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KY State Council Newsletter

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Monthly Update

State Deputy Steve Zanone

My Brother Knights,

The Kentucky delegation attended the first, and hopefully only, virtual Supreme Convention last week in Lexington. I must say that as much as I enjoyed the time with the other delegates, it was very strange to attend the Supreme Convention that way. Thankfully, we had the benefit of Father Mario. He made sure that we all were able to receive Holy

Communion during both Masses. His participation in Mass made things seem a little more normal for us. We are lucky to have him as our State Chaplain. You can be proud of the fact that all of your delegates represented the State very well. The full delegation attended all of the online sessions, and the wives attended the Masses and the awards ceremony. We all made the best of a strange situation and I am proud of all of our delegates.

As we enter the second month of the fraternal year, we find ourselves stuck in the mud as far as recruiting goes. I understand that it is hard to recruit when your council isn't meeting, and I am going to offer a couple of suggestions. First, the State Council has a Zoom subscription that we will make available to any council needing to have a meeting. All you need to do is ask, and one of the State Officers will be happy to host it for you. The second suggestion is that while the weather is nice, hold your meeting in the parking lot of your parish, with the permission of your pastor of course. Bring a lawn chair, mask up, spread out, and hold your meeting. We must protect ourselves, but we absolutely must find ways to meet. Our programs need to go on. The "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program needs to be in full swing right now. Reach out to all your members, and their widows, to be sure they have what they need. Some older members may just need someone to talk to. Our priests probably have many things they need help with during these strange and troubling times. Vote on your new candidates and use the new online degree ceremony to get them into the order. Adapt and overcome brothers. Some of our councils are beginning to figure out how to recruit in spite of the pandemic. To assist us, Supreme has extended free online membership to new

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members until the end of August. If you have a man who wants to join, this is a great way to do it. He can join as an e-member now, and you can vote on him at the next council meeting, virtual or in person.

The final topic I wish to address is the current political environment. Brothers, we must all remember that we do not bring partisan politics into the order. We all have our opinion and we are entitled to that. However, we must never speak on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. As per Supreme directives, we do not participate in protests as Knights of Columbus councils or assemblies. You are absolutely free to do so as an individual, but not as a Knights group. I mention this only because I have been asked multiple times as to our position. Our position is to defer to the Supreme Council.

Brothers, let's squeeze these lemons and make lemonade. I believe this is our time to show everyone why our order is needed more now than ever.

**Vivat Jesus,
Steve Zanone
State Deputy**

Monthly Update

State Secretary

Tom Johnson



If you missed it...it's your own fault!

I'm talking about the State Organizational Meeting. This year's meeting, which was held in Georgetown, was offered in person for the State Officers and District Deputies and "virtually" for GKs, FSSs, Program Directors and anyone else that wanted to attend. While the overall in person and virtual attendance was good, we know that not every council was represented. State Deputy Steve Zanone did a good job of keeping the meeting on track and shared a lot of information.

Fellows, as the saying goes...you can take the horse to water but you can't make it drink. The same goes for you...if you choose not to attend the meetings offered by the State Council, then, there is little we can do to help you. We're here for you. We want you to succeed. Please allow us to help you.

Supreme Convention:

This year's Supreme Convention was held "virtually" from New Haven, CT on August 3rd & 4th. Much of the convention was carried by EWTN and both the Opening Mass and the Memorial Mass took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven. St. Mary's is the home parish of Fr. McGivney. The Memorial Mass was especially important as five (5) former members of the KY Jurisdiction were recognized. They were:

Robert (Bob) Hood	-	PSD
Rev. Aloysius Powers	-	FSC
Ray Grudzielanek	-	FDD
Richard Kusak	-	FGA
John Shoemaker	-	FGA

Your State Officers gathered in Lexington for the two day event and we were blessed to have State Chaplin Fr. Mario join us and celebrate Mass with us. Supreme Knight Carl

Johnson cont.

Anderson shared with us the accomplishments of the past year, the impact of the Leave No Neighbor Behind campaign and his frustration and anger over the destruction of Catholic statues and the continued assault on the Christian Community at large. He encouraged all Knights to step into the breach and stand up for our Catholic Faith and fight this culture of death. Now is not the time to sit back and do nothing. Pull out your Rosaries and pray for Mary's intercession.

Secretary's Report:

New Member Billing – 1

An email went out to the GK & FS of those councils that recruited a new member between Jan 1, 2020 and Jun 30, 2020 on July 27, 2020. If you know your council recruited a new member during that time period and you did not receive an email please contact me to make sure that I have a valid email address for the GK & FS.

