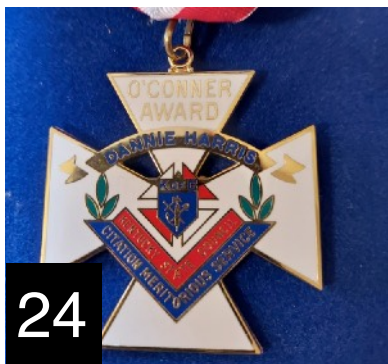




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Passing of State Chaplain, Fr. Mario Tizziani

State Chaplain, Fr. Mario Tizziani went to be with our Lord on December 26th, 2020. Below is his obituary.

Father Mario Joseph Tizziani, passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at Carmel Manor in Ft. Thomas, KY.

He was born April 8, 1954, in Steubenville, OH to Lino John and Catherine Gabriel Tizziani. A 1972 graduate of Toronto High School in Toronto, OH, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy, then later graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. He spent fifteen years teaching elementary, middle and high school in Jacksonville, FL, where he was named Regional Teacher of the Year in 1999. Later, he pursued a doctorate degree in history from his beloved Ohio State University. On June 23, 2006, he was ordained as a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Covington, KY.

Father Mario was installed as Pastor of St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Independence, KY on August 10, 2008. In 2015, he received the Distinguished Pastor Award from the National Catholic Educational Association. From 2016 to the present, he was a Chaplain for the State of Kentucky Knights of Columbus. On July 10, 2017, he led in the groundbreaking of a \$5.5 million expansion including a gymnasium at St. Cecilia Catholic School until it's completion in 2019. In October of 2018, under his leadership, St. Cecilia School was named a Blue Ribbon School. Toronto High School named him a Distinguished Alumni in September of 2019. Father Mario was also instrumental in the success of St. Cecilia's annual Labor Day Festivals during his tenure.



Fr. Mario cont.

His father, Lino John Tizziani, nephew, Jason Joseph Motto, brother-in-law, Tom Anderson, and Uncle Gino Tizziani, all preceded him in death. Those left to carry on his legacy include his mother, Catherine Gabriel Tizziani of the Laurels in Steubenville, OH; sisters, Gina (Joe) Motto and Esther Anderson of Toronto, OH; brothers, Dan (Maggie) Tizziani of Toronto, OH and Anthony (Lisa) Tiziani of Conklin, NY; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Father Mario also leaves behind his beloved cat, "Miss Kitty", his "kids" at St. Cecilia School, and the parishioners at St. Cecilia, who were all part of his extended family.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, December 30, 2020 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a vigil service immediately following at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 5313 Madison Pike, Independence, KY 41051. A second visitation will be held Thursday, December 31, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia. Due to the current Covid restrictions, face masks must be worn, social distancing is encouraged, and 50% capacity will be limited in the church. Chambers and Grubbs Funeral Home in Independence is assisting the family with local arrangements. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Cecilia School and St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Services and interment schedules in Toronto, OH have not be set at this time, but will be arranged through J.E. Foster Funeral Homes and Crematory (www.jefosterfh.com). For directions or to leave the family a condolence, please go to www.chambersandgrubbs.com.

Tribute to Fr. Mario

Below is a collection of memories, stories, and photos of Fr. Mario and how he touched the lives of so many brother knights.



During one of the many festivities at St Cecilia, Father Mario really got into the “groove” of things! I think this brought back a lot of memories for him! Submitted by Ron Torres



He was such a big part of my life. Helped me through some troubled times. But always a friend you wanted to be around. I loved his humor. Submitted by Christopher Fryman

Tribute cont.



This was a proud moment when our Grand Knight Mike Nachazel got the award with Father Mario presenting as well. Submitted by Ron Torres

This was taken on April 19, 2019 after the Easter Stations of the Cross lead by the Father McGivney Knights of Columbus. Father Mario asked all the Knights that either participated in the carrying of the Cross for the Stations, to come up. This is a testimony to how many Knights there was in attendance during this service. Father Mario told me afterward that this was one of his favorite memories with the Knights. So many good men in church, serving God! He was so proud, he said even the Cathedral's service didn't compare to this. There were four Fourth Degree Knights there to help. Such fond memories...

Thanks,
Ron Torres
Deputy Grand Knight
Father McGivney Council



Tribute cont.

Father Mario was extremely instrumental in strengthening my faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. He inspired me to be a Knight of Columbus so I could do great things in the name of Jesus Christ. My spiritual life changed for the better because of Father Mario. Let him rest in peace with the Lord.

Mike Nachazel, WGK
Father McGivney Council 12502



Beer Stein Holding Contest at St. Cecilia Oktoberfest on October 19, 2019 pictured with Mike Nachazel, WGK on the left, Fr. Mario right.



Tribute cont.

I first met Fr. Mario as I sat in the crowd of attendees at a State Meeting. You could tell from his addresses and prayers that he was a fervent supporter of the Knights and intensely dedicated to helping us grow our faith.

