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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

As we begin the 2nd half of the Fraternal Year, I would like to thank those of you that have stepped Into the Breach and are fighting the good fight. For those of you that have yet to join us, be not afraid to step out of your comfort zones to serve the Lord our God. For He will give you strength.

Tom Johnson SD

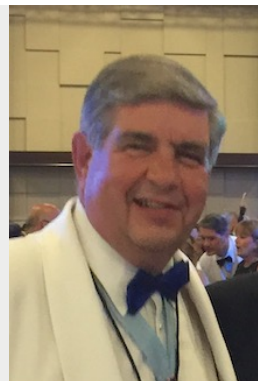


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OK Dick Barner of Fr. William Dierker Council 13304 in La Grange, KY presents LittleWay Executive Director, Ellen Wichmann, with a \$4,266.50 donation raised from the recent Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive at Immaculate Conception Church. Ellen & Dick 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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CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The CTK Knights of Columbus hosted their first ever Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and invited the 8th Graders to participate for an opportunity to win \$250. Students were asked to write 500-750 words on how they would evangelize to family or friends who have left the church. Congratulations to Emme Peterson whose essay was chosen from 5 outstanding submissions. (pictured with her mom, dad, sister, and a few Knights)



KNIGHTS DONATE MONEY TO DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME



Every year the Knights of Columbus holds a Tootsie Roll drive to benefit the mentally challenged. Shown here are Deacon Bill Theis, Program Director (I) of Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 presenting a check to Bob Wilson, Executive Director of the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home (DCCH). Looking on are Ron Bertsch, Jr, Director of Therapeutic Foster Care / Adoption for DCCH and Ron Bertsch, Sr, K of C Council Tootsie Roll Chairman.

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Schedule Set for 2023 Polar Plunges

The schedule is now set for the Coolest Fundraiser in Kentucky – the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Kentucky. Several Councils across Kentucky have participated in the Polar Plunge over the years. In 2021 Councils raised more than \$14,000 for Special Olympics Kentucky in Plunges in Lexington, Louisville and Lake Cumberland. With five Polar Plunges across the state, there is one within a reasonable drive from your Council. For more information or to sign up, visit the site for the Plunge nearest you.

January 28 – Greater Cincinnati at The Banks

February 18 – Lexington at Texas Roadhouse on Richmond Rd.

February 25 – Louisville at Main Event

March 4 – Western Kentucky at Kentucky Dam Village

March 11 – Lake Cumberland at Lee's Ford Resort Marina

If you have any questions you can send a quick e-mail to mbuerger@soky.org.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On December 10, 2022 Council 7847 in Hopkinsville, KY hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa. The Knights of Council 7847 provided pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee to all. Santa made his appearance and everyone was given the opportunity to have a free photo taken with him. A “candy bar” allowed each child to fill a goodies bag with treats to take home. Fifty-three children and thirty-one adults enjoyed the breakfast and the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus.



Bruce Wilcox and Chuck Spurr preparing pancakes



Servers: Richard Webster and FS Tony Esposito



Fun for the families!



Enjoying her breakfast, but keeping her eye on Santa's location



A young man tells Santa what he wants for Christmas

LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL DONATES CHAIRS TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Late last week the Knights of Columbus St. Teresa Council #2282 of Brandenburg donated three bungee chairs to students with disabilities who attend David T. Wilson Elementary School. Mr. Stephen Spohn, the Deputy Grand Knight of the council, presented the school principal, Mrs. Annette Fackler, the donation on behalf of Council #2282. These chairs help to create a comfortable learning environment for the students to concentrate on their school work and activities without being distracted by the firmness of typical classroom chairs.



One of the principles of the Knights of Columbus is charity. In addition to providing resources for local community schools, the local council also works to raise funds through their popular Lenten

fish fry's and tootsie roll drives. The money collected goes directly back into the local parishes and the Meade County community. One of the bigger initiatives for the upcoming winter season is the "Coats for Kids" program. This effort works to ensure that no kid is left to face the cold weather without a coat to provide them warmth this winter. Collection points will be at the local Meade County Catholic parishes.



