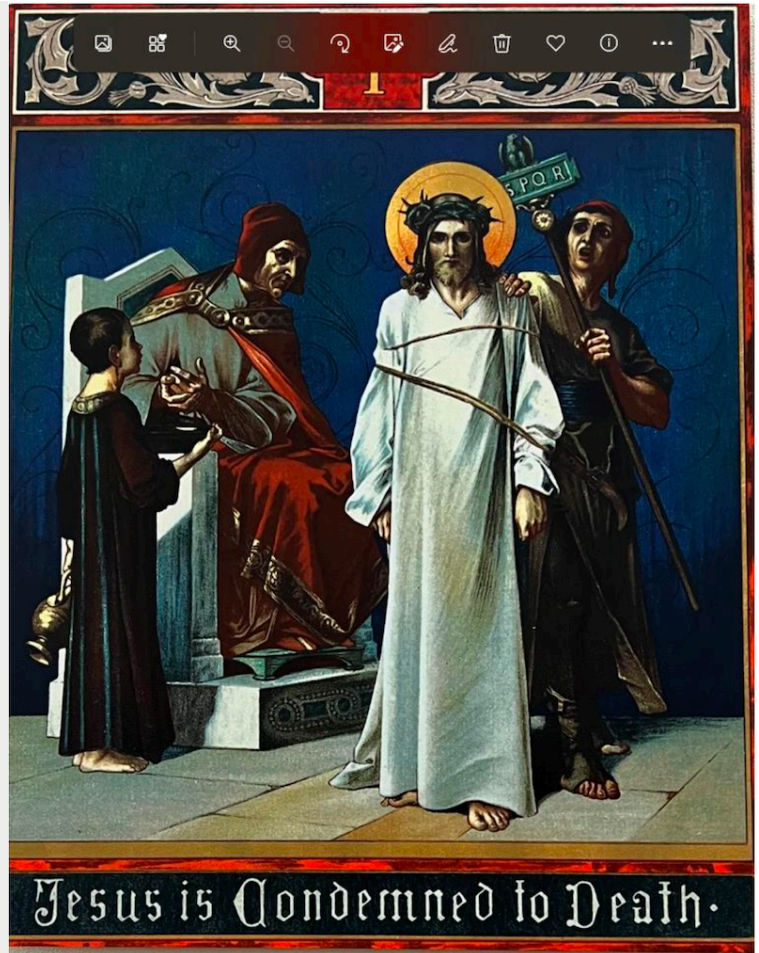


# KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

MARCH 2022  
NEWSLETTER

Brother knight Jason Hardy spent over 40 hours on the “Way of the Cross” team restoring the 14 Stations of the Cross lithograph images that were in the chapel. The new images are shallow block on metal. Work was completed and installed just in time for the first went in stations of the cross prayer vigil on March 9th.

Submitted by:  
Brian Gregory, GK Council 15841



## 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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## KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



OK Dick Barber 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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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## 2022 Salute to Summer Games

[Salute to Summer Games](#) is back for a third year and the web site is now active! Once again, with the support of the State Deputy, the Salute to Summer Games has returned as a Knights of Columbus-specific campaign. From now through the 2022 State Summer Games (scheduled for June 4 at Eastern Kentucky University), individual Knights and Councils across the state will have an opportunity to raise money to support Special Olympics with the goal being to add the Knights of Columbus as an official State Summer Games sponsor.

Worthy Grand Knights should have received an e-mail from the State Deputy that outlines a plan for success:

1. Identify one or more volunteers to participate
2. Set up a team for your Council at [sokysalute.com](http://sokysalute.com)
3. Have your participants register as part of your team
4. Have participants [connect their Salute pages to their Facebook pages](#)

This is a great opportunity for Councils and individual Knights to easily help us support Special Olympics without Councils making direct donations. However, if your Council does decide to make a donation, it can be sent to:

Special Olympics Kentucky  
Attn: Salute to Summer Games  
105 Lakeview Court  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Council donations will appear on the Kentucky Knights of Columbus page on the Salute Web site.

Our goal is to raise \$12,000 (or about \$1 for every Knight in the state). If we are able to raise at least \$10,000 the Knights will be recognized as a Gold Sponsor for the State Summer Games. Last year we were able to raise \$11,000 statewide to support the Games. More communications about the Salute will be coming to Grand Knights soon. If you have any questions, contact Mark Buerger at [mbuerger@soky.org](mailto:mbuerger@soky.org).





# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

## **2022 Polar Plunge**

Knights across Kentucky got the Chill of a Lifetime again in 2022, with three Councils supporting Polar Plunges throughout the state.

With the Lake Cumberland Plunge still to go, Brother Jeff McMahon has been the top fundraising Knight Representing Fr. Roy Dentinger Council #390, Jeff raised \$2,458 this year.

As of this writing, Field Agent Troy Anderson of Chris the King Council #16232 in Scottsville still had a chance to catch McMahon. Anderson had raised \$2,145 with a few days to go before the March 19 event.

In Lexington, Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 raised \$3,766 this year, led by team captain Will Schnurr and Rob Mahle who was the team's top fundraiser with \$890. All totaled, in 2022 Plunging Knights raised more than \$8,400 for Special Olympics this year. Thank you for all the Knights who were Freezing for a Reason this Plunge season.



## **Spring is a Great Time for You or Your Council to Volunteer**

Spring is one of the busiest times in the Special Olympics Kentucky calendar. Athletes will be competing across the state in order to qualify for the State Summer Games. Wherever you live, there will be a Special Olympics track and field meet near you. If you live in Louisville or Central Kentucky and know how to officiate soccer games, Special Olympics could use your skills as well.



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 2022 Track and Field Schedule includes:

**Somerset** – April 9

**Bowling Green** – April 23

**Georgetown** – April 23

**Murray** – April 23

**Owensboro** – April 23

**Paintsville** – April 23

**Erlanger** – April 30

**Louisville** – May 14

In addition to providing vital support for these events, volunteer hours worked by Knights are part of the formula that determines the amount of Supreme's annual donation to Special Olympics Kentucky.

For more information about how you or your Council can get involved, contact Kelli Firquin at 502-695-8222 or [kfirquin@soky.org](mailto:kfirquin@soky.org).



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# DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL AWARD

State Warden Gary Dykhuis presented Grand Knight Jason Simon of Whitesville Council #2046, the Double Star Council Award and the State Deputy Award earned for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.





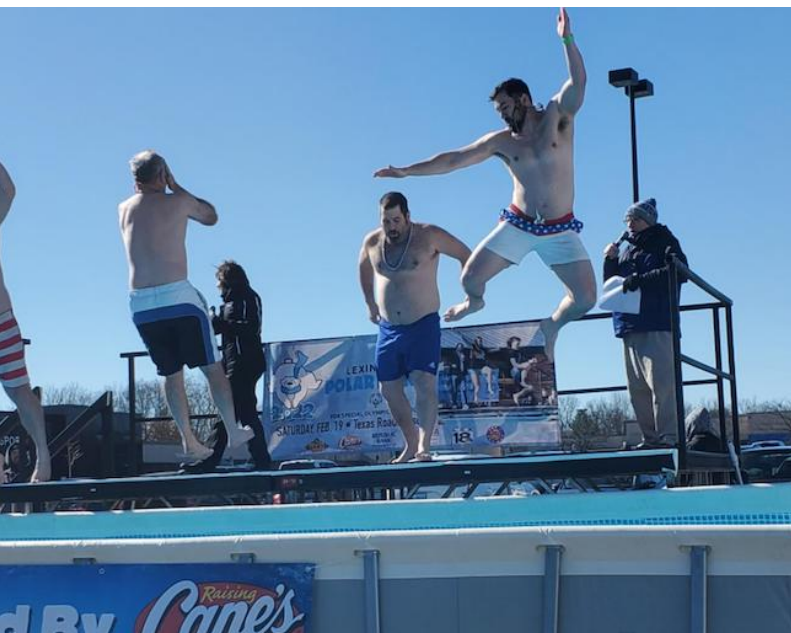
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# POLAR PLUNGE

With Will Schnurr's leadership, Council #14372 was able to raise and donate \$3,766 to the Lexington Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kentucky.

Overall, the event raised more than \$68,000! Thank you to everyone who donated and those who plunged in 33 degree weather. Please see the attached photos of our plungers and all the fun they had.

Vivat Jesus,  
Kyle Francis GK  
Council 14372





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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS HOPKINSVILLE

Council 7847 in support of the Special Olympics and Special Needs of Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY arranged with the AD of CCHS girls basketball to have our special needs community attend the girls' JV and V basketball games. Between games, the AD and coach had each person come to center court, and the court announcer called each 'player' by name as they would introduce the starting teams. The evening was a fantastic success as the fans and CCHS team welcomed them and the special needs group whooped it up all night. One of the most touching and enjoyable events in a long time.