As a member of State Council, I got to know him much better, spending time with him at the Hospitality Room between business meetings at the State Convention and traveling with him to the Supreme Convention. One of my strongest memories of Fr. Mario will be attending the Mass he said for us in one of our hotel rooms in Baltimore. It was a special moment, being in a small group of devoted men and women with a great liturgist. It made me think of the early Christians celebrating the Mass in their small clandestine groups. Father opened up about events at his parish (good and bad) when he talked to us. and I once got to attend Mass at St. Cecilia and observe him praying with the congregation before Mass. I could see that he was much loved and appreciated by his parishioners and he served them with conviction, integrity, and love, even in adversity when he stood as a firm moral compass for his flock.

When you got to know him, you found out that he also had an amazing sense of humor, and he always had an extra capital prize ticket for the St. Cecilia summer festival that he was.

I was fortunate to be able to attend his funeral Mass and say farewell. Bishop Foys was brought to tears when he talked about Fr. Mario and his interaction with children – a side of him I didn't get to see but can easily believe.

State Chaplain Fr. Mario Tizziani will be remembered as good friend to the Knights who loved to serve the Lord and His people. He will be sorely missed.

God bless you, Fr. Mario! Please pray for us.

Submitted by Dick Burns, State Advocate

Tribute cont.

These photos are of Father Mario and me giving away awards for the KOFC poster contest that I headed each year with the school. There is also a photo of him at his 60th surprise birthday party at St Cecilia in the Undercroft. His sister was there and he had no idea. Submitted by Randy Strunk



Tribute cont.

Gina and I were blessed to be assigned as the Supreme Knight's representative to Kentucky's State Convention in 2019. It was there that we met Father Mario. What an amazing impression he made on both of us.

As being outsiders, so to speak, Father Mario and the rest of the state team, certainly made us feel welcomed. The first thing that impressed us was that he offered Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday night before events of the convention kicked off. There is no more appropriate way to begin a gathering of Catholic Families than by spending some time in the presence of Christ, and Father Mario made that happen.

After my biography was read during the meeting, he noticed that I was a graduate of Liberty University, his alma mater! He made sure to mention that and we had many discussions because of that shared experience. He, Gina and I had several conversations throughout the weekend and we could really tell that he was a very genuine and loving priest. Not only to his flock, but also to the Knights of Columbus. He showed that he truly loved the Knights in Kentucky and had a great passion for the work that the Knights do.

Later in 2019, we met again at the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis - just as if we had been old friends, he sought us out and we had a conversation to "catch up." Never letting us down with his positive attitude and message.

Gina and I were truly saddened by his loss, which only speaks volumes to the man he was. Only knowing him briefly, he surely impacted our lives for the better. I am sure there are many that can only say the same.

Father Mario, you are, and will be missed for a very long time!

Submitted by Colin Jorsch, Supreme Director

Tribute cont.



Photos submitted by David Durr



Tribute cont.

Fr. Mario Tizziani became State Chaplain of the Kentucky jurisdiction in July of 2014. Fr. Mario was unknown to the majority of the state, myself included. As I had just completed my two years as State Deputy with two outstanding State Chaplains in Fr. Roy Dentinger and Fr. Patrick Dolan, I knew that this new State Chaplain had some very big shoes to fill.

I was fortunate to still be a part of the Kentucky State Council as the Immediate Past State Deputy and Program Director, and had the opportunity to watch Fr. Mario grow into the role of State Chaplain. As time went by and we all began to get to know Fr. Mario, it was clear that he was truly another special priest sent to us to carry on our good works and to lead us in faith. At the end of his first year as State Chaplain, Fr. Mario had gotten to know all of the State Officers well enough that he was able to “call us out” when it was necessary. It was then that I knew that Fr. Mario truly had filled the shoes of his predecessors. The role of the State Chaplain is to do more than just offer spiritual guidance. Part of his role is to ensure that the team is cohesive and focused on a common goal. Fr. Mario’s courage and clarity in these situations was something to behold.

Over the past six years, I have come to know Fr. Mario very well compared to when I first met him (although certainly not as well as others). I considered him to be a true friend and someone that I was not afraid to approach for guidance. That is the ultimate role of a State Chaplain is to build these types of relationships. It is my pleasure as the Kentucky District Master of the Fourth Degree to honor Fr. Mario at the January 23rd Fourth Degree Exemplification as the Class Honoree. Fr. Mario has left behind some very large shoes for the next State Chaplain to fill. I pray that we are fortunate in that search. Godspeed, Fr. Mario!

Submitted by Bill Schmidt, PSD, District Master

Tribute cont.

A Tribute to Fr Mario

Born April 8, 1954 – Died December 26, 2020...

Son, brother, student, college graduate, served in the Navy, Regional Teacher of the Year, Doctor of History, Ohio State Fan, Priest, Pastor, Administrator, Brother Knight, State Chaplin and friend. It's easy to sum up someone's life in just a few words. You know when he was born. When he died and what he did in between. You might say "Wow...he did a lot in his 66 years", and then you move on with your life. But for those of us that had the opportunity to meet Fr. Mario Joseph Tizziani he was much more. There is no telling how many lives he touched in his life time. From his childhood friends, to his grade school, high school and college classmates to the men and women he served with in the Armed Forces...spending 15 years as a teacher, cheering on his beloved Ohio State, celebrating a common bond with his fellow priest and clergy, serving his local and state Knights of Columbus families. I could make the case that over his lifetime Fr. Mario Joseph Tizziani touched thousands of lives if not more.

