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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

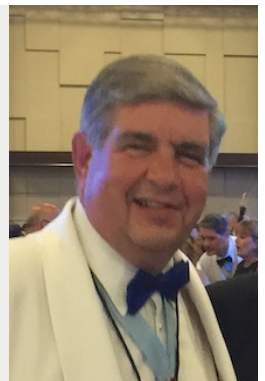


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OK Dick Barner of Fr. William Dierker Council 13304 in La Grange, KY presents LittleWay Executive Director, Ellen Wichmann, with a \$4,266.50 donation raised from the recent Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive at Immaculate Conception Church. Ellen & Dick 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 happy for a reason 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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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

St. Margaret Mary Council #15979 in Louisville, KY has participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster program. William “Bill” Moriarity has chaired this event for many years. As with most of us, Bill decided that this was the year he was going to “assist” another Brother Knight.

Our Deputy Grand Knight, Len Hicks, took on the challenge. Turns out, he had a secret weapon. His friend, Tara Mattingly, is the Children’s Formation Coordinator for the parish and works closely with our school. Together they developed a plan to ask the art teachers to include the poster in their curriculum. As the leader of the Prep school, Ms. Mattingly was able to include our public school students.

Our participation went from a 40 to 255. Yes, 255 children created posters that asked them to think about the Christmas Season and the birth of our Savior. It has been amazing. Even the youngest had much to say.

Our DGK asked Bill Moriarity and Dennis Scanga, our Grand Knight to help judge. Sorting through and evaluating 255 posters was not easy, but they did. They selected the one in each age group that best represented Keeping Christ in Christmas.

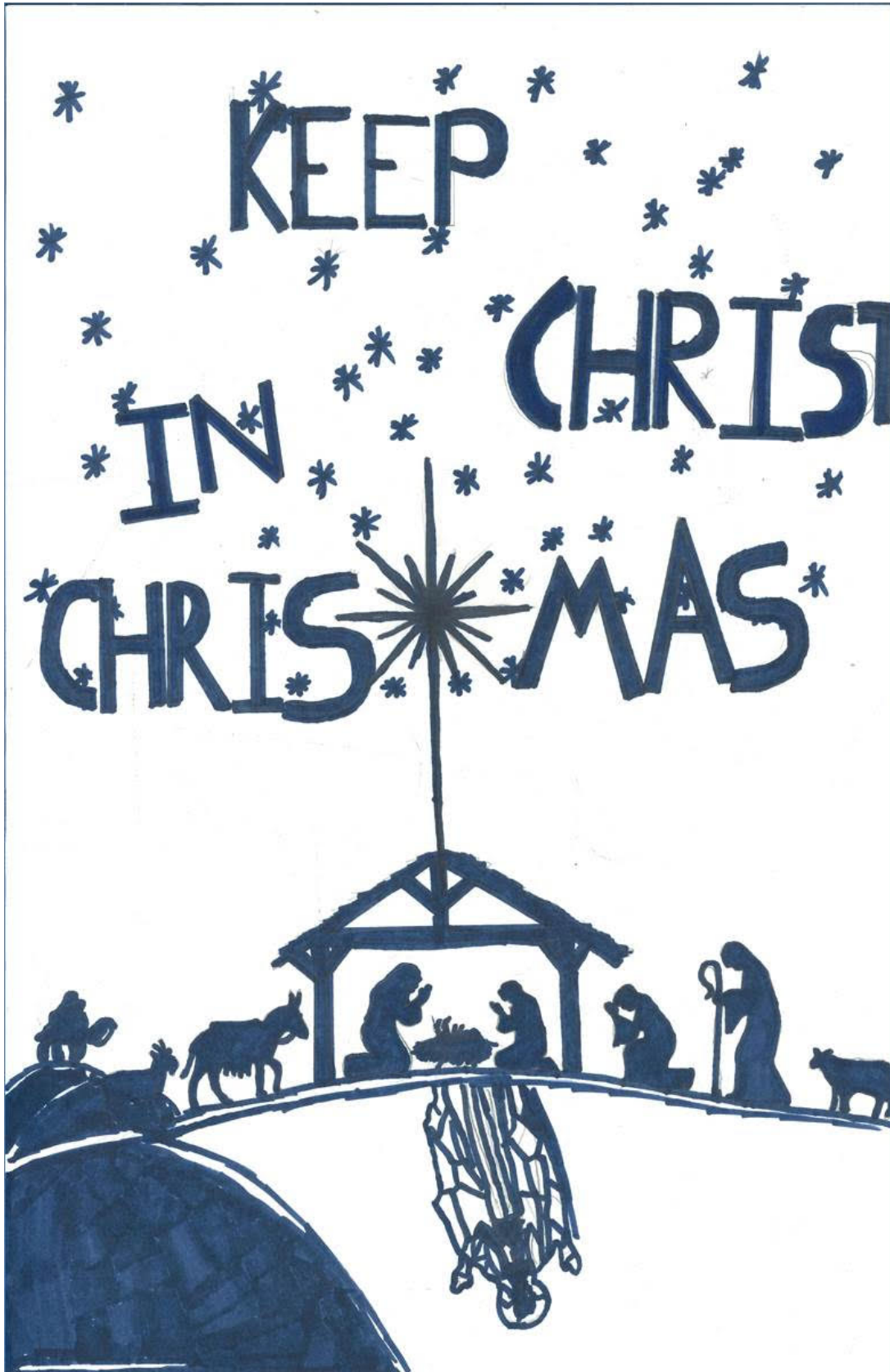
Our Pastor, Fr. Bill Hammer, invited the Knights to present the winners to the congregation at Mass on Sunday, December 17 during the announcements. He and the parish office decided to use the winner for the 11-14 age group as the cover for the December 25 bulletin cover and to include all three winning posters in the bulletin.

