

117th Annual Meeting

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State of Jurisdiction Address

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Worthy State Chaplain and Associate State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, my Brother State Officers, District Deputies, Directors & Chairmen, Brother Knights All:

As your State Deputy, it is my duty and privilege to report to you, the membership, our State of the Indiana Jurisdiction. Consideration of which, consists of the reflection upon the progress during my last (almost) two years serving as your State Deputy. I will attempt to break things down similar to last year, which went pretty well.

Membership:

In terms of membership, when I began, we were coming off a terrific year under IPSD Cunningham with COH type numbers. (Pretty BIG shoes to fill – ok, anyway) So trying to meet or exceed goals set forth by Supreme right off the bat felt like an uphill battle. We began very slowly out of the gate, mounted a bit of a comeback mid-year, and finished fairly decent at around 78% of our Intake Goal bringing in 1,053 New Members. To which I considered that a victory and no small undertaking, as we did that with less District Deputies than previous year and had to recruit some new leadership along that line. Which we did – successfully I might add. We filled 36 out of our 38 District Deputy positions during my 2nd term, and that has not been accomplished in quite some time. So I am VERY proud of that, and proud of our Brothers that stepped up for the jurisdiction. I spoke of, and still talk about the need to be “Consistent” in our approach to Recruitment and Retention. Have a plan, work the plan, and work with your District Deputy as well as your Priest. Do NOT look to just “Flush” members, look for ways to retain, re-engage members. I added an “Addendum” to our State Program guide under “Retention Policy” – hopefully most of you noticed or have read it? I will say, this year has been better than last with losing members to our retention procedures, withdrawals and deaths. But when you look at the overall need to GROW – we need to have a Retention Committee plan at each Council to maintain rosters, as well as maintain the engagement we show our members. Our Indiana jurisdiction average age is declining currently sitting around 59 years of age, but with new catholic men joining our order, we are approximately at 42 years of age!

This year, we are on similar pace we were last year – (and I used to think that Scott did better because of all the sympathy we gave him for his knee surgery, and foot surgery, so I went out and had TWO KNEE surgeries thinking that was IT - WE WILL BE COH this year!! But as you can see, that line of thinking didn't work for me? Maybe I didn't publicize it enough? I'm not sure? But I did make it through – and still kept on pushing.) thus far, we have brought in **883** New Brother Knights! I am asking you all to do something a bit different this year. After Convention, go back to your Councils and Parishes, and work with your Priest to have a Church Drives during each of the remaining months of this fraternal year. During our Diocesan Meetings we held in the months of October 2017 and March/April 2018, these just happened to be Order-Wide Church drive months. Guess what? You all had your best months of the year by doing those! Is there a Pattern? I think so! Not just with the Order-Wide Church drives, but also the Diocesan Meetings to re-inforce the need for the Church Drives! You can also “Welcome Back a Brother Knight” that might be inactive? Find ways to re-engage with your Council members that otherwise might not be active.

We now also have a New Program to help aide us in our recruitment as well with “**Online Membership**”. This is 24x7x365 constant, digital advertising, never sleeping ad to be a Member of the Knights of Columbus! What better tool could we ask for? Those of you who DID NOT make any of the Diocesan Meetings, or maybe talked with someone who did, will be learning more about it in a Workshop session being offered this afternoon. Since its inception here in Indiana, on February 5th, a Monday, through today – we have brought in **29+** New Online Members, who wanted to go directly to a Council, not just remain in the “Cloud” (Division). This is a nice boost, and is aimed to bring in or attract those catholic gentlemen who otherwise might not have been approached or asked before? So let us surpass those numbers from last year! Let us finish STRONG this year, and carry our Consistency over to the next, and the next, etc.. **One Admissions Degree Per Month, Per District!**

I will sum it up this way: We need to continue the Legacy of our Founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and pass the torch to our younger Catholic Gentlemen we invite to our order, and teach them to be our Future Leaders, the way Fr. McGivney would have wanted. This is what WE are about today, to look towards tomorrow and build our future.