But for me, Fr. Mario was not only a friend, but a spiritual leader that spoke the truth and spoke of the love of God. I remember very clearly his message to the District Deputies & State Officers at a meeting in Princeton, KY a few years ago. He was very disturbed about the media reports of accusations concerning abusive actions by the clergy. He didn't hold back, he told the truth. He acknowledged that some reports were true and he humbly apologized for their actions and he asked that those of us present pray for those priests and to ask God's forgiveness. Whenever Fr. Mario addressed his brother Knights at a State meeting he always spoke of the love of God and how we as Catholic men need to pray for the "Soul" of our country. He was very concerned about the evils that are happening all around us. One of his favorite prayers is the "Anima Christi". He talked about how he taught it the children at St. Cecilia Catholic School.

As busy as he was, I believe he looked forward to his weekends away whenever the State Convention, State Organization & Mid-Year meetings came around, not to mention the Supreme Convention. These gatherings gave him an opportunity to relax and "let his hair down a bit". For those few short days he was able to share the many photos of his beautiful

Tribute cont.

nieces and nephews, talk lovingly about his mother and siblings. He talked about being in love with a young lady while in college and how difficult it was because he also felt God calling him in a different direction. As State Chaplin, Fr. Mario was always invited to the Supreme Convention and he always looked forward to it. The Supreme Convention offered him the opportunity to meet and be with hundreds of priest, bishops, archbishops and cardinals from around the country and the world. To see Fr. Mario process in with his fellow clergy before each mass was humbling and exciting. He always had a big smile on his face. And when it came time for the Delegates Dinner, he really had a good time. I believe he sang along with practically every state song that was sung...his two favorites...Ohio and Kentucky not to mention Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and on and on.

I thank God for giving me the opportunity to be an alter server those many years ago as a young boy, because those lessons learned still serve me today. It was my honor & privilege to assist him at mass, whether it be in a hotel room or in a convention hall. Fr. Mario loved his Italian heritage and he loved to talk about it. He told me once that he has a great uncle that was also a priest...Fr. Romano Bottegal who served in Lebanon and who has the distinction of being known as Blessed Fr. Romano Bottegal. So many stories and so many memories, Fr. Mario Joseph Tizziani...you'll be missed!

Submitted by Tom Johnson, KY State Secretary



Tribute cont.



Here is one of my favorite pics with Fr. Mario. He came out to help celebrate my birthday and we all had a blast.

Submitted by Josh Wallace



Father Mario with State Treasurer John and Denise McGill at the States Dinner at the 2014 Supreme Convention

Tribute cont.

Fr. Mario processing into Mass during his 1st Supreme Convention. Submitted by PSD Frank Shay



Father Mario at Former State Chaplain Father Roy Dendinger's Mass of Christian Burial. Submitted by PSD Frank Shay

Tribute cont.



Photos of Father at his first installation as the State Chaplain in July 2014. Father Mario was installed by SD Frank Shay and with his Jewel Blessed by Bishop Foys. Others in the picture in the front row are Father Mario, IPSD Bill Schmidt, SD Frank Shay, Bishop Foys, Supreme Secretary Mike Connors, SS Gabe Cabral, Dannie Harris MPC. Back row Steve Zannone SW, John McGill ST, Cameron Peck SA.

The photo below is Father Mario and the then current State Officers at Father Mario's installation as State Chaplain.



Tribute cont.

Dear brother Knights,

It is always a difficult time when we lose a brother. Unfortunately, I did not know Father Mario as well as I would have liked.

What impressed me the most was his love and dedication to our beloved order. Every time I spoke to him it was clear to me that he so proud to be a Knight. I remember in every homily he mentioned the great work done by the Knights of Columbus and our families. We have lost a good man, dedicated Brother Knight and priest. Thank you father Mario for serving the Kentucky State Council as our Chaplain. You will be missed.

Rick Arnold PSD

Fr Mario was a very important person in my life and he meant a lot to me personally. I was fortunate enough to have Fr. Mario serve as State Chaplain during my term as state deputy. He was very proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and his dedication to the Knights was exceptional. No matter how busy he was (and he was very busy running a parish, building a school, and everything else), Fr. Mario made time for the KofC. I remember informing him of state meetings that were coming up and letting him know that we would understand if he could not attend, but he always insisted that the Knights of Columbus was very important to him and he would be there. It was only later that I found out how many things he had to shuffle around so that he could attend.

