

KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL

MAY 2023
NEWSLETTER



On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, 16 Knights from Bishop Flaget Council 13053 led the procession into and out of Mass. We got a new member as well.

Submitted by: Jack Banbury



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

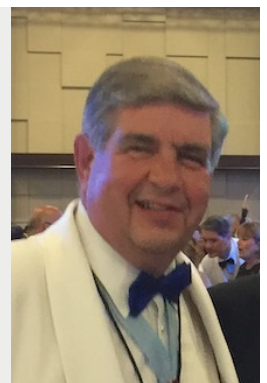


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OK Dick Barner of Fr. William Dierker Council 13304 in La Grange, KY presents LittleWay Executive Director, Ellen Wichmann, with a \$4,266.50 donation raised from the recent Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive at Immaculate Conception Church. Ellen & Dick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

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GRILLING FOR MIRACLE LEAGUE

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 in Lexington grilled hamburger and hotdogs for the families participating in Miracle League Baseball on April 30th.

For those who don't know, Miracle League "removes the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. Since the main barriers for these adults arise from the natural grass fields used in conventional leagues, Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assertive devices while helping to prevent injuries."

More information can be found at www.miracleleague.com.



ULTRASOUND FOR HAVEN CARE

Council #6317, Danville – Sts. Peter & Paul parish presented their local pregnancy care center, Haven Care, with a check for \$32,000. The director of Haven Care was able to purchase a new 3D ultrasound machine with the \$16,000 raised by the Fr. Thomas Malloy Council and the matching funds from Supreme's Ultrasound initiative.

The efforts started in July of 2022 as part of the "ASAP" program. During the vetting process and obtaining the necessary information to qualify, the director of Haven Care communicated the need for a new ultrasound since the model they had was older and expensive to maintain.

Additionally, the ability to have higher quality 3D imaging better assists the mother's decision to choose "life". Brother Bob Rennier ran down all the necessary information to file the paperwork by August, and then the massive fundraising effort went into action. The pastor (Fr. Anthony, McLaughlin) and the Knights of 6317 began to appeal to their parish as well as those in surrounding counties, all of whom are served by Haven Care. The fundraising (led by Brother Jerry Lunney) accomplished their target of \$16,000 by December and then requested the matching funds from Supreme. Contributions, large or small, quickly put this project into



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motion with great momentum. The exceptional work and coordination completed the process of providing Haven Care with their ultrasound options allowing the acquisition and placement to occur by this past February. Amazing!

Council 6317 raised the funds through coordination with parishes in Boyle, Garrard, Lincoln, and Mercer counties, Amen Corner of Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. Andrew's Council in Harrodsburg all served by Haven Care.

Pictured are Grand Knight, Kevin Heighton, Fr. Anthony McLaughlin, and Jerry Lunney



CHECK PRESENTATION

At our last meeting, Tom Johnson, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus and member of St. Francis & John Council 11470, presented Spencer Wahl, Executive Director of Quest Farm a check in the amount of \$2300, proceeds of the Georgetown's KofC Tootsie Roll Drive, held annually in October, in front of our local Walmart. Another check in the amount of \$2000 was also presented to Quest Farm from a grant of the State Knights of Columbus Charities to enhance their computer capabilities. (Pictured from (L) Steve Stewart, StF&J Council Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman, Tom Johnson, State Deputy, Spencer Wahl, Executive Director, Quest Farm and James Drummond, Grand Knight, Council 11470, Georgetown). The Knights would like to thank Walmart Mgr Josh Martin for the annual use of their storefront.

Submitted by: Steve Stewart, PGK



EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 1st, Council 1487 once again sponsored its Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The celebration had been reduced to just giving out bags of candy for the last two years because of the Covid virus (pandemic).

There was a good turnout of kids and, other than a little wind, the weather was fine. The hunt was held at Holy Family School.

The council hid, scattered, disguised, and provided over 1000 eggs for children to find. Included were several "Gold" eggs which contained prizes for the finders.

