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Members of the Maysville Knights of Columbus Council 1377 prepared turkeys to serve to those who would otherwise not have Christmas dinners. The KofC members and other volunteers prepared, served, and delivered over 800 meals on Christmas Day.



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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers, we have the opportunity to be the best version of ourselves this year. We are on our way to success, keep up the good work.

Steve Zanone



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OK Dick Barner of Fr. William Dierker Council 13304 in La Grange, KY presents LittleWay Executive Director, Ellen Wickham, 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 distress 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!

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BROTHER KNIGHTS HELPING THEIR COMMUNITIES

The following story is a reprint of a story entitled “Kentucky Tornadoes: Catholics Rally to Help Parishioners, Neighbors in Need” that was written by Susan Klemond and was published in *National Catholic Register* and can be found [here](#)

Outpouring of donations, supplies, cards and letters reach many impacted by the fatal storms.

Clockwise from L-R: Local Catholics rally to assist in the wake of the natural disaster. The damage is seen at Resurrection parish in Dawson Springs, St. Joseph's Church in Mayfield and another view of the Church of the Resurrection. Heartfelt cards written by Catholic students lift spirits; and parishioners and volunteers unload water to



Damage seen at Resurrection parish in Dawson Springs

distribute. (photo: Courtesy photos: Father Carl McCarthy of Christ the King in Madisonville/Deacon Chris Gutiérrez/Susan Montalvo-Gesser, director of Catholic Charities)

Last Sunday, Father David Kennedy had good reasons to cancel the 10am Mass at Resurrection parish in Dawson Springs, Kentucky: The church building's structure was unstable, and his parishioners were dealing with devastation from five tornadoes that hit western Kentucky and surrounding states Dec. 10 and 11.

But in the end, he did celebrate the Mass when parishioner Larry Fannin — grateful that only his barn had been damaged — drove to Father Kennedy's house 15 miles away, in

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Earlington, as soon as the downed trees were cleared from his road.

“The tornado went all around his house and didn’t kill him,” said Father Kennedy, who also pastors Immaculate Conception in Earlington and Holy Cross in Providence. The most powerful of the tornadoes destroyed Resurrection’s 51-year-old church and part of Dawson

Springs as it cut a path of death and destruction more than 200 miles long and a mile wide through western Kentucky and two other states. The tornado missed Earlington by a half mile and didn’t reach Providence, Father Kennedy said.



Damage seen at St. Joseph's Church in Mayfield

“It was just [Fannin] and me having Mass for the whole parish,” the priest said. “Nobody else could be there, and, of course, we couldn’t be at the regular church. It was so special.”

The loss of a church doesn’t compare with the storm’s toll of more than 90 lives — including 77 in Kentucky — the highest tornado death toll in the state’s history. But Father Kennedy and his flock, along with thousands whose loss of homes and other buildings is now believed to be in the billions, are considering the path to recovery.

The tornadoes that hit the region that night struck hardest in the communities of Dawson Springs, Bowling Green and Mayfield in the Owensboro Diocese. As search-and-rescue efforts continue and crews work to restore power, gas and water, Catholic Charities and other organizations are working to meet residents’ basic needs.

Throughout this week the diocese of 20,000 Catholics has received thousands of calls and donations from around the country, including many cards and letters from Catholic schoolchildren, while it has also sought to meet Catholics’ spiritual needs during the crisis. Owensboro Bishop William Medley declared Friday a day of fasting and prayer for the

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tornado victims and plans to fly over the diocese with the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday.

As the diocese's Catholic Charities office continues to help with immediate needs for food and shelter, they are distributing supplies coming in and looking ahead at providing longer-term housing assistance, said Susan Montalvo-Gesser, director of the Owensboro Diocese's Catholic Charities office, who noted that some residents need more help because they lack insurance.

Both Bowling Green and Mayfield each lost more than 500 homes, she said. "We don't have a number of the people who were displaced," Montalvo-Gesser said. "We don't have a complete number of all the people who were lost yet, who are dead, and that's hard."

Temporary housing is available in Mayfield, located in western Kentucky with 10,000 residents, but some are reluctant to leave their homes, even if they're not structurally sound, in fear they will be looted, she said. All of the hotels and state park cabins in a 40-mile radius are full.

As she has visited the most affected areas this week, Montalvo-Gesser said she has tried to offer some normalcy to kids who have experienced this trauma.



Another view of the Church of the Resurrection.

In Mayfield, St. Joseph parish's church bell tower and sanctuary were damaged but overall the church survived, said Tom Lilly, diocesan chancellor and chief administrative officer. A nearby church building was lost, but it may have protected the church from further damage, he said.

Deacon Chris Gutiérrez has spent much of the week shuttling between diocesan offices in Owensboro and Mayfield, which has strong communities of diverse parishioners. He said he has reached about 40 families.

His main goal has been bringing supplies and connecting with agencies families still in their homes who don't speak English and may not know assistance is available. Some are indigenous Mayan Guatemalans who may hesitate to seek help because they are undocumented, he said. Their homes may be damaged, but they stay because they fear they will be looted.

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Parishioners from St. Joseph parish brought water, coats and personal hygiene items, Deacon Gutiérrez said. “That first contact had been very important in reaching out to them.”

Dawson Springs, about 75 miles northeast of Mayfield, also suffered destruction and loss of life, but fewer people have been displaced, Lilly said. In an area of the town of 2,600 not affected by the tornadoes, the parish’s Knights of Columbus council and other charitable organizations are offering aid at a local school.



Heartfelt cards written by Catholic students lift spirits

Father Kennedy, who has been pastor since 2015, is already receiving contributions for rebuilding the church; but in the meantime, he will offer Mass for Resurrection parish in a parishioner’s converted weight room. The church’s altar, ambo, tabernacle and other items were rescued and moved to the space, which can hold some of the parish’s 28 families, he said.

As Stephen Zanone traveled through the area this week, he couldn’t reach Dawson Springs, which was closed off. But the Knights of Columbus Kentucky state deputy reported that many Knights councils in his jurisdiction are providing food, distributing supplies and other assistance.

Zanone also met a fellow Knight severely impacted in the disaster. I was “looking a brother in the eye who lost everything, handing him a \$100 gift card and giving him a hug and telling him that that’s just the beginning. ... He knows that we’re going to be there for him. We’re there, and we’re going to continue to be there.”