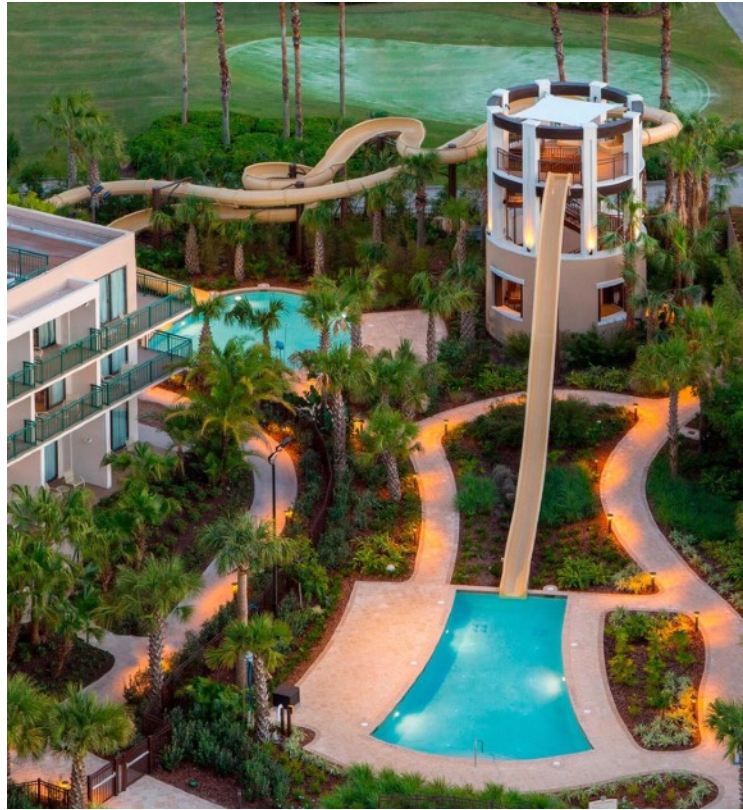
Fr Mario was a great State Chaplain and his words were very helpful to our brothers. He had a real way of showing his commitment to Jesus Christ. It was obvious that he loved being a priest. Even more than he loved Ohio State. ;)



Tribute cont.

One of the things I really liked about Fr. Mario was that while he was a great priest, he was also a great friend. He was not afraid to “let his hair down” and just be one of the guys. One of my favorite memories was when a group of us were in the hospitality room at the Supreme Convention in August 2014, and in walks Father Mario in swim trunks, a T-shirt and a towel around his neck. He had just come back from riding the three very large waterslides that they had at the hotel pool. He loved to have fun!

Fr. Mario was a great man and will be missed by everyone who knew him! Submitted by
Cameron Peck, Immediate Past State Deputy



Tribute cont.



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Fr. Mario served as State Chaplain or Associate State Chaplain with State Deputies Frank Shay, Gabe Cabral, Cameron Peck, and Steve Zanone.



2021 Salute to Summer Games

Last year Knights of Columbus across Kentucky combined to raise or donate more than \$6,800 to support Special Olympics as part of the program's Salute to Summer Games event after the COVID pandemic forced the cancellation of the Games.

This year, the Summer Games will return in June, but before that the Salute to Summer Games will also return as a Knights of Columbus-specific event. Our goal will be to raise more than \$10,000 (a little less than \$1 per Knight in the state). If we reach that goal, the Knights will be recognized as gold-level sponsors of the Summer Games. The fundraiser will be very easy to manage and will be 100% remotely done. And the goal is easily attainable should even as few as two Knights per council take part.

The Salute will run from April to June. Look for more information coming from the State Deputy soon.



***Special
Olympics
Kentucky***

During the Midyear Meeting that was conducted virtually December 12th, IPSD Cameron Peck presented PSD Dannie Harris with the O'Connor Award for his dedicated service to the Kentucky Jurisdiction.

The O'Connor Award is the highest award a Past State Deputy can earn in the state of Kentucky. Dannie Harris joins previous O'Connor Award recipients:

George M. Schrode
F. Robert Fleck
Michael T. Peak
Harold P. Roth
Charles J. Doyle
Charles J. Biery Sr.
Keith L. Baughman
James E. Fink
James E. Roberts
Charles E. "Squack" Jones
Phillip L. Carr
Billy R. Hancock
Gerald Roof



Soccer contest winners

The KofC Soccer Challenge was held again this year although allowances had to be made for COVID. The state awards were held at Council #15841 On December 19th. Thanks to State Soccer Challenge Chairman Mike Kuchenbrod for organizing the program this year.



This year's winners are:

13 year old boys division: Brady Dismore

12 year old boys division: Matt Burst

11 year old boys division: Logan Arnold

10 year old boys division: John Gonzalez

9 year old boys division: William Heitkamper

9 year old girls division: Addi Sengelaub



Holiday Meals for Military

Operation Homefront, with the help from their sponsors, provided 200 military families with everything to make a holiday meal, popcorn tins, gift cards, P&G items, and Dollar Tree toys before Christmas. Council #1055 in Paducah was happy to participate in this great program. Below is a thank you note that the council received.

I wanted to reach out and let you know how truly thankful we are to you and all the members of Knights of Columbus 1055 and everyone with VVA Chapter #337 for donating to our Holiday Meals for Military program. Knights of Columbus has always been very special to me because when I was younger, I would participate in the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest in Montgomery, Alabama (where I'm from). I looked forward to it every year and it meant so much when I was going through a lot at home. You guys are truly amazing and such a wonderful and giving group! Because of your support to our Holiday Meals for Military Program, we were able to serve 200 military and veteran families with everything they needed to make a holiday meal, Legacy Toys gift card, gift card for protein, popcorn tin, Dollar Tree toys, etc. This program wouldn't be possible without your continued support. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

[More photos of the event can be found here.](#)



Zoom Santa

The past few years Council 13053 has had a picture with Santa event coinciding with the Holy Family breakfast. It was a fun day and many families stopped to get their family photo. Brother Dan Block is a wizard with backdrops and the pictures were very well done. We did the photos at no charge but had a donation bucket available. We would raise several hundred dollars.

