



TENNESSEE State Council Newsletter

Teamwork Makes Our Dream Work

December 2015

State Deputy's Message

Brothers All:

On the verge of Thanksgiving, and with Advent in the wings, I am taking time to reflect on all the good things with which I have been blessed by our Lord, and for which I give thanks.

First and foremost is my family. Next is my faith. And next are my friends; and among my friends I count all of you, brothers in spirit, and in deed. Plus I thank God for the opportunity I have been given to serve Him and my fellow man, through our beloved Knights of Columbus.

As each of you celebrate Thanksgiving, and prepare for the Advent of our Lord, take just a moment to think about the things that are most important to you. Think also about the time you share with your Brother Knights and their families. And if you would, say a prayer asking for God to bless the Knights of Columbus, and to help it to grow and prosper.

Father Michael J. McGivney had a vision of a dedicated group of men, providing for the material needs

of widows and orphans, while strengthening our faith and the Catholic Church. Before he died, he saw his vision take root and begin to grow.

Now, 133 years after its founding, the continuation of Fr. McGivney's vision is up to us. We face challenges from the outside, as well as the thinning of our ranks from death and disinterest.

What can each of us do to make our order stronger; to continue to spread charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism to all we meet? The answer we each find will help outline our future.

Remember, **TEAMWORK MAKES OUR DREAM WORK**, now more than ever.

May each of you enjoy a Blessed Advent and Christmas. Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully,

Steve

Help Christian refugees, get a step closer to being a STAR COUNCIL

My Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope your Thanksgiving went well, I know mine did. I am looking forward to the start of Advent.

How are your programs coming along? I hope well. Are you starting to think about what awards to submit? Are you on track for STAR COUNCIL? We are almost halfway through the year and moving quickly, don't let the end of the fraternal year sneak up on you.

While all our programs are worthy, this one might be one of the best ones we have seen in a while. Please read the below information and consider adding this to your programs. There will be some upfront costs, but they can be recouped on the back end. So if your council buys 100 crosses (\$500) and you sell them for \$10 apiece (the suggested donation), there

is \$1000. \$500 for you (to recoup the cost of the crosses), and \$500 for the Christians in the Holy Land. I am sure you have someone in your parish that will give you more than the requested donation, so that means more help for Christians in the Holy Land.

And what is more, if your council purchases at least 50, it will count as 2 of the 4 Church Activities required on the Columbian Award application, a step forward toward STAR COUNCIL.

I know my council will participate!

Vivat Jesus!

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General Program Director

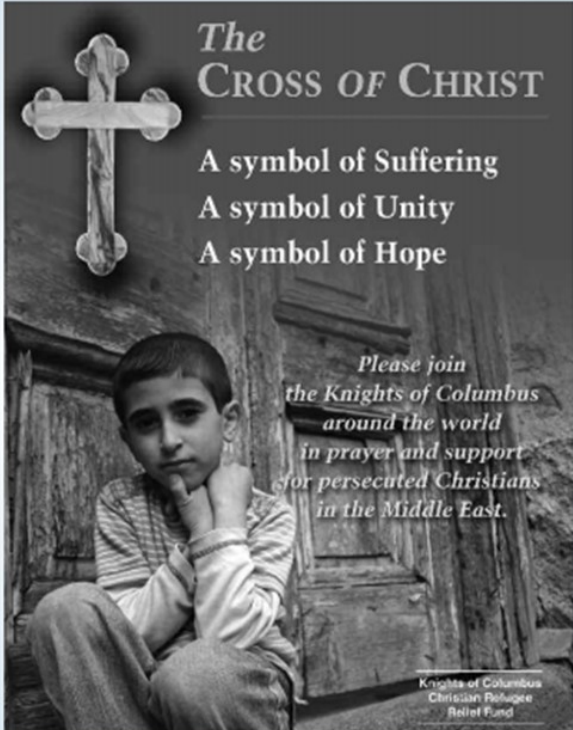
Aid for Christian Refugees

During the Supreme Convention, Archbishop Jean-Clément Jeanbart of Aleppo, Syria, described how Christians in the Middle East are being killed, tortured and driven from their homes.

"We have seen people killed, slaughtered, women violated, priests and bishops kidnapped, houses destroyed, churches and governments invaded," said Archbishop Jeanbart. "But we persist with the help of those who help us, like the Knights of Columbus."

Join your brother Knights in supporting these persecuted men, women and children by ordering 5-inch olive wood crosses (\$5 each, minimum order of 10), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. The crosses may be sold in your community, with the net proceeds of the sale given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

For specific details on ordering, please send an email to supply@kofc.org. To donate directly to the relief efforts, visit christiansatrisk.org. Or, send checks or money orders payable to Knights of Columbus Charities at P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966.



*The
CROSS OF CHRIST*

A symbol of Suffering
A symbol of Unity
A symbol of Hope

*Please join
the Knights of Columbus
around the world
in prayer and support
for persecuted Christians
in the Middle East.*

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Fourth Degree Exemplification — Clarksville

We held a joint exemplification with the state of Kentucky on November 7, 2015, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksville, TN. We had 31 candidates that included two Priests from Ft. Campbell. Twenty-two candidates were from Tennessee councils in Hendersonville, Paris, Camden, Dickson, and Clarksville. We were honored to have our State Deputy Steve Comm, IPSD, John Park, and Supreme Board of Director, Mike Wills in attendance, along with the Kentucky District Master, and Kentucky State Secretary. Our new Nashville team performed their first time as a team wonderfully.

At the banquet, host Assembly Faithful Navigator, Bill Restler along with all the other PFN's of #2328 presented the assembly membership with a plaque that included the 4th degree sword of Fr. Tommy Maurer, the honoree of the exemplification. It was a great day, and a fantastic evening.

Council #3537 gives wheelchairs to Tennessee Veterans Home

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — The Knights of Columbus Council #3537 in Clarksville visited the Brigadier General Wendell H. Gilbert Tennessee State Veterans' Home Monday, October 12 bearing some very special gifts for the home and its future residents.

The organization delivered 12 wheelchairs to be used by the veterans who will soon be living at the home. Several Knights of Columbus members, most of them veterans themselves, unloaded and set up the wheelchairs and then toured the new facility.

See more at: <http://clarksvillenow.com/local/knights-of-columbus-donate-to-veterans-home/#sthash.Lyx1KuOw.dpuf>



Council 3537 donate wheelchairs to new Tennessee State Veterans' Home./Lee Erwin clarksvillenow.com



Council 12838 Holy Trinity — Jefferson City finishing busy year

Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus in Jefferson City is capping off a busy year that included a golf tournament, chili cookoff, Italian Night dinner and a car show.