On Jan 15, our District Deputy, Joe Carter, held judging for District 14. Two of our three entrants, won their age group and now go on to state.

Pictures of the award ceremonies at Sunday Mass are attached and the winning posters are included below.

Submitted by: Dennis Scanga

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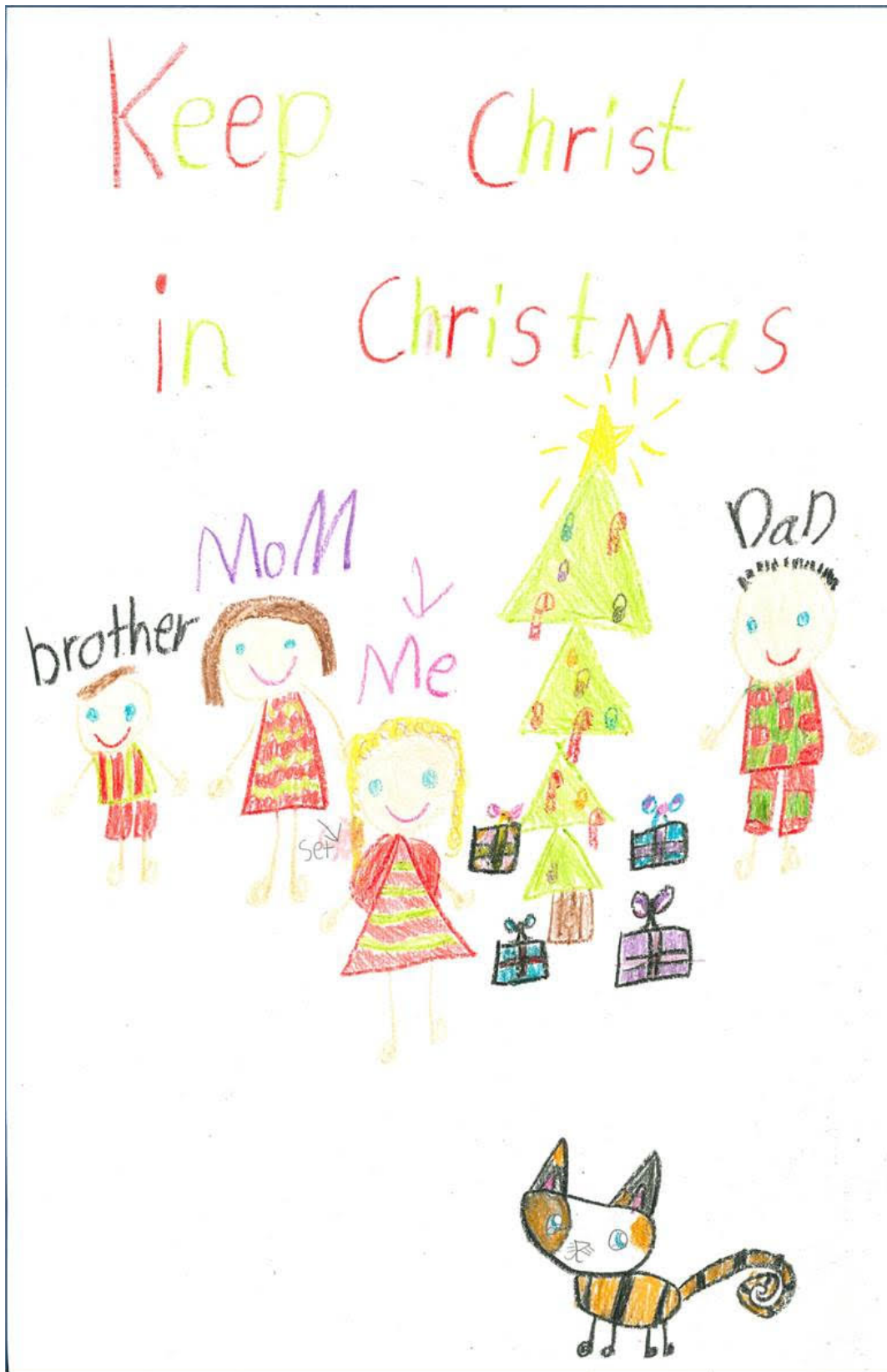
Emery Aboulhosn (Age 11-14)