This year, we couldn't do in person, so Dan put together a zoom Santa event. Parents could sign up and secretly provide Santa with unique information about the kids. Once the call started, the kids were astonished that Santa knew so much about them. The looks on their faces was priceless. Families from all over the USA participated.

We did the same format. No charge but, donations accepted with all proceeds going to Water with Blessings. With Gods blessings, we raised over \$9,000! It was really amazing! What a Christmas for everyone!

Jack Banbury





Monthly Update

State Deputy Steve Zanone

My Brother Knights,

I can't describe to you how much our beloved Chaplain, Fr Mario Tizziani meant to me and my family. PSD Frank Shay introduced the State Officers to Fr Mario when I was State Warden. My first impression was that he was a very reverent, and reserved man. I was only half right in my assessment. Fr. Mario was one of the most reverent priests I have had the good fortune to know. His devotion to his priesthood and the sacraments was second to none. He took great joy in celebrating Mass, and it was easy to see in his face and body language. As I became to know him, I found that he was anything but a shy or reserved person. Father Mario knew how to have a good time with us, and that is for sure. He knew not to take every minute of every day too seriously. I learned early on, don't sit next to Fr Mario if you were trying to use your laptop to take notes or run a presentation. You always ran the risk of him good naturedly messing with you, even at the most unfortunate time. Fr Mario's Italian heritage showed in his zest for life and fun. Being part of an Italian family, he also knew the old trick of swiping food off your plate if you weren't watching. But he was much, much more than that. He was a great priest, but he was also a man with great insight, and life experience outside the priesthood. He was a man who you could take any problem to and get good advice. He was a guy you could sit and talk with about the serious issues facing the world today. Or you could watch a ball game with him and relax. But he was not always a quiet, meek priest. He would not hesitate to call you out for something you did. Fr. Mario was that kind of friend. He would tell you what you needed to hear, not always what you wanted to hear. When Sandra had her stroke, Father Mario took time out of his insane schedule to speak to me

Zanone cont.

and encourage me when I needed it the most. He encouraged me and challenged me to not lose faith or fall into despair. I love him for that, and I will miss my brother terribly. We will find a priest to fill the office, but Fr Mario will never be replaced.

We are at the halfway point of the year. Things will get better for us. Do not lose faith. Do not give up and throw in the towel. Let's put on our work clothes and get back to doing the things that Knights do. Leave no neighbor behind.

**Vivat Jesus,
Steve Zanone
State Deputy**

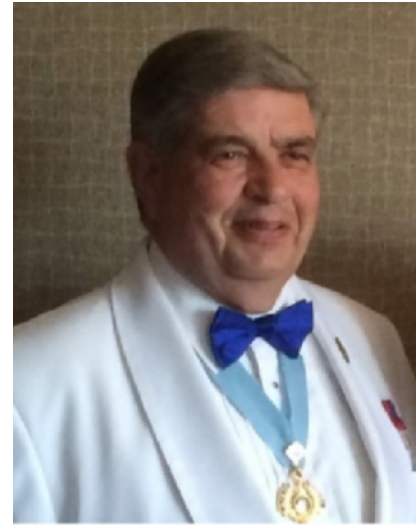
Monthly Update

State Secretary

Tom Johnson

Happy New Year Brother Knights!

Wishing you and your families have a happy and prosperous New Year! While 2020 is now in the books make sure to take a moment and reflect on the events that have taken place over the past year.



And while we may not know what 2021 will bring we do know that there will be both expected and unexpected events that will impact our daily lives. Some will be good and some will not be so good. Let us prepare ourselves for both by giving thanks to God for all that He has done for us and to ask for God's mercy and blessing when we stumble and fall.

For Catholics and Christians alike, 2021 has already seen an increase in the hatred toward our beliefs and way of life. Social media companies have upped their assault on Pro-Life organizations. States continue to throttle our ability to attend mass and to worship. Now is the time to strengthen our faith through prayer and fasting.

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

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

Johnson cont.

Mid-Year Meeting:

Thank you to those that took time to attend the Mid-Year meeting. The State Deputy announced that all councils will receive a 50% reduction in their 2020 State Per Capita billing and that there will be no New Member billing for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

For those councils that are current with their forms and State financial obligations, they will be eligible for an additional 50% reduction in State Per Capita. The deadline is January 15, 2021.

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 2 councils.

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

There are 4 councils that have not paid their FY 2019-2020 Per Capita dues.

Here are a few stats that maybe of interest...

- 31 councils qualify for the 100% Per Capita incentive.
- 65 councils qualify for the 50% Per Capita incentive
- Honorary Life members – 1,856
- Honorary members – 425
- Oldest member born in 1914...hhmmm
- Youngest member born in 1987
- 64 members with the title Brother (51 are not showing as HL and 45 are from the same council... hhmmm
- 121 Deacons
- 42 Fathers
- 5 Most Reverend
- 1 Monsignor
- 4 MSR (not sure what this is)
- 302 Reverend

Monthly Update

Johnson cont.

