

# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER  
2021  
NEWSLETTER



Care Net is so very grateful for the support of Knights of Columbus! On Tuesday, August 24, Knights of Columbus councils of Northern Kentucky presented a check for \$50,000 to Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky to purchase a state of the art ultrasound machine for Care Net's Cold Spring location. This machine replaces a faulty one and the newer technology will give our clients and medical staff even better view into the womb! Since we offer our services free to our clients, this would not be possible without individuals and organizations like the Knights of Columbus lending their support. THANK YOU!



## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Consider "The Power of One". What impact would one new member per council per month have on the Kentucky Knights of Columbus? Imagine a year in which we increased our membership by 1200 Catholic families, and the impact of their charitable works. Also consider what a donation of \$.01 per day per member would mean to our State Charities funds. A mere \$3.65 per member per year would have a huge positive impact. Keep the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney alive and growing.

*Steve Zanone*



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## KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER



OK Dick Barner of Fr. William Dierker Council 13304 in La Grange, KY presents LittleWay Executive Director, Ellen Wickmann, with a \$4,266.50 donation raised from the recent Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive at Immaculate Conception Church. Ellen & Dick thank the many and generous Parishioners at IC who have donated to this worthy effort which helps to allow LittleWay to continue their life saving work, e.g. Free pregnancy services, baby closet supplies, post-abortion healing, purity program in 40+ schools, etc.



### STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new fraternal year. This will be an exciting one, as we emerge from the darkness of Covid restrictions and the absence of church and social activities and return to the light which is the mission given to us by our founder Blessed Michael McGroarty. It is our duty to assist our Church in winning our brothers and sisters to the Sacraments. Let us strive in all we do to complete this mission. Families are hungry for a means to live their faith with like minded people. Kentucky Knights of Columbus, let us prove that we are indeed the "Strong Right Arm of the Church". Let us go forth and do good works, increase our numbers, and continue the work of our founder!

Steve Zanone

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## KY State Council Newsletter

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# IN MEMORY OF FORMER DISTRICT MASTER DENNIS BLAIR

Dennis Michael Blair, 71, of Radcliff, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Dennis was a member of American Legion, Kentucky Colonel and Lions Club. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus as a 4th Degree Member and former State Master. Dennis proudly served in the United States Navy. He was a Hardin County Constable for 4 years. Dennis was an entrepreneur with many businesses throughout his life. He will be missed by his loving family and all of those who knew him.

He was born on March 10, 1950 in Louisville, Kentucky to Joseph Earl and Thelma (Willen) Blair. He is preceded in death by his Parents, Brothers, Joey Blair Jr., and Rick Blair.

Dennis is survived by his loving Wife of 51 years, Virnel Blair, Daughter, Regina Thornton, Son, Douglass Blair, Sr., Daughter, Tracie Blair, and Brother, Steven (Jerri) Blair. Dennis also leaves behind to cherish his memory 17 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren, and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Friends, and Extended Family.



Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions – Southwest Louisville Chapel, (10304 Dixie Hwy). A Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Holy Family Catholic Church (3938 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville). Graveside Services with Military Honors will be held on Thursday, September 16, at 10:00 am at Calvary Cemetery in Louisville.



# COUNCIL COOKING FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC

On Saturday August 28, St Joseph council from Mt Washington KY fried over 1600 pieces of chicken for the St Aloysious church picnic in Sheperdsville, KY. St Joseph council had approximately 24 volunteers ready to sort, bread, and fry the chicken. This event was one of the biggest annual fundraisers for St Aloysious. After 2020 and most of 2021, the chick fry was a refreshing taste of normalcy.



# HISPANIC RECRUITING EVENT

Dwight Frank and Tony Carmona, Bilingual Field Agent, representing the Schachle Agency, joined the members of the Hispanic and Latino faithful who gathered Sept. 4 at St. Rita Church, Louisville, KY for the Archdiocesan VIII Encuentro. It started with the celebration of Mass with by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz. Following the Mass, the Schachle Agency presented a \$500 donation on behalf of the Knights of Columbus to the Office of Hispanic Ministry. Thanks to Jose for helping set this all up.

