



TENNESSEE State Council Newsletter

Midyear Meeting Edition - January 2017

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STRONGER MEN-STRONGER FAMILIES STRONGER FAITH-STRONGER CHURCH-STRONGER COUNTRY

State Deputy Message

Greetings Brothers All:

Those of you who were able to make the Mid-Year Meeting on January 7 heard a number of exciting things. Among them are that Tennessee is one of 3 jurisdictions (out of 74) in the entire order who had at least 75% of their councils recruit at least one member by December 31. Great work!! Another is that we now have two new councils in Tennessee - Councils 16523 in Knoxville and 16604 in Spring Hill. Congratulations to both councils and to all who helped get them started. And we heard a lot about the Domestic Church. Along with growing the order (an absolute necessity to keep the order alive), bringing families to the church and to the Knights of Columbus are a very important focus.



We are in position to help the parishes do that and we will reach out to all...those who attend church and those who do not. You are the reason we will succeed in our charitable efforts and our growth, and I look forward to the next six months working together with you.

Vivat Jesus!

Steve

Stephen B. Comm, State Deputy



Star Council
Award Winners





Tennessee is one of Supremes top jurisdictions because men are getting the message that the Knights of Columbus can help prospective members become better men, better husbands, and better Catholics. We are appealing to families which leads to building the Domestic Church.

Welcome to our 2 newest Councils

- 16253 at Holy Ghost Church in Knoxville.
- 16604 at The Church of the nativity in Spring Hill.

Thank you all for keeping Tennessee Strong.

Kevin Petite, State Membership Director

Winter Blizzard is a big deal for Tennessee

Helping a Catholic man become a new Knight. Just think-what if there is one man or one family that needs more than ever? Is it worth the effort? PLEASE meet with your membership team. Schedule an admission degree before January expires.

Editors Note—We are on the lookout for a new editor, contributing writers, and general help with our News Letter. Please contact Eric Pelton at eric@ejpelton.com



Fourth Degree Award



M R FOUNDATION NEWS

"Tired of standing at the Walmart???"

Is your council struggling to get members out to collect funds for the M R Foundation of TN, Inc.? I am sure many of you are shaking your heads, yes, yes, yes. Well maybe Council 9282 has an option for you.

Council 9282 was having difficulty getting time and space at the local food store to collect funds. Eight years ago, they did some brain storming and came up with a Poker Night Tournament. This event has become an annual favorite. Here are the keys to success. One, the council identified and partnered with Empower Me Day camp and Mt. Juliet Challenger League who benefited from the effort, next the council worked with the Ladies Auxiliary to plan a meal, collect door prizes, desserts and snacks.

The 2016 night had 80 players who paid a donation of \$30. which gave them a good base amount. With some creative opportunities during the evening. the Council raised \$4,000 after expenses. If this might be the right idea for you, talk to PSD's Bill Gunter or Mike Porter.

Great work by Morristown Council #6730



"Chuck Johnson greets one of the Special education students from East High for the Knight's of Columbus annual Christmas party."



"Forty six East High Special Education students enjoyed the buffet line at the Knight's of Columbus annual Christmas party. The Knights have sponsored these parties for 21 years using money collected during the Tootsie Roll drives."



"Mike Sandlock one of the directors of Knight's of Columbus MR Foundation made sure each student received a "goodie bag" with cookies, a flashlight and assorted items."