Submitted by GK Tom O'Hagan



# TOOTSIE ROLL DONATION

Danville council 6317 presented checks to Wilderness Trace Child Development Center and to Holland Farm in Boyle County. This was done with donations received through the Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive".



Left to right: Cabe Overstreet, Libby Settles director of Wilderness Trace Child Development Center. Ambrose Braunecker, Treasurer Council 6317, Kevin Heighon Grand Knight Council 6317, Helen Overstreet Director of Holland -Farm Inc. A non-profit and parent based adult day training program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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# CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

Council 7847 participated in the Sts Peter & Paul Church Prayer Service for Life and Candlelight Rosary for Life in the "Mary Garden". KofC Prayer for Life cards was handed out in English and Spanish. Life Director SK Rush and Lady Jenny led the prayers and rosary. Beautiful ceremonies for Life!

Submitted by GK Tom O'Hagan





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# CRUCIFIX RESTORATION

Brother Knights Tom McCarty and Jason Hardy of Council #15841 in Louisville volunteered for three months to refurbish, repaint, transport, and mount the magnificent crucifix that was a gift to St Edward Church from St Joseph Catholic Church in Louisville's Butchertown .



# HELPING THE FOOD BANKS

A local food bank, Aaron McNeil House, in Hopkinsville KY distributes non-perishable food to those in need every 2nd Saturday of the month. Council #7847 was asked to assist in January. The Council had 15 brothers and family members attend and assist in distributing the food. An estimated 700 families were provided a bag or box of food in 3 hours.

