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As We Begin a New Era With a New Supreme Knight

We are starting a new era in the Knights of Columbus with a new Supreme Knight.

We should thank Carl Anderson for his many years of service. His term as Supreme Knight ended February 28th. He lived the mission of the Knights and took us to new levels in this new millennium. For the past 2 decades, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson continued Blessed Father McGivney's vision through his many initiatives that we as Knights carried out all over this nation and all over the world.



Patrick Kelly began his tenure as Supreme Knight on March 1st. He is the 14th Supreme Knight to lead the Order in its mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. New Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has been with the Knights of Columbus for over 20 years. He was the Deputy Supreme Knight and did an outstanding job in that position. You can watch his Address to Members in the latest edition of Knightline, or on the Supreme website.

As we come out of this terrible pandemic, it is a great time to renew our commitment to our Catholic ideals and values as Knights of Columbus. As council leaders, we need to develop ways and activities that will help our councils to grow even stronger than they ever were.

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer



Support Our Seminarians

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.



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 will 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

2021 Ohio State Council Virtual Convention - Update

With the cooperation and help of Supreme Council, currently we are planning a VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION May 21 &22, 2021. There will be more information coming out on the Ohio State Council website (kofcoho.org).

At this time, this First Call Mailing notification will be the ONLY hard copy mailing sent out to current leaders of record (GKs, etc.) regarding the 2021 state convention. I/we am/are now asking you to check email accounts and the website on a weekly basis for updates to this First Call Notification.

This is also an election year for the office of State Warden. We have 2 candidates from the Columbus Diocese running for State Warden this year. We are in the process of arranging a virtual candidate’s forum to help you in making your choice of voting for one of these brother knights.



Also, as in past years, I will need several Grand Knights to volunteer to serve on various committees to allow us to conduct the business part of the convention. These various committee meetings will also be virtual meetings that will be held prior to the actual virtual convention. Pleas call me if you are willing to serve on a committee.

The 2021 Super Cash Bonanza drawing is expected to take place during the virtual convention. I’m not sure of the day and time that the drawing will take place yet. When the State Convention plans are finalized, I will make that announcement. State Officers and Ohio Charity Foundation members and wives will be present in order to make up a virtual audience to certify the drawing. However, this also means that the ticket turn-ins are even more important with no “last-minute convention turn-ins.”

Please continue to sell the tickets as before, keeping in mind that the tickets need to reach State Treasurer Jeff Kiliany by May 14. I need to have your tickets in advance of the virtual convention date so that the ticket stubs can be processed and ready for the drawing, Please remember also that the 2021 Super Cash Bonanza is a major fundraiser for your local, diocesan, and state council charities.

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer

Help me sell a Million Dollars in tickets this year!

Thank You for the great turn-out at all 3 of our Youngstown Diocese Ticket Distribution sites in February!

In order to hit a Million \$ in ticket sales, we will have to sell 200,000 tickets across the State of Ohio. Judging by the turnout at the Ticket meetings, we're definitely off to a great start towards that million dollars in ticket sales. I'm sure that the councils in the Youngstown Diocese will increase their ticket sales over last year.

State Charities Tickets Distributions were held across the state of Ohio the 3rd weekend in February. It's time to get busy & sell, sell, sell. This is a great opportunity for your council to make some serious money for all of your council's favorite charities.

Partnering is a great way for your council to increase the number of tickets that you sell and to increase your number of tickets sold per member. This in turn gives your council more money back in rebates at the end of the year.

Mailing - Most of the councils will be mailing tickets to their membership as well as the many supporters of their local K of C fundraising efforts. *Involve all members* of your council by mailing tickets to everyone and asking them to buy and sell their tickets. Have a ticket team *follow up* and contact those who have not turned in any tickets by a certain date.

Your Financial Secretary can easily print mailing labels for your members through Member Management on the Supreme website.

Social Media: Many councils advertise and promote their council's ticket sales program through their council's website, Facebook page, tweets, and other social media means on the internet. Think about doing your own web promotions.

If you need additional tickets, contact:

Mark Kahanca – Ashtabula County

Mike Jordan – Mahoning & Trumbell County

Chris Dodson – Stark & Portage County

Phil Salasek – Stark County

Jeff Kiliany – Columbiana County

The first turn in is April 15th. The tickets have to be to me by then at:

Jeff Kiliany
State Treasurer
559 Walnut St.
Leetonia, OH 44431



FULL NAME	_____
ADDRESS	_____
CITY	_____
STATE	_____ ZIP _____
PHONE (_____) _____	COUNCIL _____
SELLER _____	

This ticket stub must have a full name and complete address or a full name and a ten (10)-digit phone number.