Archdiocese of Louisville newspaper *The Record* wrote an article about this event that can be read [here](#).





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# STATE DEPUTY AWARD

At their council meeting, District Deputy Jim Wharton presented University of Kentucky Council #15452 the State Deputy Award for their service during Fraternal Year 2020-2021.



# 10 COMMANDMENTS MONUMENT

Monsignor Gettlefinger Council 1264 in Lebanon donated a 10 Commandments Monument to St. Augustine church in Lebanon Ky. On August 28th the monument was dedicated by Fr. Mark Hamilton. There was a 12 member honor guard at the dedication. The parishioners are very happy to have the monument.

The council purchased the \$5,500 monument with money raised at the fish fries.





# 4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

At the 4th degree exemplification held in Louisville on August 28th, over 30 men joined the ranks of the 4th Degree of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. We were honored to have Archbishop Kurtz as the Keynote speaker at the banquet. He also celebrated the 4:00 pm Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church where the new Sir Knights and their Ladies were in attendance. Congratulations to our newest Sir Knights. Any Knights of Columbus members that would like to join the 4th degree should contact their grand knight or District Master, Bill Schmidt PSD ([billschmidtspd@comcast.net](mailto:billschmidtspd@comcast.net)).





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# RSVP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Refund Support Vocations Program ([RSVP](#)) has been a great program that the Knights of Columbus has been implementing for many years. For the last several years, all of the seminarians in Kentucky have been sponsored by a council. Below is a thank you letter from Traditional Deacon Dustin S. Hungerford. His sentiments demonstrate the impact that sponsorship of seminarians has.

Fr. Bernard A. Spoelker Assembly #2834  
Knights of Columbus  
P.O. Box 16122  
Shively, KY 40256

To My Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus! It is hard to believe that three years have gone by so fast. From entering as a first year to this point when I write to you as a freshly minted deacon, I cannot believe I have made it this far!

I cannot express how honored I am that you have sponsored me these past three years. I hope to do you proud as I race to the finish line. In this final year of formation, I will be taking classes that focus on the Eucharist, Marriage Counseling, and the theology and practice of the sacraments, particularly Confession, Anointing of the Sick, and the Mass. This is a very special and very humbling time. Not to mention how hectic it is. Time flies by so fast.

I could not have made it this far in my vocation without the prayers and support of my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially my brother knights. I am grateful beyond words. It is my hope that this coming May, you will be able to join me at my ordination.

Until then, please keep me in your prayers. You will be in mine. With every blessing, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin S. Hungerford". The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters.

Rev. Mr. Dustin S. Hungerford  
Transitional Deacon / Seminarian  
Knight of Columbus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree  
Mount Mercy Council 14604

# COUNCIL #15914 OFFICER INSTALLATION

The Officer Installation at Fr. Francis L. Sampson Council #15914 was conducted on August 22, 2021, by DD George Barber, and Chaplin Fr. Peter Pomposello(CAP. US Army), at Ft. Campbell, KY at the 10AM Mass. Present during the Mass and Installation was BLSD Fr. Michael J. McGivney's First Class Relic. All of the Council 15914 jewels were elevated to Third Class Relics after the Mass.

Submitted by: Bill Taylor FS



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# 11 HISPANIC MEMBERS ATTAIN FULL KNIGHTHOOD

The Knights of Columbus St. John XXIII 5634 held an Exemplification on September 19th at St. Rita Catholic church in Louisville, KY. The 11 Hispanic men recently became members of the Knights of Columbus via our online member program. These Knights will become members of the St. John XXIII 5634 council.

Submitted by: Dwight Frank, Field Agent





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# DICTIONARIES FOR 3RD GRADERS

Council 7847 in Hopkinsville, KY conducted its 17th year of distributing dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Fr. Michael Charles blessed the books and the attendees, teacher Mrs. Dunn graciously accepted our knights into her classroom. Brother Gerry Brockman, the originator of this program, conducted a "find the word" contest for the students. The word scholar won a crisp \$2 bill. Council 7847 will continue to help grow school attendance and educate the students in our Faith In Action programs.