The outpouring of assistance has been overwhelming, said Zanone, adding that, so far, the Knights have raised \$100,000 for relief, including \$10,000 of the Kentucky jurisdiction’s funds.

Also, the Knights’ Supreme Council has donated \$100 Mastercard gift cards. “I’m fielding text messages and Facebook messages about where is the need, how many people do we need to send, what do we need to send and where? We will be boots on the ground, and we will be helping people not only clean up, but we’re committed to helping as much as we can with the rebuilding process in many instances.”

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While there is a surplus of some supplies, Zanone and his fellow Knights are beginning to send out specific requests, such as for Christmas toys, he said.

Supplies are coming in, but the problem is getting them to the people who need them, Deacon Gutiérrez said. “A lot of help is trickling in in spots but doesn’t mean that a good segment of the community is being reached.”

The diocese is receiving calls, letters and donations from around the country, Lilly said. As of Friday, it had received \$950,000 from 2,100 contributors, including \$250,000 from Catholic Charities USA.

“The amazing thing is most people who are calling in to help are people who’ve experienced disasters themselves,” he said. “It’s a lot of people who went through Hurricane Harvey and went through Hurricane Sandy and went through floods or disasters of their own — and they remember, and they know how long it takes to recover.”

Catholic schoolchildren continue to send letters and cards that are distributed to families in need. On Friday, the Owensboro Catholic schools delivered 1,200 letters, Lilly said, adding that he encourages the schools to write rather than send donations.



Parishioners and volunteers unload water to distribute

Lilly emphasized the importance of intentional prayer. “We’re begging to coordinate efforts of intentional prayer for these communities because they are devastated.”

Along with prayer, Knights from Kentucky and other locations will be ready to help with cleanup and rebuilding as soon as FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and insurance adjustors have gone through the damage sites.

In three to six months, there will be a need for cleanup and rebuilding help and additional funds, Montalvo-Gesser said.

What tornado victims don’t need right now is bottled water or clothes, she said. A monetary

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donation best helps to reach needs. In Mayfield, propane stoves, heaters and generators are needed. Visa or Mastercard gift cards, gas cards from Walmart, Murphy USA or Kroger are helpful, as are Dollar General cards, Montalvo-Gesser said.

Other needed items include flashlights, baby food, matches, lighters, long underwear, underwear, gloves, socks and personal items.

Life is moving fast for those impacted by the tornadoes, but those in Mayfield are motivated by Gospel values, Deacon Gutiérrez said.

“Jesus is calling us to be his hands and the feet, and the words and the comfort, for others right now; and this is where everybody’s at. Nobody’s hesitating about giving any number of hours without sleep or even caring for themselves to care for others — and that has been just amazing.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP

To donate to the Knights of Columbus Kentucky Tornado Relief:

1. Go to KofC.org;
2. Click on “What We Do.”
3. Click on “Charity.”
4. Click on “Disaster Relief Donate Now” to make a donation.

Donate to the Owensboro Diocese’s Kentucky Tornado Relief:

<https://owensborodiocese.org/give/>

Donate to Catholic Charities USA at:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Donate to the rebuilding of Resurrection Church in Dawson Springs, Ky., by mailing contributions to:

Immaculate Conception Parish

112 S Day St., Earlington, KY 42410

270-383-4743

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE FOR VETERANS

In early November, Assembly 2753 decided to conduct a warm clothing drive for the local veterans at the 'Pennyroyal Veteran's Center', in Hopkinsville KY. Faithful Captain Chuck Spurr contacted some local businesses and immediately they responded with a 'coat drive' of their own.

United Southern Bank set up collection boxes within their branches and collected some 50 various pieces of warm clothing along with donations of \$850. Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority participated and collected \$250.

Faithful Scribe Bruce Wilcox contacted the St Peter & Paul Diocesan Minister and created an 'Angel Tree' for the vets. The donated gifts filled a pickup truck bed.

The Assembly converted the \$1100 donation into an additional 50 winter coats, jackets, and sweat suits. On December 23rd the Assembly visited the PVC with 3 pick-up trucks and 2 vans full with warm clothing.



OVER 90 FOOD BASKETS

Council 7847 delivered 90+ food baskets to community families in need in Christian Cty Kentucky. We provided food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We had extraordinary contributions from the parish and council. We have done this for over 35 consecutive years.

Submitted by: Grand Knight Tom O'Hagan



INDIANA KNIGHTS TOY DRIVE FOR KENTUCKY KIDS

Below is a synopsis of a news story about Knights of Columbus members in Indiana conducted a toy drive to ensure that the kids show were affected by the tornados would still have a good Christmas. The news story can be viewed [here](#).

MADISONVILLE, Ky. (WEHT) Children in western Kentucky who were affected by the tornados earlier this month received gifts from the Indiana Knights of Columbus & Lions Club.

The two organizations filled two trailers with toys and clothing gathered in a statewide toy drive and brought them to the Haley Events Center in Madisonville on Wednesday. Families were invited to take what they needed to have a good Christmas.

By: Nathan Goble



BISHOP MEDLEY BLESSES HIS FLOCK FROM ABOVE

The story below is a reprint of a story entitled “Flying over western Ky., Bishop Medley provides unique blessing to his people impacted by tornado outbreak” written by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead and published on <https://westernkycatholic.com/>. The original article can be found [here](#).

Bishop William F. Medley wanted to bless his people who had been in the path of the tornadoes that struck western Kentucky during the night of Dec. 10, 2021, and with the help of a local pastor, some Knights of Columbus, and an airplane, he did just that.

On Dec. 21, the bishop flew over the southern regions of the Diocese of Owensboro with a monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament, blessing all below who had been impacted by the tornadoes.

A week before, the bishop had driven 400 miles to visit the affected locations, including Resurrection Parish in Dawson Springs, St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield, the Princeton area and the Bowling Green area.

But seeing the damage from above, “it is a different perspective. A God’s-eye view if you will,” he said. “It was staggering to see what happened to people’s lives and knowing all that would have to be rebuilt.”