There are a number of councils that have not paid their NMB-1, NMB-2 or Per Capita fees from last fraternal year. As a result, I am auditing the State's records to determine which councils may not have paid their fees. If you receive an email from me indicating that you owe money and you believe that you have already paid your fees please contact me so that I can determine why your payment is not showing in the proper classification.

I will leave you with this thought...

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 dated April 15, 2019

Let's make the 2020-2021 fraternal year a banner year for all.

Take care & God Bless,

Tom Johnson

State Secretary



Monthly Update

State Treasurer

Luke Williams

Worthy Brothers,

Oh, how things around us have changed in the past 4 months.

Technological communication is alive and well.

KY State Organizational Meeting Highlights

At the Kentucky State Council Organizational Meeting held July 18, 2020 at the Cardome Center in Georgetown, KY, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson requested us to keep in mind to “Protect the Vulnerable”. Many Councils are not able to meet or have functions for many reasons. One suggestion made by the Supreme Knight to keep in touch is to have a “Technology Director” appointed to help with the different online or phone options available so Brothers can still talk about important activities that support our principles. Please consider helping out your council with this important task. The State Council Zoom account is available for use...just have your Grand Knight or District Deputy contact a State Officer for help with this. Continue to work with your Pastor; you know they need us now. Help your local Community, take advantage of online membership, and take this time to train as many members, Officers and Directors via the Supreme website online training webinars (See link for Training below).

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 District Deputies in attendance at the meeting online and at the Cardome Center.

I encourage you to go to the KY State website and view the July Organizational Meeting presentations using these links:

<https://kykofc.com/>

<https://kykofc.com/org-anizational-meeting-supporting-documents/>

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If you have the need for any forms or Training, check out these two links:

Forms

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab1>

Training

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/fraternal-training.html>

Peace,
Luke A. Williams
State Treasurer

State Advocate

Dick Burns



Brothers Knights,

Supreme Convention

I just “attended” the first (and hopefully last) online virtual Supreme Convention. You can see some of it at KofC.org/convention. I particularly recommend the Supreme Knight’s opening address and the Papal Greeting and Homilies from the Opening and Memorial Mass. While lacking the impact of a normal opening mass with the long procession of Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, and Cardinals having our own Father Mario Tizziani concelebrating Mass with us still made it a special moment. We Knights of Kentucky are blessed to have him as our State Chaplain.

At the Memorial Mass we commemorated the passing of Former State Deputy Robert N. Hood, and Former District Deputies Deacon Dan Parker and Raymond E. Grudzielanek. Good Catholic Gentleman who we lost during the last Fraternal Year. May they rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Of special note, a resolution was proposed and accepted at the State Convention by St. Theresa Council 2282 in Brandenburg proposing a new “Paid for Life Dues” option allowing a one-time dues payment like some other fraternal organizations. At the Supreme Convention it was deemed to have merit by the convention Resolutions Committee and referred to the Board of Directors for further consideration. Last year there was a resolution to change our degree structure, and it resulted in our new concurrent 1st/2nd/3rd Degree exemplification, so we may see something come from Council 2282’s resolution sometime soon!

Burns cont.

Star Councils!

Congratulations to the 17 Councils (up from only 6 last year!) who earned Star Council Status this Fraternal Year:

District 2

Council 10988 Calvert City

District 3

Council 1055 Paducah

District 6

Council 7847 Hopkinsville

Council 15181 Dawson Springs/Princeton

Council 15914 Ft. Campbell

District 7

Council 11132 Madisonville

District 9

Council 16232 Scottsville

District 10

Council 6743 Grayson County

District 14

Council 15525 Jeffersontown

Council 15841 Louisville

Council 15979 Louisville

Council 16125 Louisville

District 15

Council 390 Louisville

Council 13053 Louisville

Council 14604 Pee wee Valley

District 16

Council 11470 Georgetown

District 21

Council 5453 Bishop Ackermann

Burns cont.

35 Other Councils earned some combination of the Columbian Award (Service), McGivney Award (Membership) and/or Founder's Award (Insurance), so over half of Kentucky's active councils won Supreme awards this Fraternal year!

Council Forms

Form 365, the Service Program Personnel Report was due 8/1. As of 8/5 Supreme reports that 55 councils have not yet submitted this form. This is important so that new Program, Youth, and Family Chairmen requiring SET qualifications can be notified and other Chairmen can get important information and training.

