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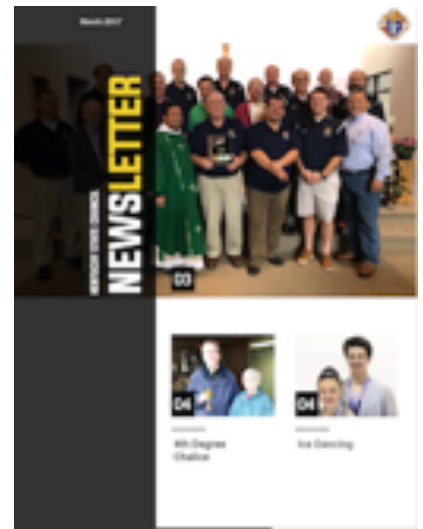
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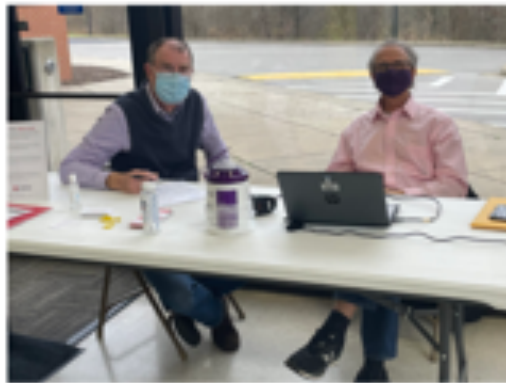
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Council 390 Blood Drive

Council 390 held a blood drive Sunday, December 13. We set a new record and had 61 good units donated that day. I wanted to share this good news with our Brothers in our district and state. I also have some photos from that day below.

Submitted by: Paul Tadatada GK



A Thank You From Special Olympics

Special Olympics Kentucky athletes Luke and DesaRae have a special message for all Kentucky Knights of Columbus.



(Link if the embedded link doesn't work: <https://youtu.be/rPBM34lhVOs>)

2021 Polar Plunge

Special Olympics Kentucky is giving anyone interested in participating in the 2021 Polar Plunge two ways to take part and support SOKY athletes. In-person events adjusted for safety and social distancing are planned at the five traditional Plunge locations – Bellevue, Lake Cumberland, Lexington, Louisville and Western



Special Olympics Cont.

Kentucky. For people looking for a different way to Plunge, they are offering the Personal Plunge, which lets you decide how to get the Chill of a Lifetime at your own home, a local lake or wherever you decide. The Western Kentucky event also includes a 5k along a beautiful route through Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park.

Knights raised more than \$2,000 for Special Olympics through the Polar Plunge last year. For more information visit soky.org/polarplunge.

2021 Salute to Summer Games

When the coronavirus forced the 2020 Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be cancelled, the Knights of Columbus were asked for their help supporting Special Olympics through one of the most difficult decisions in program history. Knights across the state responded by raising more than \$6,000 for the Salute to Summer Games. While Special Olympics hopes to hold some form of Summer Games in 2021, with the support of the Worthy State Deputy, the Salute to Summer Games will return as a Knights of Columbus-specific campaign. From early March through the Games, individual Knights and Councils across the state will have an opportunity to raise money to support Special Olympics with the goal being to add the Knights of Columbus as an official State Summer Games sponsor.



Look for more information from the State Deputy in January.

If you have any questions about ways that your Council can be involved in Special Olympics activities, contact state Special Olympics Chair Mark Buerger at 859-338-6075 or mbuerger@soky.org.

Supreme's Family of the Month Program

Each council can submit the [Family of the Month Form #10668](#) to submit a family as their Family of the Month. Each month, the Supreme Council chooses one submission from each month to receive a special Icon at no cost to the council or recipient.

In November, Kentucky councils 1055, 2499, 7387, 7847, and 11470 submitted their choice for Family of the Month and the Supreme Council randomly drew the Steve St. Angelo Jr. Family of Council 11470 to receive the special Icon.

We have almost 100 council in Kentucky and this month we had five submissions. This is typical for Kentucky in the last several years. The Kentucky State Council would love to see more submissions from the local councils. Please use the link to the form above to submit your council's choice for Family of the Month each month. Also, the family that is chosen does not need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you have a family in your parish that is deserving of the Family of the Month Award, please consider naming them as your Family of the Month and ask your pastor if you can make the announcement at Sunday Mass.





Monthly Update

State Deputy Steve Zanone

My Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas to everyone! I know this has been a tough year for everyone, but the end of the pandemic is growing closer. We will come out of this stronger and better equipped to thrive as an Order going forward. The injection of technology into our meetings will allow members who would not normally be able to join us to

participate. New opportunities to join online, or to take the degree exemplification online will appeal to a whole new generation of Knights. While it may be hard to see now, there will be some good things to come from 2020. We will survive and thrive. Remember, there is a solution. Go find it!