Submitted by: GK Tom O'Hagan



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## Lexington Councils Pull for a Purpose at Big Brown Truck Pull

Two Lexington councils “Pulled for a Purpose” for Special Olympics at the Big Brown Truck Pull at Texas Roadhouse in Beaumont Center on Saturday, August 21. Christ the King Council #14130 and Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 both took part in the event in which teams take turns seeing who can pull a UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet in the fastest time. And while neither won, the Councils did combine to raise more than \$4,600 to support Special Olympics athletes.

One more opportunity remains for Councils to take part in one of the three Special Olympics Kentucky pull events when the Big Brown Truck Pull visits Paducah on Saturday, October 16. Teams must raise a minimum of \$750 to compete in the event. For more information visit [paducahtruckpull.com](http://paducahtruckpull.com).



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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## **Volunteer at a Special Olympics Bowling Tournament Near You**

Bowling is the most popular sport in the Special Olympics Kentucky program. It also tends to be popular with Knights of Columbus. So, the Special Olympics Bowling season provides a great opportunity for Knights to volunteer to support Special Olympics in their areas, whether individually or as a Council. There are eight Area Bowling Tournaments held statewide in October and all will be looking for volunteer support. Volunteers serve as lane monitors, making sure athletes bowl in the correct order and that their scores are reported accurately (thought you don't need to know how to keep score), scorekeepers (adding the scores of each bowler's two games) or awards guides or presenters. For more information about how to volunteer, contact Kelli Firquin at [kfirquin@soky.org](mailto:kfirquin@soky.org) or 502-695-8222. To register click the link to the bowling event near you.

### **2021 Area Bowling Schedule:**

Lexington - October 8 & 10; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x407>

Bowling Green – October 9; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x411>

Richmond – October 9; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x412>

Louisville – October 16-17; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x409>

Paducah – October 23-24; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x410>

Newport – October 23; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x408>

Owensboro – October 30; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x413>

Prestonsburg – October 30; <https://cerv.is/m?0297x414>

For more information about how your Council can get involved with Special Olympics events, contact Mark Buerger at [lexbuerger@gmail.com](mailto:lexbuerger@gmail.com) or 859-338-6075





# STATE DEPUTY STEVE ZANONE

My Brother Knights,

We are nearing the end of the first quarter of our fraternal year. So far, we have had a very good year. Thanks to your efforts, we currently are at the top of the leaderboard in our region! Congratulations, and thank you for your work. Our incentive program is set to end on September 30. However, if we reach 100 new members in the jurisdiction for the month of September, we will extend the \$25/ member incentive. We will examine other incentives at the conclusion of this program.

I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the items we discussed at our regional meetings. We revisited the concept of the power of one. Some of you may remember the video from some years back. One member, per council, per month. For many of our councils this should be easily done. One member per month is a total of 12 new families in that council. Some of our small councils may not be able to get one member every month, but maybe they get one every other month. That is still a big increase. We continued our theme of the Power of One in our discussion on charity. If every member donated \$.01 per day, \$3.65 per year, the result would be staggering. A total of \$45,625! There are very few members who cannot afford to contribute \$3.65 per year. Currently we are in desperate need of donations to our Culture of Life funds. We will not be able to have a significant impact in this area without them. We also discussed the importance of getting our forms submitted to the Supreme Council, and completing our Safe Environment training. I have taken the training, and it is not difficult. It takes about an hour and a half. Many people complain that they have completed training in their diocese and do not understand why we need to do a separate one for the Knights. The simple answer is because every diocese has a different training and differing standards. The Knights chose a

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program that meets our standards. The training is not hard, and I found it to be a good refresher course for my diocesan training. Please complete it as soon as possible.

