



TENNESSEE State Council Newsletter

STRONGER MEN-STRONGER FAMILIES

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STRONGER FAITH-STRONGER CHURCH-STRONGER COUNTRY Eric Pelton Editor

State Deputy Message

Brothers All:

Kickoffs and Supreme Convention are behind us; the new fraternal year is well under way. We are late into the period some call the “dog days”, the sultry period of summer where we tend to want to take a siesta - all day long.

About half of our councils, 47 to be exact, are not sleeping! They have added at least one new member to their ranks. 3 councils - 5207 in Knoxville, 12012 in Nashville, and 3837 in Union City, have already met their Supreme Membership Quota for the year! Of course we have taken on a goal which is somewhat higher, as you will see below.

Our Worthy Membership Director, Kevin Petite, has challenged each state officer, state staffer, district deputy and council officer to “find one” this year. When we do this, we will add almost

1200 new Knights to the Tennessee Council and move over the 12,000 mark for the first time.

I encourage you to stay awake, and vigilant! We are about building the domestic church, and that takes planning, effort and enthusiasm. Now above all should we shake off the old ways, the slow ways, and seek for good Catholic families to join with us as we bolster and defend our faith and our church.

Last but by no means least, we welcome our newest council - Council 16523, at Holy Ghost Parish in Knoxville. Congratulations and thanks to the many individuals who worked long and hard to help birth this council! May you grow and prosper!

Vivat Jesus!

Steve

Stephen B. Comm, State Deputy

Congratulations to Alan Stanley chosen as 1 of 4 Star District Deputies Nationwide to attend the Supreme Convention



James "Alan" Stanley is 52 years old Live in Smyrna and attend St. Luke Church. Married 26 years to Paula Bardet Stanley with 2 sons Alex and Gabe.

Alan has worked for Averitt Express for nearly 28 years. He have had a varied career with Averitt beginning in the shop as a PM mechanic, eventually becoming an ASE Certified Diesel Mechanic. He worked up through the ranks to join the Averitt Leadership Team, managing the operations of 18 shops in 9 states and

additionally holds a Commercial Driver's License. About a dozen years ago He moved from maintenance to operations and now manage the yard Operations for Averitt at the Nissan plants in Smyrna and Decherd. He manages 95 associates and a \$6 million contract at the largest automotive manufacturing facility in North America. Nissan produces over 2700 vehicles a day in Smyrna.

Alan Stanley Interview

Alan was married in the Catholic Church in 1990 after attending mass off and on over the years, “I got tired of sitting in the pew during communion and wanted to participate. I went thru the RCIA at St. Luke in Smyrna in 2001. Then I have been active in the parish as an Usher, Proclaimer of the Word, and Eucharistic Minister as well as with the parish council and a member of the Capital Campaign Committee for the construction of our new church in Smyrna.”

“I joined the Knights in 2002, not because I was asked, but because I saw the works that the Knights of 9168 did around the church and community and knew that I wanted to be part of an organization that gave so much to others. I tried to attend a meeting to learn more and was told that I had to be a Catholic and go thru an initiation. So within a few weeks of being confirmed I took my First Degree in Smyrna. I took my 2nd and 3rd Degrees a couple months after that. In about my 5th meeting as a Knight, the Grand Knight needed someone to step up and take the Chancellor position. I raised my hand and have been an officer of some sort ever since. I was Grand Knight in 2006 to 2008. In 2003 I joined the 4th Degree and allowed John Braswell to convince me to be the Comptroller of the newly formed Divine Mercy Assembly # 2936 a couple months later. I held that office for over 13 years. In 2015, State Deputy Elect Steve Comm asked me to be a District Deputy for the newly restructured Tennessee District # 11. District # 11 consists of five councils (4563, 8354, 9168, 9586, & 14931). These were the same five councils that made up Assembly # 2936, Divine Mercy. And as fate would have it, I was elected Faithful Navigator of the assembly that year as well helping oversee the formation of Assembly 3531, St. Joseph the Carpenter in Brentwood that split off from 2936.”