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During Bishop William F. Medley's Dec. 21, 2021 flight during which he blessed the communities of his Diocese of Owensboro impacted by the recent tornadoes, the damaged St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield is seen from an aerial view. The missing bell tower, seen covered with a blue tarp, can be viewed around the middle of the image. ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

The Eucharistic fly-over idea was initiated by Daniel Schachle, the general agent for the Knights of Columbus insurance program for Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas and small part of Virginia. He has his pilot's license and Piper Archer plane, and did a similar fly-over blessing for the Diocese of Nashville after tornadoes struck the region in early 2020.

One of his field agents, Leonard Walther, belongs to St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green.

"Daniel called me and said hey, do you want to see if we could do this for the Owensboro diocese with the bishop?" said Walther in a Dec. 22 phone call with The Western Kentucky Catholic.

He talked with his pastor, Fr. Ryan Harpole, who contacted Martha Hagan, the diocesan vice-chancellor and assistant to Bishop Medley.

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The bishop agreed to the idea immediately, and the flight was scheduled for the following week.

The plane took off around 11:15 a.m. from Mid America Jet in Owensboro as Bishop Medley led a prayer for a safe flight, asking for the intercession of Our Lady of Loreto, one of the patrons of airplane pilots and aviation.

(Coincidentally, the feast of Our Lady of Loreto is Dec. 10 – the date of the tornado outbreak.)

They flew over Madisonville first, where parishioners and volunteers at Christ the King Parish and School had set up a community resource center in the gym to help the displaced and suffering.

Lifting the monstrance to his window, the bishop prayed aloud that “our Holy Mother would watch over them and guide them in the ways of goodness and truth.”

Fr. Harpole said the monstrance was borrowed from Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center just outside of Bowling Green, since the small size was better for traveling in the small private plane.

The harsh paths of destruction were evident from the air. Often the first sign of a tornado touchdown was a thick column of smoke from debris being burned. After the smoke, either lines of flattened trees and buildings, or rows of roofs covered with bright blue tarps, indicated that a tornado had come through the area.

The bishop gave a Eucharistic blessing while flying over Dawson Springs, Princeton and Mayfield. He also led a benediction for the inmates while flying over Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville, because “those men deserve a blessing too.”

Bishop Medley held the monstrance against his window and prayed “may God bless them and give them grace.”

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Pilot Daniel Schachle assists Bishop William F. Medley in boarding Schachle's Piper Archer plane on Dec. 21, 2021, prior to the flight during which Bishop Medley would bless the communities impacted by the historic tornadoes. ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

The plane returned to Owensboro around 2:30 p.m.

Schachle, who resides in Dickson, Tenn., said a tornado had passed near his family's home but the house was fine. (Besides hitting Kentucky, the tornadoes also dragged across Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois.)

"There are no words that can cover" helping Bishop Medley bless the diocese in this unique way, said Schachle.

Schachle himself is no stranger to powerful spiritual experiences. His youngest son, Michael, was miraculously healed in utero from the fatal condition of fetal hydrops through the intercession of Knights of Columbus founder, Fr. Michael McGivney. That approved miracle paved the way to Fr. McGivney being beatified in October 2020. "It is surreal every time I do this," said Schachle of the Eucharistic fly-over. "I think bringing Christ to the people is the best way I can help."

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Walther said this was a “great opportunity,” not only for Bishop Medley to “see” his people from above, but to also “bless his people that way.”

He added that he is thankful for all the people who have reached out from across the country to help Kentuckians, but “I hope that it continues when all the media has gone.”

“We’ve got a lot of immediate needs met, but people are still going to be hurting in one month, two months, six months and beyond,” said Walther.

He pointed out that the steeple and cross – destroyed by the 2020 Tennessee tornadoes – were only just reattached to the top of the Church of the Assumption in downtown Nashville on Dec. 16.

“This is not a short term thing,” he said.

A tornado came through just a mile from Walther’s home, which was unscathed, but he said some friends were not so fortunate and lost their houses.

“We don’t know what’s going to come of this all,” he said, but “as Catholics, we need people to see that this is what we believe – that we can take from the tragedy and turn it into a blessing.”

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

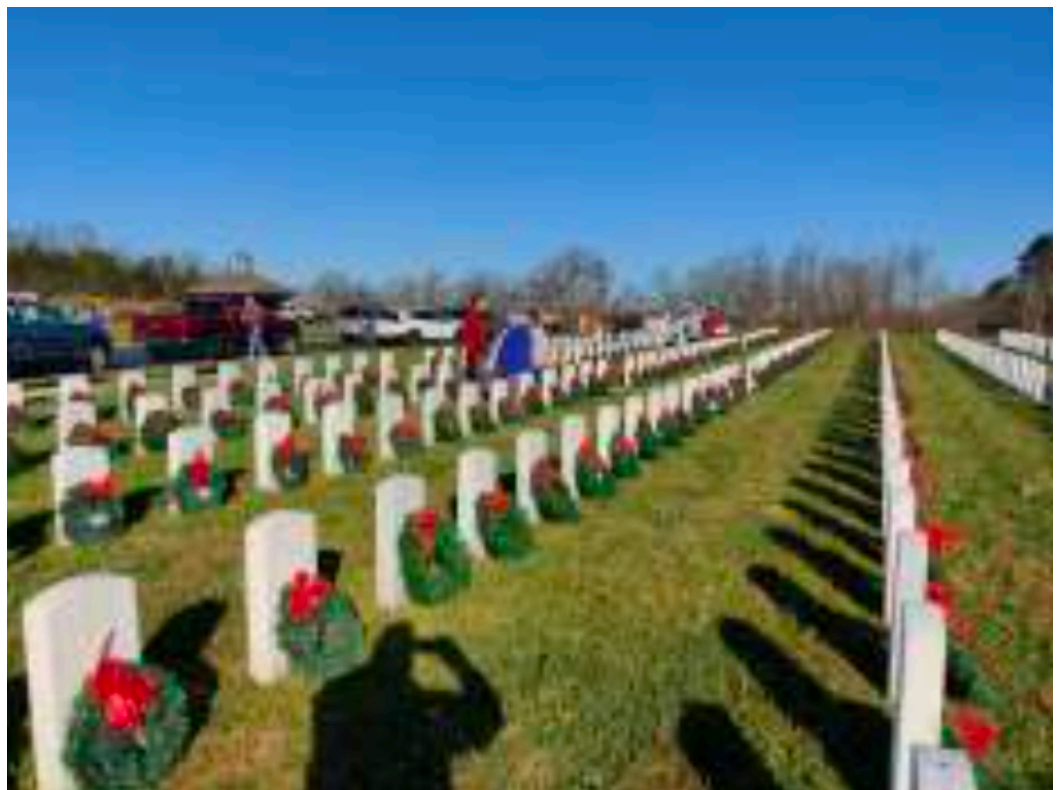
Council 7847 and its Spanish members were an integral part of this year's "Our Lady of Guadalupe" celebration, at St Peter & Paul church in Hopkinsville, KY. Brother Pedro Rodriguez is the "our Lady" president and did a fantastic job in forming a Novena, Las Mananitas and Spanish Mass celebrating the Holy day.