Brothers, please keep up the good work. We are off to a strong start, but this is not the time to let up. Keep your council active and doing good works. Use your activities to recruit. Use the resources available to us. Your State officers want you to succeed. We want you to be the “go to” group in your parish. We are not using Covid as an excuse any longer. Covid may alter how we do our work, but it will not stop us from our work.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Steve Zanone  
State Deputy**



# STATE CHAPLAIN

## Fr. JOHN LIST

“I put no value on my life if only I can finish my race and complete the service to which I have been assigned by the Lord Jesus” (Acts 20:24, from Paul’s farewell to the presbyters of Ephesus, at Miletus.) The reflection offered by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, in the most recent issue of *Columbia*, put me in a reflective mood. I, too, have wondered at how much Blessed Michael McGivney had accomplished in his short life, as I have also noted in the celebration of this memorial or that feast the relative youth of so many saints through the ages. Like Archbishop Lori, I recognize that I am headed toward the “finish line” of my parish assignments. At 64, I can hope to complete this term as pastor at St. William and St. Sylvester, but I wouldn’t expect to be asked to take on another parish. (Take care when you assume!)

However, I have doubts whether I will be able to “complete the service” needed at my little congregation of St. Sylvester, to wit, the building of a new church since the foundation of the present structure has been judged structurally unsound. Like our supreme chaplain, I wonder what I have accomplished, how family and friends (and parishioners) will remember, or (most importantly) what divine judgment I will face. To put it another way, have I made a difference in the lives of those around me? As a Christian, have I contributed to the Kingdom of God here on earth?

Last week I had the opportunity to discuss with one of my nieces her plans for college as she finishes her senior year in high school. It turns out that she will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate college degree! Her sister is visiting colleges in the beginning of her junior year. It seems that young people these days have accelerated lives. My (baby) brother, who has already seen three sons through college, is looking down the home stretch toward an “empty nest.” I can still remember holding these girls in my arms as infants. *Tempus fugit*, indeed!



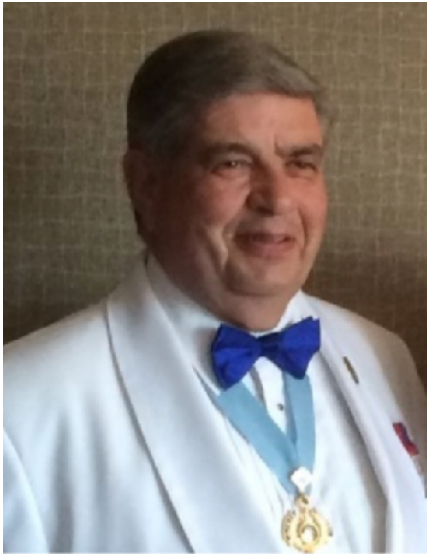
# Fr. JOHN CONT.

My brother's mark on the world will, in part, be made through his progeny. But as a celibate, I stand as a reminder that each of us will be held to account for how we, individually, exercised the stewardship of the gift of our lives. My brother and his wife take pride in their children, and rightly so, but their eternal salvation shall be the fruit of their actions in this life, not those of their children. In the concluding words of Archbishop Lori, "We should pray for the wisdom to sense the infinite and eternal kernel in every moment of time. When we live the principle of charity, our short lives take eternal significance. While still on earth, we can start living- and sharing- the infinite joy of God's kingdom."

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Fr. John List**

**State Chaplain**



# STATE SECRETARY TOM JOHNSON

Its September...The kids are back in school, after school activities, fall sports and family reunions are in full or almost full swing. 2021 is definitely an improvement over 2020. Regardless of what lies ahead, “Fall” is right around the corner. It’s time to start taking care of those outdoor chores and projects that you’ve wanted to get done this summer and it’s time to focus on your council and the charitable works that make a difference in the lives of so many.

The Faith In Action initiative is an excellent program put together by Supreme to guide us and encourage us to not only be men of faith but to be men who practice our faith. I strongly encourage every council and every member to watch the 12 part series of Into the Breach. There is a link on the Supreme website: go to [www.kofc.org/intothebreach](http://www.kofc.org/intothebreach) to view the videos.

Based on extensive research by Supreme:

Men want to...

1. Grow in their faith
2. Become better Catholic men by performing Charitable works
3. Involve their families. This gives them the opportunity to be with their families and share their Christian values with the children and neighbors

Men are expected to be “equal” to their wives and share in all family responsibilities. And their wives have to believe that involvement in the Knights of Columbus is beneficial to the family.

Bring them in slowly. Get them involved, let them move at their own pace and always extend a helping hand.