Submitted by GK Tom O'Hagan



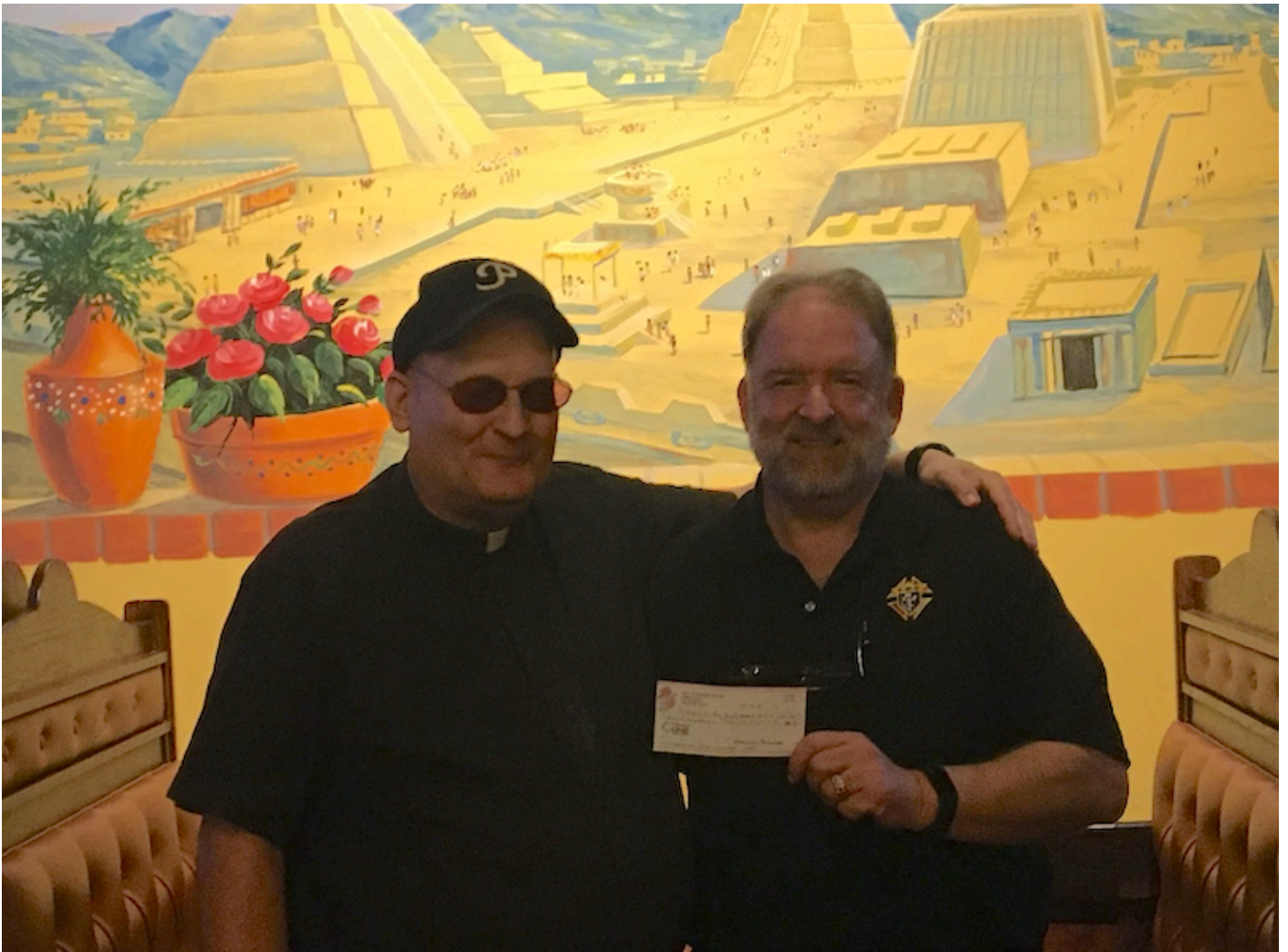


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# TORNADO RELIEF

Thanks to all those who have donated to help victims of the devastating tornadoes that we experienced on December 11, 2021. Fr. Ben Powers Council #1315 in Bowling Green's Worthy Chaplain Fr. John Agapito from Fathers of Mercy Auburn, KY. celebrated his Feast Day and presented checks totaling \$623.00 to the Grand Knight Rick Osborne after they enjoyed his Feast Day meal. Council 1315 is in the process of working on a secondary response to further the efforts of helping the communities affected by this horrific event!

Submitted by GK Rick Osborne





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# SIX NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS

The Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification was held Sunday January 23, 2022 at 4 P.M. at St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green. Welcome to our 6 newest Third Degree members: Christopher Durbin, Michael Olesky, Chad Folk, Alberto Portrillo, Eraldo Arce and Deacon Rene Amaya. Thank you to Fr. Corey Bruns and our degree team for their assistance with this Exemplification.

Submitted by GK Rick Osborne





# STATE DEPUTY STEVE ZANONE

My Brother Knights,

I extend our warmest welcome to the new Archbishop of Louisville, Shelton J Fabre. He is coming to us from the bayou of Baton Rouge, LA. Archbishop Fabre is both a Knight of Columbus and a Knight of Peter Claver. His motto, “comfort my people” is one we should all strive to adopt. My hope is he will be as supportive of the Knights of Columbus as Archbishop Kurtz has been, and I am looking forward to working with him. To Archbishop Kurtz, I express our sincere appreciation and thanks for all you have done for the Church, the Archdiocese, and all of us you have interacted with since your installation in 2007. We will miss you at the Supreme Conventions for sure.

If you know of people affected by tornadoes who have not filled out a grant request to our charities board, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. We still have an ample amount of money to distribute toward this cause, and it is not doing anyone any service sitting in the bank. Our first principle is Charity. We are doing a wonderful job with this ministry, but we need to keep it going. The outpouring of support has been overwhelming. This support is proof positive that the Knights of Columbus is alive, well, and continuing the mission charged to us by Blessed Father Michael J McGivney.

# ZANONE CONT.

As we head into the homestretch of our fraternal year, I implore all councils to make a serious recruiting push. I ask this not for recognition for myself, not for an award, but for the good of the Kentucky Knights of Columbus. Brothers, for us to survive another 100 years we must recruit the men who will replace us as we die off. If we push now, we will be able to build momentum that will carry over into the next fraternal year. We have made some progress this year. Let us make sure we don't lose our momentum. Please do not make next year's State Deputy have to start from zero. The KY Jurisdiction deserves better than that, and so does the next State Deputy.

Covid seems to finally be winding down, so we are in full preparation for the State Convention. This year, we will see a return to the Saturday meeting, followed by the awards, Mass, and a banquet. Sunday we will elect a new slate of State Officers who will serve the Order next year. Since we can gather as normal this year, please take advantage of it. Send in your registration forms as soon as possible. We have relocated the Convention to Frankfort this year, after some issues with our previous venue. The State Officers felt it was time for a change and after meeting with the hotel staff, I believe we have made a good choice. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Steve Zanone  
State Deputy**





# STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

As I compose this reflection for our newsletter, I take note that today is the Solemnity of St. Joseph as spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I am also reminded by our Supreme Chaplain's monthly reflection in the Vivat Jesus spiritual guide of last Sunday's gospel on the Transfiguration while at the same time considering tomorrow's gospel (from Luke- your parish may be using the gospel from John) about the untimely tragedies befalling "some Galileans", which resonate with the desperate plight of contemporary Ukrainians. What is to be made of our lives, so often in between the triumph and tribulation? Perhaps the humble witness of St. Joseph might give us some perspective. Perhaps Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori's admonition is applicable: "We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or 'spiritual highs,' but... we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments..., but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives."

