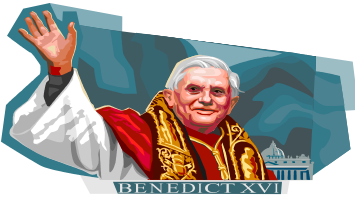


No new councils this month but we're working on it!
We need new members...
We need roundtable...
Please do your best to expand the Order!



Tennessee Knights of Columbus

REPORT FROM STATE DEPUTY ROBERT H. ROUNSEFELL May 2011

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Unless you try to achieve something beyond what you have already mastered,
You will never grow!

Our state goal is Circle of Honor. Each council's goal should be a Star Council. If councils achieve Star then State will be in the Circle of Honor. That's the winner circle – That's where Tennessee belongs!

Councils at 100% or better of Membership Quota

4264 Johnson City	5233 No Memphis	7086 Paris	7764 Paris
9317 Cordova	9754 Camden	9787 Lebanon	14041 Bartlett
14341 Knoxville	14521 Signal Mountain	14902 Sparta	14931 Nashville.

Congratulations to these 'Pathfinders' who are leading the way and setting the example for the rest of the state. Twelve councils out of 84 active ones. Is that the best that we can do? I think not. Get aboard, guys. Now is the time to move Tennessee forward!

Councils that haven't added a single new member this year

645 Knoxville	2246 Lawrenceburg	3175 Oak Ridge	4572 Cleveland
7838 Dyersburg	8241 Dickson	8396 Athens	10622 Clinton
10743 Elizabethton	11074 Lewisburg	14651 Parsons	13167 Centerville

Councils that have yet to submit Officers report (form 185)

10641 Covington

Councils yet to submit report of Service Program Personnel (form 365)

4972 Donelson 9787 Lebanon 10641 Covington 14651 Parsons.

Councils that have not submitted required audit reports

645, Knoxville 9586 Nashville 15020 Vanderbilt 14931 Nashville
10327 Memphis 15178 Franklin (2 reports)

Councils not submitting Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

4572 Cleveland 7838 Dyersburg 8396 Athens

State Family of the Month Awards for March

Memphis councils were the big winners this month, taking three places out of the eighteen submitted. Congratulations and a tip of the Chapeaus goes to:

Tom & Sara Wilkinson from council 4312

Thomas & Margaret Zavodny from council 7170 in Bartlett

Steve & Susan Thomas from council 9317 in Cordova.

We are pleased for the recognition given to them by the Supreme Council. Thank you to the councils that thought enough of them to submit their names!

Highlights From the State Convention by Mike Wills, State Secretary

Bob Rounsefell asked me to share some thoughts with you from the State Convention. They follow:

Tennessee's 108th State Convention was held in Franklin, Tennessee from April 29th to May 1st. This year's convention was the largest in the state's history in terms of attendance! The attendees spent three days renewing old friendships, making new ones and celebrating the work of the Knights of Columbus in Tennessee. State Deputy Bob Rounsefell officiated during the course of the three days and set the pace for an excellent convention.

Two events on Friday, April 29th stand out. The first was the golf tournament, the seminarian Cup, sponsored by General Agent Dan Schachle and his field agents. This year's tournament almost didn't happen due to the fact that our home golf course, Forrest Crossing, was under water on Thursday. Showing outstanding resourcefulness, the Agency was able to relocate the tournament to another course. The Seminarian Cup remains in the Chattanooga area moving from council 8576 (St. Jude) up the mountain to council 14521 (Signal Mountain). Last place honors went to a foursome consisting of John & Polly Park and Mike & Kathy Wills.

Also on Friday, the MR Foundation sponsored the hospitality suite and helped publicize the good work the Knight in Tennessee do to support our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, as well as friends and neighbors with mental handicaps. Many thanks go to John King, Foundation President.

Tom Smith, Senior Vice President of the Order's insurance program, and member of the Board of Directors, was one of the new friends we made this year. Mr. Smith is an excellent speaker. He shared his personal fight against cancer and how his faith (especially a devotion to Father Michael J. McGivney, our founder) helped him get through his illness. The Order is fortunate to have a man of his caliber lead our insurance program and we were fortunate to have him as our guest.

The two highlights from Saturday's activities were the Memorial Mass and the presentation of the awards. Mass was concelebrated by the Most Reverend David R. Choby, Bishop of Nashville, Reverend Stephen Kenny, State Chaplain and Reverend Gilbert Diaz.

The following councils were recipients of the Bishops Award;

Council 1101 Jackson	Council 4563 Murfreesboro
Council 6321 Millington	Council 7086 Paris
Council 7449 Germantown	Council 8152 Crossville
Council 9317 Cordova	

The State Activity of the Year Awards were presented to the following;

Charity	Council 14251 Signal Mountain
Church	Council 645 Knoxville
Community Council	Council 631 Millington
Council	Council 8241 Dickson
Family	Council 6645 Cookeville
Pro-Life	Council 9317 Cordova
Vocations	Council 7449 Germantown
Youth	Council 1101 Jackson

By the way, there is a picture in the May 2011 issue of *Columbia* magazine that shows two Tennessee Knights working on Jackson's Youth Project. The picture on the inside back cover of the magazine shows Field Agent Jim Rolleri and Former District Deputy David Dallas repairing bicycles that were given to the children of 100 needy families. (This is the best picture I have seen of David Dallas in some time.)

The Knight of the Year award was presented to Paul Schmidt of Council 645 in Knoxville.

The Family of the Year Award was presented to the Rollie Wicker family of Council 8152 in Crossville.

And, we were all pleased that the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to our State Deputy, Bob Rounsefell, of Council 9317 in Cordova, honoring his nearly sixty years of service to the Order.