Submitted by: Stephen Spohn DGK

BRIDGING THE GAP

Knights of Columbus 14130 received a request from Catholic Charities to assist with re-stocking the supply closet for their “Bridging the Gap” program. The “Bridging the Gap” program serves residents who live within the boundaries of the Diocese of Lexington regardless of their race, religion, creed, or national origin. As part of this program’s assistance, Bridging the Gap also provides toiletry items, cleaning supplies, emergency baby products, and cleaning supplies. Our Council utilized proceeds from the annual Lenten Fish Fry to purchase \$3500 worth of products and delivered them to the pleasure of staff at Catholic Charities.

Submitted by: Damon Sexton GK



FAMILY ADVENT WREATH BUILDING

On Sunday November 13, 2022, Knights Council 14130 sponsored a Family Advent Wreath building activity powered by our pancake breakfast. The activity was held after the 9 am and 11:30 Masses. A total of 50 families participated with a parish priest and several parents requesting this become an annual event. Families were not only able to an Advent Wreath to take home, but each were given handouts with blessings and prayers, a calendar, and an Advent brochure all while enjoying a hot pancake breakfast prepared by our Brother Knights. Another 50+ parishioners fellowshiped over food and coffee while enjoying the Advent Wreath activities on the opposite wall of Hehman Hall. One family, new to America, had never heard of the Advent Wreath. The mother was thrilled to begin a new tradition in their home as they wait for Christmas!

Submitted by: Damon Sexton GK



VETERANS MASS

On Sunday November 6th, 2022, the Knights of Columbus Council 14130 at the Cathedral of Christ the King hosted a Veterans Mass during their evening 5 pm service for any current or former military personnel. The Mass was attended by an estimated 250 guests. The activity was led by former USMC Master Sergeant and DGK Sir Bruce Keenon. There were 12 KofC Veterans and another 18 Veterans from our Parish who participated. Fr John Moriarty blessed a new flag that was presented by Trail Life. At that time, each veteran was asked to come to the center aisle of the Cathedral. As each veteran held and saluted the flag, they were asked to state their name, rank, branch, and years of service. At the end of the aisle, the flag was handed off to members of the Boy Scouts where it was raised to the backdrop of a live performance of “Taps” All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance after Master Sgt Keenon had called all veterans to attention. Everyone in attendance were invited to stay for a lite reception also hosted by 14130. The Joseph O’ Callahan Assembly 3929 supported the event by cutting out stars of all collected retired flags from their Councils and laminating them into a prayer card which was distributed to everyone that



attended. Special guest was our State Deputy Tom Johnson and our State District Master Cameron Peck. The flag was donated by Sir Rick Towner (14130). A new International Respect Life flag was also donated by 14130 and raised with the American Flag.

Submitted by: Damon Sexton GK



SISTER CHURCH DONATIONS



Bruce Wilcox (second from right) at St. Michael Catholic Church, Paintsville, KY.

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Submitted by: Richard Hornbeak GK

JUDGEMENT DAY

I would rather be judged by Jesus Christ than praised by anyone else.

No one loves me more than he or knows me better. He gave his life for me. If the life I live, is one of trust and gratitude that strives to imitate his mercy, even though flawed, I have nothing to fear. This is one reason why I find the prospect of Purgatory as part of my personal judgment to be so appealing. I will finally and forever be sorted out and put right. If when all is said and done, I end up among the goats, then I will have deserved it and will have thrown away the most generous act of kindness of the one who loves me most.



Respecting human freedom, Christ is doing all Divinely possible to have a field full of sheep on the great and terrible Day of Judgment. We fear that there will be an unfortunate number of goats. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, in the years of her service as a Missionary of Charity, most felt the presence of Christ when she was directly caring for the poor, sick, and dying. Most of the time she felt nothing in her prayer. It was the prayer, however, which sustained her ministry. It is exceedingly rare for me to have immediate thoughts of Jesus in pastoral ministry. The personalities of those immediately present overshadow awareness of the Lord. Awareness of the Lord is often strong at liturgy and other times of prayer. May it be fruitful in kindness. In any case, I fully expect to be surprised at judgment, both by the kindnesses and the cold cruelty the Lord accepts as done to himself. Even for those who come up short in the kindness column, Christ offers his own compassion and sacrifice to their account, if they will at last accept unmerited mercy.

