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Election of a new Supreme Knight

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight on Feb. 5, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago.

Carl A. Anderson will retire February 28, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. He leaves a



legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world.

Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1.

Mr. Kelly's election as Supreme Knight follows a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to Church and country, which will serve him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Mr. Kelly has served as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years, spearheading the Knights' interaction with the White House, Congress and federal agencies. He has also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus, he has consistently strengthened its record of charity, advocacy, insurance, investment and membership growth.

Mr. Kelly served as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and oversaw the renewal of the facility after its purchase by the Knights

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in 2011. During his tenure, the shrine became a leading pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for Catholics throughout the United States and the world. Prior to his leadership roles in the Knights, Mr. Kelly pursued a lengthy career of public service. Most notably, he was Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department from 2005 to 2006. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal liaison with the Holy See and assisting with the formulation of U.S. foreign policy on religious freedom worldwide. He led U.S. delegations to the World Summit on Islamic-Christian dialogue (2005), the UN conference on interfaith cooperation (2005), and annual Sant'Egidio conferences. He has also held advisory roles on the House Intelligence Committee and the Department of Justice, where he specialized in counterterrorism and national security.

Mr. Kelly served in the United States Navy for 24 years, on land and sea and on active duty and reserve status. As a Judge Advocate General, he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the U.S. Naval War College. He served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and aboard the USS Guam as the Staff Judge Advocate for Amphibious Squadron Two. His personal awards include three Navy Achievement Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the JAG Corps Reserve in 2016.

Mr. Kelly has served as consultant to three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for more than a decade: The Committee on Pro-life Activities, the Committee on Religious Liberty, and the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage.

Mr. Kelly has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the March for Life since 2012. Under his leadership, the March for Life has become one of the most effective pro-life organizations in the world. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) since 2013. He has helped guide the NCBC in its mission to promote respect for the dignity of each human being through an understanding of how the moral teachings of the Church apply in health care and the life sciences.

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Mr. Kelly holds a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America, a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a bachelor's degree in economics from Marquette University, where he joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983.

He and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters. They live in Connecticut.

Special Olympics

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 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.



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

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the Worthy State Deputy, the Salute to Summer Games will return as a Knights of Columbus-specific campaign. From early April 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.

Worthy Grand Knights should have received an e-mail from the State Deputy in January. More communications about the Salute will be coming soon. If you have any questions, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org



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.

A Reflection on the Emblem of the Order

I recently watched a quiz program on TV in which the contestants were shown logos of various products and they had to identify the product. This led me to think about how symbols, emblems, and various logos represent many things. Logos that first came to my mind were the NBC peacock, the CBS eye, the Coke label and polar bear, and the Knights of Columbus emblem.

The Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order is in many places - on our lapel pins, in this newsletter, on the outside of some of our meeting places, the walls, and on various flags and pennants. This emblem is reserved for the exclusive use of Knights who are practicing Catholic members and who have completed at least the First Degree. But what does this emblem represent?

The Emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting on May 12, 1883.

Look at the emblem carefully. A quick glance indicates there is a shield mounted upon the Formee Cross. The shield is associated with a medieval Knight. The Formee Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ thus representing the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects:

The fasces standing vertically – in the Roman days the fasces was symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bound and efficiently run organization.

Behind the fasces is an anchor. The anchor is a mariner's symbol for Columbus, the patron of our Order.

Also behind the fasces is a dagger or short sword, the weapon of the knight on an errand of mercy.

Thus, our shield that each Council displays expresses Catholic Knighthood through our organized merciful actions and with the letters K of C, it proclaims our charitable and merciful activities as Knights.

Tootsie Roll Announcement

Fr. Scott Wimsett from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Louisville took to Facebook to promote the Tootsie Roll Drives the the Knights do. He did a great job of showing the great work that thew Knights do for people with intellectual disabilities. Such a great promotion for the Knights. Thanks Fr. Scott! You can watch the video by clicking this link or by clicking on the picture below. https://fb.watch/3hF0DU7m92/





State Deputy Steve Zanone

Brother Knights and families,

We are at the beginning of lent. An entire year has passed since the Covid-19 issues began. But there is hope and positive energy in the air. Councils have figured out how to remain active in spite of the restrictions we have been faced with. After a virtual meeting with the District Deputies, I have learned than many fish

fries will happen, some as eat in, but the bulk will be as drive through or carry out only. As we have been saying "There is a solution. Go find it!" Lent is the most serious part of the church year. Our time of repentance and preparation for Easter. Let us pray that we may be ready for the resurrection.