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Elle Ann Rogers (Age 8-10)

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London Willoughby (Age 5-7)

CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONT.



MEAL FOR VETERANS

Assembly 2753 in Hopkinsville KY provided a meal for the Pennyroyal Veterans Center in Hopkinsville for Veterans Day.

Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs with sides were fed to approximately 50 men & staff. All were greatly appreciated.

Pictured are Worthy Knights Richard Harnbeak, Ken Buckner & Richard Narkveic. Not pictured are FN Chuck Spurr, Frank Raber & Bruce Wilcox.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

On January 30th, Council 1487 in Ashland once again assisted the church and school in “kicking off” Catholic Schools Week by providing donuts and refreshments for all the classes at school. This is a yearly activity that the Knights are happy to be a part of.



COATS FOR VETERANS

Thanks to the Parishioners of Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, HWEA & United Southern Bank, Assembly 2753 was able to donate to the Pennyroyal Veterans Center 50 new Coats, Warm Blankets, Hats, Socks, Toiletries & Prayer Shawls for Christmas to the Veterans at the Pennyroyal Veterans Center.



Worthy Richard Narkveic, WFN Chuck Spurr, Faithful Trustee Tom O'Hagan

KNIGHTS SUPPORT LIBRARY FUND

Bishop Flaget Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus recently made a donation to St. Therese School's library fund. Shown here is Deacon Bill Theis (Right) presenting a check to Katie Boruske, Principal. Looking on is Past State Master Carl Biery and librarian Ellen Lonneman .

Submitted by: Deacon Bill Theis



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2023 Salute to Summer Games

The Knights of Columbus Salute to Summer Games is back for a fourth year! 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 2023 State Summer Games (scheduled for June 2-4 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.

The Salute web site (sokysalute.com) will go live on or before March 15.

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
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 a little over \$5,000 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.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONT.

Basketball Season Provides Volunteer Opportunities

What is Kentucky without basketball? Special Olympics athletes also love to play, and basketball is our most popular team sport. Special Olympics Holds three regional tournaments and a State Tournament in February and March and all four events provide multiple volunteer opportunities for both individuals and groups. Volunteer slots include scoreboard operators, timers and scorebook keepers (some experience helps for scorebook keepers). We are also always looking for trained basketball officials who are willing to help out. Regionals are one-day events, and the State Tournament covers two-days. With multiple courts operating at each of the events, as many as 16 score table volunteers are needed at a time.

2023 Special Olympics Kentucky Basketball Schedule

2/11 – Region 2 Basketball Tournament; Elizabethtown

2/18 – Region 1 Basketball Tournament; Bowling Green

2/18 – Region 3 Basketball Tournament; Florence

3/11-12 – State Basketball Tournament; Louisville

For volunteer information, contact Michael Roy at mroy@soky.org or visit soky.org/volunteernow.



QUILT OF VALOR

Assembly 2753 in Hopkinsville KY were present at one of the Quilt of Valor Ceremonies. Quilts were presented to several Veterans for their service at this event.

