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NEWSLETTER



Members of Council #12623 in Radcliff, donated almost \$14,000 to purchase the first Safe Baby Box in Hardin County. Story on page 5.



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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JULY 2021
NEWSLETTER



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

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KY State Council Newsletter

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TORNADO RELIEF 2021

A story to tell... KY Knights in Action!

On December 17th, 2021, I received a text a little after 1:00pm from SD Steve Zanone asking that I call FA Leonard Walther ASAP.

I called Leonard at around 1:40pm (I know not quite ASAP, but I was taking a nap. I can do that...I'm retired).

Leonard explained that he had received a call from a member of the Whitesville council who had been down to Fancy Farm stating that Sr. Martha had told him that one of their freezers had gone out and that she was in urgent need of a couple more. (St Jerome is storing food for the various groups cooking for the relief workers. Sister wanted to know if the Knights could help).

I told Leonard that I would take it from here and get him out of the middle.



I called Sr. Martha to let her know that the Knights of Columbus would do whatever we could to help her. She was very appreciative.

I contacted DD Dennis Herricks and explained what was going on. We proceeded to put together an action plan. Dennis called GK Jamie, and I called GK Leroy to explain the situation. After talking with Leroy, I called Jamie to pass on the information that I received from Leroy. Jamie was at St Jerome when I called and was able to answer the technical questions such as freezer size needed, voltage requirements and space availability, but most importantly he confirmed that there was no longer an urgent need because he had found freezer space in another location. Sister's urgent need was taken care of thanks to GK Jamie.

The effort then turned to finding available freezers. DD Dennis stopped at a Restaurant Supply house in Paducah and found two commercial quality units. One a single wide unit for \$2,500 and a double wide unit for \$3,600. He sent photos to Jamie and me with the pricing

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information and said he could buy them now.

I told Dennis to hold off until I searched Lowe's and Home Depot for freezers. In the meantime, Jamie said the single unit would meet Sister's short-term needs. Dennis relayed that info to the salesman, and they put a hold on it until he could confirm how to pay for it. I had told Dennis that I would bring it up to the Charities Board for further discussion (Board members are scattered across the State, so an emergency Zoom meeting would have to be called).

I went to both Lowe's websites for the stores in Paducah and they showed nothing available for weeks or months out.

While all this was going on, GK Leroy had already gone to Lowe's in Paducah and cut a deal with them to purchase 2 chest freezers for just under a thousand (\$1,000) dollars. He called Jamie to let him know. Jamie and Sr. Martha preferred the chest freezers, so Leroy closed the deal and made arrangements to pick them up and take them to St. Jerome. BTW, Council 10962 used their council monies to purchase the freezers.

GK Leroy notified DD Dennis and Dennis cancelled the order with the salesman. Then Dennis called me. I was on the Home Depot sites still looking for freezers not knowing that GK Leroy had already purchased the freezers from Lowe's.

Wow...what a whirlwind afternoon!

The bottom line is that from the time we (KY Knights) answered that call for help, within three (3) hours of Sr.

Martha's call for help the problem was resolved.

Many thanks to GK Jamie Council 1418, GK Leroy Council 10962, DD Dennis, FA Leonard and the Whitesville council member who alerted us to the urgent need. Thank you, Brothers! May God continue to bless you for your unselfish works of Charity.

I'm proud to be a Brother Knight working with so many exceptional men.

God Bless & Take Care,

Tom
KY State Secretary

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROVIDES MONEY FOR COUNTY'S FIRST SAFE BABY BOX

The following is a reprint of an article by Andrew Harp and was originally published on TheNewsEnterprise.com

Hardin County's first Safe Baby Box, which allows mothers to surrender their child safely and anonymously, could be constructed in the next few months.

The Knights of Columbus Council 12623 awarded \$13,975 to Safe Haven Baby Boxes to build a baby box at the Radcliff Fire Department on South Wilson Road.

Monica Kelsey, founder and CEO of Safe Haven, met the group Saturday at St. Christopher Church along with Radcliff Mayor J.J. Duvall and Rep. Nancy Tate, R-Brandenburg.

Tate was the primary sponsor for the Safe Haven Baby Box law, House Bill 155. She said her goal is to have 120 boxes in the state — one in each county.

Mike Henderson, a member of the Knights, said he learned about the first baby box in the state built in Louisville last summer. By September, they began fundraising to build one in Hardin County with raffles and other efforts.