Form 185, the Report of Officers Chosen for the Term, was due 6/30. As of 8/5, Supreme reports that 25 Councils have not submitted this Form. This is important so that new Grand Knights requiring SET qualifications can be notified and other Officers can get important information and training

We recognize that most councils are not holding physical meetings and some aren't holding any meetings and may not have able to have elections yet. If that's the case, please submit new forms with last year's names and change them later.

Form 1295, the Semiannual Council Audit Report, is due 8/15. As of 8/5 Supreme Reports that 29 councils have not submitted this form. Of those 29, 20 are two or more audits behind, and 2 of those are more than 3 years behind. Councils who miss consecutive audits are subject to having the \$5K bond that Supreme provides for Treasurers and Financial Secretaries revoked.

SET Compliance

The GK, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director of each council are required to take KofC provided Safe Environment Training. As of 8/5, Supreme reports 73 Brothers from 32 councils whose status is pending, meaning that they will have to do first time or refresher training this year. Those people will be getting notification from Supreme shortly and will get 30 days to complete the training. There may be more as we submit more Form 365s and 185s.

Burns cont.

Covid-19 Impact

We streamed the State Organizational Meeting online last month for the first time in July and we had the Supreme Convention online in August. Many councils are conducting business online, a very few with in person meetings, and a few are not meeting at all. My council's meeting space in the parish school library has been converted to a classroom, and no groups are allowed to meet with more than 10 people, so we're going all online for the foreseeable future.

If your council is having problems conducting online meetings, reach out to me or one of the other state officers. We have access to a pro version of Zoom and can facilitate your meeting for you.

Please continue to take care of yourselves. Two weeks ago, my granddaughter was supposed to babysit next door for fellow parishioners we know well and thought were following safe practices. They called it off because one of the kids was running a fever. They had her tested and it came back positive. None of the other 4 people in the house tested positive and thankfully her symptoms were mild, and she recovered quickly. You can't be too careful, and I don't want to lose another brother to this disease.

Recruit! and Retain!

At least 11 councils have initiated new Brother Knights so far this year, despite the pandemic.

St. Andrew's Apostles Council 17234 in Harrodsburg has already brought in 6 new members, 200% of their quota. I'm going to get a hold of them and see what their secret to success is! I'd be surprised if eMembership and the new exemplification haven't been a part of it.

Feel free to ask your District Deputy, the State Officers, or our Regional Growth Director for assistance in recruiting!

Burns cont.

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 will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18

State Warden

Gary Dykhuis



Brothers All,

The Organizational meeting was different from years past, hopefully you were able to join us in person or by virtual. This year is going to present some new challenges for our Order, some councils will be able to meet in-person, while others can use Zoom.

For those District Deputies who were able to be there in person, they were able to pick up the Football Frenzy Tickets. I have mailed the tickets for those who were unable to attend. This year I did not send tickets to Councils that did not sell tickets last year, so if your Council wants to sell tickets, please let me know. Please remember this is the only Charity Fundraiser the Kentucky Jurisdiction has. There is still the 50/50 split for the council and Kentucky State Charities, the council gets \$3 for each ticket sold. All councils that sell 25 tickets, you get 25 points toward the State Deputy Award.

This year's State Pins were designed by State Deputy Steve Zanone, were unveiled at the Organizational Meeting and it is the best one yet.

The pins make a statement on your shirt, jacket, that you are a Knight of Columbus. It is a great idea to wear something everywhere you go identifying that you are a Kentucky Knight of Columbus. Pins are for sale at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Ask your District Deputy or Grand Knight for one, and District Deputies and Grand Knights send me a note and I will mail them to you.



Dykhuis cont.

The Supreme Convention was held virtually, with the opening Mass from St Mary's Church in New Haven. The meetings were held virtual, the nominations for Broad of Directors, and Resolutions. Kentucky Jurisdiction had one resolution, "Dues Paid for Life," was referred to the Broad of Directors for further action.

This years motto is "Leave no neighbor behind" with actions of helping our communities where help is needed.

With the new recruiting program, we should be able to recruit new members. A New member can join for Free and this is when we should ask a Family to join us.

Vivat Jesus!!
Gary Dykhuis
State warden

Monthly Update

Immediate Past State Deputy

Cameron Peck



Brothers,

As you may have noticed, the amount of news stories in this month's newsletter was zero. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly reduced the number of events our councils are doing. The councils are doing some things that are worth noting, but unfortunately, they are not being reported.

