



TENNESSEE State Council Newsletter

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State Deputy Message

Brothers all:

If you missed the state convention April 28-30, you missed some surprises.... ask someone who did attend and they will tell you. One of the things that (pleasantly) surprised me is that nearly 50% of this year's delegates were first-time attendees! That shows us that we are indeed bringing in a new generation of Catholic men and families that are taking an active role in leading their councils.

We elected state officers at convention; our Worthy State Secretary Tracy Staller will be our next State Deputy on July 1. Everyone else moved up to the next state office. We also elected a new State Warden, current DD 14 **Eric Pelton** from Chattanooga. Please join me in congratulating him and wishing him well as he embarks on his 12-year commitment to

leadership in the state council.

I had a great time at convention seeing old friends and making new ones. It will truly be bittersweet when my term ends, but I will continue to take an active role in our beloved order and hope to continue to visit with you as often as possible.

There are almost two months left in this fraternal year. Let's make them great ones! Don't forget our mission to grow the order and help families build the domestic church.

Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully,

Steve

Stephen B. Comm, State Deputy

Kevin Petite, State Membership Director

First, thank you for participating in the convention. Notice the word participating, your hi-energy and enthusiasm is what made this event so awesome. It was nice to see some old friends but what warmed my heart even more was the new brothers and their families I met for the first time.

Hold the Rope - was inspired by my 15 yr old. At first I was a little worried of the acceptance but as faith has it, it was very humbling to see your reaction. I asked for 2 commitments, I'm hoping this did not get lost during the trip home. I going to address the first one - we have 2 more months left, I respectfully request at your next council meeting you talk about "Hold the Rope" and ask your brothers to help the TN order bring in two more brothers into your council before the end of June. Some will help 2 and some will help more.

I also want to congratulate Worthy Brother Eric Pelton on his election to the State team. The Holy Spirit has guided us with another great man to the State level. I am proud to be part of the Knights of Columbus.

With that said, I would like to share a video please forward this to every knight who has a young boy and/or girl.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vubnhdey3A&feature=youtu.be>

Convention Golf Tournament



Saturday Night Awards—Bishops Award

The Bishops' Award is the most prestigious award our State Council presents. This award is the prestigious award given by the Tennessee State Council and is given in honor of our three Bishops—Bishop Choby, Bishop Steib, and Bishop Stika. The award is based on achieving special requirements of the State Deputy Award as well as the requirements in the areas of Pro-Life, Vocations, Church, Family, Youth and work with the physically and Mentally Challenged identified in the Bishop's Award Application.

2016—2017 Winners

4563	St Rose of Lima—Murfreesboro	Tex Shellart, GK
6099	Holy Family—Chattanooga	Craig Bodnar, GK
8576	Phillip Paul Breen—Chattanooga	Paul Jette, GK
9132	Our Lady of the Lake—Hendersonville	Tom Ashton, GK
9168	St. Luke—Smyrna	Allen Potts, GK
9282	St Stephens—Hermitage	Bill Walsh, GK
16088	St. Francis of Assisi—Fairfield Glade	Vincent D'alessandro, GK

The Lifetime Achievement Winner for 2016–2017

The Lifetime Achievement winner for 2016-2017 fraternal year, Sir Knight Charles Logsdon, council #9168 St. Luke - Smyrna.

A successful council needs several of these brother Knights. Men that you can count on year after year to step forward as a leader by example.

How does this brother Knight help his council? This Knight has held almost every office in his council and assembly. He has served as a District Deputy. He is a founding member of his council. He is even making a 2nd run through the Council's Officers' positions and he has volunteered to be a District Deputy for the next two years.

His council won numerous awards during his terms as Grand Knight, including Star and Double Star Council awards and the Bishop's Award.

How does this brother Knight contribute to his community? While a health condition did not allow him to serve in the military, he has served

as a volunteer with the Smyrna Rescue Squad for 38 years, responding to all sorts of emergency situations. He was the squad chief for 10 years. He also served as a Judicial Magistrate for Smyrna and Rutherford County, without compensation.

What is his contribution to his parish? He was a founding member of St Luke church in Smyrna. As some know, St. Luke was started in a horse barn. He, with the help of his father and brothers literally shoveled horse manure out of the barn so outdoor carpet could be rolled out and an altar could be erected. Such a humble start to a beautiful new church. He has also served as a Lector, Eucharistic minister, choir member and in the early years the grounds keeper.

His Grand Knight says: "He has been an asset to the Knights of Columbus for 42 years, giving generously of his time, talents, and treasure to inspire his brother Knights, his parish family and his community. And he does it all with a smile on his face."





TN Family of the Year



TN Knight of the Year

Activity of the Year Awards

Church Activity Award

Holy family Church, Lafayette

Council #15834

John Boxold, GK

Family Activity Award

St. Jude, Chattanooga

Council #8576

Paul Jette, GK

Community Activity Award

Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville

Council #544

David Johnson, GK

Vocations Activity Award

Holy Family, Chattanooga

Council #6099

Craig Bodnar, GK

Council Activity Award

St. Henry, Nashville

Council #12012

Jim Kiser, GK

Youth Activity Award

St. Thomas, Lenoir City

Council #12633

Don Hoyle, GK

Culture of Life Award

Holy Spirit, Memphis

Council #15196

Joshua Bass, GK