The original goal was to raise \$10,000, which is the base amount for the purchase of the baby box. The total cost is around \$15,000 with the cost of installation, depending on different construction factors. Henderson said as far as the amount of money raised in the period of time, it's the chapter's biggest project yet.

"We want it to be an option. We don't want any babies abandoned," Henderson said.



BABY BOX CONT.



The first baby box was installed in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Kelsey's husband, Joe Kelsey, was the mayor of the city at the time.

Kelsey said she was abandoned as an infant and then adopted shortly after.

"I always say that I was blessed to have been adopted, but I was also blessed to have been abandoned because I wouldn't have the parents

that I have," she said.

A baby box is a hole cut out of a wall where a mother can put in an infant baby. Kelsey said the box is always on the outside of the building, but once a baby is put inside and is slid into it, the box remains on the inside.

Kelsey said these boxes typically are installed at fire stations and hospitals because medical care is on the other side because those dropped off are not typically born in hospitals. Kelsey said when someone does open the baby box door, it has a trigger that immediately calls 911. A second alarm then goes off once the baby is placed inside the bassinet. Once the baby is put inside the box, it's locked so those outside can't take it out.

She said babies usually are pulled from the boxes within two to three minutes of it being placed inside. Baby boxes also are heated between 72 and 84 degrees.

The Safe Haven law that was passed in Kentucky only applies to children that are 30 days old or younger in order for the mother to legally surrender the child. However, Kelsey said they have received older babies, and that it's up to prosecutors to decide if they want to prosecute.

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Kelsey said those who use the baby box in accordance with the law do remain anonymous. Before, mothers had to physically hand over their child to a person at the fire house or hospital.

“We still encourage women to walk in and hand their child to a person,” Kelsey said. “It’s safer, plus we can assess her to medical care, but we can’t make that decision for her.” Kelsey said they have less than 100 baby boxes in the country, with currently five operational ones in Kentucky. She said 14 babies have been placed in these boxes in the U.S. since the creation of them.

“If the box is never used, as long as there’s no babies abandoned that needed it, I’m fine with it,” Henderson said.

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BASKETBALL SENIOR KNIGHT

The following is a reprint of an article written by Payton Marshall and was originally published on [fox19.com](https://www.fox19.com). The story is about brother knight, Isaac Eibel, who is a member of Bishop Ackerman Council #5453 in Burlington.

UNION, Ky. (WXIX) - It was a special senior night on the hardwood at Ryle High School Monday night as a member of the team who had never scored got his first bucket.

Senior Isaac Eibel is a student manager for the Ryle High School men's basketball team. He also has Down syndrome.

"He doesn't let that hold him back from anything," said Head Coach Keaton Belcher.

Isaac's teammates make sure of that, including fellow senior Donovan Robinson.

"Isaac always has energy," Robinson remarked. "He loves being with the guys. We love being around him."



Said Isaac of his teammates, "They always have my back."

That was especially true Monday night, when Isaac was in the starting lineup and made the first shot against Trimble County.

"He's been waiting for this for as long as he's been here," said

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Robinson before the game.

Kelly Eibel, Isaac's mom, was in the crowd to watch him make the basket.

"I'm just grateful that he's had such a great experience," she said.

For Isaac, it was that much more special because it happened with this team on this court.

"My teammates, they've always been there for me," he said. "They help me a lot."





STATE DEPUTY STEVE ZANONE

My Brother Knights,

I want to let everyone know that we have reinstated the \$25.00 per new member bonus! This is retroactive to January 1st, 2022. We will continue the incentive through March 31st and could extend it beyond that point. Please use your council activities as a means to recruit new families into the Knights of Columbus. The \$25.00 from the State Council, and the new Affiliate member program from the Supreme Council are investments in the future of the Kentucky Knights of Columbus.

In case you missed the training on Affiliate membership, you can find the link on the Supreme Council website. This process is intentionally simple and offers us a way to clean up our rosters. Please take advantage of this limited time opportunity. It is certainly quicker and easier than the old retention process we used to have to work through. This new system will allow your council to concentrate on doing good works and growing in the faith, rather than being bogged down with member billing issues. If you are having trouble working through the process, please contact Tom Johnson, Luke Williams, or Bill Schmidt for assistance.

The KAPID board had a meeting today to discuss grant requests and go over our current financial status. As most of you know, nearly all of our funding for KAPID comes from our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. But I will wager that most of you don't know that as of today, only 31 councils have submitted any money from a Tootsie

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Roll drive. This is a situation we must correct Brothers. The board is well aware that in many locations we aren't able to do roadblocks or drives at retailers like in the past. This means we must be more creative in our efforts. It does not give us a reason to quit participating. Some councils now can only do drives at their churches and council activities, or from reaching out to local merchants for donations. If all councils participate to the best of their ability, we will be able to continue our good works. Again, please be creative and find the solution. Our mentally disabled brothers and sisters rely on our efforts.