If anyone is interested in the Quilts of Valor go to Quilts of Valor Foundation or contact Assembly 2753 in Hopkinsville KY at kofca2753@gmail.com



Pictured is Worthy Steven Kinnard having a conversation with one of the Vets.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE 2023 WALK FOR LIFE

*The article below is an excerpt from an article that was published in **The Record** 1/25/2023 written by Kayla Bennett. The original article can be found [here](#). All Photos provided by Kayla Bennett*

Despite the day's frigid cold, several Knights and their family members, along with nearly 50 other people gathered in downtown Louisville to pray about human life — on the sin of racism, abolition of the death penalty, the end of abortion, the protection of conscience rights in health care and the protection of human life at its beginning.



WALK FOR LIFE CONT.

The annual Archdiocese of Louisville Walk for Life, held in solidarity with the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., covered 1.5 miles and included five stops for prayer. Karl Dolson, director of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Youth and Young Adult Office, led the walk from the Cathedral of the Assumption to stops at Jefferson Square Park, the EMW Women's Surgical Center, the park at Hospital Curve, and the Thomas Merton Epiphany site near Fourth Street Live. While walking, participants prayed the rosary. During the stop at the EMW Women's Surgical Center, which was one of two places that performed abortions in Kentucky until *Roe v. Wade* was overturned in June, Dolson asked that they pray for "reparations for the lives that were lost (to abortion) and pray in thanksgiving for all the lives saved." Although abortion is no longer legal in Kentucky, the ban is being challenged in court so it is important to continue working toward a solution for all pro-life causes. Among them, he said, were capital punishment, racism and assisted suicide.

Many walkers wore KofC signs that read "LOVE LIFE, CHOOSE LIFE" and "AMA LA VIDA, ELIGE LA VIDA".





STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

Brother's we are on the downhill side of the Fraternal Year with an **UPHILL** battle. Seven months have past with 5 months to go. So where do we stand...

Membership – 182 members against a target of 420 or 43.33%

Under 50 intake – 72 against a target of 110 or 65.45%

Online Membership – 100 against a target of 167 or 59.88%

Founders Award – This one is a puzzle because Supreme is reporting 2 against a target of 45. I have a hard time believing that only 2 councils have been credited for attending a Fraternal Benefit Night.

Faith Formation – 2 against a target of 3. This will be completed at the upcoming State Convention.

New Council Development – 2 against a target of 2, plus we have the potential for at least one more this fraternal year.

Membership Drives – 14 against a target of 68. While I feel that number should be higher, without a form 450 it's difficult to tell.

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Council Engagement or rather Every Council recruiting at least 1 member – 50 against a target of 81 or 61.73%. If the other 40 councils recruited one member, we would be right on track.

Charitable Giving - \$812,660 against a target of \$989,703 or 82.11%. We have a good shot at making this goal.

Volunteer Hours – 63,967 against a target of 230,581 or 27.74%. Not all form 1728's are reported but I feel that councils are not recording all of the great efforts that KofC members do.

1728 Reporting – 26 against a target of 81 or 32.10%

Round Tables - 10 against a target of 6 or 166.67%

Safe Environment Compliant – 28 against a target of 36 or 77.78%. This is such a critical yet simply target to meet that the real target should 100 percent of all active councils. 36 represents a third of our active councils. We must do better!

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

- February 3rd Feast of St Blaise
- February 11th Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 14th Valentine's Day
- February 18th 4th Degree Exemplification – Lexington
- February 21st Southeast Territorial meeting

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- February 22nd Ash Wednesday
- February 24th Stations of the Cross
- February 24th 1st Fish Fry for many Councils
- February 25th KAPID & State Officers meeting
- March 15th is the last day to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Convention in May.
- March 29th Founder's Day
- April 7th Good Friday
- April 9th Easter Sunday
- 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 19th thru 21st – State Convention in Frankfort.

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

Brother's, the pandemic is over, and it has done much damage to the church and the faith that we love. As a man, as a Catholic and as a Knight of Columbus much is expected of you. Do not shirk your responsibilities.

God has called you for this time and place in history. Stop thinking of yourself as one and isolated...**you are not!**

Within the KY Jurisdiction alone we are 12,000 strong and the Order is 2 million strong. Don't tell me that there is nothing one can do.

- One can pick up the Rosary and pray it often.
- One can Fast and ask for God's Blessing on his family, his country, and the Knights of Columbus.
- One can be more involved in serving his parish.