Alan is still an active member of Council # 9168, even with his DD duties. He is in charge of our fund raising for the council and have organized our work at the Titans games for that 5 years helping raise well over \$100,000 for the council to do the work of Father McGivney and our Order.

As Grand Knight, this council achieved the State Deputy's Award (2), Past state Deputy's Award (2), Chaplain's Award (2), Bishop's Award (2), and the Pro-Life (now Culture of Life) award for the state. Both years as GK, the council just missed STAR status by a couple insurance members. As Faithful Navigator, his Assembly achieved the District Master's Award for membership growth and was the first Assembly in Tennessee to be a STAR Assembly. We also held an exemplification where 85 men joined the ranks of Sir Knights.

“District 11 is made of some of the best councils in the state. They teach me something every month and together we have turned District 11 into a STAR District. This past year we reached over 100% of our membership goal (58 new knights) and over 200% of our Insurance goal. That second number is what I am most proud of because not only are we bringing men into the order, we are following Father McGivney's vision of taking care of those we leave behind. Over 40 men and their families joined the ranks of the insured last year in my district.”

Membership Director—Kevin Petite

Tennessee is starting strong. We know that is only the beginning. Good programing helps to recruit good men and to schedule the degrees. This could be our year. Keep up the good work!

2016 West Kick-off-Cordova



Special Thanks to host GK Danny Doyle Council 9317

2016 Middle Kick-off-Nashville



Special thanks to host GK Tommy Ashton Council 9132

2016 East Kick-off-Knoxville



Special thanks to host GK Henry Usey Council 15706

Spot Light on Edward J Kitts Council 7170

Ryan McElfresh, Grand Knight of Council 7170 has done fantastic works by stepping up and leading a very active council. The council serves St. Ann's Parish in Bartlett TN. Besides School support, the council also sponsors a very active Squires Circle. Just last month the circle added 4 new young squires accordingly to PGK and Chief Counselor Greg Tricuit.

The GK said the Council is 300 members strong and shooting for Star Council this year. David Zwissler is the DD and Steve Mannis is the Deputy Grand Knight. The Council supports its parish and pastor Russ Harbough and has Fr. David Orsha as it's Chaplain.

Activities include, Comfort for Vets, Breast Cancer Awareness, Coats for Kids as well fundraising for "Jubilee Schools" to help Memphis school children in need.



10th Aniversary of Columbian Squires Circle 5086

Counselors Tom Zavodney, Gary Tircuit, Mike Fultz, and Ryan McElfresh

St. Joachim Columbian Squires Circle 2006-2016



For the past 10 years, the St. Ann Columbian Squires have been an important role in our parish and community. Some of the community activities that we participate in are, the Comfort-A-Vet Program, the Fayette Cares Turkey Drive, St. Vincent De Paul Walk for the Poor, Vial of Life Project, and the Special Athletes Day. Some of the parish activities are our Rosary Soup/Salad Dinner, Public Square Rosary, Silver Rose Program, food drives and many others.

Community Activities:

Comfort-A-Vet Program – For the past 5 years, the Squires collected toiletry items, packaged them up in gift bags, and delivered them to the Veterans at the Memphis VA hospital.

Fayette Cares Turkey Drive – For the past 8 years, the Squires have collected frozen turkeys and delivered them to the Fayette Cares Program in Fayette County.

St. Vincent De Paul Walk for the Poor – We assist Council 7170 in preparing and distributing hot dogs, sodas,

and water.

Special Athletes Day – Our role is to act as “angels” for the special athletes and provide set-up and clean-up.

Parish Activities:

Rosary Soup/Salad Dinner – Lead by the Squires, we pray the rosary and then provide the parishioners with a Soup/Salad Dinner. We do this in October, which is the month of the Rosary.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program – In 2011, 2012, and 2013, the Squires hosted the Silver Rose, “honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life”. Circle 5086 will once again honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by receiving the Silver Rose again in September 2016 when it arrives in West Tennessee.

Public Square Rosary – The Squires process around the school’s campus with the statue of Mary and then we pray the rosary with our parishioners in front of the chapel.