The board of directors has elected Patrick Kelley as our new Supreme Knight. Carl Anderson will be retiring. When the new Supreme Knight begins his term, I am sure we will see more changes and new initiatives to help us recruit new families into the Order, and to ensure that Father McGivney's dream will survive and thrive beyond our lifetime. As for the Kentucky jurisdiction, we can still obtain our rightful place within the circle of honor. E-membership is proving to be a huge boon for us. Keep up the great work! Even if your council can't meet in person, all men who wish to join may do so as E-members. When your council meets again, put them through the new degree ceremony. Guys, we only need 3 members a day to meet our goal. We can do this. We have always been a second-half team. We have had the help of a great insurance team this year. Dan and his crew are doing all they possibly can to help us out with membership and insurance to protect ourselves and our families. If you know of a person who would make a good field agent, or you are interested yourself, let me know. Dan can use more agents.

Remember our purpose brothers. Leave no neighbor behind. Continue the good works that you and your council do for the Church and the community. We are needed now more than ever. We are the strong right arm of the Church. After the

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turmoil and strife our nation has been through the last several months, families will be looking for a place they fit in. They will be looking to be involved in a positive organization with like minded people. Let us be that group. Keep the faith and continue to pray for our nation as we deal with the pandemic and social turmoil.

Vivat Jesus, Steve Zanone, State Deputy

State Secretary

Tom Johnson

Secretary's Report:

For those councils that did not qualify for the 100% 2020 State Per Capita forgiveness, please note that the 50% 2020 State Per Capita invoices were emailed out between January 30th and February 4th,



2021. I have already received a number of checks. Thank you to those councils that have already paid.

I am sure that over the next several weeks that I will continue to receive more checks. Please note that all State Per Capita invoices should be paid by April 20th, 2021 in order for your council to have a vote at the upcoming State Convention in May.

Past due billing Status:

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 1 council. This council will not have voting rights at the upcoming State Convention until this past due bill is paid. There are 0 councils remaining that have not paid their FY 2019-2020 NMB-1 fee. Thank you!

There are 4 councils that have not paid their FY 2019-2020 Per Capita dues. The councils are: 10987, 12623, 15063 & 15707. These councils will not have voting rights at the upcoming State Convention until this past due bill is paid, even if they are current on their 2020 Per Capita billing.

Johnson cont.

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

- 43 councils qualified for the 100% Per Capita forgiveness.
- 53 councils qualified for the 50% Per Capita forgiveness.
- Honorary Life members 1,974
- Honorary members 449
- Oldest member born in 1914...hhmmm
- Youngest member born in 2002
- 76 members with the title Brother
- 125 Deacons
- 43 Fathers
- 5 Most Reverend
- 5 Monsignor
- 310 Reverend
- 4 RMR (not sure of this one either)
- 2 VRV (Very Reverend?)

Your councils should be gearing up for all of the upcoming activities over the next several months.

- 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.
- April 20th is the deadline for all past due bills to be paid if a council wishes to have voting rights at the State Convention
- May 15th & 16th State Convention in Lexington

These are just a few that quickly come to mind. I'm sure there are many more.

Johnson cont.

Congratulations!

To Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly on being selected by the Supreme Board of Directors to be the Order's next Supreme Knight beginning March 1st, 2020. And thank you to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for his 20 years of service & leadership.

Take Care & God Bless,

Tom Johnson, KY State Secretary



State Treasurer

Luke Williams

Seems we are all keeping busy now a days. My hope is that all are finding themselves new closeness to those they love and your faith has been deepened.

I have found out that many of you are learning how to do a Zoom meeting with video or phone. If I can't see you in person, a phone

call or online meeting would be great.

Remember that the KY State Council has a Zoom account and any State Officer can host a meeting for any Council.