Only God knows the burden of unlove under which people labor. It is so clear that we are designed to thrive by being loved. Children blossom when wisely loved. This counteracts the inborn tendency to self-centeredness which we call the effect of original sin. Neither is any human love so wise and good as to be perfect, nor does any one of us emerge from childhood undamaged. Just as we hope the children to forgive us our mistakes in their regard, so too must we forgive our parents their faults in our regard. If love consists in God having loved us first, last, and always, having

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sent his Son in expiation for our sins, then it is paramount that we know in our deepest heart that we are divinely loved, even to death. Love is an act of hope. It may spark a flame of kindness in another. Like faith, hope does not see with physical eyes. There may be no humanly measurable evidence to ground our having hope in another apparently God forsaken person. Hope acts with love anyway.

For it remembers that Christ bore our sins on his body on the Cross, so that freed from sin, we might live for God. By his wounds we are healed. If I know in the core of my being that I am loved, then I love others for the joy of already being loved by Christ, not for the love I will have to eke out of others (or resent if they fail to provide to my satisfaction). There is undiminishable joy in the voice of the King as he declares, "Come, all you blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." This is gladness, majesty, celebration, indeed, Divine Joy.

The other sentence is not an equal opposite. The horror of the accursed who choose the hell fire prepared for the devil and its angels approaches the vanishing point of nothingness and insignificance. Being full of itself, it is full of emptiness and implodes towards nothing. For love's sake God keeps it in some vestige of being, for evil will have no last word. Unlike earthly terrorists, it cannot diminish God's joy and that of the Blessed in any way at all. Loving Joy is the Pity of Heaven and hell's sulk cannot touch it. While this heaven and earth, along with us, will pass away, Blessed be the Day of the New Creation. Let us hasten it with loving faith and hope for all the least of these brothers and sisters of ours. "Lord Jesus, undeceive me; sort me out; true me up. Your will be done in me, now and on the day of judgment. Amen."

Fr. Richard

Pastor St Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Hopkinsville, KY

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STEWARDS OF APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT OCTOBER 2022



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Participating Councils

Council 4270, Springfield, Ky.
Council 14234, Taylorsville, Ky.
Council 12354, Mount Washington, Ky.
Council 2761, Louisville, Ky.
Council 13304, LaGrange, Ky.

Donations

Total 2023 Cash Donations -\$16,921.64

Plus \$31776.82 carryover from our 2022 funding for winter/summer projects.

\$26,151.01 was spent on material for eleven families with three different mission centers plus money donated specifically for the food pantry, Christmas and flood victims.

Total Service Hours – 1160

Total food, personal care items, new clothes, building material and operating cost donated. - \$94,726.08

Total 2021 value including labor - \$144,367.09

Relief Summary to date - \$2,047,896.18

I mentioned in my report last year that we would be operating a little different this year due to some age and health issues. We had three different small groups volunteer for 3-4 days each which worked out very well. We continued collecting new and used items and delivered 13 loads of donations to the people in Appalachia and thanks to an amazing company in Louisville we donated numerous loads of assorted drinks which were divided between Appalachia, Community Ministries pantry in Mt. Washington, a group of pantries in Henry County, The Resource Center in Lebanon Junction and three groups that work with the homeless. We are truly blessed to be connected to so many loyal donors willing to donate usable items, our sponsors and our amazing volunteers who are willing to give their time and talent to help others. We will continue our normal mission of purchasing material for winter and spring projects. As always each donation will require pre-approval and paid upon receipt of an invoice.

A special thanks to the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Charities and so many Councils for their support.

Eugene & Lillian Hall collected numerous loads of food, new clothes, personal care items and other misc. new items from local business and church collection boxes.