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- One can ask a fellow Catholic man to join him in the greatest Fraternal Organization in the World.
- One can attend Eucharistic Adoration
- One can attend the Stations of the Cross and ponder the Passion of Jesus Christ.

If **One**, Jesus Christ, can die for our sins and our complacency, surely to God you can do something to show God that you love Him and want to serve Him!

Don't let this opportunity that God has given you go to waste. He expects much of his children, let us not disappoint Him.

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are they who are persecuted for holiness’ sake...” (Matthew 5:2, 10)

I returned recently from a pilgrimage to the martyrs of Central America in El Salvador and Guatemala. Among the most well-known were Archbishop Oscar Romero, Fr. Stan Rother, the Jesuit professors at the University of Central America and the four American church women. Among the less well-known were the tens of thousands of common, mostly poor folk who dared to dream for a better way of life or to speak out against authoritarian regimes.

Our guides, Maryknoll missionaries who had personal experience of ministry in El Salvador and Guatemala, took pains to explain the complicated nature of the witness/ involvement of the Church during those troubled times. The recognition of Archbishop Romero’s death as a martyrdom, for example, was not without its opponents by some members of the Salvadoran hierarchy. The Vatican’s declaration that his assassination was motivated by “odium fidei” (a hatred of the faith) has, as it were, canonized his advocacy for the poor as well as his condemnation of violent repression.

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That part of St. Paul first letter to the Corinthians paired with the Beatitudes from Matthew's gospel contains the following: "God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong..." As the pervasive nature of the oppression of the "lowly and despised of" El Salvador and Guatemala became clear to me, it was that martyrdom of the people that took my breath away. And it was their faith in the face of persecution, their confidence in the Gospel message of their dignity as sons and daughters of their heavenly Father in Cristo Rey that was their hope and my consolation.

It challenges me to the core: where do I find my security? In whom do I trust? What challenges would I be willing to face?

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. John List

State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

January 2023-Kentucky State Per Capita Billing Update

The January 2023 KY Knights of Columbus State Per Capita bills were emailed to local councils on January 7, 2023. As of January 31st, I have received payment from 54 of 99 Councils (55%-Thanks-Great Job!). I will be sending reminders out to those councils who have not responded with payment or acknowledgement that the statement was received by their council. If any council feels they need help with anything, please contact the State Deputy or any State Officer. The assessment must be paid by **April 10** to avoid being denied delegate representation at the May 2023 KY State Convention.

“What does the Knights of Columbus KY State Secretary do?”

In the February 2022 issue of the Kentucky State Council Newsletter, I wrote on “What does the Knights of Columbus KY State Treasurer do?”. This February I will write a little on what the State Secretary job duties are.

The State Secretary functions much like the Financial Secretary of the local councils. Any KY State Council funds, receipts, and bills flow through the State Secretary. The State Secretary receipts any funds received and creates vouchers to pay bills which is sent to the State Deputy for approval prior to payment by the State Treasurer. The State Secretary creates funds remitted documents to go with any checks or monies received. He then gives to the State Treasurer those remitted funds who deposits to the State Council’s bank account.

During the fraternal year, a general list of the duties as State Secretary, include:

Mid-Late July- have the finalized State Council Organizational Meeting reimbursement voucher approved and in the hands of the State Treasurer. This list will include newly elected State Officers, Past State Deputies, and appointed Committee Chairman who attended the Organization meeting earlier in the month. (Supreme is responsible for reimbursement to District Deputies who attended)

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Early August- Attend the Supreme Convention as an Insurance Representative Delegate.

Mid-August- Remind the State Treasurer about submission of documents needed for the Fraternal Year (that ended June 30) CPA audit and filing of State Council Tax Form 990 per guidelines submitted by Supreme.

Mid-September -Attend State Regional sessions as scheduled, be prepared to explain the State Per Capita Billing to any new GK and FS. Record participants in attendance at the sessions as well as to maintain and process a reimbursement voucher for each session.

Mid November- Prepare for Mid-Year Meeting in early December by updating Roll Call roster. This list will include State Officers, District Deputies, Past State Deputies that attended, and appointed Committee Chairman who were invited.

Mid-December- Have the finalized Mid-Year reimbursement voucher approved and in the hands of the State Treasurer. This list will include State Officers, Past State Deputies, and appointed Committee Chairman who attended the Mid-Year meeting earlier in the month. (Supreme is responsible for reimbursement to District Deputies who attended)

Early January- Download the January 1 Kentucky local Council Rosters from Supreme for use in the State Per Capita billing process.