1st Prize \$49,680
Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

2nd Prize \$18,780
Payable \$313/month for 5 years!

3rd Prize \$12,720
Payable \$212/month for 5 years!

4th Prize..... \$4,000
5th Prize..... \$3,000
6th to 9th Prizes..... \$1,500
10th to 13th Prizes... \$1,250

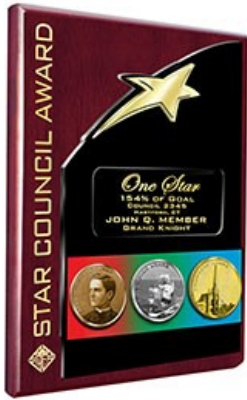
14th to 17th Prizes... \$1,000
18th to 21st Prizes.... \$750
22nd to 25th Prizes \$500

Super Cash Bonanza
2021

OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION

DRAWING DATE
Saturday, May 22, 2021
Northern Kentucky Convention Center
1 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Covington, KY 41011
Donor need not be present.
Ticket Rules on Back.
Donation \$5.00
All proceeds benefit local charities

OVER \$108,000
In Cash Prizes



Report of the State Special Report Chairman

Worthy Knights of the Diocese,

The March Star Council Status Report was just issued and here are some statistics about the councils in our diocese.

There are two councils that have met their Membership Quota. Great job Councils 5589 and 14186! There are three councils who have met their Insurance Quota.

Great job Councils 1569, 1818 and 11369! Don't forget to register and attend the

Tom Hegna Webinar on March 23. Contact your General agent or Field Agent for information.

Supreme reports the following missing forms: Form 365 from 9 councils; Form 1728 Fraternal Survey from 18 councils, and Form 185 from only 1 council. District Deputies: please help your councils get these forms submitted.

The diocese has recruited 62 members as of March 1. 19 councils from our diocese have submitted activity reports for the "We are Many; We are One" State Program Contest. Don't forget your council's Honorees of the Year which are due by April 1 to the state activity directors.

Let's all work for Star Council Award!

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me.

Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Reports Chairman

girtken@sssnet.com

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



Just a reminder that **May 15th** is the deadline for councils to file their 2020 tax returns in order to keep eligible for tax-exempt status. Most councils can simply file the form 990-N e-postcard, because they have receipts under \$50,000 annually. Consult the Supreme website for information. Here is the e-postcard link:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5248.pdf>



Recruiting New Leaders to Succeed



We are rounding the turn and heading into the Home Stretch of the Fraternal Year. We want to finish the year strong doing all the activities that Knights and their Councils do and we need to complete our goals.

We also need to start planning for the upcoming new year which starts on July 1. One of the key items to consider is the choice of Council Officers to lead the council in the new year. The Council need the officers ready to start their duties on Day One in order help it succeed. With that thought in mind, I want to offer a few thoughts on choosing Council Officers.

The Grand Knight should appoint a Recruitment Committee to search for candidates to be officers. The Membership Director and Chancellor would be good choices to be on the committee along with one more non-officer member of the council. Do not make the group too large but small in numbers to help them be successful in their search.

The committee should meet and identify multiple candidates for each position to have a pool of men to recruit to the positions. Just like when a man is recruited to become a Knight, he needs to be asked. The same philosophy should be used when recruiting officers – You need to ask them and be prepared to answer their questions.

Ideally, a council should start a candidate as a Guard or Recorder, especially new members to the Order. This is a good way to get new members involved in the council and how it functions.

Next, the council should recruit to fill the Warden position. This should be the kickoff for that man to “progress thru the chairs”. The best councils lay out a path for a man to start as the Warden, thru the officer positions, and then be elected Grand Knight. Working thru the chairs gives a man the skills and knowledge to succeed as Grand Knight.

Remember that recruiting new officers means asking men to step forward and step up. Councils that recruit in a positive manner achieve a greater degree of success and growth.

Chris Dodson - DDC, Youngstown

Online Degrees Continue as a Safe Option

State Online Degree Schedule - 3/10 - 4/3

Online degrees will continue to be made available at least through the end of March. These give potential members an opportunity to join your councils in a safe way, especially should they be in an at-risk category.