In case you missed the midyear meeting, I will outline the incentive I have been teasing for the last couple of months for you. Supreme has asked all State Councils to examine per capita relief, and I am proud to tell you your State Council has responded as follows: All councils will receive a 50% reduction in State per capita. In addition, there will be no new member fees assessed. Your council may receive a full elimination of State per capita if you meet these requirements. Be current on ALL forms due by January 15th, 2021. If your council is multiple audits behind, submit the latest one. Don't forget the 990-tax form as well. Also, be Safe Environment compliant. Those are very simple requirements to meet. You should have turned in the forms and completed the Safe Environment training anyway. This will not excuse any payments you owe from last year. We know that many brothers may have trouble paying their dues this year, and it has been difficult to do fundraising activities. Please pay this forward. Help your members who are in need. Leave no neighbor behind.

The highlight of the midyear meeting was that PSD Dannie Harris received the O'Connor Award. Dannie's dedication and service to the Order for many years has earned him membership in a very exclusive group of men. Congratulations to Dannie and thank you for everything you have done for our Order, and what you continue to do. The award was well-deserved.

Zanone cont.

One thing we ask from all councils is to recruit at least one new member between now and January 15th. The new members can be online members who indicate your council as the council they want to join, or traditional new members. Recruiting can be done, even in the environment we have to work with. Do not give up. Keep looking for the solution. It is there. We have proven recruiting is possible this year. I am proud to welcome the new council in Beaver Dam to our ranks. Congratulations, and I can't wait to see that special beatification charter your council qualified for.

Please continue your prayers for State Chaplain Fr. Mario. He is making progress but has a long way to go. We are looking forward to his return. Once again from my family and the State Council, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Vivat Jesus,
Steve Zanone
State Deputy**

Monthly Update

State Secretary

Tom Johnson



Mid-Year Meeting:

This year's December Mid-Year meeting was held virtually via Zoom on Saturday Dec 12th. While it wasn't the Mid-Year Meeting that we are used to, it was still a good opportunity to see, for those that had their cameras on, our brother knights from around the state. The Zoom attendee count showed that there were 97 brother knights on the call at one point representing 53 councils.

Something that I noticed was that there were several councils represented that typically don't or that have been unable to attend our in-person State meetings. I was glad to see them in attendance. Our Supreme Representative Steve Cohen and our General Agent Daniel Schackle were both present for the meeting.

Breaking News:

Those in attendance saw and heard our Worthy State Deputy announce an automatic 50% reduction for all councils in their State Per Capita billing for 2020 and he offered an additional 50% incentive to those councils that are 100% compliant in their forms submittal (including the 1295 audit report that was due Aug 15th, 2020), Safe Environment Training requirements and have no outstanding monies owed to the State by Jan 15th, 2021. Those councils will receive a 100% reduction in their State Per Capita Billing for 2020.

As State Secretary, it is my responsibility to verify that all councils are current with their New Member and Per Capita billings by Jan 15th, 2021.

Johnson cont.

State Advocate Dick Burns is responsible for verifying that all councils are Form and Safe Environment compliant by Jan 15th, 2021. Once I receive Dick's report I will begin the Per Capita billing process.

Secretary's Report:

The NMB-1 Invoices for the period Jan 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2020 went out around July 27th, 2020 via email. To date I have received payments from all but 3 councils.

There are 4 councils remaining that have not paid their FY 2019-2020 NMB-1 fee & 3 councils that have not paid their NMB-2 fee for FY 2019-2020.

There are 6 councils that have not paid their FY 2019-2020 Per Capita dues. I will make one more effort to contact these councils. If they are still in arrears on Jan 15th, 2021 they will not be eligible for the additional 50% incentive.

Reflections:

As this most unusual year comes to an end, it's easy to sit back and say "good riddance", and I for one feel that way too. But, upon closer examination I can begin to see the "silver lining" in this "dark" cloud. The pandemic was "man" made not "God" made. Many have turned to prayer and have come to realize that "man" is not in control but only God. Families have been forced to slow down and spend time together. We've come to realize that working from home is a good option for many people and businesses. Yes dining out hasn't been as easy, but now families are sharing the meals together around the kitchen table. We're learning that we can still interact with family and friends via many of the social media apps. Before we slam the door on 2020, let's take a minute and find that "silver lining"!

And Lastly:

Let us as Men of faith reach out to our neighbors and offer a kind word. Let us pray to Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and ask for her intercession for peace within our land. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him to help us choose our words carefully so as to build up the Kingdom of God and not alienate those in need.

Monthly Update

Johnson cont.

Let us thank God for all that He has given us and done for us and let us pray for all that He may do. Pray that He may continue to bless our families and watch over His people and pray that He may continue to bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus & Merry Christmas!