A special Thanks to Brother Keith Salisbury and his wife Patty Salisbury for their efforts, time, and expertise in planning and coordinating his celebration.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2023 Salute to Summer Games

There is one month to go in the 2023 Knights of Columbus Salute to Summer Games. We still have time to reach our goal of raising at least \$10,000 to be recognized as a Gold Sponsor of the 2023 Special Olympics State Summer Games.

There is still plenty of time for you or your Council to participate. The campaign is easy, takes very little time to take part in and shouldn't interfere with any of your Council's other fundraising programs.

Here is the easiest 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.

We will continue to communicate with Grand Knights throughout the next two months. If you have any questions, contact Mark Buerger at mbuerger@soky.org.



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Volunteers Still Needed for Special Olympics State Summer Games

Volunteers are still needed for the State Summer Games this year at Eastern Kentucky University, primarily on Saturday, June 3. Many Knights will be working at the softball throw venue, but there are dozens of volunteer opportunities to meet any interest. Most shifts begin at 7:30 am and end between 2:30 and 3 pm. To see volunteer opportunities, visit soky.org/volunteernow.



MAKE IT SPECIAL

St. Paul told the early Christians to make themselves special. By doing so, they encouraged others to join them in the Christian faith. My question is, What are you doing to make the Knights of Columbus special?

In June you will have elections of officers. This should be followed by an installation of officers ceremony. The ceremony is conducted by your District Deputy.

Members and their wives and families

should be invited to this once a year event. Ideally it should be after Mass in your church. If this is not practical then it should be done at an open meeting of your council. The wife of the officer being installed places the medal of office around his neck, The wife of the Grand Knight then presents a flower to the wife of that officer.



After the ceremony there should be a celebration with food and drink depending on what your council can afford. If you can have it after a Sunday Mass meet for breakfast. You can combine this with a corporate communion if you feel you can get more members to attend with such a designation. But, whatever you do make this an important occasion. Making becoming an officer important in front of the whole community just might encourage others to run for office. You might find you have more than one person running for office. You might find that you do not have the same men in the same office for years and years as is often the case in too many councils.

Whatever you choose to do for the installation of officers, MAKE IT SPECIAL!

Paul Motz

State Ceremonial Director



STATE DEPUTY TOM JOHNSON

Excitement and Anticipation are in the air! We are truly Blessed! How lucky we are to be Catholic, to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and to be alive in this time of uncertainty. We are still celebrating the Easter Season. We read about the EXCITEMENT that was in the air as people heard and proclaimed the Resurrection of Jesus! We've heard about the "Early Church" growing at a rapid pace, and why is that... obviously the fire within the Apostles & disciples was rekindle with a passion to preach the WORD of God, but I believe that the people also came to believe that Jesus Christ was truly the Son of God, and they too had a burning desire to be close to God.

Do we not also have a burning desire to be close to God?

As Catholic men and members of the Knights of Columbus we are blessed to have the tools to combat the evil that is surrounding us and to keep our families safe. As we navigate the "Sea of Uncertainty", let us hold fast to the knowledge of knowing that God is with us, and He will not abandon us.

In a little over a week's time, we'll be gathering in Frankfort, KY for the 120th KY Knights of Columbus State Convention. If you haven't registered for the convention or banquet, please consider doing so. I for one look forward to seeing everyone. Take a minute to say hello and get to know some of your brother Knights from across the state.

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State Deputy's Report:

As of May 1st, we have added 305 new members to the State Council. We need 107 to meet our goal.

There are still 20 councils that have not recruited a new member. For some it's been over two years without recruiting.

Please fill out and turn in your form 10784 whenever your council has an event of any magnitude.

July Organizational Meeting:

The July Organizational meeting will take place the weekend of July 21st thru the 23rd at the Cardome Centre in Georgetown. This meeting is for council officers and district deputies. Much is changing and I highly recommend that you not miss this meeting. There will be a Friday night gathering for those wishing to attend, and a dinner/banquet Saturday evening prepared by St John St Francis Council 11470. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

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



STATE CHAPLAIN FR. JOHN LIST

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race!” Revelation 21:3

As we continue in the unfolding of the Easter season, we have the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the meaning of the Paschal mystery. The document of the US bishops on The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church has this to say: “The salvation offered in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ is nothing less than sharing in the very life of God, in the communion of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is no greater gift that God could possibly give us. In Christ, we are sharers in the divine nature (2 Pt 1:4). The Church Fathers referred to this participation in the divine life as ‘divinization.’ The eternal Son of God made this possible by becoming man and uniting humanity to his divine Person. St. Augustine explained, ‘the maker of man was made man, so that man might be a receiver of God.’ In fact, Pope Francis reminds us that ‘in the bread of the Eucharist, “creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself.””