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 4 weeks, held every Wednesday at 7 and every Saturday morning at 9. Online degrees typically take between 25 and 35 minutes to complete. Upon completion of the online degree, our State Warden, Jim Maslach, then contacts your council’s Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, so they can update your new member’s record. Please remember that **online degrees also enable 1st and 2nd Degree members to advance to 3rd Degree** status, which is considered full knighthood.

Below is the state’s online exemplification schedule including the diocesan team assigned to host.

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

3/10/2021	7:00PM	Cincinnati		3/24/2021	7:00 PM	Steubenville
3/13/2021	9:00 AM	Youngstown		3/27/2021	9:00AM	Cincinnati
3/17/2021	7:00PM	Columbus		3/31/2021	7:00PM	Youngstown
3/20/2021	9:00 AM	Cleveland		4/3/2021	9:00AM	Columbus

Honor Those Deserving Individuals/Families

As we begin the month of March, everyone should be busy gathering all the information that the councils need for the “of the Year nominations” (Family, Youth, Chaplain/Religious, Knight) .

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. The time is now, and you should be helping and encouraging your councils to be finishing up their nomination and to get them in on time. Councils only have three weeks left to gather, assemble, and get them mailed to the directors.

All nominations need to be to the Directors on or before April 1, 2021. Do not wait until a few days ahead of time to do this. Now is the time to be finishing and sending. (we all know how the mail has been).

I have started to move forward on the diocesan webpage on the State website. I have added Leetonia’s newsletter and, by the time you get this, Massillon’s newsletter, as well as the February newsletter from the Diocesan Leadership and of course this one will soon be added.

If your councils have newsletters, and if any DD has a newsletter, please send them to me, so I can get them up on the website. If your councils have their own webpage, please send that to me also so we can get the link to them on the webpage.

Soon you will be seeing the calendar on the webpage. This will be full of good information, such as when councils meet, where they meet, and the time that they meet. There will also be an area for flyers of events that councils have, so we all can see and attend.

To Grand Knights and District Deputies: all of this cannot happen without your cooperation. We are not mind readers, so we need you to send the information to me, so I can get it up on the website.

We would like the Youngstown page to be the best page that it can be, but that cannot happen without your cooperation.

Please flood my email with your district information, as well as council information. To our DDs: this is a great job for your District Warden to do. Grand Knights should look to recruit a member to handle getting the information to me. The more we involve our members, the stronger we will be. Remember your Second Degree with the twine and rope. Let us not be the twine, but one of the fibers in a strong council rope.

March 21,2021, is the deadline to get information to me. Come on, brothers, let’s pull together and get our website looking great!

Vivat Jesus,

mtjordan@yahoo.com

330 540 7317

Michael Jordon - State Family Director



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE



Fraternal Benefit Knight #2 - March 23, 2021 at 7:30PM

Brothers,

Is your council looking for another Fraternal Benefit Knight? Well, here you go! See the announcement from our General Agents here in Ohio below. All you need to do is promote and attend the online session within the council and parishes.

How much easier can it be?

I have really great news!! Last October, the Ohio General Agents and your local Field Agents hosted a virtual benefit night across all of Ohio. Many of our Catholic Families received great value and information from our presenter Tom Hegna. Our offices received several requests to have Tom present again. Well Great News!!!! Tom is coming back. We have booked him for March 23rd @ 7:30 PM.

He will be presenting on his much sought-after book, Paychecks and Playchecks. The concepts and strategies from Paychecks and Playchecks have helped countless families secure a safe Guaranteed Paycheck in their retirement years while allowing them to do all the things they planned on in retirement.

In order to attend, click on the Zoom link below to register. A flyer is included below to help you to promote. Please share this email with your members and if possible, place an ad or notice in your church bulletins. Feel free to invite parishioners who do not belong to the Knights. All are welcome. Think about a watch party and please contact your field agent if interested. Knights financially wise are going in a new direction. By the end of this year, the field agents will be able to offer mutual funds to members, and they will be Catholic based products.

The Conklin General Agency, serving councils in both Ohio and Pennsylvania, will be offering a different seminar in April, but at this time we don't have the details. Members who are part of any of the agencies, as well as guests, are welcome to attend either or both seminars. We will provide more information on the April seminar as soon as we get it, and it will appear in next month's newsletter.

Please be sure that attendees understand that they MUST pre-register using the link below.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your General or Field Agent.



