



TENNESSEE State Council Newsletter

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State Deputy Message

Brothers all:

State Deputies get two chances to do the “big things” - two kickoffs, two mid-year meetings, two state conventions. The upcoming convention on April 28-29-30 at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin is my second - and last. I hope to see all the councils represented there so I may thank all of you for so much good work that has been done for our parishes and communities these past two years. *Tempus fugit!*

Another “big thing” that a state gets to do is to earn the coveted “Circle of Honor”. It’s the jurisdictional equivalent to Star Council, and focuses almost entirely on membership growth. As of today, Tennessee is in position to join the Circle of Honor for the first time in 6 years.

The state council is here to serve and not be served. I am, however, not ashamed to ask for everyone’s help in achieving this goal. We need to grow to survive. We need to replace ourselves and then some, so God’s work will continue to happen in TN for many years to come. We need your support! We are a team and stand or fall as a team.

May you and your families enjoy the most blessed Easter ever.

Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully,

Steve

Stephen B. Comm, State Deputy

State Convention April 28, 29, 30 in Coolsprings TN
Hope to see you there.

Kevin Petitte, State Membership Director

Worthy Brothers,

As we approach the end of the year I want to thank you for allowing me to be part of the State of TN Membership Team. Without your help, we could not have accomplished the goals set out at the beginning of the year. I truly been blessed by the Holy Spirit to have been given the chance to meet some great brother knights.

With this said we still have some work to do. **With just a little more effort the State of TN will achieve “Circle of Honor”, an award that’s alluded us for 5 years.**

On April 1st, a letter from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was sent out to DD's around the state. I want to point out a few notes from the letter and make some comments.

SK Anderson,

“I ask you to set two important goals with your councils: improving membership growth and continuing charitable programs.”

“You have a perfect opportunity to finish strong by scheduling at least one First Degree exemplification each month — April, May and June.”

Membership Director Kevin Petitte,

“Your time is almost up, finish strong. During the month of April, May and June, HELP one Catholic man/family BECOME a Brother Knight and Help your local pastor serve the parish”

Brothers, it's been a honor serving you and the state of TN. The experience has been humbling as well as fulfilling. I challenge every one of you who have not held an officer's position to step up and get involved. I promise it will be the most enjoyable, meaningful thing you have ever done and please do not tell me you don't have the time because time is NOT the reason why we serve. It is with an open heart, I love each and every one of my brother knights.

Vivat Jesus,

Membership Director

Kevin Petitte

Program Director Message

Brother's

We are winding down the year. We have the State Convention at the end of April, then roll into Memorial Day and the summer months and family vacations. I hope you are finishing up your Programs for the year and are starting to plan for next year. I know, we never seem to stop.

We are going to add something new to the Convention this year, my Staff and I are going to be running an SP-7 help desk (Columbian Award - https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf). We will be able to help you fill it out and submit it to Supreme at the convention. We will also advise you if a particular event qualifies for the Domestic Church requirements.

Please remember when you are submitting this, there needs to be 4 that meet the *Building the Domestic Church* requirements. The specific programs can be found on the Supreme site. The main thing to remember is that you bring in your parishioners to your events.

I hope to see you at the convention.

Mark Mayer, General Program Director

Spotlight on Council 4563

Marian Council #4563 was chartered in 1958 serving St. Rose of Lima in Murfreesboro Tennessee. Today the membership stands at almost 300 men. This council is very active in the community and one especially proud moment includes supporting the new Miracle Field scheduled for opening April 8th in Murfreesboro. It's baseball field was designed to bring youth and Youth with special needs together in the sport of baseball. With a matching grant from our Knights of Columbus State MR Foundation, we were able to donate \$23,000 to the Miracle Field. Spring time for Marian Council 4563 traditionally means Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry. For 6 weeks, they cook up all you can eat Fish with all the fixin's and are open to the parish and community. And thanks to a support group known as the Awesome Bakers, they provide desserts too. So far this year, we have averaged over 450 people served between 5:30PM and 7:00PM. Another big accomplishment for our council this March includes a class of 18 new Sir Knights completing the 4th Degree. We're thankful for the blessings that God has given each of us and the opportunity to serve the Church and our community."