Last year a three-year program of Eucharistic revival began with a focus at the diocesan level. This year we are asked to focus on a renewal at the parish level and next year it will culminate with a National Eucharistic Congress on July 17 to 21 in Indianapolis, IN. This might be a good time to inquire with your pastor about the possibility of a Eucharistic procession on the feast of the Body & Blood of Christ

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(aka, Corpus Christi) on June 11, one month away; offer to organize the event, even if it's only around the parking lot! Your local Fourth Degree Assembly might not be able to provide an honor guard for multiple parishes on the same day, but your local council can provide logistics for your parish.

Or how about a holy hour of adoration? Some parishes have perpetual adoration- have you signed up for an hour? More parishes provide an hour (or two) at a regular time & day. Have you checked to see if you can work it into your schedule? Even if that doesn't work, surely there is some day/time when you could stop by and pay Jesus a visit.

My local dean is fond of saying, "If it isn't happening in the parish, it isn't happening in the diocese." I'd like to take it one step lower: "If it isn't happening in the lives of the parishioners, it isn't happening in the parish." Stepping into the breach begins with each one of us. A king of Sparta was fond of bragging about the impenetrable walls of his city, famous for the valor of its citizen soldiers. (Ever hear of Thermopylae?) A visitor came and could see no walls: "Where are the walls of which I have heard you brag?" The king responded by waving his hand at the citizens around him: "Here they are. In Sparta, every man is a brick."

Christus Vivat!
Fr. John List
State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY LUKE WILLIAMS

Council Officer Elections

KofC Council Officers are being elected this month and next. PLEASE step up and volunteer for a Council position. According to Section 128 of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Council elections are to be held between May 1st and June 15th of each year. Be sure that Form 185 "Report of Officers Chosen" is filled out after the election and sent to Membership records at Supreme, State Deputy, District Deputy and one placed in your Council File. Congratulations to all new and returning Officers. I look forward to serving with you.

www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/forms/185.html

High School Seniors

If you have any graduating High School Seniors in your parishes, don't forget to remind them to apply for several scholarships being donated by your local Council or other church organizations. Also, ask them to join the Knights of Columbus ranks.

RSVP Application

RSVP Applications (Supreme Form #2871) for \$100 refunds for Councils giving at least \$500 in support of a seminarian or novice are due at Supreme between April 1st and June 30th.

www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/rsvp/2863-rsvp-refund-app-fillable.pdf

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120th Annual Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Council Convention

The 120th Knights of Columbus Kentucky State Council Convention will be in Frankfort this year. It starts on Friday evening, May 19 and all events will wrap up Sunday afternoon, May 21. Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Convention Delegates and Alternates are to be elected, "The Delegate with Alternates Form" should have already been sent to the State Secretary (Me). It is not too late yet.... Contact me as soon as possible. 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 and register with the Convention Chair to enter the business meetings. If you are interested in attending any of the proceedings or meetings, let me know and I will send you the information needed. You can check with your Grand Knight, or District Deputy, for details on how to get credentials and sign up. I am looking forward to seeing all who are going to attend the KY State Convention in Frankfort this month. Thanks to all who put their effort into making this year's Convention a memorable one.

CORPUS CHRISTI - JUNE 11th, 2023

Begin making your plans to attend a Eucharistic procession in your Parish or Diocese now!

Here is a link to more information from the Supreme Council about "Renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/eucharist.html

As we close out this Fraternal Year at the end of June, I would like to thank the councils, districts, State Directors and Chairmen and my fellow State Officers for all their amazing dedication throughout the year. My first year as the State Secretary has taught me a lot about my Brothers. We all are different, yet we have the same

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goal for the core principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. I want to say plainly that I am honored to have each of you as my Brothers. Please continue to strive to do your best for your fellow man and live your Faith by your works!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

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



STATE TREASURER DICK BURNS

Brothers Knights,
120th State Convention This Month!