Consider the example of St. Joseph- how happy he must have been, to be betrothed to such a wonderful, gentle and holy woman as this Miriam of Nazareth. Surely, he must have been the envy of every other man in that village, maybe in all of Galilee! (Perhaps those of you who are married can remember how you felt when your beloved said "Yes!," even as your knees shook in the asking.) But how must the foundations of his world have shook to discover that this chaste and blameless flower was with child; perhaps not despair, but certainly profound confoundment. Talk about your highs and lows!

# FR. JOHN CONT.

And then there was the birth in Bethlehem. Do you remember the birth of your first-born, how your heart almost burst with unconditional love? But then, to be unable to provide her and the child with no shelter but a cave, and that shared with livestock. Do you think it weighed heavily upon Joseph's heart? And then we have the matter of their flight as refugees, repeated 2-3 million times over this month in Ukraine.

Where did Joseph find his peace, what was the reward for his faithfulness? Remember that he never saw one of the miracles his foster son would work, never heard a whisper of the spiritual truth that would reveal Him as the Word. (OK, maybe a whisper if he caught some of 12-year old Jesus' exchange with the teachers in the Temple.) Joseph's subtle satisfaction were the years of quiet accompaniment in the home at Nazareth, perhaps delight in teaching Jesus how to construct a table or chair (no IKEA kits then) or maybe the difference between ripe figs and those that need a little more time. Who knows? Perhaps he and the child took a turn at kneading the dough or some other kitchen tasks to give Mary a helping hand...

Let me close with the conclusion of Pope Francis' prayer to St. Joseph: "Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Fr. John List**  
**State Chaplain**





# STATE SECRETARY TOM JOHNSON

## **Secretary's Report:**

WGKs & WFs...there are still 35 councils that have not paid their 2022 State Per Capita Fee. I hope that over the next several weeks, I will continue to receive more checks. Please note that all State Per Capita invoices should be paid by April 10th , 2022 in order for your council to have a vote at the upcoming State Convention in May.

## **Past due billing Status:**

There are 4 councils that have not paid their FY 2020-2021 Per Capita Dues. Three of those councils are on the verge of going inactive. These councils will not have voting rights at the upcoming State Convention until this past due bill is paid, even if they are current on their 2020 Per Capita billing.

There are still 2 councils that have not paid their FY 2019-2020 Per Capita dues. These councils will not have voting rights at the upcoming State Convention until this past due bill is paid, even if they are current on their 2020 Per Capita billing. Upcoming Dates to Remember: Your councils should be gearing up for all the upcoming activities over the next several months.

## **MARCH:**

- March 2nd Diocese of Lexington was established by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1988.
- March 13th Daylight Saving time begins

# JOHNSON CONT.

- March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May.
- March 17th St Patrick's Day
- March 30th Archbishop Shelton Fabre will be installed as the Archbishop of Louisville

## **APRIL**

- April 10th is the deadline for all past due bills to be paid if a council wishes to have voting rights at the State Convention
- April 15th Good Friday
- April 17th Easter Sunday
- April 18th Federal Income Tax Day

## **MAY**

- May 5th Bishop John Stowe was installed as Bishop of Lexington in 2015
- May 21st & 22nd – 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

We are in the home stretch for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. Here are a few **IMPORTANT** items that should be on all Councils checklist to complete.

- The Knights of Columbus Councils in Kentucky have between 3/1 to 3/31 window to go thru the Affiliate Membership process for those Council members who have not responded to contact attempts, and not paid dues for at least the past 18 months. I am hopeful that some of the in-active members who have fallen away are properly vetted and as Affiliate Members they realize the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus member. If you have questions, ask your Grand Knight, District Deputy, or a State Officer. Don't wait!
- Please honor those who have served and worked in your Council this fraternal year. write up and send a submittal in to the State Deputy as consideration for Chaplain of The Year, Knight of the Year, and Family of the Year Awards. Please start now, these submittals are due by April 1st.
- Please honor those who worked hard for and during a Council sponsored Faith Program Project, Family Program Project, Community Program Project, or Life Program Project. These submittals are due by April 1st. It was only a few years ago that the Dawson Springs/Princeton/Eddyville Council 15181 submitted a Life Project to the State Deputy, and it was later honored as the International Life Program winner. Please pick one or all your "Faith In Action" projects from the present Fraternal Year, submit to the State Deputy by April 1st.
- Regional and State Free Throw Championships are being held this month. Congratulations to all participants and winners.
- Applications for \$100 refunds for Councils giving at least \$500 in support of a seminarian or novice are due at Supreme between April 1st and Jun 30th.