Our weekly "Office Hours" program via Zoom continues to draw participation and will continue with the exception of Ash Wednesday. This week will be a meeting to attend for sure, as we will have a guest speaker from the National Weather Service. If you are able, please attend. We will send a link to DDs, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries. Please forward to your members.

Plans are going forward for the State Convention May 21st and 22nd. Mark your calendar and plan to attend, as we will finally be able to hold a nearly traditional convention this year. Earlier in May, we also hope to participate in the annual Pegasus Parade in Louisville. This year the parade is on a Sunday, and we would like to see as many Knights and their families participate as possible. More details will be announced as they become available.

**Vivat Jesus,
Steve Zanone
State Deputy**



STATE SECRETARY TOM JOHNSON

Secretary's Report:

State Per Capita invoices were emailed out on January 17th. I have already received a number of checks. Thank you to those councils that have already paid.

I am sure that over the next several weeks that I will continue to receive more checks. Please note that all State Per Capita invoices should be paid by April 1st, 2022 in order for your council to have a vote at the upcoming State Convention in May.

Past due billing Status:

There are still 2 councils that have not paid their FY 2020-2021 Per Capita dues. These councils will not have voting rights at the upcoming State Convention until this past due bill is paid, along with their new State Per Capita billing.

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

- Honorary Life members – 1,992 up 18 from last year.
- Honorary members – 481 up 32 from last year.
- Oldest member born in 1914
- Youngest member born in 2003
- 75 members with the title Brother down 1 from last year.
- 127 Deacons up 2 from last year
- 45 Fathers up 2 from last year
- 6 Most Reverend up 1 from last year
- 5 Monsignor same as last year

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- 304 Reverend down 6 from last year
- 6 RMR up 2 from last year
- 2 VRV (Very Reverend?) same as last year

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

- February 11th Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 14th Valentine's Day
- February 15th Affiliate Council Training
- 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.
- April 20th is the deadline for all past due bills to be paid if a council wishes to have voting rights at the State Convention
- May 20th thru 21st – State Convention in Frankfort.

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

Take Care & God Bless,

Tom Johnson,
KY State Secretary



STATE TREASURER LUKE WILLIAMS

What does the Knights of Columbus KY State Treasurer do?

I recently retired and it is common for someone to ask me about how my time is spent now and do I have any plans. After the usual answer of “work around the house”, “spend time helping Pam”, and “keeping caught up on my KofC State Treasurer duties”, etc., One person responded with the “What does the KofC State Treasurer do?” I thought the question would be a good newsletter article this month.

So, what does the Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Treasurer do?

The State Treasurer is responsible for the financial well-being of the Kentucky State Council and performs the duties so that there is a system of checks and balances at the State Level. Any funds receipts and bills flow through the State Secretary. The State Secretary receipts any funds and creates vouchers to pay bills which is sent to the State Treasurer. Vouchers are also forwarded to the State Deputy for approval prior to payment. The State Treasurer creates deposit documents and deposits all funds to the State Council’s bank account. The State Treasurer creates checks to pay approved vouchers and in turn prepares them for distribution. The State Treasurer is authorized to be the sole signatory on checks valued at less than \$500.00. Checks more than \$500.00 also require the signature of the State Deputy.

All banking transactions are recorded on the State Treasurer laptop computer using a well-known accounting software. Checks are also printed on a laser printer using the software. The State Treasurer’s Computer is maintained properly to include software and antivirus updates. The data is backed up regularly on an external media such as a memory stick or SD card.

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During the course of the fraternal year, a list of the duties as State Treasurer, include:

- Ensures that all accounting address and account information is correct.
- Enters Checks and Bank Card transactions into the accounting software.
- Prints Checks and enters Deposit information into the accounting software.
- Deposits monies into the State Council bank account.
- Performs a monthly Bank Account Reconciliation, monthly Reconciliation Summary and Detail Statement reports for State Officer review.
- Provides an independent Accounting Firm with Information for the Annual Tax Statement Preparation (Form 990) and for the Annual Audit Preparation.
- Helps prepare an Annual Budget.
- Submits a written Treasurers Report to the Delegates at the State Convention (also should be ready for a short speech to address the attendees).
- Provides the State Secretary with data for the Annual Fraternal Survey for the State Council.
- Chairs the Audit Committee at State Convention.
- Presents the Audit Committee Report to the State Council membership.
- Provides a written copy of the Audit Committee Report to the State Secretary and the Executive Secretary for minutes at the State Convention.

