease. I don't think I'll feel “safe” until I've had a vaccination.

### **A couple more “I Hopes”:**

I hope that we get to vote in our precincts in November

I hope I never again have to look forward to going to the grocery or megastore because they have better quality toilet paper than what they have left (if any) whenever I'm there (8^<

### **Happy New Year!**

No, not that New Year, the new Fraternal Year 2020-2021.

Congratulations to those Councils who earned Columbian, McGivney, and Founders Awards and what I hope are several Star Councils. Now is the time to review your Council's successes for the year, and think about how you can tweak them to maintain and improve them in the coming year. Take advantage of the available Supreme on-line training aids and webinars. Your District Deputies and State Officers are here to help you any way we can.

Thanks to all the outgoing Council Officers for the work they've done for the Order and to the Brothers who are stepping up to take their places. Thank you for all the good works you've accomplished this year through Faith in Action!



# Burns cont.

## **Recruit! and Retain!**

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. Be sure to use the new eMembership as a tool to get men to take the first step toward full membership.

## **Vivat Jesus!**

### **Dick Burns**

### **State Warden**

Show me your faith without works, and I'll show you my faith by my works. James 2:18

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# Immediate Past State Deputy

## Gabe Cabral

My Brother Knights, we are closing out yet another fraternal year. As we look around, we find ourselves in a swirl of activity all over the world. From global protests to pandemics, our world has been changed forever. At the same time, councils across the state have continued to work hard to complete their programs for the betterment of their communities and bettering themselves in the process. Doing good things for others, without expecting anything in exchange (CHARITY) has an unexpected return on the time you invest. You can see it in a child's face at a KofC Christmas Party or Easter Egg Hunt- Maybe we'll be able to have one next year. You can see it in the tears of a handicapped person when their wheelchair ramp is finished. And you can see it in the dedicated priests who are sponsored by the RSVP program.



With so many distractions all around us, it would be easy to be swept up by the waves of worry and ride out the storm in isolation. So how did we continue our work during these trying times? -By adapting and overcoming the obstacles and limits placed in our way. I have been a silent observer and host to several online council and assembly meetings, and I can confidently report to you that the work of the Knights of Columbus continues. What is left for us is to share the rewards and opportunities and help create some potentially great Knights. Just as many of us have planted our spring garden for a summer crop, now is the time to begin planting the seeds of interest in next year's crop of new Knights.

As I step out of State Council office, I would like to thank those brother knights who I have had the great pleasure to work alongside. Your dedication and hard work have been an inspiration to me and others around you. My final count of miles travelled while in office totals an equivalent distance of 3 trips around the globe (75588 miles). Most of those miles have been on the road, and most have been with my lovely copilot, Claudine. I ask that you consider committing yourself to becoming the best Knight possible and involve your family in everything you do. You will get back so much more in return.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Gabe Cabral**

**Immediate Past State Deputy**

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# State Program Director

## Bill Schmidt PSD



Brother Knights,

The end of the fraternal year is virtually here. Star Council has become the focus for me and for many of you, I am sure. If your council is pursuing Star Council and you need some help, let me know!

The Columbian Award (SP-7) must be submitted to Supreme right now if you have not already done so. 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. Remember that even though COVID-19 regulations are starting open up, 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. Find out where the needs are and help your neighbor today.

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.

I would like to thank all of you for the great interaction we have had for the past four years serving as Program Director. As of July 1, I will be serving as the Executive Secretary to State Deputy-elect Steve Zanone. Mike Kuchenbrod will take over as Program Director. I know he will do a fantastic job. Please work with him in the same manner as you have with me and I know you will continue to be successful.

**Fraternally,**

**Bill Schmidt, PSD, DM**

**General Program Director**

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## District Master

### Bill Schmidt PSD

Sir Knights,

First, I would like to remind everyone 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. 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 <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/10486-star-assembly-award.pdf>. All Assemblies are encouraged to shoot for the Star Assembly Award! If you have any questions, just ask me.

Lastly, once your Assembly has elected their officers, please send me the report of officers chosen so that we can update the directories. This is the most important information that your Assembly has to offer. Please email the report to [BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net](mailto:BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net).

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**

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# General Agent

## Daniel Schachle



The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

## Schachle cont.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or its been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Daniel E Schachle**



## Upcoming Events

### June

Virtual 4th Degree Exemplification 27

### July

Beginning of new Fraternal Year 1

Organizational Meeting 18-19

### August

Virtual Supreme Convention 4-5

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