WREATHS AT KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY 12/4/2021

Placing of the Wreaths started at 10 AM, with many volunteers including members of Council #1487 in Ashland. The cost of the Wreaths is offset by Amvets and other donations , Wreaths are used again but they are replaced, as need be, and new ones purchased with new graves. It was a beautiful day, and the volunteers were very respectful for the honor of remembering our Deceased Veterans. Looking forward to doing this next year, wishing to encourage others to join in.

Submitted by: Neil
Fisher



HOLY FAMILY NATIVITY FESTIVAL & CHRISTKINDLMARKT - 2021

On December the 14th, 15th, and 16th Council #1487 in Ashland took part in Holy Family's, first ever, Nativity Festival & Christkindlmarkt. This was a silent auction for various Nativity Displays and Christmas delights that had been donated to the Church/School as a fundraiser.

Also on hand were various school and church groups providing live musical entertainment in the form of Christmas Carols and songs.

Council 1487 provided cold drinks and various foods to anyone who attended this event on a "donations only" basis and the donations, in turn, were given to the Church.

On hand to assist with this project from the council were Brother Matt Haymond, Brother Chidi Udeagwu, Brother Ed Glockner, Brother John Tierney, Brother Ed Hund, Brother Eric Boos, Brother Frank Pierce, Brother Neal Holmes, Brother Rod Bruce, Brother Ryan Ramsey, and Brother Tom Adams.



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PRO-LIFE MASS

On January 16th, the Annual Archdiocese of Louisville Pro-Life Mass was held at St. Marin of Tours Catholic Church in Louisville. We had 292 in attendance and gave out 102 roses. I attached the photo from yesterday. Please mark your calendars for January 15, 2023, for the Mass. It will be 50 years since Roe v Wade.

Submitted by: Celesta Arnold





STATE DEPUTY STEVE ZANONE

My Brother Knights,

Happy New Year. I want to thank everyone who has stepped up and donated to our State Charities fund to allow us to make a substantial contribution to those affected by the recent tornadoes. We will distribute these funds judiciously, and we will make a significant impact. If you know someone who could use our help, please submit a grant request to us ASAP. Your Charities board wants to distribute these monies immediately. The need is great, and I have seen the devastation personally.

We have been doing very well fraternally this year. For most of the year we have been near the top of the Order in recruiting and our activity levels are returning to a more normal level. We have hit a big-time slump due to the storms and holiday season. Now is the time to recruit in earnest. Show your fellow Catholic families what being a member is all about. Tell them of our huge effort in assisting those who need us the most right now. Brothers, it would be sinful to waste the great year you have started. We are at the halfway point, and Kentucky tends to be a second half team. Frankly, it is time to lace up our work boots and get the job done. We need more members to continue Fr McGivney's mission.

Plans are being finalized for the State Convention. Covid continues to present challenges which we are working through, but we plan to have a traditional convention this year and may be able to add a new wrinkle or two. We have moved

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to a new hotel in Frankfort, and this year's banquet will be catered instead of hotel food. Our meal should be better, and there may even be the opportunity for us big eaters to have seconds. I would like to see us return to normal, so we can honor our councils for their good works. We hope to see you in May.

One final note. I ask you to pray for Lady Sandra. She had a setback and is back in the hospital. To complicate matters even more, she contracted Covid while in the hospital. We hope she will be able to recover from this, but it is in God's hands now.

**Vivat Jesus,
Steve Zanone
State Deputy**



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.” (Isaiah 49:15)

I often find inspiration in the reflections offered by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, in the latest issue of Columbia, and the most recent issue was no exception. He begins with a mention of the images of the Madonna and child highlighted during the Christmas season. He then draws from the mystery of the Incarnation a timely lesson on the sacred nature of life from conception. He continues with appreciation for the pro-life efforts of the Knights of Columbus and concludes with an encouragement to “accompany” expectant mothers in difficult circumstances “not merely in the short term but for the long haul.” I encourage you to read his reflection for yourself in its entirety.

The image that came to my mind with his mention of the Madonna and child was the somewhat more contemporary depiction of the “Madonna of the Streets”. When my mother was searching for a statue to be placed in a grotto at our home parish in honor of my father, this was the representation she chose. It speaks not only of the Blessed Mother’s tender love for the babe in her arms, but her outward gaze also reflects her determination to face the difficulties ahead. At least, that what it seems to me to project.

The same combination of loving tenderness and steadfast determination is apparent to me in the outpouring of support for the victims of the December tornadoes. Would I be oversimplifying the “Into the Breach” theme to think that this is exactly the kind of faith-in-

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action witness called for in today's world? I don't think so. And we carry that spirit on in our communities by prayerfully considering how best to respond to the continuing pandemic- how can I "stand in the breach", how can I respond to the well-being of others? We carry that spirit on in our parishes by prayerfully participating in the Holy Father's call to synodality. We carry that spirit on in our homes by conscientiously practicing our faith, modeling discipleship for our children.

We have re-entered that part of the liturgical cycle called "ordinary". The term is not meant to connote the humdrum or excuse a relaxation of effort. It is so called because the weeks are numbered, as in "ordinal numbers": first, second, third, etc. But the term also comes from the Latin word meaning "rank" or "order", as in, "let our lives be orderly", i.e., purposeful or disciplined.

The first letter to Timothy encourages us to "fight the good fight, hold fast to faith and a good conscience" (1:18-19). This is no time to hibernate, however much the winter cold may tempt us. Rather, with Christ as our head, may we strive to do whatever good we are able.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. John List

State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY TOM JOHNSON

Wishing you and your families have a happy and prosperous New Year! While 2021 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 2022 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, a like, hatred toward our beliefs and our way of life continues. Even within our own Church there is an increase in the division between our more progressive and conservative leaders. Suddenly the Latin Mass is under attack by our Pope.

