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Welcome, Bishop David J. Bonnar! The 6th Bishop of Youngstown

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has answered all of our prayers by blessing us with our new **Bishop, David J. Bonnar**, to guide our clergy, religious, and most of all, the parishioners who make up the Diocese of Youngstown.



After reading this week's Special Edition (Jan. 29, 2021) of the Catholic Exponent that was dedicated entirely to Bishop David J. Bonnar, I am quite excited to have him as our new Bishop. After having Bishop Murry, who was so approachable, down to earth, and pro Knights of Columbus, here in Youngstown for 13 years, we were all concerned about what the new Bishop would be like.

From what I have read about Bishop Bonnar in the Exponent, he is just as kind, approachable, charismatic, kind hearted, enjoys being with people, a great communicator, and spiritual leader. Being from the South Hills area outside Pittsburgh, he is already quite familiar with our area and already one of us. He has also gone through the "Rustbelt" demise, the shift in population and demographics in our area, parish closures and consolidations, and familiar with strong ethnic parishes and communities. As a youth, he spent time during the summer with his family at his uncle's in Lake Milton. His uncle owned several rides and concession stands at the old Craig Beach Amusement Park. After he was ordained in 1988, his first assignment was Parochial Vicar at St. Vitus Parish in New Castle, PA., just across the state line from us, and had many various opportunities to come into Youngstown.

In my welcoming letter to Bishop Bonnar, I stressed to him that the Knights of Columbus members in the Youngstown Diocese, as well as those throughout the State of Ohio, remain committed to him through the 4 principals of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I also pointed out to him that

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Presidents' Day
February 15th

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in the Youngstown Diocese our councils remain steadfast in promoting the sanctity of human life, especially through our Ultrasound Initiative program. I mentioned that we always strive to exist in solidarity with our priests and are very committed to promoting vocations within the diocese through our “Support our Seminarians” program. Finally, I told him that we also remain strong in our belief that raising our children with a strong Catholic religious background is of the utmost importance. I reinforced that statement by mentioning how the councils in the Youngstown Diocese have stepped up with outstanding support of our “Matching Funds” program which benefits our diocesan Religious Education department. These are all areas that you and I, as Knights of Columbus, can be, and are quite proud of.

Although I am not aware of Bishop Bonnar’s status and familiarity with the Knights of Columbus, I can assure you that he will know all about us in a short while. In my letter to him I told him that, “we, the Knights of Columbus in the Youngstown Diocese, remain committed to him and the Diocese. Wherever and whenever he has need of our services, we will do whatever we are able to do, to help him”.

I closed my letter to our new Bishop by stating: “One of the unfortunate facts of life is that people eventually leave our lives. The Youngstown Diocese had the misfortune of experiencing that last year after the passing of our beloved Bishop Murry. But God in his infinite wisdom eases the pain and emptiness of our loss by also bringing people into our lives every day. Bishop Bonnar, we prayed for you before you arrived, and we continue to pray for you each and every day. We thank God for bringing you into our lives, and we pray that your time here in Youngstown is long and fruitful”.

As We Continue to Build Up His Church

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer

2021 Ohio State Council Virtual Convention

Many of you have already been asking about this year’s State Convention. With the risk of gathering six hundred Knights and family members together being too great to take, it has been decided to once again do a “virtual” State Convention. The state officers decided that the safety of everyone is of the highest priority and cancelled the hotel and Northern Kentucky Convention Center for that weekend.

We will still conduct the **Super Cash Bonanza** drawing that same weekend, **May, 22nd**. It will also be conducted online. More information regarding the State Convention and the SCB drawing will be sent out as plans are finalized for that weekend.

This is also an Election Year. It’s hard to believe two years have gone by already, and it’s time to elect a new State Warden. Two brother Knights from the Columbus Diocese have tossed their hats in the ring: **Brett Gissel** and **Chris Sarka**. Normally they would visit us in Youngstown for a “meet the candidates” forum after our SCB ticket Roadshow meeting, but obviously we won’t be holding a forum on that date. I will talk to the candidates and possibly work this out so that we can at least hold a virtual forum sometime in March or April, so that you can get to know more about these two candidates. A system for online voting is already in place for your council’s virtual State Convention delegates to vote for one of these two State Warden candidates. More information will follow.