Early January- Use the KY State Database program to generate the Annual KY State Per Capita billing statements to local councils.

Early-Mid January- Email the KY State Per Capita statements to the councils as listed in the KY State Directory (The State Executive Secretary maintains the Directory). Statements are required according to the KY State Bylaws to be submitted to each Council by February 10 of each year.

Mid-January- Request the following information from the previous Calendar Year for the KY State Council Annual Fraternal Survey form 1728 from:

KY Association for Person with Intellectual Disabilities (KAPID) Treasurer, Knights of Columbus KY State Charities, INC Treasurer, and the KY State Treasurer that includes "Charitable Disbursements" and "Hours of Service" from:

- Faith Activities

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- Family Activities
- Community Activities
- Life Activities
- Meetings
- Other Fraternal Commitments

Mid-Late January- Compile the above charitable disbursements and hours of service information along with KY State Officer input of their fraternal activities and file the KY State Council Annual Fraternal Survey form 1728 with Supreme which is due on January 31.

Late January-Early February- Work with the State Deputy and State Treasurer to develop the upcoming Fraternal year budget.

Early March- Send the Delegate Registration letter and form to District Deputies and Grand Knights across the state for the May Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Convention.

Mid-March- Pull together the previous year's State Convention Minutes for publication in the Convention Materials. Ensure the publication is ready for distribution at the State Convention.

Late March- Send reminder emails to GK, FS, and or DD's of unpaid bills and/or physically mail Bills.

Early-Mid April- Finalize State Secretary State Convention requirements:

- Roll Call excel file.
- Council Delegate Check-in excel spreadsheet,
- Credentials excel file,
- State Deputy Introduction Speech.
- Annual Report including Resolution and Candidacy Declarations
- Mid May- State Convention...Take good notes and be prepared for anything. Responsible to have the "Notice of Election of Officers" form and a "Supreme Council Representatives" form filled out immediately after the State Convention and submitted to Supreme ASAP.

Late May- Have the finalized State Convention reimbursement voucher approved and in the hands of the State Treasurer. This list will include newly elected State

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Officers, new or returning District Deputies, Past State Deputies, appointed Committee Chairman, and certified Delegates (or Alternates) who attended the Convention.

Early June-Assemble Roll Call for the Organizational Meeting in early July. This list will include newly elected State Officers, new or returning District Deputies, Past State Deputies, and appointed Committee Chairman.

The State Secretary also attends exemplifications, Vocation Appreciation Dinners, Council meetings and other events with other State Officers.

(The above KY State Secretary information has been modified from the current “State Secretary Handbook – Kentucky Jurisdiction”. Thanks to those previous State Officers who helped put the “Handbook” together. LAW 2/3/2023)

KY State Convention Delegate Certification (COMING SOON)

Delegate Certification Forms for the 2023 State Convention to be held May 19th, 20th & 21st in Frankfort, KY will be sent to District Deputies SOON.

It is the District Deputy’s responsibility to ensure that each of his councils have sufficient time to complete and return the forms by the established deadline. The forms must be completed and distributed as specified in Article I of the KY State Bylaws. Each Council is to submit one copy of the completed Delegate Certification Form to the District Deputy, retain one copy for their records and send one form to the State Secretary to arrive **no later than May 13th, 2023**.

In the event duly elected Delegates are unable to attend meetings; Alternates whose names are stated hereon will be recognized. I look forward to seeing many of you in May!

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights, **Changing Seasons!**

Liturgical Seasons, that is. We've moved from Christmas to Ordinary time (did you know that Ordinary doesn't mean common – it comes from the weeks being numbered, or “ordinal”) and only three weeks to Ash Wednesday and Lent. I know many of us look forward to Lent - it really doesn't count as a sacrifice not to eat meat on Fridays when Fish Frys are the high point of the season. I look forward to Lent, I need Lent, to give me a time of reflection, a chance to refresh my outlook and set new goals to help me strengthen my faith (but I look forward to the Fish Frys, too!). I encourage you to take the time to attend the Stations of the Cross at least once this year.

I mentioned last month that Suzanne and I recently celebrated our 50th Anniversary. Someone asked me what the secret is. One of the things I told him is don't die!