But I believe in God Our Father, and I believe in His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. I see glimmers of Hope all around us. The pandemic has done great harm, but people are still going to church. I see natural disasters occurring all around us and I see people from near and afar rushing to help their neighbors. I see an increase in the number of pro-lifers speaking out against the sin of "Abortion" and a possible end to the Supreme Court decision that we know as Roe vs Wade. States are passing their own laws regarding the legitimacy of abortion.

Now is the time to strengthen our faith through prayer and fasting.

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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.

Secretary's Report:

On a very somber note, I want to let you know that as a Jurisdiction, we are seeing a potential loss of five (5) councils between now and the end of the next fraternal year. Why you may ask...the reasons are quite simple, a lack of active members and a lack of men willing to step up to lead. Brothers, this tale is all too familiar. You may even see it happening within your own council. If your council is struggling, please contact your DD or a State Officer. We want to help.

One of my duties as State Secretary is to issue the State's annual Per Capita billing. I have downloaded the council rosters as of 1/1/2022. This will be my basis for developing the billing. You should expect to see it by the end of January.

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

January 176h Pro-life mass in Louisville

January 1st-31st Local Council Free Throw events

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

March 2nd Ash Wednesday

March 4th 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.

Take Care & God Bless,

Tom Johnson,
KY State Secretary



STATE TREASURER LUKE WILLIAMS

Hope you had a great Advent Season, A Very Merry Christmas, and the start of a Blessed New Year!

December Mid-Year Meeting

The December 4, 2021, Mid-Year meeting in Elizabethtown turned out to be a success and glad I got to see a lot of you there. Thanks to all who either attended personally or virtually. I was able to get some names of persons with audio/visual technology experience who might be helping the State Council in the future to run the laptops and other equipment necessary for in person and virtual meetings. Thank You to all for your input.

Knights of Columbus Disaster Response

Thank you to all First and Second Responders who are continuing to participate in the care, cleanup, and healing for this past month's weather-related disasters in KY. A very heartfelt thanks to my Brother Knights who are providing help to our neighbors. Pictures from News media outlets or other social media posts cannot begin to portray the devastation one experiences with the loss of life, homes, and property.

Many Brother Knights throughout Kentucky are continuing to help directly through their Council, and some are just helping on a personal level. Prayers are continually needed. There will be many things that we don't think about but will be needed in the coming months that Insurance, or FEMA, or other agencies will not be able to provide. My hope is that the Knights of Columbus will be able to continue to help and provide for the needs.

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The upcoming Church Calendar

With the January 9, 2022, “Feast of The Baptism of the Lord”, comes the official end of the Christmas Season. We have 8 weeks of “Ordinary Time” and then the Lenten season begins March 2 with Ash Wednesday. Good luck with your Lenten and Easter Seasons and I pray that we all have a strong preparation to observe Easter and the Easter Season.

The National Eucharist Revival

We are learning more each day about The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “National Eucharistic Revival”. I encourage you to go to the eucharisticrevival.org website to hopefully seek to begin or to continue to truly observe Jesus in the Eucharist. I pray that we embrace the Mission and Vision of the Revival in the years to come.

The KofC fraternal year

There are 6 months gone and another 6 months left in our fraternal year. There are many opportunities in the final 6 months of our fraternal year to observe the true meaning of the Knights of Columbus Principles. I pray that we all carve out some time to work on our Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism during the next 6 months of the year.

What do these observations mentioned above have in common? They all give us the chance to regain the passion for God that some of us have lost or have become dulled over the years due to changes in our attitudes, morals, habits, way of life, routines, or practices. The Church Calendar shows how to praise God, the Eucharistic Revival is the call to action to encounter the Real Presence of Jesus, and the activities prescribed by the Knights of Columbus Principles, Constitution, Bylaws, and Programs helps us to be better Men.

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January is Respect Life Month, please pray for and support the Pro-Life Movement. Good luck to the many kids preparing for the Annual Free Throw Council, District, Regional and Supreme Championships, thanks for your support. I ask that you continue to support ongoing Food for Families events, Spiritual Reflections Programs, Blood Drives, Seminarians and Postulants, our Priests, and our Bishops. Remember to invite men of all ages to attend your council's events and always ask them to join with us.

Thank you for your support and prayers for all.

**Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
State Treasurer**



STATE ADVOCATE DICK BURNS

2021 Resolutions

I have sent a letter to all GKs reminding them that councils have until March 15th to submit resolutions for the 2022 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 valid 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.

Form 1295 Semiannual Council Audit Report

The semiannual audit for the period ending December 31st is due February 15th. Supreme is still running behind on processing Form 1295s and asks Councils not to resubmit their forms when reported as not having been submitted because it causes them extra work.

Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Form 1728 for the calendar year 2021 is due January 31st. This form is important to help publicize the considerable contributions of your councils and to help maintain our status as a charitable organization.

Safe Environment Training - rules change

The Office of Youth Protection recently issued a clarification on staffing the four positions that require Safe Environment Training (Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director). While I have been telling you that there must be at least three Brothers in the four positions, the Office of Youth Protection has added that only the Grand Knight can hold two of the positions. I'll be reviewing Council Safe

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Environment participation and informing those councils that may need to make a change to be in SET compliance and eligible for the Star Council award.

Recruit! and Retain!

How many Catholic gentlemen have you asked to join the Knights this month? Feel free to ask your District Deputy, the State Officers, Field Agents, 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 and use the McGivney2020 code to get their first year's dues for free!

Happy New Year!

From me and my family to yours, we wish you a Blessed and Happy New Year! We started with a new furnace and A/C unit. 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



STATE WARDEN GARY DYKHUIS

Worthy Brothers,

Blessed and Happy New year

Hopefully you and your Family had a Blessed Christmas. As we start a new Calendar New Year, please remember all the Great Goals that you have accomplished. Hopefully you have you set new Goals for this year. Maybe a more normal Brotherhood and families. Getting Brothers and families back in Church and back to doing the Great Activities that you are known for.

Basketball Slam Tickets!!!