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## **Secretary's Report:**

Those that attended the July Organizational Meeting heard the good news that the traditional New Member Billing that occurs in July and January has been eliminated. I am happy to report that all past due NMBs have been paid.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said about the Past & Current State Per Capita Billings. We still have 3 councils that owe a total of \$1,340.00 for the FY 2019-2020 and 8 councils that owe a total of \$2,136.25 for the FY 2020-2021 for a combined total of \$3,476.25.

Emails were sent to all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries on 8/31/21 notifying them of the past due amounts and asking them to submit payment. It's important that these bills are paid to prevent a council from falling further behind.

How's the new membership incentive going you ask...well it may be too early to say, but the numbers for July & August look promising? In July, 5 councils welcomed 15 new members and in August, 22 councils welcomed 41 new members, for a total of 56 new members.

Congratulations to Council 7847 in Hopkinsville on bringing in new members for both July & August.

## **Please Pray:**

Unless you have been in a coma or have buried your head in the sand, you can't help but see the hatred and animosity toward people of faith. Pick up your Rosaries and pray. Pray that through the intercession of Mary the United States of America may once again turn from our sins of abortion, hatred, jealousy, anger and envy. For without God we are nothing.

For those that attended the July Organizational Meeting you saw me post a photo of a baby that was in need of our prayers and the prayers of many. We offered our morning Rosary for him and asked Fr. McGivney to intercede on his behalf and heal him. Our prayers and the prayers of many are being answered. After 89 days in the hospital and under the constant fear that baby Clay may not make it, I'm happy to report that he is out of the hospital and doing much better. He still has a long way to go but there is great hope for his future.



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## JOHNSON CONT.

I do not have the ability to determine who's prayers were answered that lead to baby Clay's turn-a-round but I can say that I believe that the Rosary and the prayers to Fr. McGivney played a part.

Let's make the 2021-2022 fraternal year a year in which we turn to God and give Him thanks for all things.

**Take care & God Bless,  
Tom Johnson  
State Secretary**



# STATE TREASURER LUKE WILLIAMS

## **Year of St. Joseph**

I continue to pray that we all follow St. Joseph's example of good works by "praying and listening intensely to God's will". St. Joseph "urges us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in fulfilling one's duties". Please go to the Supreme website page on "The Year of St. Joseph", print the St. Joseph Prayer card and pray after the rosary or anytime. Please continue to pray also through the intercession of St. Joseph, for all who are working to help Families in sickness and in health.

[www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/year-st-joseph.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/year-st-joseph.html)

## **KofC COVID RECOVERY PROGRAM (CRP) – A tool for every Council to be “Re-involved” with Church and community activities**

Most of us probably joined the Knights of Columbus because we wanted to help our Church, our Neighbor, and our Community. Up until March of 2020, that is probably exactly what we were doing. Some of us before COVID might have had more time spent to help these causes and some just felt better knowing that being a KofC member helped support those causes with our dues. When COVID shutdowns were initiated, we all had to face new crisis's and issues some of us had never dealt with. The outcomes of lockdowns and other rules enacted in the interest of "preventive measures" were and have caused a lot of stress and hardship for all of us. I am pretty sure that since we have been at this for 18 months now, at least we can say we are in a stage of "transition" and we all are forced to make some sort of COVID driven decisions on where our time and talents go. For most of us, our schedules have had a drastic change due to Family, work or neighbors needs and we are already doing things for Church, Neighbor and Community personally.

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As a Council trying to find what their current role includes, I encourage all (especially Officers) to go to the KofC Supreme Council COVID Recovery page to help get your primary motivation for our principles back on track.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/covid-recovery>

Reach out to your District Deputy or myself if you have any questions.

## **KY State Regional Meetings**

Thanks to all who have or will be attending one of the scheduled Regional Meetings. I always look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new.

The Regional meetings will be another opportunity to learn more about how we as Knights of Columbus can speak and listen to the factual and misconceptions of the world and confront the seemingly endless detractors that take us away from our Mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Please reach out to your brothers and continue to seek the truth.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

**Vivat Jesus,  
Luke Williams  
State Treasurer**





# STATE ADVOCATE DICK BURNS

Brother Knights,  
**Covid 2.0?**

The Regional Meetings are underway, and I'm hoping that you'll take advantage of the more normal conditions and meet with us in person while we still can. Kentucky is seeing an increase in the numbers of people infected, and I wouldn't be surprised to see the return of some of the restrictions we had to suffer through earlier in the Pandemic. Consider using these more relaxed times to plan for how your council will do business and prosper through a potential return of restrictions.