We are in the home stretch for our State Basketball Slam Sweepstakes Disaster Fund Drive. Please support this important fundraiser for the State Council Disaster Fund.

If you know a Catholic man who is not a Knight, consider asking them, you might be just what he and his family is looking for.

Please reach out personally to someone you have not seen or talked to lately. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Vivat Jesus, Luke Williams State Treasurer

State Advocate

Dick Burns

Brother Knights,

State Deputy Incentive

Congratulations to the 32 Councils who met all the criteria to be relieved of 100% of their 2021 State Assessment:

390	1004	1055	1290	1315	1320
1483	2499	5453	6743	7847	10725
10988	11453	11470	11591	12354	12502
12923	13053	13917	14372	14604	15181
11525	15613	15681	15841	15914	15931
15979	16179				



These Councils are well on their way to earning Star Council Awards.

If you think that your council should have been on this list, please contact me and State Secretary Tom Johnson.

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!

We're more than halfway through the Fraternal Year, and only 36 of our 97 active Councils have recruited new members so far. 6 Councils have already met or exceeded their annual new membership quota, despite the pandemic. You can, too!

Monthly Update ———

Burns cont.

Be sure to use the new eMembership as a tool to get men to take the first step toward full membership. And remember that free first year dues have been extended through June by Supreme – use promo code McGivney 2020!

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.

COVID-19

Speaking of the pandemic, my family has been very cautions and diligent with our mask wearing, yet 3 out of 4 of us (myself included) tested positive. We've all bee release by the Public Health Department. We were blessed to have had mild cases, but we're waiting to see if we have any long-term effects. Please take the virus seriously and follow the government health guidelines. I'm on a waiting list for my vaccination and won't feel comfortable until I have it (and maybe not even then).

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!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Burns

State Advocate

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



State Warden Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Brothers,

As we start the last haft of this challenging year, we need to keep our heads up and our Goals of helping those in need. Ash

Wednesday is early this year, and so are Fish Fries. Drive though is the common, but safety is the new norm. A good way to meet families you have not seen in a while. Also our Brotherhood is alive and well.

Basketball Slam

Tampa Bay Buccaneers made history last weekend, first team to play in their own stadium, and winning. Tickets sold are coming in, the NCAA announced that the tournament is going to be played. NCAA is going to allow each team to play the required games. Please remember, this is the fundraiser for the State Disaster Relief Program. Please remember for every two tickets sold, you receive a third ticket online, making your odds better. I ask each Council consider buying 10 tickets, this will give the Council 5 extra tickets, and more chances of winning. 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.

You can click on this link to register for your free ticket (after buying 2) or check the results after the tournament ends. https://www.basketballsweeps.com/purchase/checkout/org/Knightso_14_2021

Dykhuis cont.

Recruit and Retain

Hopefully your Council has taken advantage of the State Deputy's Challenge. A number of Councils have taken advantage of this. This is a great way to retain a member that might be having a hard time.

This year is a Great year to recruit a new member as his first yea is Free, and he can join on line. You can transfer him into your Council. Please remember to ask the Families that are in RCIA, to join us.

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



District Master Bill Schmidt PSD

Sir Knights -

I am very pleased to announce that the Kentucky District of the Fourth Degree has exceeded our District goal of 156 new Sir Knights! 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!

I would like to also recognize the following Assemblies for already meeting their Supreme quotas:

Assembly	Assembly Name	Location	Percent
307	Bishop Flaget	Covington	128.6%
309	Monsignor McGee	Bardstown	169.2%
310	Bluegrass	Lexington	100.0%
312	Fr. John Fallon	Paducah	120.0%
2008	Archbishop John Floersh	Louisville	242.9%
2405	St. Henry	Aurora	150.0%
2753	Fr. George P. Bothmicke	Hopkinsville	600.0%
3021	Fr. Michael J. McGivney	Grayson County	400.0%
3075	Monsignor Albert Schmitt	La Grange	160.0%
3228	St. Francis DeSales	Fairdale	180.0%

The next online Exemplification will be on Saturday March 20th at 10 AM EST (9 AM CST). The online Exemplifications have done very well in allowing members to join without the added work and expense of an in-person Exemplification. Sometime this year we will return

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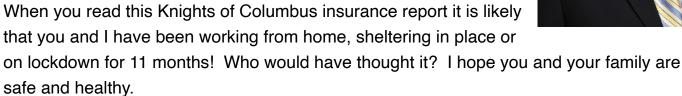
to in-person Exemplifications (and likely still some online) but for now the online is the only option available.