The projects listed below are a prime example of what a small group of dedicated people can achieve when everyone is working for one common goal.

Johnson Ramp Project

We built a small landing and handicap ramp off the front of the house. This lady had not been able to leave her house for months.

Distribution Center

Two ladies volunteered to work the distribution center in Martin to assist flood victims.

Rhoads Project

Installed and finished drywall. This in an ongoing project due to severe water damage.

We were also asked to use funding donated for flood victims to purchase specific items needed but not available locally due to the high demand.

Shelly and I would like to personally thank everyone for their individual effort in making this another successful year. All financial records are available for review and please don't hesitate to ask questions.

Please feel free to contact me at 502-345-9782 or by email at glennng@twc.com for additional information.

Thank you again,
Glenn Greenwell

KNIGHT HIGHLIGHT

The mission of Boyle County Habitat for Humanity is to seek to give witness to the Christian Gospel by working with people in need through construction of modest, adequate housing in Boyle County, Kentucky, as well as around the world with Habitat for Humanity International. For the past two years Kevin Heighton Grand Knight for council 6317 in Danville, KY, has been a part of our Boyle County Habitat team. As a member of our volunteer construction crew, Kevin regularly donates about 12 hours per week from the time we start our build in early April until completion in late October. As of today, he has worked 93 hours so far this year. He is often the first to arrive at the site and one of the last to leave. Kevin also joined our Board of Directors this year helping to ensure that BCHFH continues to serve families in need in Boyle County.



Submitted by:

Greg Schulz

President, Boyle Co Habitat for Humanity

If you know of a brother knight that goes above and beyond to help others and you would like to highlight them, please send a photo and a writeup to kykofcnewsletter@gmail.com. We will publish a new highlight each month.



STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

Mid-Year Meeting:

This year's December Mid-Year meeting was held in person at the Bardstown Event Center in beautiful Bardstown on Saturday Dec 3rd. The meeting was primarily for DDs and anyone else who wished to attend. There were 16 DDs in attendance, 5 PSDs, 7 State Officers, 2 Financial Secretaries, 12 Grand Knights and 2 Field Agents for a total of 44 Brother Knights.

Our Supreme Representative this year was Kyle Montgomery. Kyle highlighted the ongoing work that Supreme is doing in helping the jurisdiction and councils connect with Catholic men and hopefully bring them back into the church. His work on the Into the Breach videos and his work on the new Cor initiative are exciting.

I reviewed where we stood at the midpoint of the Fraternal Year. I also gave a brief review of the State Deputy meeting that was held in Orlando several weeks ago.

State Deputy's Report:

I am looking for men to step up and serve as DDs for this fraternal year and next. There are openings in the following districts: 1, 5, 8 & 10, If you are interested in serving the Order as a District Deputy, please contact me at (502) 370-7281.

1. There have been 118 men join the Order since July 1st, 2022, putting us at 28.37% of our goal (we should be at or near 50%).
2. KY ranks 60th out of 75 jurisdictions

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3. We have one (1) new council and are working on another
4. We are working on one council reactivation and hope to have another by next spring
5. We have lost councils 5071 & 13196 and are at risk of losing 6368, 8145 & 15681.

Reflections:

Brothers,

Do you believe that you are a disciple of Christ? Do you believe that God has touched your lives? Do you believe that Jesus Christ wants you to serve His people?

If you don't believe that God has touched your life or that Jesus Christ hasn't called you to serve, then I ask...What do you believe?

And Lastly:

Let us as Men of faith reach out to our neighbors and offer a kind word. Let us pray to Mary, Queen of Heaven, and Earth, and ask for her intercession for peace within our land. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him to help us choose our words carefully to build up the Kingdom of God and not alienate those in need.

Let us thank God for all that He has given us and done for us and let us pray for all that He may do. Pray that He may continue to bless our families and watch over His people and pray that He may continue to bless the United States of America.

May you have a Blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! Father McGivney...watch over us.