## **Council Forms**

- Form 365, the Service Program Personnel Report was due 8/1. As of 9/2 Supreme reports that 40 councils have not yet submitted this form. This is important so that new Program, Youth, and Family Chairmen requiring SET qualifications can be notified and other Chairmen can get important information and training.
- Form 185, the Report of Officers Chosen for the Term, was due 6/30. As of 9/2, Supreme reports that 20 Councils have not submitted this Form. This is important so that new Grand Knights requiring SET qualifications can be notified and other Officers can get important information and training
  - If you haven't had elections or have some empty offices, please submit new forms 185 and 365 with last year's names or blanks and change them later.
- Form 1295, the Semiannual Council Audit Report, is due 8/15. As of 9/3 Supreme Reports that 78 councils have not submitted this form. Of those 78, 20 are two or more audits behind, and 8 of those are 2 or more years behind. Councils who miss consecutive audits are loose the \$5K bond that Supreme provides for Treasurers and Financial Secretaries revoked.

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## **SET Compliance**

The GK, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director of each council are required to take KofC provided Safe Environment Training. The four positions must be filled by at least 3 people and the Community and Family Director positions must be filled by different people. As of 9/2, Supreme reports that only 37% of the positions requiring Safe Environment Training have successfully completed it. Be sure to check your junk mail if you're in one of these positions and haven't gotten a link to your training yet!

## **Recruit! and Retain!**

28 councils have initiated new Brother Knights so far this year, despite the pandemic. We've brought in 77 new members and those councils are benefitting from the \$25/new member incentive from our generous State Deputy! For now, it's only good through the end of September, so take advantage of it. Ask someone you know at Church to join the Knights this weekend – and every weekend! We've been asked to bring in one new member per month per council, and we can do it!

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.

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

## **Vivat Jesus!**

**Dick Burns**

**State Warden**

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



# STATE WARDEN GARY DYKHUIS

## **College Football**

Tickets sales are going Great. Unlike last year, Stubs and Checks are coming in, which is Great for Charities. These funds are helping the needs for the people in need in Kentucky. I am hoping that the Councils will receive \$3.00 per ticket sold. Hopefully your Council will use these funds for a Charity in your local community. If your council sells 25 tickets, your council can use this on the State Deputy's award. College teams are looking great, hopefully you are able to watch the games on Saturdays, and winning money. Please have your ticket stubs and checks to me by September 27, 2021, I need to have the tickets in the mail September 18th to Green Bee.

Kentucky State Charities grants, by applying for them. Consult your program guide for "Request for Funds" form.

## **Regional Meetings**

It has been great to get out and able to see Brother Knights and share ideas and information. Ideas on Recruiting, Programs, and Insurance. Great Brotherhood and effective exchange.

## **Former District Master**

With great sadness is the passing of Sir Knight Dennis M. Blair. Dennis was a Past-Grand knight, Past Faithfull Navigator, and a Former District Master. When I first moved to Kentucky from Virginia, Dennis was finishing his last year as District Master. He and was at a Second-Third Degree in Vine Grove, recruiting Forth Degree Candidates.

Sir Knight Dennis was a U.S. Navy veteran, He also had started some businesses, one including a flooring company. At the time I first met Dennis he was a contractor for Home Depot, measuring homes for flooring.



# DYKHUIS CONT.

Dennis is survived his Wife of 51 years, Virnel and 4 children, 17 Grandchildren, and 3 Great Grandchildren. He was a great Husband, Father, and Grandfather.

## **School is in Session**

Please watch for School Busses as the local schools start back in-session classes.