The 2022 Basketball Slam tickets have been disturbed. This is the Fundraiser that is used for Disaster Relief. This past December has been an example of where Funds from this Fundraiser are used, not only in Kentucky, but other Jurisdictions. Please remember for every two tickets bought, you receive a third ticket on-line, making your odds better. Two Councils have already sold their tickets and sent their check in, Thanks.

Again, councils that sell 25 tickets qualify for the coveted 90.4 Proof State Deputy Award. If you need more tickets, Please let me know and I will mail them. Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus Charities. Please Do Not Send Cash. I will need Tickets sold, unsold and Checks by March 7, 2022.

You can check results at www.basketballsweeps.com, starting April 6, 2022.

State Charity Recipients – Recipients of Grants from the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Charity are not restricted to Catholics or religious based needs. The Charity is financially sound, and councils and individuals are encouraged to submit for a grant for a

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worthy cause. You can find the grant request fund at <https://kykofc.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

Pro-Life Day

We are just a short time away from our annual Pro-Life Memorial Mass, January 16, 2022, at 3:00 PM. The Mass will be celebrated at St martin of Tours, 639 South Shelby Street, Louisville. The main Celebrant is the Most Reverent Joseph E. Kurtz. Please remember, January is Pro-life Month.

Recruit and Retain

We still have the FREE MEMBER for a New member and he can join on line. Use the Code "McGivney2020" for the free membership. You can transfer him into your Council. Please remember to ask that Young Man, and Family to join us, these new members make Great Brother Knights. The new Young Members have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

Membership is Free until the end of the Fraternal year.
Please welcome former members to come back to the order.

Vivat Jesus!!

Gary Dykhuis
State Warden



IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY CAMERON PECK

Brothers,

As you already know, Kentucky suffered a major disaster last month with devastating tornados in multiple locations throughout Kentucky. State Deputy, Steve Zanone immediately reached out to his fellow state deputies throughout the order and let them know of our need to help our brother knights and the parishes that were effected because of the tornados.

As Secretary of Charities of Kentucky Inc, all the donations for Tornado Relief have been sent to me for initial processing. The response to Steve's request for help has been overwhelming. Many of his fellow state deputies passed the request to the local councils throughout their jurisdictions and many of those councils have generously donated to our relief efforts.

Many of the donations were sent in with letters or hand written notes explaining how the donor had been affected by something similar in the past and how they had beed helped by others and they wanted to do their part to "pay it forward". Some of these letters were extremely touching and I was going to share many of them with you, but after I reviewed them again to share my favorites, I had so many that I could not narrow it down enough to keep from overwhelming this newsletter. There were several from people explaining that they had chosen to donate to the relief efforts rather than exchanging Christmas presents with their family members. And many councils took up donations at their Christmas parties and were very generous.

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I have been touched by the overwhelming selfless generosity I have seen in these donations.

Here are a few interesting facts about the donations we have received so far.

- We have received donations from 22 state jurisdictions, 12 out-of-state assemblies, and 169 out-of-state councils
- The oldest council we received a donation from had a single digit council number
- We received several donations from local councils in Louisiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oregon, New York, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

While this tragedy has brought devastation to Kentucky, many brother knights have jumped into action and are practicing the 1st principal of our Order, Charity. I have truly been impressed in the the response from our brothers. Not only in their financial donations, but in their very kind thoughts and prayers that have been shared with me. I could not be more impressed.

**Vivat Jesus,
Cameron Peck IPSD**



DISTRICT MASTER BILL SCHMIDT

Sir Knights –

Happy New Year! This will be the final reminder of the next virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification on February 12th! This will be a Provencal-wide degree led by the Kentucky degree team. Please step up your recruiting efforts to bring Third Degree Knights into the Fourth Degree. We have a good start with the number of Knights signed up so far but there is always room for more. Recruit a new Sir Knight today!

There are many future dates for the Fourth Degree including more Exemplifications (virtual and in-person), the Biennial District Meeting, and State Convention where the Color Corps will be called upon for the Mass on Saturday evening. Look for more information from me via email to the Faithful Navigator of your Assembly.

Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers should have received an updated directory from me earlier this month via email. Please take the time to review your Assembly's contact and meeting information. If there are any discrepancies, please let me know right away so we can get it fixed in the database.

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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GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Everyday Holiness from St. Teresa of Calcutta – January 2022

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As the daylight increases through January, I set my sight on the new year and what I would like to see the K of C Schachle Agency accomplish. Setting goals seems like a better idea than making the traditional New Year's resolutions. Those resolutions seem to go by the wayside quickly; maybe because they always seem the same year after year.

One goal I have set for this year is to check for our Field Agents to check in with every single member. Many of you filled out the Annual Survey you received at the end of last year. Thanks to those that did! It allows our Field Agents to update contact information and provide service for specific member needs. If you did not yet complete it, I encourage you to complete and return it. It can be done online or by return mail. Another focus I have for goals this year is to follow the tips for everyday holiness from St. Teresa of Calcutta. I recently printed them out and posted them on my refrigerator, so I see them each day. Here they are:

1. **Speak as little about yourself as possible.**

Tip: Ask others about their day and take time to listen!

2. **Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.**

3. **Avoid curiosity.**

Tip: She's talking about being nosey—the bad kind of curiosity!

4. **Accept small irritations with good humor.**

5. **Do not dwell on the faults of others.**

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Remember: When you do this, you forget the GOOD in people and that they're a child of God, too!

6. Accept censures even if unmerited.

Tip: By this, she means taking DISAPPROVAL in a humble way.

7. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.

Tip: Know when to walk away or "stop responding." This can be hard and require extra prayers.

8. Choose always the more difficult task.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was known for her simplicity. These are simple tips, but often hard to do.

Please let me know how the K of C Schachle Agency may be of service to you and your family!

Again, best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

The Saga of Council 390

Louisville Council 390 was chartered on December 7, 1898, with 78 charter members. The Charter Grand Knight was Matt J. Winn. By 1926 membership had grown to nearly 2,000. They were “dissolved” on October 5, 1935, and their members transferred to the new Bishop Spalding Council 2761 which instituted on July 24, 1935.

Council 390 had at least two “homes” prior to building their final club house on Fourth Avenue in 1926. The club and meeting house cost \$400,000 and furnishings \$50,000. The building committee sold bonds to raise the money. The structure enclosed a theater, bowling alley and a gigantic meeting chamber. I am enclosing pictures showing some of the building’s features.