**Take Care & God Bless,
Tom Johnson
State Deputy**



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“For Zion’s sake, I will not be silent,
For Jerusalem’s sake will not be quiet,
Until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.” (Isaiah 62:1)
- from the first reading for the Christmas Vigil Mass

As I compose this reflection for our December newsletter, it is the Third Sunday of Advent. I was struck by the question of John the Baptist in today’s gospel, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” It seems that what John was hearing about Jesus wasn’t measuring up to what he had expected of the coming Messiah. See last Sunday’s summation of John’s proclamation: “Repent!! The ax is being laid to the root of the tree!” I get the sense that John was looking for refiner’s fire, not the healing balm.

The most recent issue of our Columbia magazine carried an interview with Blessed Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. I was struck by his description of his ministry to the soldiers defending their homeland, that he was working hard to deliver them from hatred for their enemy to a deeper love for their countrymen and homeland. What an inspired view of their struggle! How often we are confused as to the true nature of our enemy, hatred within ourselves; how easy it is to identify the “other” as the source of evil.

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Don't get me wrong, the invasion of Ukraine is unprovoked aggression. But the Archbishop's spiritual care perceives an equally pernicious danger in allowing the darkness from without to enter within. That doesn't mean that Ukraine should become a doormat and surrender. That would be the simplistic and, in this circumstance, wrong reading of Jesus' admonition to "turn the other cheek." But remembering that God is Love, we must always strive for a vindication by conciliation, rather than a victory by force. When I am tempted to impose my will on any person or challenge, I must always ask myself, "Is this my will, or (conformable with) God's will?" As militaristic as the language and the images of the Old Testament are, we affirm that the person of Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation. That revelation began in a humble stable, the quiet cry of a newborn babe. The savior was born to Mary and Joseph, soon to be refugees themselves in Egypt, like so many citizens of Ukraine, according to Matthew whose gospel we feature this year.

May the peace of the Christ-child be with you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. John List

State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

What's Happening this Month

Here are items that should be on all Councils and District Deputies checklist to consider and/or complete for December and January.

- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) to Supreme for every program your council does.
- Conduct a Consecration to the Holy Family program on December 30th.
- Report information needed for your council to submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) by January 31st.
- March for Life on January 20, 2023 in Washington, DC.
- Continue planning for the Council Free Throw Championship.
- Report Special Olympics program activities that are due by January 31st.

KY State Council Mid-Year Meeting – December 3, 2022, held in Bardstown

At the December mid-year meeting held in Bardstown this past weekend, I hope all who attended came away with some good things to help us be good men. I am grateful to have seen old faces and met new folks. We were thankful of our Supreme Representative, Kyle Montgomery - Director of Formation Strategy who again gave us some insight and helpful facts so we can all do the charity work so vital for our Parishes and communities.

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New Council Development News

Congratulations to our newest Kentucky Council, St. Peter - Council 18058 in Lexington. Good Luck as you begin serving your parish and community. Shelbyville is well on their way to creating a new Knight of Columbus Council as a Notice of Intent to form new Council has been submitted to Supreme and Officers are being elected since they now have over 20 new members. Good Luck to those who have taken that challenge to serve their parish and community.

KY State Billing News – At the most recent State Mid-Year Meeting I made a presentation about the State Per Billing procedures. Here are the important parts of the presentation.

- The State Secretary will use the Supreme Council MONTHLY SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS report dated January 1 to assess the annual per capita tax for each council.
- The State Secretary will exempt council members who are a Permanent Deacon or Inactive Insurance Member as identified by the Council's Supreme Membership Roster when determining the annual per capita tax.
- The State Secretary will create a per capita bill that charges \$6.50 per Associate & Insurance member, \$2.50 per Honorary Member, or "no charge" to Inactive, Disabled, Honorary Life (Priests are Honorary Life members) or Permanent Deacons (Deacons are exempt from State per capita in Kentucky).
- There are only two special exemptions from the annual per capita billing.
 1. New Councils are exempted from the State Per Capita Billing-This is effective for their first year only.
 2. Per KY State Council bylaws... "Such per capita assessment when levied shall continue in force and effect unless and until reduced or increased by action of the State Council".
- The State Per Capita Bill is emailed to both the Council Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary. Checks are to be made out to "Kentucky State Council" and mailed with the completed bottom 1/3 of the bill to the State Secretary.
- The assessment must be paid by April 10 to avoid being denied representation at State Convention.