One of the positive additions to the State Convention, the brain child of IPSD Mike Porter, was the creation of the Past State Deputy Committee. This committee is designed to honor the Past State Deputies and provide a reservoir of experience for the current State Deputy to tap in to. As a result of the formation of this committee, nine Past State Deputies attended and took an active part in the proceedings. We were especially honored to have

amongst them PSD Bill LaFont from Council 1101 in Jackson, who served as state deputy from 1964 – 1966. Bill, we appreciate you coming.

On Sunday, the delegates elected the following people to serve as state officers for the 2011-2012 fraternal year:

State Deputy	Mike Wills	Council 5207	West Knoxville
State Secretary	John Park	Council 9586	Nashville, St. Edward
State Treasurer	Steve Comm	Council 8354	Antioch
State Advocate	Tracy Staller	Council 12961	Seymour
State Warden	Mike McCusker	Council 9317	Cordova

We left Franklin, Tennessee on Sunday with three thoughts:

- Bob Rounsefell had a good ten months as State Deputy, and what we do during the last two months of his term, especially in membership, are important to Bob having a great year as State Deputy.
- The state of the Knights of Columbus in Tennessee remains strong.
- You do not have to be a good golfer to be a state officer.

Good News for Financial Secretaries

A recent memo from the Supreme Secretary, Emilio B. Moure, should prove to be of interest to financial secretaries throughout the state. In it the Brother Moure states that:

“The awarding of the honorary and honorary life distinctions in council and assemblies has now been automated. The program that determines and awards the distinctions includes the new honorary award in the Fourth Degree. All plastic cards produced by the program will continue to be mailed to council financial secretaries and assembly faithful comptrollers for presentation.

These automatic awards will use years of continuous service since last date of entry to determine recipients. Under these conditions, the financial secretary or faithful comptroller will no longer have to submit a form 100 of form 4. Only when the required years of continuous service have been amassed prior to suspension or withdrawal will a manual submission be necessary.

This new program was designed to lighten the workload of the financial secretary and faithful comptroller and is part of a larger plan to minimize the paper requirements associated with conducting Knights of Columbus business.”

The New Third Degree

That statement is a bit of a misnomer in that while it is essentially quite different- it is not actually new. You will understand this better when you observe it for the first time.

As most of you know, we are piggy backing the third degree with the three respective kickoff meetings across the state. The very first presentation being held at St. Francis of Assisi parish in the family life center, 8151 Chimmneyrock Blvd, Cordova, TN 38016, on 25 June in conjunction with the Memphis Diocese meeting. Time for start will be 15:00 (Note to Mike Wills: That’s when Mickey’s big hand is on the 12, his little one on the three and the sun is up). Contact

man is DGK David Zwissler (901) 831-9902 or Byron Nestler, (901) 230-3055. Please contact one of them, preferably David Zwissler, to let them know how many candidates and observers are coming so they can plan. There will not be a meal after the degrees as in the past but there will be light refreshments.

Anyone wishing to study any of the parts of the new third degree, with an eye towards being certified for it, should contact State Ceremonials Consultant Byron Nestler and provide him with your name, council number, address, email, membership number and the part you wish to study for.

For information regarding times, locations and contact personnel for the other two degrees on July 9th and 23rd, please contact state secretary, aka state deputy elect, Mike Wills.

We would like to see maximum attendance in both candidates and observers for until you are familiar with the new degree you will not be inspired by it and thus will not be able to relate that inspiration to others, especially new candidates. This is a major step forward by the Supreme Council and its board of directors – one that will have a positive impact on the Order for years to come.

You do not want to miss it.

Congratulations to Chattanooga

It has just been announced that the Holy Father has designated Chattanooga's Sts Peter & Paul's church's as Minor Basilica and as such the only one in Tennessee. What an honor!

Save the Dates Mike Wills, State Deputy Elect

June and July are meeting months for the State Council. We have a leadership meeting and three Kick Off meetings. Save the following dates and note the locations.

June Leadership Meeting: State officers, DD's and Program Staff will meet on Saturday, June 18 at St. Stephens Church (Council 9282) in the Nashville area. The meeting will start at 09:30 Central time and will end not later than 2:30 pm (Central.)

Memphis Area Kick Off Meeting: The Memphis Area Kickoff meeting will be on Saturday, June 25th at St. Francis Church (Council 9317) in Cordova, Tennessee.

Nashville Area Kick Off Meeting: The Nashville Area Kickoff meeting will be on Saturday, July 9th at St. Ann's Church (Council 11925) in Nashville, TN.

Knoxville Area Kick Off Meeting:

The Knoxville Area Kick Off Meeting will be on Saturday, July 23rd at Our Lady of Fatima Church (Council 3832) in Alcoa, Tennessee.

The timing of all meetings, agendas and that of the Third Degrees to follow at the end of each meeting will be announced later. Please plan to attend the Kick Off meeting and degree in your respective areas.

A Vocations Prayer

God of all nations, we are grateful for Catholic missionaries who bring the treasure of faith to many lands. May the gospel, which shaped their lives, continue to shape our lives today. Bless every diocese with others to follow in their footsteps. Amen

I am my brother's Keeper

ASPIRE TO INSPIRE BEFORE YOU EXPIRE

Robert H. Rounsefell
State Deputy, Tennessee State Council

NOTE: **Financial Secretary's;** all membership information, form 100's and the ten dollar (\$10) new member fees go to the State Treasurer. This includes semiannual audits
All reports etc marked for the State Deputy go to the State Secretary. Only exception is District Deputy semiannual reports and degree reports.

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