As the publisher of the newsletter I want to fill every issue with stories of all the great work that our Knights of Columbus councils are doing. But, if I don't know about these events, I cannot highlight them in the newsletter or on the website. Please send me a brief writeup (or a grand writeup if you are so inclined) and a few photos of your events as you hold the events. My email address is cameronpeck@gmail.com.

As you remember, our State Convention was held virtually in May due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Supreme Convention was also held virtually to protect the health of our membership. Rather than gathering all the delegates from around the world in Washington DC this year, each jurisdiction gathered their delegates in a central location inside their own jurisdiction. The delegates from Kentucky met at the Embassy Suites in Lexington and watched the Supreme Convention on the internet. It was a much different situation than in years past, but the work got done. You can see a full report of the Supreme Convention at <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/convention/2020/index.html>.

It was still a good experience, but I hope that we can go back to normal long before the Supreme Convention next year. I am holding out hope that the upcoming vaccine will help us do that quickly.

Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck IPSD



Monthly Update

District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD

Sir Knights –

The Kentucky Fourth Degree is growing strong in the new fraternal year. We added 61 new Sir Knights already this year! With the next on line Exemplification on August 29th at 10:00 AM EDT (9:00 AM CDT) we will be well on our way to meeting our membership goal. We still need your help to do this and ask that you recruit your Brother Knights into the Fourth Degree at this on line Exemplification. Faithful Navigators were sent information and the new eForm 4 for candidates to complete. Again, this new on line format is the easiest, quickest, and cheapest way for a Brother Knight to join the ranks of the Fourth Degree. The initiation fee has been reduced from \$70 to \$50 for the on line Exemplification. Join us on August 29th! The rest of the year's Exemplification schedule is still being developed and will likely include both on line and in person Exemplifications. Details to come.

There will be a Fr. Edward Sorin Provencal Meeting of the District Masters and Vice Supreme Master on September 26th. I will be in attendance representing the Kentucky District. If there are any changes or updates that Faithful Navigators need to be aware of, I will certainly pass on the information.

If your Assembly has not yet sent me your officer information, please send me the report of officers chosen. This is the most important information that your Assembly has to offer. Please email the report to BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net.

Schmidt cont

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@gmail.com
270-242-0337

Special Olympics

Mark Buerger

Knights Can Pull Together for Special Olympics at events in Lexington, Louisville and Paducah

The next few months offer Knights of Columbus across the state to Pull Together to support Special Olympics in a series of unique events – the Lexington Big Brown Truck Pull, the UPS Plane Pull Presented by BrightSpring and the Paducah Big Brown Truck Pull. While all three events will look a little different than usual to help keep them safe, they will still be fun, exciting events for Councils to take part in. Teams can register and raise money on-line for all three events.

The Lexington Truck Pull is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29, at Texas Roadhouse in Beaumont Centre, off Harrodsburg Rd. Teams of 15 see who can pull a UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet the fastest. Teams must raise a minimum of \$1,000 to compete. Register at lexingtontruckpull.com.

The UPS Plane Pull will take place at the UPS Worldport facility in Louisville on Saturday, Sept. 19. In this event however, teams of 20 take on a massive UPS Boeing 757 cargo plane. Registration is at upsplanepull.com.

Details on the Paducah Truck Pull – which operates just like the Lexington version – are still being finalized, but it is expected to take place Oct. 24. Registration is at paducahtruckpull.com



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For information about how your Council can participate in any of the pulls, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org or 859-338-6075.

Gift Card Raffle Helps Spread Christmas Cheer

One of Special Olympics Kentucky's most popular fundraising activities each year is the annual Gift Card Raffle. Each year Special Olympics assembles a package of gift cards to some of the season's most popular retailers and restaurants, including Walmart, Kroger, Texas Roadhouse, Amazon and more. Each year the package is valued at \$3,000 or more.

Tickets for the 2020 raffle will go on sale starting on Oct. 1 and the drawing will be held on Dec. 11, just in time for the winner to finish their Christmas shopping. Tickets can be purchased on-line at sokyraffle.com or by calling the SOKY office at 502-695-8222. Knights are also welcomed to help sell tickets for the raffle. Any Council or Knight interested in helping out can contact Mark at mbuerger@soky.org.