# WILLIAMS CONT.

- Nomination committees are to be appointed for upcoming Council Elections. PLEASE volunteer for a Council position based on what you can contribute. Don't worry about what you know or feel you "lack". Your help is needed, and this is your opportunity for your qualities to shine. Too much of the negative is thrown out now so no one feels they are worthy. In God's eyes, he wants us to be "The Best Version of Ourselves". Getting involved and staying helps to realize that need.
- State Convention Delegates and Alternates are to be elected. The State Convention will be in Frankfort this year. It starts on Friday evening, May 20 and proceedings will wrap up Sunday afternoon, May 22. Delegates have voting rights on resolutions and Elections. You do not have to be a delegate to attend but do have to have a valid Membership Card to enter the business meetings.
- Council Officer Elections are to be held.
- Submit Updated Council Information needs to be sent to the KY State Secretary for the State's records when the Form 185 and 365 are sent into Supreme. Any changes to Council meeting location or time also should be sent to the State Secretary.
- Any Catholic man should have the opportunity to learn and be a part of the Knights of Columbus. Please ask them to join us. If you think you don't know why he should or why we do what we do, I will pray that you at least go to the [kykofc.com](http://kykofc.com) State Council website and the [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) website and do a bit of surfing and get a taste of what it is all about. Every Council function is an opportunity to invite men and their family to be a part of...
- Please at least have someone write up a description of your council's best activity and submit to the State Deputy for consideration of an award. If nothing else, it just might be the idea another Council needed to do a program they can handle.

We seem now a days to have such a hard time doing everything we think we need to do. The last two years across the world has challenged how we spend our time. We were told what our priorities were to keep everyone safe from a strain of COVID virus. Most of the world is seeing virus safety priorities being rescinded and then we are hit with more things we "need" to think about to be good people. Sounds like a pattern to me.

# WILLIAMS CONT.

How do you want to prioritize your time to fulfill commitments for family, church, community, and country? I challenge all of us to look at our hierarchy of priorities and spend some of this Lenten season listening to where God Our Father wants us to be and some things to work on that have to do with God, Family, Church, Community and Country.

I pray that we all continue to listen this Lent to what God is trying to tell us. Seems like all we need to do is make some time, so he is a priority, and we listen.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Luke Williams  
State Treasurer**





# STATE ADVOCATE DICK BURNS

Brother Knights,

## **Ukraine**

I'm sure you've read in the reports from Supreme that the Order is going great things to support the citizens of the Ukraine. Brothers in Poland have opened their homes to shelter the families of Brothers in the Ukraine who have been forced to leave their homeland. Over \$2 million have been collected for the support effort. Even more importantly, they need our prayers. We received a Novena Prayer for the Consecration of the Ukraine and Russia today that we recited at my council meeting tonight. I hope that we all call frequently on the Blessed Mother to intercede on their behalf until this unjust war comes to an end.

## **Recruit! and Retain!**

We're more than halfway through the Fraternal Year, and over a third of our active Councils have not recruited a new member so far. 12 Councils have already met or exceeded their annual new membership quota, as we hopefully come out of the pandemic. You can, too!

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!

# BURNS CONT.

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.

## **Just Do It!**

Our State Deputy Steve Zanone puts it succinctly – councils are finding a way to grow and do the work of the Order serving their members and their parishes. His marching orders – **FIND A WAY!** Whatever works best for your council.

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

## **Vivat Jesus!**

**Dick Burns**

**State 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,

As we start Lent, let pray for the people and our brother Knights in Ukraine. They need our support and prayers.

## **Basketball Slam Tickets!!!**

A BIG Thank You for the Councils that have supported and sold Basketball Slam Tickets. Also Thank you for turning tickets in on time. You can still buy tickets on line, using the website [www.basketballsweeps.com](http://www.basketballsweeps.com). You can check and registrar your tickets on the website, also. This is the Fundraiser that is used for Disaster Relief. Please remember for every two tickets bought, you receive a third ticket on-line, making your odds better.

Again, councils that sell 25 tickets qualify for the coveted 90.4 Proof State Deputy Award. 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/>.