- 4 RMR (not sure of this one either)
- 2 VRV (Very Reverend?)
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Your councils should be gearing up for all of the upcoming activities over the next several months.

January 17th Pro-life mass in Louisville

January 1st-31st Local Council Free Throw events

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

February 17th Ash Wednesday

February 19th 1st Fish Fry for many councils

March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May
These are just a few that quickly come to mind. I'm sure there are many more. Wishing you a great year!

AND Remember...

Recruitment is not about quotas or incentives – it is about changing history, one act of charity at a time. Knights of Columbus are men on a mission and the more men among our ranks, the more we can do for our families, our communities and the Church.Quote taken from letter to District Deputies by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

Tom Johnson
State Secretary

State Treasurer

Luke Williams



In Memory: Father Mario J. Tizziani
My Friend, Brother and Most Reverend Mario,

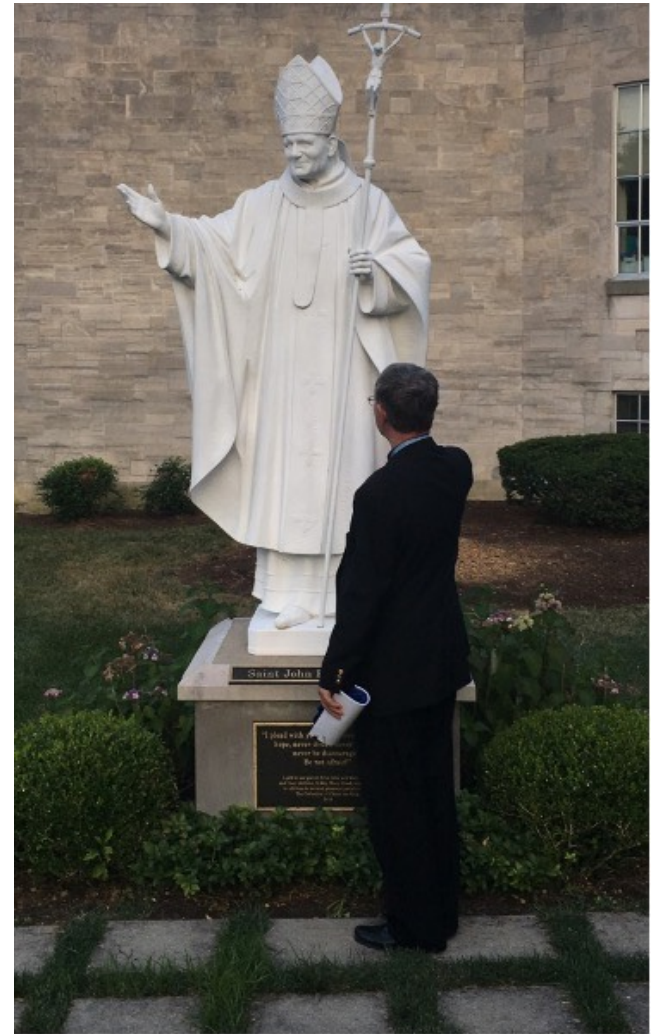
Thank you for the time we had to be touched by you. You showed us true love of life and taught us how to pray and look good too.



You taught us how to show respect for our Brothers and Sisters, even if we weren't Ohio State fans. Some of us also learned about your mastery of the space bar and how easily it could add fun to any document we happened to be working with on our laptop. We were blessed by your humor.

Williams cont.

So many times you showed us how to give Praise to God. You showed us what true love looked like by your example. We were blessed to experience your love.



Thank you for showing us how to respect those entrusted to help us get to Heaven. We were blessed with your knowledge.

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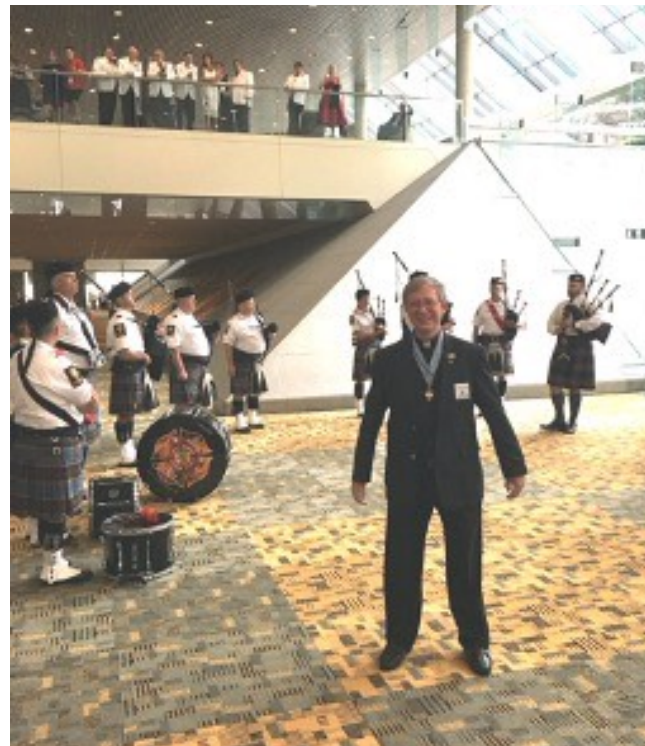
Some of us were blessed with singing lessons from you at times...I'd bet you are enjoying every chance you get to sing now with friends, family, angels and saints in Heaven while praising God.