Resolutions for the 2021 State Convention **MUST** be submitted 30 days prior to the State Convention. This means that it must be received by the State Secretary by April 21, 2021, in order to be considered. Resolutions for Bylaw Amendments must be submitted 60 days in advance of the State Convention. This means that they **MUST** be received by the State Secretary by March 22, 2021, in order to be considered. More information will be forthcoming on the State website.

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer



“A Million Dollars for Charity”



Due to the current pandemic restrictions, there will be **NO roadshow** presentation like we have done in past years. Information that is typically presented at these “Roadshow” SCB ticket meetings such as past SCB campaign results, top councils in sales, rebate information, Ohio Charity Foundation donations, suggested council ticket campaign activities, etc. will be presented through regular Super Cash Bonanza email blasts throughout this year’s campaign.

At least One (1) representative will still be required from the council to pick-up tickets in order to receive the additional rebates instead of the traditional two (2) members. The 2-member requirement has been waived for this year due to the pandemic. The member who picks up your council’s tickets will still be required to sign the TICKET DISTRIBUTION attendance sheet in order for your council to qualify for the additional Super Cash rebates. Remember, as in past years, a Council Attendee may not be a State Director, State Staff, or District Deputy unless they are a campaign chairman.

Councils will also be receiving their 2021 Super Cash Bonanza campaign posters and packets with informational materials at these TICKET DISTRIBUTION sites. Since there is NO Roadshow presentation, there will be no need for your council representative to stay. He can just pick up your council tickets and materials and leave. The TICKET DISTRIBUTION will last at least 1 hour, so a council representative can show up at any time between the posted start & finish time to obtain your council’s tickets and materials. This should help us to keep our distancing and keep everyone safe.

The Super Cash ticket drawing will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 as planned. Unlike last year it will not be delayed. So, get started right away and sell those tickets. Now is the time to finalize partnering plans with any groups/organizations that are helping your council sell tickets. Councils should definitely plan on mailing tickets to all members. Ask them to buy and sell the tickets that they receive from you. If your council is not planning to sell tickets this year, please let me know.

If your council representative is not able to attend the particular location listed below on that day and time, please contact me and give me the location that he will be attending so that arrangements can be made to have your council’s tickets and materials at that new location.

The Youngstown Diocese Charities Ticket Distribution will be as follows:

Thursday, February 18

Districts: 77 & 78 - 8:30 p.m.

After the Columbiana County Chapter Meeting

St. Paul Parish Center
935 E. State St.
Salem, OH 44460

I am asking the District Deputies **77 & 78 to be present at The Columbiana County Chapter Meeting – Salem, and pick up tickets for the councils in your district that did not show up for the Chapter meeting to pick up their tickets.*

Saturday, February 20

Districts: 72, 79, 80, 81, 82, & 83 - from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

St. Anne’s Parish Hall
4310 Kirk Rd.
Austintown, OH 44511

I am asking the District Deputies **72, 79, 80, 81, 82, & 83 to come to St. Anne’s – Austintown at 11:00 AM to pick up tickets for the councils in your district that did not show up for their tickets.*

Districts: 73, 74, 75, & 76 - from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

North Canton Council #3777
IBEW Hall (St. Paul’s)
111 S Main St.
North Canton, OH 44720

I am asking the District Deputies **73, 74, 75, & 76 to come to the North Canton Council #3777 - IBEW Hall (St. Paul’s) in North Canton at 3:00 PM to pick up tickets for the councils in your district that did not show up for their tickets.*