The state convention will be held the weekend of May 19-21 in Frankfort at the Capital Plaza. Information packages have been sent to the Grand Knights. I hope I get to see many of you and refresh our fraternal bonds as we carry out the business of the Order in Kentucky.

125 YEARS of the Order in Kentucky!

*The first Council in Kentucky was Council 390 and was chartered on December 7, 1898. The Council currently called 390 is not the same Council. It died and got suspended. Why? Same reason all Councils die – members got old, didn't recruit new blood, and lost leadership. We have a few councils in the state that are in the same boat right now. **DON'T LET YOUR COUNCIL DIE!** Don't cost your pastor the services of his council. Don't deny the other men of your parish the chance to grow in their faith through their good works. Don't deny the men of your parish access the tools they need to protect and grow the faith of their families.*

How do you do that? It's so simple – just ask somebody. Let them know about your council's programs. Let them see your enthusiasm. Be prepared for rejection but keep trying!

Year End Checklist

There's still time to make sure your councils qualify for the Star Council award. District Deputies should be helping you make sure you meet the requirements.

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And it's time to start planning for next year, starting with election of new officers by June 15th.

Recruit! and Retain! (or else...)

You can't make Star Council if you don't make your new member quota, which was lowered this year to make it more easily attainable.

No councils came off the "Councils Which Have Not Recorded Any YTD New Membership", so we still have 20 active Councils which haven't recruited a new member this fraternal year.

Congratulations to

Father Kehoe Council 1764 in Park Hills

Rather Patrick Creed Council 12923 in Campbellsville, and

All Saints Council 16424 in Walton

for getting off the "Councils not yet recruiting a new member" list!

However, we still have 20 of our councils that still haven't recruited a new member. 20 councils are at risk of dying off. If you don't recruit, the council will not last.

Ask them, they will join. *If you don't ask them, they won't join.*

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!

New Council in Shelbyville!

I was recently privileged to take a role in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity led by our State Deputy Tom Johnson at Fr. Stephen Badin Council 18126 in Shelbyville, our newest Council. Members of the men's group at Annunciation Church were interested in forming a new KofC council. They "just asked" and we have a new

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council with 23 new members and 10 other Brothers who transferred in or reactivated to join them. It CAN be done, and you can do it!

Derby Week Fraternity!

My Grandfather and Father were members of Bishop Spalding Council 2761, I joined it when I moved back home after my wife's "34 year exile" following me through 9 moves with my job. I have fond memories of Sunday chicken dinners at their hall on the Ohio River when I was young. I left the council to help start a new council at St. Margaret Mary, but I still get there with my meetings of the Bishop Floersch Assembly 2008 and I like to take advantage of every opportunity I have to join them in fraternity. I had two opportunities this week.

On Monday night I joined State Deputy Tom Johnson in attending their Charities Dinner at the Gault House. It's one of the Derby Week kick-off activities. Several hundred people were there to watch them distribute over \$30K to representatives of local charities who were there to show their appreciation.

And on Wednesday I joined DD John Staudt in visiting the hall to enjoy good food and great weather while we watched this year's Great Steamboat Race. The Belle won again (stand by to see if the rumors it was fixed are true!).

Happy Mother's Day!

May 14th is the day set aside to honor our Mothers. Whether you're blessed to still have your mother living, or it's the mother of your children, make sure you let them know how much you love and appreciate them!

**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, Happy Derby Week!!

With the Kentucky Derby this week, hopefully your Horse is the Winner. If you are going to the track or watching it on TV at a Derby party, have Fun. Farmers are getting ready to plant crops, please watch for their machinery on the roads. Grass is growing and trees are budding out. It is time to thank God for all he has done for us.

Council Elections!

Hopefully your council is set for your elections. We have two months left in this Fraternal year and there is still time, to get the leftover business done. Also, it is a great idea at this time to fill out your “**Form 185 Report of Officers chosen for the Year**”.