Some of us learned what true amazement looked like. We are now blessed with all your memories.

Williams cont.

You were great at showing us how to give Praise to God by enjoying our surroundings.



We were blessed to be with you and learned so much by your presence with us.



Williams cont.

Your presence brought smiles, tears and joy as you lived charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, faith, hope and love in your life.



Thank You for the Blessings, Please continue to Pray for Us!
With heartfelt Love from All of Us... Goodbye my Brother till we meet again.

Vivat Jesus,
Luke A. Williams
State Treasurer

State Advocate

Dick Burns



Brother Knights,

Father Mario Tizziani (4/8/54-12/26/20)

I'm sure you've heard that we lost our State Chaplain suddenly in December. I was fortunate to be able to attend his funeral Mass and say farewell. He was a good friend to the Knights. Those of us who have served on the State Council and attended State Meetings with him knew him to be a priest of conviction and integrity who loved to serve the Lord and His people. He will be sorely missed.

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

State Deputy Incentive

You have until 1/15/21 to make sure your council get 100% of their 2021 assessment forgiven!

- has submitted Forms 185, 365, and 1295 (for the period ending 6/30/20) and
- has completed the Safe Environment Protection Training for the Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director and
- is paid up on State assessments

As of 1/5 only 28 councils have met these criteria, but there's still time to get your Forms submitted and SET compliance. You can do it, and you don't want to miss out on this incentive! Even if you don't, though, the State Deputy is still taking care of 50% of your assessment.

If you have any questions about your council's status, please consult with your District Deputy or me. We'll be glad to help you any way we can.

Burns cont.

2021 Resolutions

I have sent a letter to all GKs reminding them that councils have until March 15th to submit resolutions for the 2021 State Convention. At the Convention, the delegates assigned to the Resolution Committee will review them and make recommendations to all the Delegates at the Business Meeting. Each Resolution will be open for discussion and voted upon. Those Resolutions that deal with matters beyond our Jurisdiction will be submitted to the Supreme Advocate for consideration at the Supreme Convention.

Last year, Council #2282 presented a Resolution supporting a “Paid for Life Dues” program that the Board of Directors took under consideration for further discussion. We’ll see if we hear anything about it at next year’s Supreme Convention.

Recruit! and Retain!

5 more Councils brought in new members in December, but halfway through the year that only brings us up to 34 of 96 Councils recruiting so far. We’re up to 29 (from 20 last month) Councils which have initiated new Brother Knights so far this year, despite the pandemic. 5 Councils have already exceeded their annual new membership quota, led by St. Edward the Confessor Council 15841 in Jeffersontown.

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.

Burns cont.

Happy New Year!

From me and my family to yours, we wish you a Blessed and Happy New Year! It's got to get better.....

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,

Last year was a very unusual year, but I hope your Christmas and New Year were a Blessed Holiday. As look into this year, things should get back to normal for our Brotherhood and Families. Hopefully we can get back to, if not already, to our unusual meetings, with Good Participation. Good in-person meetings and being able to do Fish-Fry's.

Basketball Slam

Tickets are out, and sold tickets are coming in. Please remember, this is the fundraiser for the State Disaster Relief Program. This is not about certain College Basketball Teams; it is about a Charity. 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.

A Real Brother

We lost a very dear and Good Brother, Fr Mario. As the District Master, for Kentucky, I had the pleasure of Knighting Fr. Mario into the Fourth Degree. It was at that time that learned that Fr. Mario was a Navy Seabee. We had a connection, as Seabees, we were brothers of a unique service. Like Marines, we were recovering Seabees. Always, smiling, with that "Can-Do" attitude.

Dykhuis cont.

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. Membership is Free until the end of the Fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!!

Gary Dykhuis

State warden



Monthly Update

District Master

Bill Schmidt PSD

Sir Knights –

Happy New Year! I know I for one am looking forward very much to see what happens in 2021. I cannot wait to get back to face to face meetings with all of my Brother and Sir Knights across the state. I'm sure you are too! I urge you and your fellow Sir Knights to work with your Assembly leaders to get your activities back on track. If you have any questions, or need any help, please let me know.

By the time this newsletter is published, the January 23rd Fourth Degree Exemplification may be "in the books". At the time of this writing, there are enough new Sir Knights for the Kentucky District to meet its recruiting goal! I want to thank each and every new Sir Knight as well as the Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers for your support in making this happen. We have several months to go, and more opportunities to increase our Patriotic outreach. Let's make this a truly monumental year for the Fourth Degree!

In order to grow the Fourth Degree, we must first grow in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. Recruit new members into your council and advance them through the higher degrees so that they can become Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree. Our councils, parishes, and communities need us Sir Knights more than ever. Let's build up our Army of Knights to fight for what is right and just.

Fraternally,

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Monthly Update

General Agent

Daniel Schachle

Knights of Columbus Insurance Financial Protection for 2021 and beyond



Happy New Year! As we begin the new year it is common to review the past year and look at what we would like to accomplish in the new one. I believe that most of us would like to forget about many of the occurrences in 2020, (e.g. COVID 19 - pandemic, Civil unrest, presidential election, business lockdowns, quarantines, etc. I am looking for our prayers to be answered as we unite as a local community, nation and Knights of Columbus brotherhood. On a positive note, at least our prayers were answered with the beatification of our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.