Insurance:

We are also showing a **modest** growth in our Insurance program in order to secure the future of those loved one's. We have added **277** Insurance members to our jurisdiction. Our General Agents continue to look for opportunities to serve our Councils, as well as be on the lookout for talent to serve as Field Agents. **PLEASE** engage your Field Agents if you are in need of hitting your Insurance Goals for any Star Council type award – these men can get it done for you!

Council Status:

For the second year in a row, I am **VERY** pleased to announce that all councils are in “Good Standing” with having fully paid per capita assessments. Thanks goes out to our Worthy State Secretary Paul Zielinski, and to you the Membership for your diligence!

New Council Development:

We are pleased to have brought in our very first new Council in over a year and a half to the South Bend area, in **St. Matthias, Council #16945**. This was accomplished by our first year District Deputy Brother Mike Havens! Awesome job Mike!! Members of that Council are our guests this weekend as well – so please welcome them! (Please stand GK)

We have some others – so not to be lost in the shuffle here is a New Council in the makings with St. Barnabas of Indianapolis, our second Burmese Council in the State! Courtesy of your Retention Chairman Scott Crossen. Also in the works is a Council from our long lost District #31 and Phil Perry, another first year District Deputy, along with Fr. Reneer of St. Peter & Paul parish in Petersburg, IN. and Blessed Sacrament from Oakland City, IN. Last but certainly not least, we have yet another first year District Deputy, Rick Burmeister, from District #10 who is working with our Little Flower parish there to form a Council. In ALL (4) should be established prior to the end of the fraternal year! I will look forward to making plans to deliver to each, their Council Charter.

I want to thank each and every Officer involved in the establishment of these Councils, as it is a Committee of Brothers working above and beyond their normal duties to bring these to fruition.

We will be setting ourselves up for future new Council successes as well with focus on engaging our Hispanic communities and getting some involvement from our Supreme Officers to assist us in that endeavor.

We have had **37** Councils receive their “**50% Net**” Checks this past January. We had **(12)** Star Councils this past year, to which you saw us give thanks to their Councils GK earlier this morning, and we have at least **##-##** that are in line to become Star Councils this year!

21 - Have already attained 100% of their Membership Goals

10 - Have already attained 100% of their Insurance Goals

40 - Have attained 50% of their Membership Goals

17 - Have attained 50% of their Insurance Goals

I will reiterate:

PLEASE engage your Field Agents if you are in need of hitting your Insurance Goals for any Star Council type award – these men can get it done for you! They can even help with Membership as well! These men are YOUR ace in the hole with everything.

Programming:

In areas of Programming, we were able to report the following to Supreme:

Total Charitable Giving: (Church, Community, Culture of Life and Youth)

Disbursements: \$625,312 for Calendar year 2017 (an increase of 1.16%)

Culture of Life contributions totaled more than \$10,429 (outside the UltraSound initiative)

Our Ultrasound contributions totaled: \$160,105 (With disbursements totaling \$198,000) towards (6) machines!

Our SHBB Program is still alive and well- with (2) saves now!! (We are open to more donations towards placement of Boxes throughout Indiana now that the laws have been enhanced in our favor a bit.) I’m sure our guest, and founder Monica Kelsey will be a popular young lady this convention! We also have a Brother Knight in Walt Peycha who serves on the SHBB Board of Directors. Please see them during the weekend to get the updates on the program and how you’re Council can help.

Youth Donations totaled more than: \$149,784

SOS program disbursements totaled: \$48,890 (\$525 per Seminarian)

Total Volunteer Hours: (State Council Activities Only) 13,572 Hrs. (an increase of 1.10%)

Gibault: (Our #1 Charity)

We continue to show great support for our Gibault organization, and their staff of caregivers. We continue to assist on all levels of giving in order to assist children and families traumatized by neglect or abuse or shattered home life, where we have now served well over 10,000 children!

I want to breakdown how you all helped during my term as well, because I am just in AWE of what you all do, and from ALL CORNERS of our jurisdiction!