## **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 will have his installation as Archbishop of Louisville at 2 p.m. March 30 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville.

Please Welcome Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre to the Province of Louisville.



# DYKHUIS CONT.

## **Recruit and Retain**

With Lent and Fish-fries starting, this is a Great Time to ask Families to join our Order. There still is the FREE MEMBERSHIP 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. The State Deputy is pay \$25 for each new member until the end of March.

Supreme has the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on line. This is a Great way to have a New Third Degree member, with some new ideas and can help with our projects the Council has.

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 –

I wanted to let you all know that there are many more opportunities to join the Fourth Degree before the end of the year. We have more than three months to reach our recruiting goals and there are many opportunities to get the job done. Brother Knights can become Sir Knights at any one of the following upcoming Degrees: April 23rd, Virtual at 10:00 AM EDT; May 21st, In-Person in New Albany, IN; June 4th, In-Person in Lexington (to be finalized). The May 21st Exemplification will be held by the Indiana Degree Team but Kentucky Knights are welcome to attend. The proximity to Louisville will make this a great opportunity. Please start recruiting today for these upcoming Exemplifications.

The Biennial Meeting is scheduled for April 2 at 10:00 AM CDT at the Fr. Carroll White Council in Clarkson. Faithful Navigators, if you have not yet registered your delegates for this most important meeting, please let me know right away who will be representing your Assembly.

Remember that Assemblies can earn the Star Assembly Award by reaching their membership quota, earning the Civic Award (similar to the Columbian Award), entering the “To Be A Patriot” competition, publishing a monthly newsletter, and submitting the required Supreme reports. More information can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/10486-star-assembly-award.pdf>. All Assemblies are encouraged to shoot for the Star Assembly Award! If you have any questions, just ask me.

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

## **Putting our faith in action during the Lenten season**

March arrives and Lent begins on the very next day, March 2. We all know that Lent is the time of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Thursday. In our preparation to celebrate the Lord's resurrection we are to exercise self-control and self-denial by fasting. We are encouraged to encounter Christ in the reading of Scripture, and we are to serve others by the giving of alms.

When I was a kid, the "go to" self-denial was giving up chocolate...made those chocolate Easter bunnies most tasty! I think a lot of us are creatures of habit when it comes to self-denial. We continue the same path, "giving up" the same things each year. Although self-denial is important as a practice, I've gotten a little older and a bit more introspective. I try to think of positive things to do rather than what I want to give up. Here are some of the things on a personal level that I'm going to try: Devote some time each day to reading Scripture. I'm not going to read whole books or commit to something I can't achieve, but for 10 minutes each day I'm going to read the Bible. I think reading scripture every day is a good habit to nurture.

Rather than "giving up" I'm going to try to "give away." It doesn't help anyone...other than me...if I give up chocolate again this year. But if I give away to the poor, that can have a positive effect on me and on someone else. God has blessed me with so many material blessings I can afford to part with some. And that includes money. I'm determined to be more generous this Lent.



# SCHACHLE CONT.

As men of faith let's take advantage of some of the many program offerings during Lent. Some of these programs are done diocesan-wide, some at the local parish level, and many councils have special programs for prayer and reflection. If you are able perhaps you can lead or help lead a program at your council. I know for me, being involved with other men of faith strengthens me.

As we prepare spiritually for this new liturgical season of Lent, don't forget the temporal. Tempus fugit, memento mori! Our K of C Field Agents and me are honored to carry on our blessed founder, Michael McGivney's, vision of protecting Catholic families.

Vivat Jesus!

**Dan Schachle, General Agent**  
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# STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK

## **History - Spotlight on Spalding Council**

Spalding Council 2761 was instituted on July 24, 1935. M.J. Peak is Michael Peak (deceased). Mike became a State Deputy and served 1976-1978. He was the Chairman for the 1981 Supreme Convention held in Louisville. He was a Former Supreme Warden. Mike and wife Jane served as the State Pro-Life couple for many years. The following article (on next page) is an extract from the State Newspaper April-May 1964.

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

## HANCOCK CONT.

# Spalding Council Wins National Acclaim

## Not just once but twice... within one month!

LOUISVILLE, (Special to KKNS by M. J. Peak)—A rare distinction has been given to Bishop Spalding Council 2761 this past month. Michael J. Peak, P. R. Chairman has released to your news the fact that not just once but twice has Spalding Council received National Acclaim. One credit was given in the Denver Catholic Register because of the Signboards regarding the Catholic Information Program where twenty (20) billboards are planned to be erected, stressing the Religious Information Bureau in St. Louis.