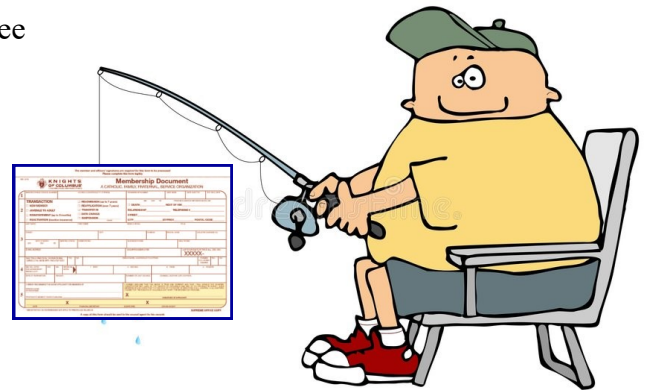
This is How We Do It

E-members

Maybe you've seen this before, if your council has been on the receiving end of a new e-member. Keep in mind, the free membership incentive (McGivney 2020) from Supreme Council remains in effect through the end of the fraternal year (June 30th). With any new e-member, we're strongly urging all councils to finish the job and bring them into your council. Below is the recommended process to make these new members your own.

COUNCIL PROCESS

- Council Admission Committee contacts the e-member and welcomes him to the Order.
- Interview the e-member utilizing the Admission Committee Inquiries Guide ([Form 390](#))
- Complete Admission Committee Report ([Form 283](#)).
- Council Admission Committee recommendation to council officers.



IF FOUND FAVORABLE

- Council ballots (live or virtually) to accept e-member.
- GK, FS or Membership Director sends online registration link to e-member.
- Registration Link for State Online Exemplification (<https://www.kofcoho.org/exemplification-registration/>) or Supreme On-Demand Resources ([Ceremonial Resources | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)) You will be required to login to Supreme before accessing the Ceremonial page.
- E-Member registers and attends Exemplification on assigned date and time.
- Upon completion of the Exemplification, a confirmation email is sent to the GK, FS and/or CMD from State Warden or Supreme Council.
- Complete the Form 100 received from State Online Membership Director and submit to form100@kofcoho.org OR login to Officers Online and complete the Prospect tab.
- Present new member with rosary and emblem of the Order pin at next available opportunity.

IF FOUND UNFAVORABLE

- Financial Secretary or Grand Knight login to Officers Online
- Go to the Prospect tab.
- Select **REJECTION** and select the reason why.
- Send email to State Online Membership Director, District Deputy and State Officer.
- If the reason is incompatible or if the e-member would like a different council, State Online Membership Director will update and forward back to DMD to start the process over again with the new council.

Phil Salasek - DMD, Youngstown

Take Advantage of McGivney 2020

As a way to honor the beatification of our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Supreme Council rolled out the McGivney 2020 free online membership incentive over 6 months ago. This has been a bonus to councils and new members alike. Face it, it's been pretty hard to recruit at Masses, because attendance has dropped off during the pandemic, and our usual social gatherings have become almost non-existent. But, you have a phone, and you have friends, fellow parishioners, and relatives that might just be ripe for the picking. So, **the free membership for new online members, using the code MCGIVNEY2020 has been extended to the end of the fraternal year, June 30th.**

MARDI GRAS 400 BEADS & BUCKS
JANUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 17

\$50 PER NEW MEMBER WHEN WE REACH 400 NEW MEMBERS BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY*

1 COLORED BEAD = 4 NEW MEMBERS WEEKLY UPDATES

Laissez le bon temps rouler

*\$20 PER MEMBER IF WE DON'T REACH 400 NEW MEMBERS

In addition, any new member would at least get your council \$20 with State Council's Mardi Gras 400 incentive, and, should the state bring in 400+ during this campaign, that amount goes up to \$50 per new member.

It works out great for everyone - but you've got to act fast, since this promotion ends on Feb. 16th.

Your new members get free dues via online membership (kofc.org or kofcoho.org). Bring them in by online degree (see the schedule below) or by live degree. Should you need help with the process, give me a call, text, or email. We're all here to help.

Phil Salasek - DMD, Youngstown

Close the Deal with Online Degrees

State Online Degree Schedule - 2/13 - 3/17

Our online degrees serve two very simple purposes. They enable your candidates to become council members in a safe way, and also offer current members wishing to advance to the third degree the same opportunity. Although your e-members are noted as transfers into your council, they are new members and count toward your quota.