## **Please ask a neighbor (Catholic) to join the order**

Please use the New Exemplification for Charity, Unity, Fraternity. You can read it, you watch the video, or you can do the on-demand. All three are a great way catch your first degree members to the third degree. The ceremony is in English, Spanish, and French. Remember you will need to fill out the Form 450 and get it submitted Supreme Ceremonials Department, and State Deputy and your Sate Ceremonial Chairmen SK Joseph Schmidt ([c1caretgu@gmail.com](mailto:c1caretgu@gmail.com)).

**Vivat Jesus!!**

**Gary Dykhuis**

**State Warden**



# DISTRICT MASTER BILL SCHMIDT

Sir Knights –

Congratulations to 34 new Sir Knights that joined the Fourth Degree in Jeffersontown on Saturday, Aug. 28. Special thanks to the local Louisville Assemblies and their Faithful Navigators for their full support in recruiting, setting up, tearing down, providing Color Corps, and being a part of the action. Specifically, thank you to Faithful Navigators Jim Brian (A3877), Mike Kuchenbrod (A3228), Steve Arnold (A2834), and Ed Knabel (A2008). Your assistance and leadership are greatly appreciated!

The next Exemplification dates are being finalized. I am looking to hold multiple virtual exemplifications starting in November and plan to host another in person exemplification in the Spring. All dates and locations will be announced soon. Navigators and Grand Knights need to keep an eye on their email for updates. Start recruiting Third Degree members now for a future exemplification.

The Kentucky District was saddened to learn of the passing of Former District Master Dennis Blair earlier this month. Dennis served the District proudly from 2008 to 2012. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

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

**Fraternally,**  
**Bill Schmidt, PSD**  
**Kentucky District Master**  
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# GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

## **Knights of Columbus Annual Survey**

Some events are the harbinger of the change in seasons: swallows returning to Capistrano, opening day for major league baseball, kids getting out of school for summer vacation (and then school shopping in August!), football season in the fall with Halloween and Thanksgiving and finally ending the year with a Christmas celebration. One harbinger of September that has been like clockwork over the past number of years is our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Survey. It's our chance to stay in touch with you, see what's changed in your life and let you know our Field Agents are here to be of service. Just like last year the survey can be completed online; simple, fast, and confidential.

I'm sure that as you look through the survey you might find a block to check; a topic you'd like some information on. Maybe you've been thinking about your life insurance and other benefits at work...are they adequate? Maybe you're thinking about a family member or relative that's had a long-term care event and all the worry that entails. Maybe it's time to get serious about retirement planning to ensure you do not outlive your financial resources.

Perhaps you have some existing insurance protection with another insurer and need a second opinion on the guarantees. If you are insured with the K of C maybe you need service—a change of beneficiary or owner...or maybe you've moved, and we need to update your contact information. Any of these can be addressed if you complete the survey.

In my travels, I often run into people who know the Knights of Columbus from our good works in the parish or community, our disaster response, support for Special Olympics



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and our Culture of Life (Prolife) efforts. But very few of them know that we are a life insurance company. After all Blessed Fr. McGivney saw that protecting our families was one of the two key reasons, he brought those New Haven men together in the basement of St. Mary's in 1882.

"No doubt Blessed Father McGivney was motivated by the wish to keep young Catholics from entering the ranks of condemned secret societies and by the need to protect families during sickness and death." (Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982; Christopher J. Kauffman, pg.17)

Unite men of faith and protect our families. Our Order has been faithful to that mission for 139 years. With the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney I feel a renewed zeal to invite men to join the Order to reap the benefits of Unity, Charity and Fraternity. My entire Field Agent team is just as zealous to help protect Catholic families. Tempus fugit, memento mori!

Vivat Jesus!

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# FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT

The Schachle Agency is proud to sponsor another industry leader for the benefit of our members. If the councils promote this in accordance with the rules (three promotion methods) and have at least ten families attend this will count as a fraternal benefits night toward Star Council requirements!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHT

You're Invited to a Virtual Webinar with  
Industry Leader Van Mueller  
October 19th, 2021 - 7:00 PM CST  
**Financial Success Under Any Circumstance**

You're invited to join our webinar where Van will ask some wonderful compelling questions that will help you clarify how to have financial and retirement success. Here are a few examples.