In my opinion, the massive debt incurred to build and furnish their home during the depression era of the 1929 crash was the cause of the Council being “dissolved”. Sixty-five years later John L. Harris, Sr. Council 390 was instituted on April 23, 1995, in Valley Station. The Council was short lived as it was suspended April 1, 1998. As of July 10, 2012, there were 12 members listed on their roster. If anyone has any additional information to add to their history, please send it to me.

Another eighteen years passes. Institution of the Father Roy Dentinger Council 16274, Louisville, on July 30, 2016, paved the way for reactivation of Council 390. Thirty-two charter members under the leadership of Charter Grand Knight John McCarthy were off and running.

A state jurisdiction has the option to retain the assigned numbers of suspended or dissolved councils. Since 390 was the first Council number assigned to Kentucky and

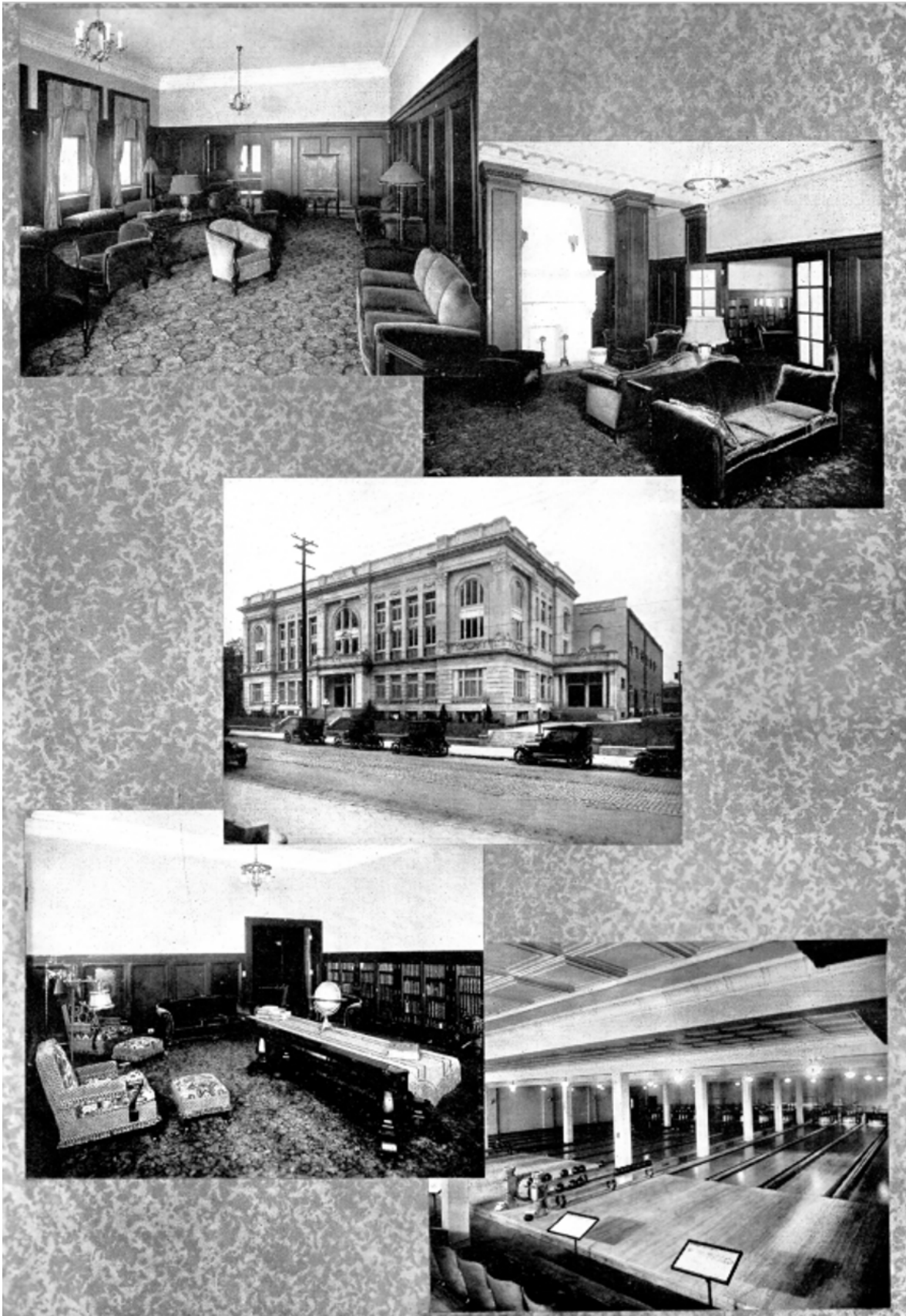
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dated from 1898, State Deputy Frank Shay felt the need to merge the suspended council with an active one. Council 16274 was instituted during Frank's term as State Deputy. He approached the members with the idea of merging with the suspended John L Harris, Jr. Council 390. Grand Knight John McCarthy and District Deputy Ken Rosenbaum both gave strong support to the merger. The bottom line is the Supreme Board of Directors approved the merger and reinstituted Council 390 with the date the John L. Harris, Jr. Council formed – April 23, 1995. SD Shay stated, "I am very proud of the Council for keeping the 390 number alive and more so for naming their Council after Fr. D". Today, Father Roy Dentinger Council 390, Louisville, under the leadership of Grand Knights John McCarthy and Paul Tadatada has grown to 144 members. Since the merger, to my best memory, the Council has earned Star Council annually. Some of them Double or Triple Star. I'm sure Father D would be pleased with the Council that bears his name.