Please invite your e-members and others candidates to visit the link below to register to attend any of the upcoming online degrees over the next 5 weeks, held every Wednesday at 7 and every Saturday morning at 9. Online degrees typically take between 25 and 35 minutes to complete. Our State Warden, Jim Maslach, then contacts your council's Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, so they can update your member's record.

Below is the state's online exemplification schedule and registration link for the next 5 weeks, including the diocesan team assigned to host.

<https://kofcoho.org/exemplification-registration/>

2/13/2021	9:00AM	Cleveland		3/3/2021	7:00 PM	Cleveland
2/17/2021	7:00PM	Steubenville		3/6/2021	9:00AM	Steubenville
2/20/2021	9:00AM	Cincinnati		3/10/2021	7:00PM	Cincinnati
2/24/2021	7:00 PM	Youngstown		3/13/2021	9:00 AM	Youngstown
2/27/2021	9:00AM	Columbus		3/17/2021	7:00PM	Columbus

Phil Salasek - DMD, Youngstown

The Right Tool For the Right Job

As officers of the council, the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary are tasked with leading their members to success and growth. In order to complete this task, we must use all the available tools in our tool belt. I am talking about the Ohio State Council Website. It can be found at <https://kofcoho.org>.



I strongly urge all officers to bookmark the site to enable the council to succeed and grow. It was redesigned under the administration of State Deputy Bob Byers to work for you and for your council's success.

Program forms and info are found under the **Program** tab. Many times I have been asked "Where is the Measure Up form?" and "Who do I send it to?" Look on the website under Programs, click on Measure Up, scroll down, and the program is explained. All the forms to run a successful campaign are found listed for you, including the address of the State Officer in charge of the program.

Another important feature is the **Forms & Emails** tab. Listed within are every form a council and District Deputy will need to run a council. All the "Hot" email addresses to submit forms to the State Council and Supreme are listed. Program information and resources are listed.

Check out the **Pubs & Resources** tab. Found here are the current State Program guide and the District Deputy manual for your review, when questions arise. Supreme manuals and guidelines are listed along with links to the 4th Degree and Supreme websites. Check out the latest newsletter and publications for info on running your council programs and what is happening elsewhere in the Knights.

Under the **Members** tab many different things can be found. Reports can be filed for the State Program and the Summary of each council's Program is featured for you to keep track of your council's progress. Links to the Diocesan pages can be found here, along with contact info for the teams for each Diocese.

A new feature recently announced and offered by Supreme is a **Training Opportunity** tab for men to get more info on how to succeed in their positions.

I could go on and on talking about this feature and talking about that tab, but I won't. I want you to check out this valuable tool and use it. This is the best hammer in your tool belt, and it is waiting to be put to work to build up your council and the Order.

Chris Dodson, DDC, Youngstown

Free Throw Contests Cancelled

After consulting with State Treasurer Jeff Kiliany, we have decided to cancel the Free Throw Contests this year on the District and Regional levels and strongly urge all councils to follow suit on the local level. We feel at this time, there are too many health and safety issues for councils to be conducting the contest. This is a regrettable decision, but a prudent one that must be made for the good of all.



Chris Dodson, DDC, Youngstown

Buckeye Blast

Grand Knights and District Deputies should have received the latest printed issue of the Buckeye Blast through the US Mail. This issue contains loads of information with articles from our State Officers, Directors, and program chairmen.

If you did not receive your copy, let me know so that we can get you on the mailing list. This publication is issued quarterly. A digital PDF version is available on the state website that can be downloaded and forwarded to the every member of your council.



Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer

State Family Director - Mike Jordon

As I mentioned last month about the Nominations for of the Year recipients from your councils, **now is the time to gather and assimilate all the information to send to the Directors. What are Directors looking for? You ask.**

The Directors are looking for letters from families, Pastors, Civic Leaders, all those who can back up and support your nominee. Directors need more than the nomination form from the website. We all want you to make our jobs hard by sending as much information as you can.

Brothers you cannot wait to be doing this. Now is the time. As you get this the Month of February will be 5 or 6 days old and April 1st will only be 7 weeks away. It seems like a long time, but it will and does go by quickly. For Family of the Year, if your council was doing family of the month, then nominating and gathering information will be easy.