Tom Johnson
State Secretary



State Treasurer

Luke Williams

Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney:

Thank you to all the councils who participated in some way with the Father McGivney Beatification weekend activities. If you did not get a chance to watch any of the events, go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/index.html> to see the activities.

"Prayer Vigil for Priests" was held on Friday Night, the "Beatification Mass" was held on Saturday, and the "Mass of Thanksgiving for Beatification" was held on Sunday of that weekend".

Active Knights Of Columbus during this Pandemic?

I am very hopeful that all Knights find a way to remain active and communicate with each other and especially your Parish Priest even if no face to face meetings or events are taking place in your Council. If anyone needs help with a Zoom meeting, please contact myself or one of your State Officers. The KY State Council has a Zoom account and any State Officer can host a meeting for any Council. Thanks to all who virtually attended the 12/12/20 Mid-Year meeting.

Tis the Season...

Physical distancing is something we should not take for granted during this pandemic my wish for all is that you continue to stay healthy during this year's Advent Season to prepare for Christmas and beyond. Please reach out personally (with distance) or via some sort of electronic device to someone you have not seen or talked to lately. Also, continued prayers for all, especially those who are alone or in need. Continue to pray to Our Lady to help us through this pandemic.

Pam and I wish you good health, glad tidings, a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Peace,

Luke A. Williams

State Treasurer

Monthly Update

State Advocate

Dick Burns



Brother Knights,

State Chaplain Update

Brothers, please keep praying for our State Chaplain, Fr. Mario Tizziani. Our prayers are helping him! He continues to improve, but still has a long road in front of him.

Blessed Fr. McGivney, please intercede on his behalf!

State Deputy Reveals New Incentive for All Councils!

At the recent Midyear Meeting, SD Steve Zanone shared the details of the new incentive he announced last month. All Councils will get 50% off their State Per Capita assessment next year. Those Council which

- have submitted Forms 185, 365, and 1295 (for the period ending 6/30/20) **and**
- have completed the Safe Environment Protection Training for the Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director (28 Councils had already met both those criteria) **and**
- are paid up on their State assessments (15 Councils were behind at the Mid-Year Meeting) by 1/15/2021 will get the other 50% off!

For a hypothetical council with 100 members, 25 of whom are Honorary Members and 15 of which are Honorary Life members, this comes to \$281.25 and \$562.50 if you meet the criteria. We're making progress, and I appreciate the GKs and DDs who have been working hard during this pandemic period to get those Forms in even though the business of the council may not be proceeding as usual – you can do it, and you don't want to miss out on this incentive!

Burns cont.

Recruit! and Retain!

We're up to 29 (from 20 last month) Councils which have initiated new Brother Knights so far this year, despite the pandemic. 4 (up from 3 last month) Councils have already exceeded their annual new membership quota, led by St. Edward the Confessor Council 15841 in Jeffersontown. We've got until the end of the year for new Online Members to sign up with no dues for their first year (Code: MCGIVENY 2020)!

Just Do It!

Our State Deputy Steve Zanone put it succinctly – councils are finding a way to grow and do the work of the Order serving their members and their parishes. His marching orders – **FIND A WAY!** Whatever works best for your council.

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

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.

Tis the Season!

From me and my family to yours, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, we wish you a Blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

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



Monthly Update

State Warden

Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Brothers,

Midyear Meeting

This was an unusual meeting, but Good Participation, thanks to those who were able to join. It would have been better in-person, to enjoy the Fraternity. Welcome to the New Council and to the New Grand Knight, Good Work PSD Dannie.

Football Frenzy

As we come to the close of the season, we sold 1698 tickets. This had a pay out of \$2.19 per ticket sold. This is Charity at its best, our First principle. The last Week will be January 3, 2021, with the results being sent on Wednesday, January 6.

Basketball Slam

We now are getting into the next fundraiser, being the Basketball Slam. This is the fundraiser for the State Disaster Relief Program. This not only helps our Jurisdiction, but other Jurisdictions as well. This helps natural disasters like hurricanes. Please remember for every two tickets sold, you receive a third ticket online, making your odds better. Councils that sell 25 tickets earn 25 points toward the coveted 90.4 Proof State Deputy Award. If you need more ticket, just let me know.

Proceeds of tickets sold after cost of prizes, and printing will be shared by the State Charities and Councils that participated.

Leave No Neighbor Behind

It is also time to see if your Pastor is needing help. You might also ask him if he knows of a family that is in need of help. Remember "Leave no neighbor behind."