As we look to the future it brings us to the usual thinking about the new year and making resolutions. This is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives. As you think about family, one resolution our K of C Field Agents we can help you keep is to update your K of C Family Service Record and to access your goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a written plan? Have you addressed longevity risk? Do you have guaranteed income built into your financial plan? With our professional approach using the K of C Profiles+Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your protection and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

The future is uncertain with the concerns about market volatility, the health of Medicare and Social Security and how we will pay for the growing Federal budget deficit which is at \$27 trillion and growing. According to the Social Security Trustees, the combined trust funds have a deficit of \$16.8 trillion through 2094. With this growing debt crisis, do you think taxes are going to be higher or lower in the future? Do you think Medicare premiums will rise in the future? I can assist you in reviewing strategies that will help you to minimize these future risks and what actions you can take now.

Monthly Update

Schachle cont.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no one simple answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what goals and issues are of most concern. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get where you want to go.

Our K of C Field Agents have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stockbroker. They will look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2021 and beyond. Now is the time to meet with them to ensure that at the end of 2021, you are achieving your desired financial security and protection.

Vivat Jesus,
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History Report

Billy Hancock PSD

Council History Update January 2021

Over a quarter century of Kentucky State Council history has slipped into the past and for the most part gone unrecorded since the first , and only, history book, cover shown, was published in 1993. The information submitted by the participating Councils was either particularly good or rather skimpy.in content. Some Councils did not submit any input to the project either through lack of interest or for financial reasons. The cost was \$225.00 per page to print the article. I was Grand Knight of Council 7847 at the time. We did not have the money to participate. The book had been a dream since the late 1970s. It took another 23 years to bring the book to fruition. The late George M. Schrode, PSD and longtime state newspaper editor authored the book. The hardbound 128-page book made its debut at the 90th State Convention held in Covington. Charles "Carl" Biery was State Deputy. The book price was standard edition \$48.00 and leather edition \$84.00.



In 1993 the State Council consisted of 56 Councils and 8,300 members. The last Council included in the book is Msgr Thompson Council 10988, Calvert City. Since then, the number of Councils has grown to over 100 and members exceed 12,000. So, there is a lot of history to catch up on.

This is the third plea for this historical data. I recommend each Council appoint a historian to research and submit their input for a new edition to our history. Send the articles to me and I will eventually bind the histories in a loose-leaf binder. I expect this to be a long-term project. Cost of the book will be minimal to cover cost of printing and binding. The State Council may underwrite the cost.

Since I asked for the update in 2018, I have received 11 new or updates from Councils 1055, 5453, 7847, 10263, 10987, 11470, 12352, 12923, 12965, 15914, and 16232. Thanks for the updates.

Hancock cont.

Another feature of the original history book is biographies. Please feel free to submit personal biographies. A small picture of the individual and about a 150-word paragraph would be welcome.

I have including an outline as a guide to writing the history. There is no limit to the number of pages you submit. Please print on both sides of the paper. Thanks for your support in this undertaking.

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A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021 to all!!

Article outline:

Full council name and number

Institution date

Number of charter members (submit their names if you care to)

The above can be extracted from your charter

Charter Grand Knight

Current Grand Knight

Current number of members

Narrative:

Prominent members

Milestones

Awards

Special recognitions

Special activities

The above list is certainly not an all-conclusive list but a memory jogger of topics to explore.

Date article completed.

Virtual Valentine Dance

"A Season for Love"

From the comfort and security of your own home.
Prepare your dinner, chill the wine, live stream the show,
grab your dance partner and get ready to be entertained!

Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:00 - 9:30PM (EST)

7:00-8:30PM CST / 5:00-6:30PM PST

View across our Smart TV like Mass
Facebook and Youtube channels
Knights of Columbus 13053
go to **facebook.com/KofC13053**

Special Guests Appearances:

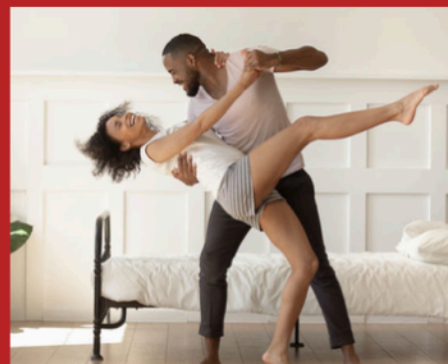
Most Reverend Archbishop Joseph Kurtz; *Archdiocese of Louisville,
former President US Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

Father Mike Schmitz; *Dir of Youth & Young Adult Ministries,
Diocese of Duluth MN, American Catholic speaker and author.*

Karen Morrison; *President & CEO, Gilda's Club Kentuckiana*
Personal Testimonies to the "Secret Ingredient"

Which sustains their vows and commitment to each other.

YOU!: Send us a virtual "love note" to be read "live" on air
"Real-time interactive Chat" sharing your heart-felt message.



Upcoming Events

January

February

Valentine's Day 14

March

St. Patrick's Day 17

April

Easter 4

May

State Convention 14-16

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