I know that during this pandemic it is hard to come up with nominations, but you must reach out to your Pastors and Chaplains as well as others in your council and community. Let's flood the mailboxes of the Directors.

All nominations need to be to the Directors on or before April 1, 2021. Do not wait until a few days ahead to do this. Now, brothers, is the time.

Councils need the time to nominate a Family, Youth, Religious/Chaplain or Knight.

Mike Jordon - State Family Director



FAITH

COMMUNITY

FAMILY

LIFE

Report of Fraternal Activity

Your Supreme Report of Fraternal Activity (Supreme Form 1728) was due January 31. This form must be completed by every council. If your council has already submitted it, thank you. If not, please do so as soon as possible. It is very important to our order & helps to keep us in compliance with Federal Tax Laws. I have attached this form as well as an individual form Form 1728a that your members can fill in as individuals and submit them to the GK to compile into your council's Form 1728. An instruction page is included with the council form 1728 attachment. This can be downloaded from the State Website & is also available in electronic format at kofc.org/forms.

When completed, scan or take a picture and submit it to the Council Level Hot Email Addresses: Form1728@kofcoho.org

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer

Semi-Annual Council Audits due Feb. 15.

Your council's semi-annual audit (**form 1295**) is due Feb. 15th. Like clockwork, this form comes due twice a year, and hopefully your financial secretary and treasurer have their books ready to present to your council trustees and Grand Knight for the audit.



Keeping accurate financial records is very important for your council's membership, as it is money that has to be accounted for, both that coming in and that going out, especially for organizations like ours, which are 501(c8) fraternal beneficiary societies.

If you're behind in reporting this, get it in ASAP. Better late than never.

Chris Dodson, DDC, Youngstown

(HOT) Email addresses for forms

Yes, we will continue using these this year.

form100@kofcoho.org (New Member Form 100)

form185@kofcoho.org (Report of Council Officers)

form365@kofcoho.org (Report of Program Personnel)

form1295@kofcoho.org (Council Audit)

form1728@kofcoho.org (Fraternal Survey)

formsp7@kofcoho.org (Columbian Award Application)

Knights of Columbus - Ohio Charity Foundation 2020 – 2021 Youngstown Diocese Scholarship winners:



Kaycie Martinko	Warren John F. Kennedy	grade 11	\$1,000.00
Rylee Schor	Ashtabula St. John School	grade 9	\$1,000.00
Luke Campbell	Youngstown Ursuline	grade 12	\$1,000.00

Congratulations to these 3 outstanding Catholic School students from the Youngstown Diocese. We usually award these students with their checks at the SCB Tour Meeting in February, but since there will be no Roadshow meeting this year, their checks will be mailed to them with our congratulations.

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer

Attention: Grand Knights/Financial Secretaries Ordering Materials via Supplies Online/Knights Gear



As of Feb. 1, Knights Gear and Supplies Online will **no longer** provide the ability for State Councils, District Masters, local council or assembly leaders to **chargeback orders to their account** at the Supreme Council. Purchases will require the use of a credit/debit card.

Councils have been given permission by Supreme Council to acquire council credit cards, something that this action may cause councils to now consider. Please be sure to set up your council credit cards with purchase limits and please do not do like the federal government and spend way more money with your card than your council has the ability to pay back. It is especially important that use of the credit card be limited for your council's financial protection.

Is Your Council On Board?

In December, Supreme Council rolled out revisions for conducting council meetings aimed at making them more streamlined and efficient. Has your council begun implementing these changes? Perhaps you need a refresher on the changes. Copy and paste the address below into your browser to access the new guidelines.

Your District Deputies can assist you in updating how your council meetings are conducted.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/be380e1f601/77adccee-c1de-47a6-8c5d-13ae18d35837.pdf>



State Warden Election - May 2021

This year is an election year for State Warden. The election will take place at the 2021 State Convention at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY. There will be candidates from the Columbus Diocese running for State Warden.