I bring that up because I looked at the Master Roster of members of our active councils that State Secretary Luke Williams used to generate our 2023 State Per Capita assessments recently and here's some interesting information. Of our 10,542 active members

- 25 are over 100 years old! God Bless them, and I hope they have a great quality of life and have set a great example in their lives.
- 3% are over 90
- 13% are over 80
- 33% are over 70

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- 59% are over 60
- 77% are over 50
- Only 12% are under 40

Our average age is about 63.5. The average age for an American male is 49.1. We're "timing out" faster than we should because we're not recruiting new younger members. For some of our councils this is a critical issue.

Worse yet, over halfway through the Fraternal Year. More than 40 councils have still not recruited any new members yet.

Clearly, this is not sustainable. We can't fulfill Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision of helping Catholic men to preserve their faith and protect their families if we don't invite them to join our ranks.

I challenge all of you who haven't asked a Catholic friend or fellow parishioner to ask at least one by the end of the Fraternal Year.

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!).

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, **2023 Resolutions**

I have sent each Grand Knight a Memo a second reminded them that it is time, if you are considering a submission, review, and formal voting of Resolutions, at the upcoming State Convention in May of 2023. All Resolutions have to be submitted by March 15th, to the State Advocate, with copies to the State Deputy and State Secretary. At the State Convention, 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. The Resolutions that deal with matters beyond our Jurisdiction will be submitted to the Supreme Advocate for consideration at the Supreme Convention. DD Tim Molnar knows how this works as he submitted a Resolution that created a Form 1831 for brothers that are disabled.

Council Forms!!

It is time to Submit Form 1295 Semiannual Council Audit Report. This is for the period ending December 31st and is due February 15th.

It is also time for **Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**. This is for the calendar year 2022 and is due January 31st. this help publicize the considerable contributions of your councils and also helps maintain status as a charitable organization.

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I hope all councils have submitted Affiliated Membership roster. This is a way to transfer your inactive Brothers, and save your council Supreme and State assessments.

Safe Environment Training

The “Safe Environment Training” is at 28 councils are fully 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 is 36 councils. This means, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director need to complete the 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, eta) “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

A another recruiting event is coming soon, Fish Fries for Lent, starting Ash Wednesday, February 22. Ask the Families, the Men, coming through the line to join us. A new member can join on his iPhone and transfer into your council. Just go to www.KofC.Org. The new **Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**. The new Young Members and Families have the Best Ideas and know some of best practices.

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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. Ask any Affiliate Member to come back.

May you and your Family have a Blessed Lent.

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Dykhuis
State Advocate**



STATE WARDEN MIKE KUCHENBROD

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.

We also have opportunities for Fraternal Benefits nights coming up over the next several months:

March 7 at 7:00 PM CST - [Ed Slott “Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning”](#)

April 13 at 7:00 PM CST - [Jim Effner “The Importance of Whole Life as part of a Retirement Plan”](#)

May 23 at 7:00 PM CST - [Tom Hegna “Who Wants to be a Millionaire”](#)

June 27 at 7:00 PM CST - [Jim Effner “The Importance of Whole Life as part of a Retirement Plan”](#)

I am sure more information will be available as we get closer to these events, remember your councils need to attend 2 of these (with sufficient numbers). This is the easiest part of the Star Council requirements, plan ahead so you have enough attendance. Earn points early to qualify for more awards at the State Convention in May.

By this time, DDs should have delivered tickets to their councils that they picked up at the mid year meeting. This covers most of the councils in Ky. For the councils that did not have a DD present, or do not have a DD assigned, I mailed those tickets directly and you should have received them already. If you have not received tickets, check with your DD to set up a time to received them – we only have a month left to sell tickets.

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Please make checks payable to “**Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Charities**”. Please Do Not Send Cash. I will need Tickets sold, unsold and Checks by March 10, 2023. You can check results at www.basketballsweeps.com, starting April 5, 2022. State Charity Recipients – Recipients of Grants from the Kentucky Knights of Columbus Charity are not restricted to Catholics or religious based needs.

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 information in the program guide on pages 39-40 which is available at <http://kykofc.wpengine.com/programs/overview-and-guide/>.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kuchenbrod
State Warden**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Knights of Columbus - 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 2023 bring for us?

But what about the ones you love? Is protecting them and providing lifetime income part of your plan for 2023? 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 Field Agent and 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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CALENDAR

February
Ash Wednesday 22

March

April
Good Friday 7
Easter Sunday 9

May 2023
State Convention 19-21

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