- 1) How can you maximize your social security?
- 2) Do you prefer to build a legacy for your family and business or the Internal Revenue Service?
- 3) If there was a way to reduce or eliminate the income tax liability on your IRA or 401K, when would you want to know about it. Before or after they charge the tax?
- 4) Can you build a wonderful retirement income if interest rates remain at zero and the stock market offers zero return for a decade?



You must Pre-Register for this event

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# STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

## State Deputy Jewel Symbolizes His Office

The State Deputy's jewel is an adaption of the emblem of the order and an astrolabe, which preceded the sextant as a navigational instrument.

The emblem of the order has been separated into its two basic parts – the knight's shield and the Maltese cross – and is connected by the astrolabe.

Thus, we have the idea of Catholic knighthood bound together by the state deputy.

The shield with its mace, anchor and sword and the letters "K of C" represent the Knights of Columbus as engaged in organized merciful action.

The state deputy's title is on the bar across the shield.

In the center of the cross is a white circle representing eternity with the letters T.F.M.M. inscribed. In the center of the circle is a profile of Christopher Columbus, our patron.

Across through the arms of the cross are two swords representing our readiness to defend our country and our faith.

The astrolabe was an instrument for taking altitudes of celestial bodies from which time and latitudes are



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determined. It dates back to 240 BC and may be called the oldest scientific instrument in the world.

By the time Columbus made his voyage in 1492, the instrument has been developed into a somewhat sophisticated piece of equipment.

This instrument is used on the state deputy's jewel to symbolize that, just as Columbus placed his trust in it, we place our trust in this officer to guide the order through both strife and serenity and to promote the spirit of Columbianism in every phase of its members' lives.

The jewel is suspended from a red ribbon about the neck of the State Deputy while in office.

This article is an extract from the State newspaper VOL 1 No 5, September 1965. Since 1903 through today, 58 members have served as State Deputy for the Kentucky Jurisdiction. We have 14 living Past State Deputies along with our current State Deputy, Steve Zanone.

**Submitted for the September 2021 State Newsletter by:  
Billy R. Hancock, PSD, State Historian**



# LOCAL EVENTS



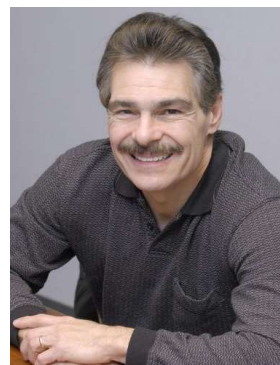
## Oktoberfest

*Drinking Catholic wisdom (without the beer!)*

When: 1:30 to 3:00 pm, Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Where: St. Louis Bertrand Church in Louisville

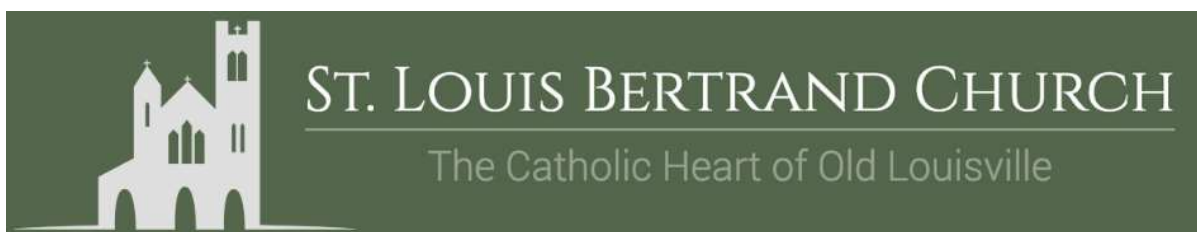
- Meet internationally acclaimed radio and television star Dr. Ray Guarendi
- Listen to his compelling presentation, "Standing Strong as Parents and Grandparents"
- Come learn how to help your children & grandchildren become the best they can be
- Open seating. Co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #10682 and St. Louis Bertrand Church



Dr. Ray Guarendi

Dr. Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, "Living Right with Dr. Ray" can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries.

Dr. Ray has given over 3,000 talks around the country on topics including smart parenting; happier marriages; successful families; and a variety of motivational themes, for both personal and professional application. He captivates audiences with his humor-laced presentations filled with practical advice.



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