We normally hold the candidate forum at the roadshow, but that will not happen this year. I will be looking into setting up a day and time for the candidates to come to our Diocese and hold a forum with us, or, in the event COVID-19 protocols prevent meeting in person, we will likely arrange for an online forum. More info. is coming by email or future newsletters.

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer



Measure Up Rulers and Stickers

The dates for this year's 2021 Campaign are the weekends of April 22-24, and April 29, 30 and May 1 with the final turn-in being August 1, 2021. Of course, your council can also do other Measure Up fundraising activities anytime. The booklet and forms are all available on the state website.

Need Gimme-5 stickers? If so, there are two (2) ways that you can get them. First, visit kofcoho.org and go under PROGRAMS > Measure Up. Scroll down and there is a file that you can download and print out your own 1/2" circle stickers, when you have the appropriate Avery label stock. Second, you can contact Jim Maslach, and he will send them out to your mailing address via USPS. Either way is good.

If you are in need of rulers, please let Jim Maslach know. With the COVID restrictions, special care for the distribution of the rulers will need to take place. If there are any questions, contact State Warden, Jim Maslach (440-785-9838) or kofcjk@gmail.com.

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer



Our contributions are essential to our Diocesan Vocations offices to give our current seminarians crucial financial support and assist offices in recruiting and discernment efforts! We know that these are challenging times to raise funds and that we need to comply with the many restrictions we currently face in our parishes, but please be persistent! Be creative! Come up with inventive ways to support and create awareness for this program! Even with the difficulties that we all faced last year (2020), councils in the Youngstown Diocese were still able to raise over \$18,000 for our diocesan seminarian program! This was the highest amount ever collected by K of C councils in the Youngstown Diocese. Hopefully we can match, or even exceed that amount again this year with support from more councils.

The form and instructions can be found our State website: kofcoho.org Click on Forms & Emails, then scroll down to "Support Our Seminarians" and click on Turn-In Form link for a PDF with all the information. You can even order "Jug L a b e l s" from PSD Kevin Miller. Just email Kevin at: km8007@att.net with your name, address, council number and how may labels you need.

Final Turn-in is April 25th

Remember, the total collected in the Youngstown Diocese is presented to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Father Scott Kopp, in July at the State Tour meeting (Covid not withstanding).

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer



Knights of
Columbus®

Inspired Leadership - Part V

Supreme Knights of the Knights of Columbus 1882 to the Present

by Joe Mackos

There have been 13 Supreme Knights. In this continuing segment, here are the next two. Here is a short bio of the 10th Supreme Knight. Please check back monthly for the rest of the 13 Supreme Knights.



Luke E Hart - The Tenth Supreme Knight - 1953-1945

Luke E. Hart was the most thoroughly prepared man ever to hold the highest office in the Order. He became a Knight in 1908, and no other officer had ever matched his length of service or his breadth of experience. Hart served as a supreme officer for nearly 42 years, first as supreme advocate, then as Supreme Knight. He launched the Catholic Advertising Program to “correct false notions about our faith”, and coordinated funding for the microfilming of more than 40,000 Vatican Library documents, making them available to scholars outside the Vatican for the first time. These are housed at St. Louis University.

The most dramatic of the Order’s lease-back investment was its purchase of the property on which Yankee Stadium once stood.

He monetized the insurance, governance and investment structures, and



established a \$1 million dollar trust fund for education of children of members who died in World War II. The Knights’ Tower at the National Shrine was a project originated in 1957. The largest bell in the Knights’ Tower was named after Mary, while the second largest was named the Christopher bell in tribute to the saint, the Order’s patron, and the Knights. Through the efforts of Hart, the pledge of allegiance was amended to include the words “**under God**” and on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into law. On

October 11, 1961, Hart visited President Kennedy at the White House and informed him that he was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus donated and installed the pipe organ that is in the chapel at Camp David. Hart modernized the business operations of the Order as membership increased to more than 1 million and insurance in force surpassed \$1 billion. He successfully lobbied for the election of Supreme Officers by the board of directors rather than by the general convention. He was the first supreme knight to move to New Haven and actually resided in the headquarters building until his death in 1964.