Knights Raise More than \$22,000 for Special Olympics in Fraternal Year

Thanks in large part to the tremendous response of Councils around the state to the Salute to Summer Games campaign, Kentucky Knights of Columbus capped one of their biggest fundraising years ever on behalf of Special Olympics in the 2019-20 fraternal year. Knights raised or donated an incredible \$22,964 in the fraternal year just ended, the highest total in many years. That includes contributions to both local and state programs and from all sources including the Salute, Plane and Tuck Pulls, Polar Plunges, Tootsie Roll drives and more.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mark Buerger**

History

Billy Hancock PSD

It was the era of pre virtual meetings. Think it was at the 2019 mid-year meeting, Paul Motz handed me a box which contained historical memorabilia. Some dating back to the 1920's. In this article I want to share with you some of the information I extracted from a copy of ***Knights of Kentucky newspaper***, Vol. 20, No. 1, dated September 1986 which was included in the box. The featured article was the July installation of the **State Officers for the 1986-1987** term. State Officers elected at the Convention in May included: Dr. Keith L. Baughman, State Deputy; James E. Fink, State Secretary; Robert N. Hood, State Treasurer; Charles (Carl) Biery, State Advocate, and Bernard J. Stottmann, State Warden.

In the Fourth-Degree news and notes Albin E. Stoeckle, PSD, was welcomed as the newly appointed **Kentucky District Master**. Brother Stoeckle served as State Deputy 1982-1984. The Kentucky District is part of the Father Edwin Sorin Province which also includes the districts of Indiana and West Virginia.

Star Council Awards for the 1985-1986 term was earned by: Henderson **Council 1320**, Maysville **Council 1377**, Elizabethtown **Council 1455**, Fr. Diemert **Council 3379** in Vine Grove, and Msgr. Lehr **Council 6337** in Southgate.

District Deputies. There were 14 districts at that time. Thirteen of the fourteen districts had appointed District Deputies. District 4 was vacant. In sequence from one through fourteen, minus four, is the list of Brother Knights that accepted appointments to serve: Charles Manning, Donald Glockner, Richard W. Rawe, Ernest Daniel, James D. Bradley, Joseph V. Raley, Edward Melton, Robert Hansen, Jerry Reynolds, Robert L. Edge, William Paul Wolfe, James B. Hayden, and Ray Grudzielanek. At the time District 1 was Northern Kentucky and District 14 was the Bowling Green area.

Around the Councils. Twenty-one Councils submitted articles for this edition of the newspaper. I will include a snippet from each of the Councils articles: Sacred Heart Council 8145 held a picnic-lunch party for the Religious Education students, Fr. Connor

Hancock cont.

Council 6101 reported their Installation of Officers, Msgr. Lehr **Council 6337** held their Ladies Night with a dinner, Fr. Diemert **Council 3379** hosted the Installation of the new State Officers, Durbin **Council 1004** sponsored a visit of the Kentucky History Mobile to St. Ann's/Sacred Heart Church, Frankfort **Council 1483** announced the installation of their Council Officers, Pope John Paul I **Council 7387** sponsored an ice cream booth at the Hancock County Fair, Bishop Spalding **Council 2761** conducted Park Firecracker weekend to rededicate their park after major renovations, Pope John XXIII **Council 5634** has their members saving tapes from several stores to benefit the soup kitchen at St. Paul's, Henderson **Council 1320** held a benefit Bar-B-Que to help defray hospital and doctor expenses for a nine-year old boy who had kidney surgery, Lebanon **Council 1264** held a benefit dance for a brother knight in need of financial assistance, Fr. Saffer **Council 6897** sponsored and played in two baseball teams, Blue Grass **Council 762** held a joint installation of Council and Assembly Officers, Fr. DeJaco **Council 6101** spent two weeks sprucing up their hall and grounds, Boone County **Council 5453** announced the recent sale of their home, Paducah **Council 1055** held a Communion-breakfast for the members on the fifth Sunday, Bishop Carrell **Council 702** held euchre tournaments during the summer for their members, Fr. Ben Powers **Council 1315** held their installation of officers followed by dinner, Msgr. Newman **Council 4665** completed the second floor of their council hall, Owensboro **Council 817** held a dinner for the retarded men and women from the Providence Home in Jasper, IN, and Fr. Kehoe **Council 1764** completed their new down stairs hall.

Around the Councils is an area that needs to be improved in our modern digital newsletter. There is a lot of good things happening in our Councils but are not sent to the editor. What you send in may provide another Council with something to do they have not thought of. Please share what you do.

If you have any historical memorabilia that you would like for me to archive, I would appreciate receiving it.

Fraternaly,
Billy Hancock, PSD
State Historian
 August 2020

Upcoming Events

August

September Regional Meetings

TBD

October

November

December Midyear Meeting

TBD

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