12/11/2021 Kentucky Tornadoes/Storms Disaster

The storm front (tornadoes) that passed through Kentucky the night before and early morning of December 11, 2021 caused death and injuries along with all kinds of

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damage to properties and homes. Response was swift and donations of time and talents streamed in from across the State, the Nation, and the World to help out those in need.

I want to thank all who donated to the efforts and especially those who donated to the Knights of Columbus - KY Charities, Inc., for the Western and Central Kentucky Tornadoes. Over \$435,000 was collected and as of December 2, 2022, all the collected funds were distributed to those in need. I want to personally thank Immediate Past State Deputy Steve Zanone for putting the initial request out for donations to the Charities arm of the State Council. I also want to thank PSD Gabe Cabral-Charities Chairman, PSD Cameron Peck-Charities Secretary, and PSD Dannie Harris-Charities Treasurer for all the extra time it took them to receive grant requests, funds, and for the writing and sending the grant checks approved by the Board. It took a great deal of effort to get the donated money and supplies into the hands of those in need by these Past State Deputies. Thank you also to those Knights who were in the areas of the damage and encouraged those in need to request grant money from the KofC KY Charities. Thank you also to those on the Board of Trustees of the State Charities who met regularly and reviewed every grant request to ensure all the donated money and supplies were placed with those in need because of the storm.

2023 KY State Council Basketball Slam Sweepstakes

I hope that all councils will participate in the Basketball Slam fund raiser to help continue to fund the State Charities Disaster Fund. This money from the Basketball Slam tickets enables the State Council to help other Jurisdictions who experience disasters such as floods, fires, tornadoes just like a lot of them did when our State was hit with last year's storm. This money is also used for disaster needs within our state also. Please help sell some of your Councils allotment of Basketball Slam tickets to help out the Disaster Fund.

I am looking forward to the next time I see any of you and hope that this Advent Season brings you the Peace our God wants for us. Pam and I would like to wish each of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**Vivat Jesus,
Luke Williams
KY State Secretary**



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights, **Treasurer's Report**

November books balanced once I got an \$0.84 invoice from the supplier that provides our New Council Development materials!

Our Available funds remain below forecast because of our contribution to the Right to Life Constitutional Amendment.

MidYear Meeting

It was a pleasure, as always, to meet in person for this year's Mid-Year Meeting. Thanks to Council 1290 for their hospitality in hosting us for our meetings and for our Saturday night dinner. They have an excellent facility for events like this. It was the first time I'd been to Mass in the Proto-Cathedral, an historic building and an important part of the Church's expansion westward early in our country's history. I also want to say thanks to Tommy and Meagan Johnson for the great job they do as the State Hospitality chair couple! They set the atmosphere for the fraternal sessions of our meetings that are so important to getting to know each other and share and compare Council issues and successes.

One of the important announcements at the meeting was that Supreme is offering councils another shot at moving inactive, non-dues paying members to Affiliate Member Status and relieve your councils of their per capita assessments. If you have any questions, talk to your District Deputies or a State Officer.

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Council Reactivation

DD25 John McGill reported at the meeting that the reactivation of Council 15063 in Pikeville continues progressing and they should be starting soon.

The new pastor of St. Joseph parish in Central City is interested in reactivating Council 11181, but has asked for a year to learn his way around the parish before we begin our efforts.

Recruit! and Retain!

Over 50 councils have still not recruited a new member.

Whether or not your Council has a church drive, you can and should be asking Catholic men to join the order and take advantage of being a member of the Knights of Columbus. I'm sure you know men at church who aren't members and who could benefit from it (hint: every Catholic man will benefit from being a Knight!).