The State Treasurer also attends exemplifications, Vocation Appreciation Dinners, and possibly other events with other State Officers. The list below shows some events that have a predefined month in which they occur:

Planning Meeting - June

State Organizational Meeting - July

KofC Supreme Convention -August

KY State KofC Golf Tournament -August

Regional Meetings (4) September (usually 2 per weekend one on Saturday and one Sunday)

Mid-Year Meeting – December

Association and Budget & Resolutions Meetings – February

State Planning Meeting - April

KY Derby Pegasus Parade – May

KY KofC State Convention – May

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It has been said that the State Treasurer could be the most popular man in the state since he is the one that sends out the checks. The last 1 ½ years have been a bit tame in State Treasurer duties due to the COVID19 pandemic. Due to lockdown restrictions, very few bills have been received and very few checks have been written. Minimal income has been collected, and few events have been attended so few vouchers have been generated compared to previous years. I am currently gearing up for 2 big items in the KY State Council future. The first one is the upcoming Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Convention in May that will be held this year in Frankfort. The second is to have everything ready for the new State Treasurer who will be elected at the State Convention and take over the duties on July 1 of this year. Thank you for your support and please consider how you can stay involved in the Knights of Columbus.

**Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
State Treasurer**



STATE ADVOCATE DICK BURNS

Brother Knights,

State Deputy Recruiting Incentive

Be sure to take advantage of the State Deputy's generosity. He's offering \$25 to councils for every new member they take in in the first quarter!

2023 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 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. Council 10725 in Owensboro submitted a Resolution to make a change in the way that dues exemptions for disabled brothers is administered (Supreme Bylaw 118(e)). I consulted with Supreme and was able to let GK/DD Tim Molnar know that the procedure had already been revised a few years ago to meet their request, but the form (#1831) had not been updated. Thanks to them, it'll be clearer for all councils on how the disability system works!

Recruit! and Retain!

We're more than halfway through the Fraternal Year, and over half of our active Councils have not recruited a new member so far. Many Councils have already met or exceeded their annual new membership quota. You can, too, just ask!

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

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

If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says “yes”, you’ll still double the size of your council. If you don’t ask, you don’t grow.

Affiliate Membership

I hope all councils attending training this week on affiliate membership. It’s a way to transfer your inactive, non-dues paying members into a new classification of membership (and out of your council without hurting your new member quota!) and to eliminate your Supreme and State assessments on them. They’ll still be Knights and still have access to all the benefits but voting as meetings, just like an on-line member. It’s a win-win. Please take advantage of it. If you have any problems contact your District Deputy or a State Officer.

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,

We are in to the last haft fraternal year, and we need to keep our goals in our sights. With Ash Wednesday and fish Fries happening, this is great time to recruit new members. Drive though fish fries are a success and a great way to meet families.

Basketball Slam Tickets!!!

The 2022 Basketball Slam tickets have been selling. This is the Fundraiser that is used for Disaster Relief. We are using this fund for Disaster in other Jurisdictions. We are blessed by the turn out for the December Disaster here in Kentucky. Please remember for every two tickets bought, you receive a third ticket on-line, making your odds better. Several Councils have already sold their tickets and sent their check in, Thanks. Other Councils have asked for more tickets, 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 worthy cause. You can find the grant request fund at <https://kykofc.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

The Los Angeles Rams won the Superball in their new stadium. What a game.

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New Archbishop

Pope Francis has named a new Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Louisville, The Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre. Archbishop-designate Shelton, is the Tenth Bishop and Fifth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Louisville. Archbishop -designate Shelton is coming from Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and communities throughout south Louisiana. Please Welcome Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre to the Province of Louisville.

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



DISTRICT MASTER BILL SCHMIDT

Sir Knights –

The Kentucky District recently hosted a Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Fr. Edward Sorin Province. Knights from Kentucky, Indiana, and West Virginia joined the Fourth Degree in an online degree on Saturday, February 12th. Former District Master Dennis Blair was honored as the Kentucky Class Honoree.