See picture on right of the billboards as they are being erected. To date reports brother Peak, eight of the twenty are already posted. Locations are all in Louisville at the following: (1), 18th and Chestnut; (2), Lexington Rd. near Grinstead Drive; (3), Grinstead Drive near Lexington Road (across from Cherokee Lake); (4), Frankfort Avenue (across from the Blind School); (5), Breck, just East of 7th Street; (6), Park Blvd. and Wampum (North); (7), Newburg Road & Old Shep Road and (8), Eastern Parkway and Shelby Street.

### Nationwide National Distinction

The second item of National acclaim was spread throughout the entire country with the publishing and distribution of the annual Official Derby Festival Program this April. Mike Peck has much to say about this.



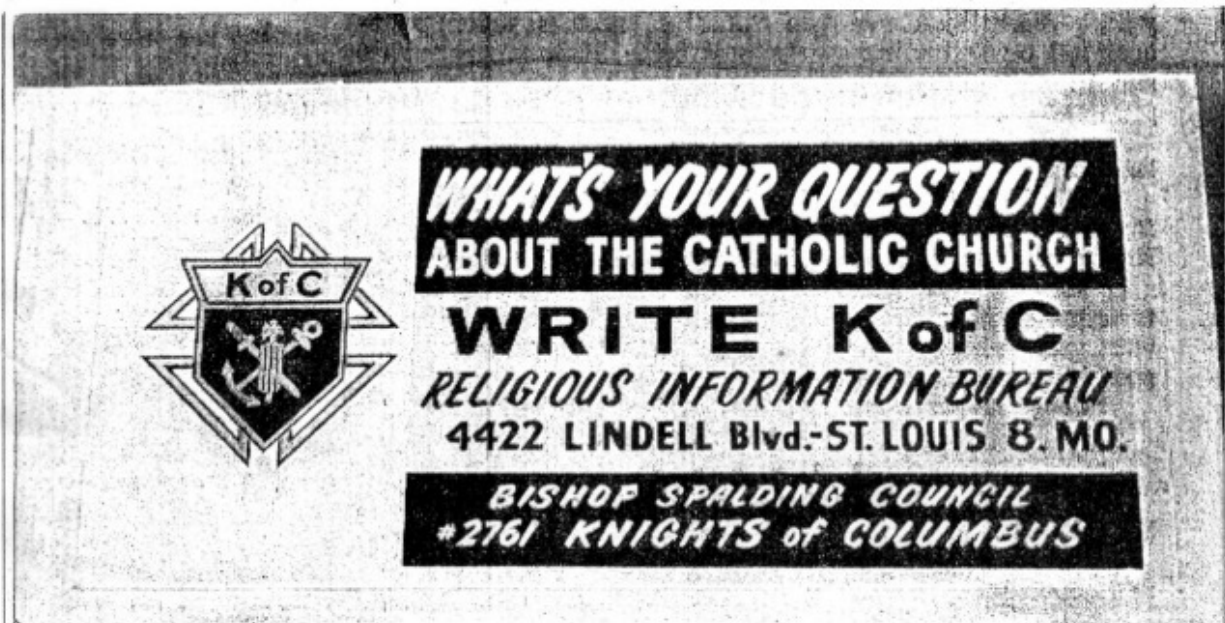
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The first annual Derby Dinner was held last April 29th with an overflowing crowd of some 850 people who jammed the spacious Flag Room of the Kentucky Hotel. This was truly a memorable day in the history of Bishop Spalding Council.

The Second Annual Derby Dinner of Bishop Spalding Council was held April 27th at the same place, the Flag Room of the Kentucky Hotel. Mike assumes, and we feel certain it is with good reason, that the guest list again this year as last will include many of the Racing World's "Greats" as well as other major celebrities, both civic, religious and political. The Immediate Past State Deputy, Joseph E. Dilger has been appointed general chairman of this year's event, and judging from the replies from State and local government officials, civic leaders and leading figures of the sports world, as well as members of the clergy, state and local dignitaries and local (possibly even national) officials of our own Knights of Columbus this year's event promised to be even a GREATER EVENT, one of the truly GREATS of the Louisville area during the entire year.

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Toastmaster was Sports Editor Earl Ruby of the Courier-Journal, the largest circulated newspaper in the state. Because of the tremendous success of this annual event last year, said brother Peak, it has been made a part of the official program for the Festivities and naturally will be circulated throughout the entire country.



Billboard mentioned in the above article.

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