Why not? I can't answer that. We need to step out of our comfort zone and just ask! The worst that can happen is he says thanks, but no thanks. If we don't invite others to join, our councils will slowly die.

That's all it takes – “Ask them, they will come”!

Free first year dues have been extended by Supreme with the promo code BlessedMcGivney. Use online membership to get new members that benefit, and get them into the Order quickly, hold frequent new Exemplifications to get them into your Council quickly, and then get them involved in one of your programs right away to help keep them interested and help you retain them.

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!

**Vivat Jesus,
Dick Burns
State Treasurer**

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



STATE ADVOCATE GARY DYKHUIS

Worthy Brothers, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

WE are in Advent, with the coming of our Lord and Savior. Hopefully you and your family will be celebrating the Birth of Christ. Hopefully you have New Years resolution made. It is hard to believe that we are Halfway into our Fraternal year. Our Mid-Way Meeting is done, and great to see the many attendees. Connecting our Great Brothers and Wives .

This is the time to welcome new church members and new members and families to the order.

Council Forms!!

We are doing Great with the required Forms, there are some councils that still have some Forms (185 and 365) due. It is that time of the year where your council need to look at their IRS Form 990. It is also the time for Form 1725, the “Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity” as this is due on January 31. Form 1295=2 for the period ending December 31, 2022, is Due February 15, 2023. If you need help with this, please call a State Officer, as we are here to help.

These Forms are in “Member Management” and can be submitted online.

Safe Environment Training

The “Safe Environment Training” is at 25% Compliant. Many Councils have just one more Brother to be Compliant. If you need help, please call me or e-mail me. We need to achieve our “Safe Environment Training” goals. Which means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the

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training. If you have completed this training in the last three years, you are good to go. It is on line training and takes about an hour to complete. Please watch for an e-mail from “Armatus” for this training, also watch your spam folder. Once you have completed this training, make sure you print the certificate. This is a requirement for Star Council.

Councils that sponsor youth events (Free Throw Competitions, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster, etc) “Safe Environment Training” (SET) is a must. You must have at least two SET Knights at these events (one must have a background check). If you cannot meet this requirement, you should not conduct this event. The same requirement is for youth helping you in your events (Fish fries, chicken cooks).

Recruit and Retain

We are competing our first half of this Fraternal Year, and are in need of New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. A new member can join on his iPhone and transfer into your council. Just go to www.KofC.Org. **The new Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**. Please remember to ask that new family the you just saw in church, to join us. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

Please remember, Supreme has the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on line. You can also hold a degree ceremony after church and invite the congregation to be a part. 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.

Please welcome former members to come back to the order.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Dykhuis
State Advocate**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Merry Christmas from Knights of Columbus Insurance

Merry Christmas! To all my brothers and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a merry and a blessed Christmas. As we are celebrating the Christmas season, we give thanks that God sent his Only Begotten Son to live among us and save us! That gift from the Father sets the stage for our giving gifts at Christmas. It seems we say it every year: "It's Christmas; where did the year go?" Seems like a good time to look back on the year and note all the gifts given by you and our members worldwide. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly mentioned in his annual report this year in Nashville, Tennessee, we have much to be thankful for and much more work ahead of us. Consider these gifts that SK Kelly mentioned.

- The Order gave more than \$154 million and more than 48 million hours of volunteer service. But those are the big totals.
- We gave the gift of warmth to more than 150,000 children through the Coats for Kids campaign.
- We gave 8,891 physically challenged individuals the gift of mobility this year through our wheelchair program.
- We raised more than \$19 million for Ukraine support and gave those families the gift of respite at Mercy Centers and Easter packages.
- RSVP gave the gift of financial support to nearly 5,900 seminarians or postulants.
- And we had more than 450,000 members give the gift of life through donating blood. These are gifts that change lives.

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Real people, real individuals benefited from these gifts. As I consider Christmas, I think of the gift of support and encouragement that you have given our K of C Field Agents and me. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your family this past year and we look forward to a new year and renewing connections with all K of C members and their families. Again, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

**Vivat Jesus,
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