2016 – Knights Appeal totals: \$24,532.00 (For interactive Whiteboards)

2017 – Knights Appeal totals: \$82,447.26 (For New Playground equipment for the kids)

Total Appeals: \$106,979.26

Total Per Capita Giving: \$160,583.74

Total General Donation: \$106,620.00

Combined Total: \$267,203.74

(I want to thank the WONDERFUL staff a Gibault for helping me with getting that information together to share with you as well – as I think it’s important that you know what GOOD you bring to Gibault)

Charities:

This fraternal year, we donated a total of \$252,077 towards Special Olympics/Intellectual Disabled

This fraternal year, we donated a total of \$2,905 to our Veterans

This fraternal year, we donated a total of \$8,132 to Victims of Disasters

Culture Of Life:

I would be remiss if I did not mention our dedication to this program throughout the State, brought to all of our attention in large part through the efforts of one devoted Chairman, that of Michael Velasco. He and I, along with two busloads of Indiana Pilgrims, had the distinct privilege to March with hundreds of thousands of people in D.C. again this past year, in support of lives still lost to abortion on a daily basis. Our Entire Order continues to place ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers around the nation to help in that fight.

Michael works tirelessly with his efforts, and travels everywhere to raise awareness to our need to pay closer attention to the Victims, our Babies. Without his efforts, we would not have all the Ultrasounds we do across our jurisdiction.

But **WE NEED MORE** help to get more machines out there in our Care Centers to aide our Mothers in making those tough decisions to save their child, rather than aborting. I don't know the exact number we Knights have helped to save in Indiana, but would venture to say more than a handful. Coupled with our SHBB program – makes a HUGE statement for our Support of Life here in Indiana!

WE ARE PRO-LIFE!

If you all get a chance, check out the “**Everyday Hero's**” banner on the Supreme Website – for “*A Touchdown for Life*” segment, you might just see a few of those Catholic Gentlemen from a well-known Indiana Catholic University being spotlighted for their efforts in the Pro-Life arena! Just a tidbit – since 1973, they have helped to raise more than \$1.3 MILLION towards Pro-Life and Ultrasounds in our jurisdiction. Steak just never tasted so good!! Kudos to that bunch up there carrying the tradition forward.

My Assessment:

I believe our jurisdiction is a Strong one, we ARE a diverse group of 33,000 “HIGHLY” motivated Catholic Gentlemen, whose work surrounding our Four Pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism is boundless, and our evangelization continues to grow stronger in the name of our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, with our charitable outreach to those in need! We continue to grow with programming and charitable giving. We are more unified in that we are now learning to work across District lines! There are no boundaries for us – we are ALL one Team! We will continue to grow, we will continue to evangelize, and we will continue to be the “**Strong right arm of the Church**”! We shall continue to show our Unity, and our Fraternalism to others, in an effort to attract more good catholic men to our Order and make them better Fathers, Husbands and Knights! Our Council Officers need to continue to be strong in our efforts to look towards the future of our Order, and to grow it in accordance to the vision of our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney's foresight!

Personal:

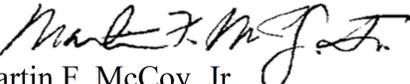
From a more personal note, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, and know that each one of your State Officers are working tremendously hard to keep the Indiana jurisdiction out in the forefront for our Order and our way of Life. Thank you for what YOU do for our jurisdiction and our Order!

I want to thank GOD for the given opportunity to serve you all as well. I have come a very long way from being a Council and Assembly Officer to a State Youth Director, State Program Director, to now a State Deputy. I have met so many people from many places here in Indiana and nationally as well as internationally, who are now friends for life! It's truly an amazing journey for one to become a State Officer and to be able to state "I am the State Deputy for the Indiana jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus". I have bragged about you all wherever I go, and Supreme is well aware of the GOOD we do for our Order here in Indiana. I have grown in my Faith and as a Catholic Gentleman, as well as a Brother Knight. Each one of us was called in our own way when we became Knights, and each of us contributes in our own way, but we share commonality in that each of us are Brothers in arms with our mission and our way of Life with what we bring to our communities and our Church. We are here to protect our families, we are here to provide help to the marginalized, and we look to the periphery to help those that others may have forgotten. Moreover, we are FOREVER in Solidarity with our Bishops and our Priests! We are, Knights of Columbus!

I will continue to Pray for our Indiana Brother Knights, that they continue to serve GOD's will, our Mother Mary's will, and the will of the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney throughout our jurisdiction.

Four Pillars, One Mission, the Indiana Knights!

Vivat Jesus,


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