State Convention!

Looking forward to a Great State Convention, it is Kentucky' Jurisdiction's 120th. Every Council should have two Delegates at the State Conventions. May 19-21 is the Kentucky State Convention. Registration will start Friday afternoon, and meetings will be on Saturday and Sunday. The Convention will be at the Capital Plaza Hotel again, in Frankfort. See you in Frankfort!!

Safe Environment Training

Praesidium will be upgrading its current online learning platform (Armatus) to Praesidium Academy on Tuesday, May 9th. On Wednesday May 3rd, state deputies will receive an advance copy of the email that will be sent out to all members who have completed one or more requirements of The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program since 2019. The email will be sent to all members Monday, May 8th. These emails from the

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Knights of Columbus will notify members of an email to be sent from the new Praesidium Academy on Tuesday, May 9th. The Praesidium Academy email will have instructions on how to log into the new platform and create a password. The Knights of Columbus is giving this advance notice to assure our members that these emails are authentic and NOT scams. Members who follow the instructions from Praesidium Academy will ensure their access the next time they are assigned safe environment training and screening.

Kentucky's "Safe Environment Training" is at 34 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. The Councils that sponsor youth events like 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, pancake breakfast, chicken cooks).

Recruit and Retain

We are closing in on our Fraternal Year, we have two months to recruit New Members and Families in our Kentucky Knights of Columbus order. There still is **FREE MEMBERSHIP**. for a New Member and he can join on his iPhone, cell phone by going 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.

Please remember, Supreme has the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on line or you can read the ceremony, the best way is to hold an Exemplification after a Sunday MASS. You can invite the congregation to be a part. This is a Great way to have a New Third-Degree member, with some Great New Ideas and can help with our projects the Council has.

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Please welcome former members to come back to the order. Ask any Affiliate Member to come back.

It had been more than an Honor to have served the Kentucky Jurisdiction as a State council Officer for this year and past Years, and look forward to continue serving you with your support.

See You at the State Convention!!

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Dykhuis
State Advocate**



GENERAL AGENT DANIEL SCHACHLE

Knights of Columbus Insurance – A Family Protection Plan

Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are...checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away?

I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old-fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving, I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

A Field Agents thinks of working with you, a brother Knight, in much the same way. When they sit down with you and your spouse, they start with a financial needs analysis. They "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. They enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen

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happens? That might be a situation where one of our solutions: life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, retirement annuity, or a mutual fund may be needed. Think of that solution as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, a Field Agent makes stops along the way, to look “under the hood,” and make sure the strategy is still “running on all cylinders.” There are many options to discuss, even within the different K of C solutions available, to help you get to where you want to go.

Do you have a strategy? Please provide your Field Agent with the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or provide a second opinion on the one you have? He will be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Schachle

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STATE HISTORIAN BILLY HANCOCK



May 12, 1912 the 9th Annual Kentucky State Council opened for business in the club rooms of Frankfort Council 1483. The State Deputy was James C. Rogers of Lexington. One hundred and eleven years later the 120th Kentucky State Council will convene in Frankfort on May 20, 2023. State Deputy Thomas Johnson will chair the meeting.

Frankfort served as the host city for five State Conventions. In addition to

the two mentioned above the 18th, 101st, and 119th convened there. The 18th was on May 10, 1921. James J. Donavon, Ludlow, was State Deputy. It is speculation on my part but it is possible the venue was the Capital Hotel which was built in 1917.

Eighty-three years later the 101st Convention again convened in Frankfort on May 15, 2004. Gary B. Berkemeier, Edgewood, was State Deputy.



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The 119th Convention convened in Frankfort in 2022. For the second consecutive year the 120th Convention will be held there. The Capital Plaza Hotel is an impressive structure overlooking the Kentucky River. It is located in downtown Frankfort within 2 km of Buffalo Trace Distillery and the Kentucky State Capital.



A special thanks to Convention Chairmen Steve O'Bryan and Ed Quinn for arranging our Conventions for the current and past several years.

Submitted for the May 2023 Newsletter,
Billy R. Hancock, PSD
State Historian

CALENDAR

May 2023

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