With nearly 20 new Sir Knights, the Kentucky District is well on the way to meeting our Supreme goal at nearly 80%! Thank you to all of the new Sir Knights and Assemblies that have helped grow the Fourth Degree this year. I am pleased to announce that Assemblies 2008 in Louisville, 2753 in Hopkinsville, 3228 in Fairdale, 3423 in Brandenburg, 3611 in Madisonville, and 3877 in Jeffersontown have already met their quotas. There are several more that only need a few more new Sir Knights to reach their goal. More dates will be announced soon for additional opportunities to join the Fourth Degree, both virtual and in person. Please ask a Brother Knight to become a Sir Knight today!

The Biennial Meeting date will be announced soon. Faithful Navigators, please watch your email in the coming days.

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.

Fraternaly,
Bill Schmidt, PSD
Kentucky District Master
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GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Put Your Loved Ones First

During the month of January, we spend a lot of time thinking about ourselves. What will our New Year's resolutions be? How will we change our lives? How can we put our Faith in Action? What will 2022 bring for us?

But what about the ones you love? Is protecting them and providing lifetime income part of your plan for 2022? Sure, there's a lot that you can do to protect your loved ones. You make sure they're safe. You make sure they're taken care of. You do your best to make them happy. But what if you weren't there for them? What if you couldn't be?

Many are afraid to think about life insurance because they're afraid of their mortality. But life insurance isn't about dying, it's about helping your family to live if something should happen to you.

Life insurance allows you to continue providing for your family after you're gone, by seeing to it that they have the money they need to be as safe and secure as they have always been. It can provide mortgage protection, income replacement, retirement income, final expenses, and so much more. And life insurance doesn't need to be a gift that you'll never see given. Your family can benefit from your policy while you're still here to see them enjoy it.

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So, this Valentine's Day, when you're out buying that box of chocolates or flowers for your wife to express your continued love for her, make a point to schedule time with your Knights of Columbus Field Agent to provide your wife and any of your eligible children a special life-giving gift that will help you to protect her and your whole family for decades.

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



A group of Knights of Columbus secretaries are pictured outside of a K of C Hut at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky in 1918

As membership in the Knights of Columbus grew, the Order became increasingly known as a force for public good. Following the dedication ceremony for the Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountain in Washington, D.C., in 1912, a reporter for The

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Washington Star noted that the large number of Knights in attendance “marked anew the important position of the Knights of Columbus as an order in the social fabric of the United States.”

In response to growing anti-Catholic hostility and the rise of socialism, two Knights, David Goldstein and Peter W. Collins, embarked on an extensive, 27,000-mile lecture tour throughout North America in 1914. Later that same year, the Order established the K of C Commission on Religious Prejudice. The commission’s work concluded in 1917, when the United States entered World War I.

During the Great War, the Order provided rest and recreational facilities and social services to Allied servicemen of all faiths. K of C Huts throughout the United States and Europe provided religious services, supplies and recreation under the motto, “Everybody Welcome, Everything Free.”

Everybody meant everybody. Whatever your race or creed, you were welcome at K of C facilities. In fact, the Order was praised by a contemporary African American historian of World War I, because “unlike the other social welfare organizations operating in the war, it never drew the color line.”

As a result of the Order’s wartime work, which earned high praise from Pope Benedict XV, nearly 400,000 men joined the Knights between 1917 and 1923.

1910: Notre Dame Council 1477 is chartered in the spring of 1910, becoming the first of nearly 250 college councils worldwide.

1912: With support from the Knights, the Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountain is dedicated in Washington, D.C. Some 20,000 Knights attend the ceremonies, which are overseen by President William H. Taft.

1914: Tens of thousands of copies of a “bogus oath” are circulated to defame the Knights of Columbus. The Knights, in turn, lay the groundwork for a lecture series and educational programs to combat anti-Catholic hostility. Between 1914 and 1917, the number of anti-Catholic publications drops from 60 to fewer than five.

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1916: When National Guardsmen are sent to the U.S.-Mexico border to prevent Mexican Gen. Francisco “Pancho” Villa from raiding towns in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, K of C councils in those states spontaneously respond to the religious and social needs of troops serving there.

1917: When the United States enters World War I, Supreme Knight Flaherty writes President Woodrow Wilson telling him that the Order plans to establish centers to provide for the troops’ “recreational and spiritual comfort.” The Knights’ services, he says, will be offered “regardless of creed.”

1917: By the summer of 1917, the Order opens service centers, or “K of C Huts,” in training camps and behind the lines of battle. The Knights and independent fund drives raise nearly \$30 million to finance the huts.

**Submitted for the February 2022 State Newsletter by:
Billy R. Hancock, PSD, State Historian**

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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February
4th Degree Exemplification 12

May
State Convention 20-22

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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