Enclosures: 2 pages of pictures of the 1926 vintage Council 390 home
Scan of The Good Knight, April 1920

Submitted for the January 2022 State Newsletter by:
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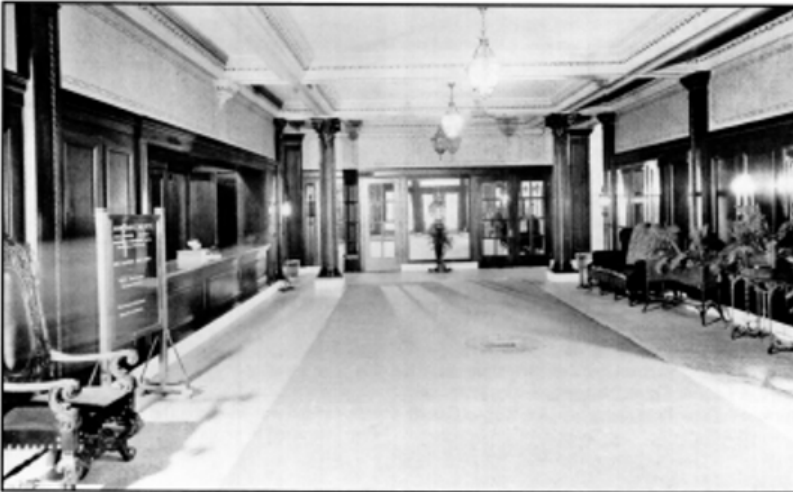
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Exterior of the Louisville Council #390 council home. Circa 1930. (Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Photo Archives.)

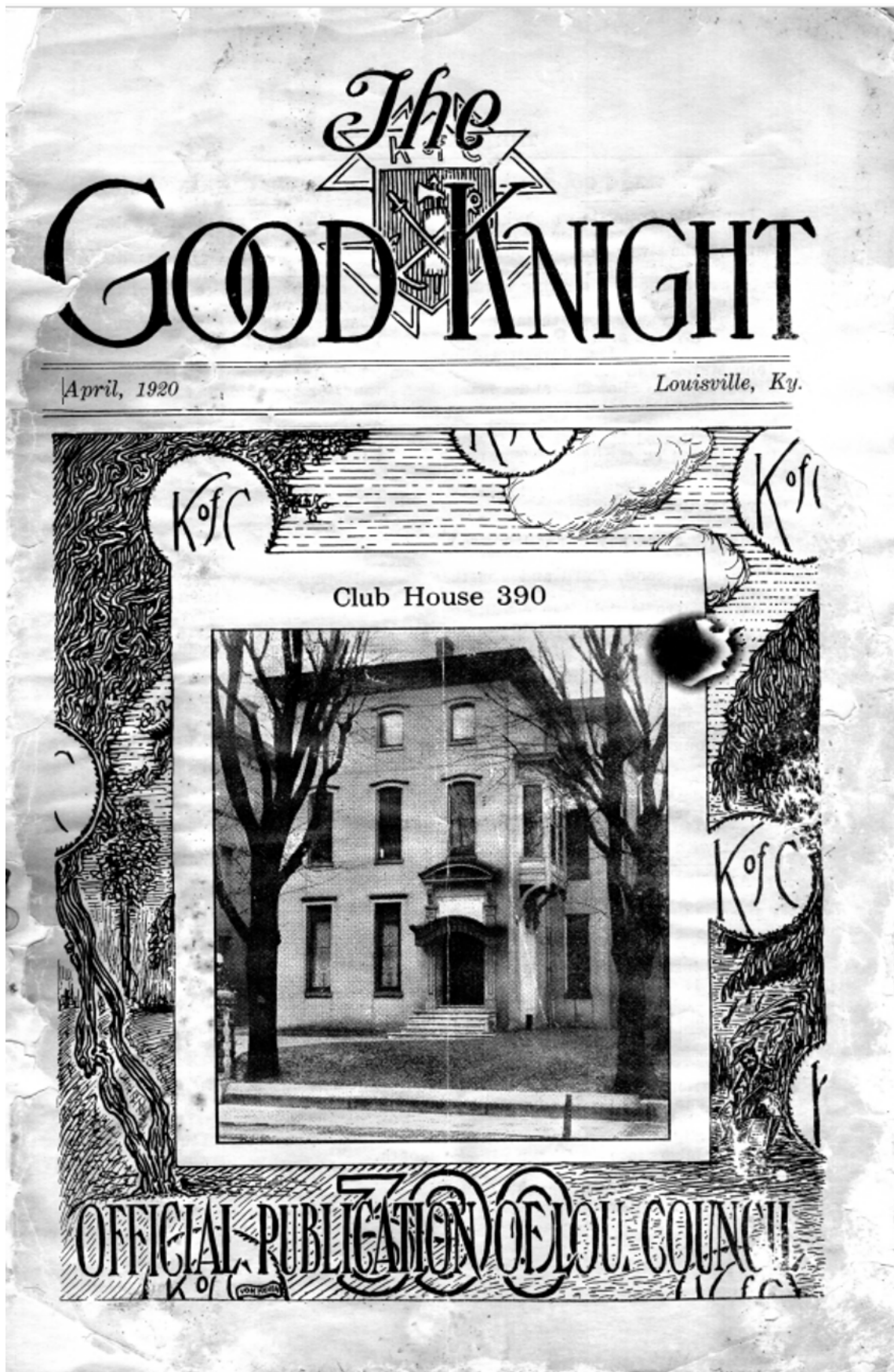


Lobby of the Louisville Council #390 council home. Circa 1930. (Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Photo Archives.)



Auditorium, Louisville Council #390 council home. Circa 1930. (Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Photo Archives.)

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SECURITY MEMO FROM SUPREME



To: State Deputies and Vice Supreme Masters

From: Office of the Supreme Advocate

Date: December 15, 2021

Re: **IMPORTANT CYBER-CRIME ALERT**

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- **Suspicious emails are being sent to Knights of Columbus members from bad actors who impersonate State Deputies. You should alert leaders and members in your jurisdiction.**
 - **Safeguard Knights of Columbus membership information.**
 - **Council and assembly membership directories should have password protection and should be restricted to authorized persons.**
 - **Ensure that council and assembly membership directories are not available by searching on Google, Bing, Yahoo! or other search engines.**
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A phishing scheme has been reported where a bad actor -- who pretends to be a State Deputy -- sends an email to Knights of Columbus members asking for gift card purchases to help charities or people in need.

These bad actors are using Knights of Columbus membership lists and information displayed on council and assembly websites and social media sites to send realistic phishing email messages to unsuspecting members.

Protect your members by informing the councils and assemblies in your jurisdiction about this phishing scheme, and make sure that they know how to safeguard Knights of Columbus membership information. For questions or to report a phish, contact our IT Department at servicedesk@kofc.org.

Please study the following tips to help protect against malicious emails, and review the text of an actual phishing scam, below.

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