December 7, 1941, seventy-nine years ago, at Peral Harbor, the United States was attacked. This led us into the World-War II. This is a date will never be forgotten. Yes, brother Knights were not only called to defend our freedom, also show hospitality to the Greatest Generation. Our National Guard, on December 13th is celebrating 384 years, as them started in 1636, for defense of the Colonies. Army National Guard, as well as the Air National Guard, have

Dykhuis cont.

participated most of the conflicts, the Nation has been in. From the Revolutionary War to the conflicts of today.

Ask a Neighbor (Catholic) to Join our Order

Supreme has Great new platform to host our online events and Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Invite a candidate to the On-Demand Ceremony, this is a Great Way to have a new member join your council. It will have you fill out the Form 100, then the Ceremony, then it e-mails the New Brother a Certificate. He is a New Third Degree or is a Full Knighthood member.

Of the Seasons

Terri and I want to Wish you and your Family, Blessed Advent, A very special Christmas, birth of Our Lord, and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!!

Gary Dykhuis

State warden



Monthly Update

District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD

Sir Knights –

As we rapidly approach Christmas and a New Year of 2021, I would like to take a moment to suggest a valuable gift either for yourself, a relative, or a friend – membership in the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus! Register this special Catholic Gentleman for the upcoming online Fourth Degree Exemplification on January 23rd! You will be changing a Brother Knight's life by giving him the experience of the

Fourth Degree Exemplification and an opportunity to further grow himself as a Knight. What a way to say Merry Christmas!

Faithful Navigators should have received information and the new eForm 4 for candidates to complete for the January 23rd Exemplification. This new online format is the easiest, quickest, and cheapest way (the initiation fee has been reduced from \$70 to \$50 for the online Exemplification) for a Brother Knight to join the ranks of the Fourth Degree.

Now that it looks like there is a light at the end of the tunnel regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, I urge every Sir Knight and Assembly to find their solution to getting back active. Our country needs us more than ever to lead others by example in patriotic charity. Meet with the Sir Knights of your Assembly and find ways to get active, whether it is a patriotic rosary, volunteering at the VA, phoning the veterans in your neighborhood to make sure they are doing well, cleaning up a veteran cemetery, or any way that you and your brother Sir Knights can think of. You will be doing what the Order needs in patriotic charity.

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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
Bill Schmidt, PSD
Kentucky District Master

History Report

Billy Hancock PSD

I received the picture and narrative from IPSD Cameron Peck which I saved to the archives. The Fourth Degree is a part of and not apart from the third degree. To stress this, should a Sir Knight be suspended or withdraws from his Council he is automatically dropped from the roles of his Fourth Degree Assembly. I have fond memories of this occasion. I would like to be able to name every Sir Knight in the picture, but I cannot. Joe Dant and I are half hidden behind Bill Schmidt and Steve Zanone. Behind Joe and I is Jerry Price. Deacon John Calandrella is in the first row third from the right. Cameron is in the second row behind and to the right of Deacon John.

Bluegrass Assembly 310, Lexington, 2012, Cameron Peck, FN

Wishing all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Submitted for the December 2020 newsletter by:

Billy Hancock, PSD, FDM
State Historian



This photo was from 8 years ago. We held a formal meeting (that's the reason for the tuxes). This was the first formal meeting our assembly had done in many years and it was a lot of fun. At the time, I was the Faithful Navigator of the assembly and we had the State Deputy Bill Schmidt, Vice Supreme Master Joe Dant, District Master Billy Hancock, and State Executive Secretary Steve Zanone in attendance. Since then, both I and Steve Zanone have had the honor of serving as State Deputy for the Kentucky Jurisdiction. Unfortunately, time has taken its toll and several of the men in this photo have passed on. A great memory of a great group of men!

Monthly Update

General Agent

Daniel Schachle



Worthy Brothers all,

This is really a special time as we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to themes of “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill to Men!”

We think of our Savior’s birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. Many of us will be scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. There is a lot going on and you’re busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.
2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that’s in there by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues.
3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the “catch up” provision? You won’t have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.

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4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

5. Speaking of distributions, if you or your family has faced hardships due to COVID-19 have you investigated taking the one-time distribution allowed without penalty this year? It could be available to you even if you're not yet 59 ½ years old.

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so I don't ever want to give any blanket advice. But if you do have questions on any of these issues, please grab me after the meeting. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Vivat Jesus!

Daniel E Schachle

SAVE THE DATE
JANUARY 9th, 2021

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A must attend spiritual retreat day for
all Catholic men across Tennessee!

We are "Men of the Cross" one day retreat

Simulcast from Nashville Tennessee

January 9th, 2021

10:00 AM Eastern/ 9:00 AM Central



Featured Speakers

Bishop Mark Spalding

Patrick Kelly,

Dr. Jonathan Reyes,

Dr. Tim Gray

Jared Zimmerer,

Fr. Sean Kilcawley,

Damien O'Connor



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