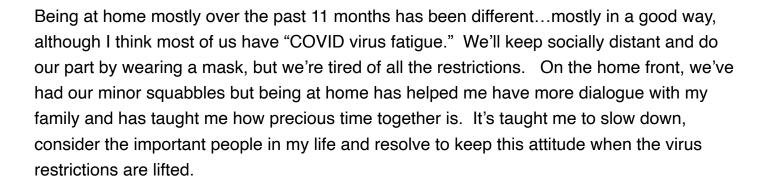
In order to grow the Fourth Degree, we must first grow in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. Recruit new members into your council and advance them through the higher degrees so that they can become Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree. Our councils, parishes, and communities need us Sir Knights more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

Fraternally,
Bill Schmidt, PSD
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General Agent Daniel Schachle

Knights of Columbus - Put Your Loved Ones First





This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In Fiddler on the Roof, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course, that song about "Tradition" is the old-fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and manage to also make a proper home, raise the family, and run the household. They are remarkable!

So, don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card, or the gift as a token of your love and letting your spouse know how much she means to you. And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me, and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance protection.



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With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident can be devastating.

Our Field Agents have met with many of you over the past year. We continue to meet either virtually or with appropriate social distancing. We all want to be safe and healthy. The Order has equipped all of our Field Agents with the means to properly meet and service all of our assigned brother knights and their families.

Please take the time to contact your Field Agent, so he can make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

Vivat Jesus!
Dan Schachle, General Agent
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History Report Billy Hancock PSD

My Brother Knights

We meet in a see that once encompassed much of America's heartland. The Archdiocese of Louisville, originally the Diocese of Bardstown, once covered the states of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and most of Tennessee. The Louisville see truly is the mother church of the American Midwest.

Perhaps the first Mass on Kentucky soil was offered by Father Jacques Marquette in 1673 as he made his way down the Mississippi River on his historic exploration.

The first permanent priest in the state was Father Charles Whelan who journeyed there in the late 1780s to serve a colony of Catholics who had migrated from Maryland. But he stayed only three years.

The generally recognized apostle of Kentucky was Father Stephen Badin, a native of Orleans, France, who was a seminarian when the French revolution struck. He escaped the anti-religious reign of terror by journeying across the Atlantic and became the first priest ordained in the United States. He was given Holy Orders by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore in May 1793. He immediately was appointed vicar general of the Old West, which included Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Tennessee. He spent most of his time in Kentucky and for many years was the only priest serving the scattered Catholics in that state.

Another pioneer priest in Kentucky was Father Charles Nerinckx, a Belgian who for a time carried on a clandestine ministry during the French revolution and then joined Father Badin in 1805. An indefatigable man, Father Nerinckx built 10 churches in 10 years and founded the Sisters of Loretto, the first native American community.

It is these and many other pioneers we honor by our gathering in Louisville and in the state of Kentucky. We hope to be inspired by their example. We aspire to imitate their zeal in the apostolate.

The preamble of the Kentucky Constitution expresses gratefulness to Almighty God. We join in that gratitude for the blessings God has granted this state and for the multitude of kindnesses He has bestowed on our order as we begin our centennial year.

Cinyil & Duchan Supreme Knight

The above article was copied from the 99th Annual Supreme Convention States Dinner booklet dated August 18, 1981. A special thanks to Mike Peak, FSW, PSD for loaning the booklet.



Saturday, May 8, 2021 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\$90 per shooter

(includes clays & ammunition)

at Lloyd WMA Trap Range 230 Gardnersville Road, Crittenden, KY

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Note: There will be NO lunch this year



STATE SENATOR
John Schickel





T.J. Mueller

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Upcoming Events

February
Valentine's Day 14

March
St. Patrick's Day 17

April
Easter 4

May
State Convention 14-16

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