



Knights of Columbus

West Virginia State Council

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Brother Knights,

I am privileged to welcome you to Clarksburg WV and the 122nd West Virginia Knights of Columbus State Convention. It is another successful year, as we keep our priorities in order, faith, family and our work with the K of C. Looking back at the Fraternal year, we had another great year, serving our parishes, our communities and assisting our Catholic Charity. I would like to thank each Council and Brother Knight for their timeless Service. I would also like to thank all of your families for allowing our Brother Knights to devote time to the WV- K of C events. Councils from all over the State completed unique projects from serving migrant workers to those impacted by disasters and the war in Ukraine. We set records in the State in our Coats for Kids, Box of Joy and our Food Packing program with Cross Catholic. We Packed the One Millionth Meal, this year, which was quite an event. CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU for your Service.

We started the year with a challenge of growing our order and committing ourselves to our faith, family, and our programs of Charity through our "Faith in Action". This year's theme that we are a Eucharistic Brotherhood, to grow in our Faith. We have had Holy Hours, led by our State Chaplain Father Rice, before all three meetings this year and I intend to continue this practice for all of our meetings in the Future. The Holy Rosary has been prayed many times and especially on Sunday nights with our State K of C Council virtual Rosary Program. We also have close to 10 Councils participating in "COR" and held one at the Mid-Year Meeting. Our State Council promotes the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

PRAY-LEARN-ENJOY

This is our focus on this year's Convention. There will be plenty of time for Prayer at our Holy hour, Rosaries and Mass. Do not forget Confessions on Saturday Night or at your own convenience. Remember our Sacraments with highest regard. We will be having some learning events throughout the Convention. Last but not least please ENJOY yourself. This is a time to see all your Brothers and share with them your experiences from the last Fraternal Year.

We are also Challenged to "Grow the Order" in each Council across the state of West Virginia. We have met this challenge but came up short on our Goal. We continue to work hard on this. We have 3 Membership Directors now, so you have a director close to your area. This has helped.

I have been Honored to serve as your State Deputy for the past year. It is full of fond memories of all you Brother Knights working to better your State and Communities in Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism. I look forward to next year and hope you are also.

We hope you enjoy the State Convention, renew Brotherhood, and ENJOY!! Vivat Jesu!

Peace be with You,
Michael F. Stanger
WV State Deputy

"Know Them By Their Works"