**Join our webinar with
Award Winning Author
Tom Hegna where he will
share his scientifically
proven approach that will
enable you to create a
secure retirement no
matter how long you live.**

March 23 @ 7:30 pm



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Additional Training from Supreme Available in March

Directors provide training for council and district leaders, both in person and online. Steve Cohen (PSD, Md) serves our jurisdiction of Ohio.

Presented by Steve Cohen PSD, Regional Training Director

Phone: 203-430-8528 | Email: steve.cohen@kofc.org

COUNCIL EXPERIENCE

Why members join our Order, how to ensure we meet member's needs. All Council Officers, Financial Secretaries, Membership Directors and Online Membership Directors/Chairman or anyone interested.

MARCH 8, 2021 @ 7PM

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2919418189588245007>



YOU ARE YOUR PROGRAMS

As we all know, a council without programs will not succeed. Our council's reputation depends upon our programs. This is what people see. This is what makes us who we are. All Council Officers, Program Directors, Faith-In-Action Directors, or anyone interested.

MARCH 16, 2021 @ 7PM

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/637554429464815887>



NEW COUNCIL MEETING FORMAT

Take a deeper look into the new council meeting format and how it can help you to run smoother and more productive meetings.

MARCH 22, 2021 @ 7PM

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/278110884205404175>



Revised Meeting Agenda - Time to Implement

On December 2, 2020 Supreme announced a revision to the meeting formats for Knights of Columbus meetings. Please review the new format and plan on attending the webinar detailing the revised format on December 17. All Fraternal leaders received notification from Supreme and Ohio State Deputy Bob Byers. I have included the links to the revised Guidelines for Council Meetings and Frequently Asked Questions for your use below, plus the webinar link.

[The Guidelines for Council Meetings \(rs6.net\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(rs6.net\)](#)

[Fraternal Operations: New Guidelines for Council Meetings - 1397883 \(rs6.net\)](#) (Webinar)

Contact the Youngstown Diocesan Team if you need assistance. Chris Dodson - DDC, Youngstown

Form 365 Issues

The Service Personnel Report or Form 365 is needed from several councils. Several of the councils have informed me or their District Deputy that the form was submitted. But, the form can be rejected, and when it is rejected, it is considered as not filed.

First, if they submit a report that is incomplete for the Required Positions. These positions must have a member of the council assigned to them. They are:

- Program Director
- Family Director
- Community Director
- Membership Director
- Retention Director



If no name has been submitted for these positions, it will be rejected.

Second, when the form is submitted, the Youth Compliance status of the following positions will be reviewed. All 4 men must take the training course to receive the certification. The Family and Community Director must pass the background check.

- Grand Knight
- Program Director
- Family Director
- Community Director

All 4 men must be compliant for the Form 365 to be approved. If a man is not compliant, he will receive an email from Supreme with a link instructing him to sign up and take the required course. He has 30 days from the time he receives the email to complete the online course. If he fails to do this, the Grand Knight will be notified and the Form 365 will be rejected.

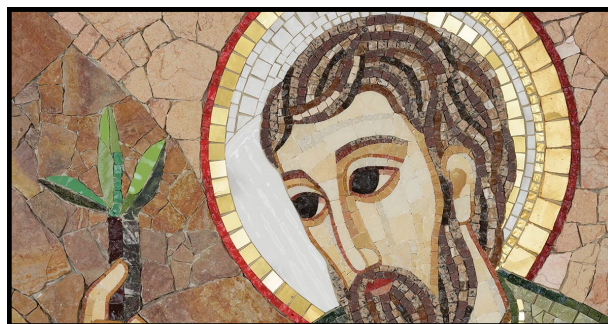
Please understand that each man must take the Supreme Youth Compliance Course. No substitution of Diocesan, government, or Scouting certifications can be accepted.

The District Deputies for each of the councils that need to submit their Form 365 have been notified and will contact the Grand Knight to offer his assistance to complete this task. Please contact me or your District deputy if you have any questions.

Chris Dodson - DDC, Youngstown

The Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has declared this the “Year of St. Joseph”, “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus”, so that “the faithful may daily strengthen their life of faith through the example of [St. Joseph].” Are you planning anything as a council or with your parishes? Supreme Council has come out with some material to help you with any plans.



The link below will enable you to access online materials for this purpose. It includes materials for the consecration to St. Joseph, similar to the Consecration to the Holy Family of a few years ago. It also give supporting materials, such an papal documents on St. Joseph, prayer cards, and additional resources. Take advantage of this helpful material. The Feast of St. Joseph is Friday, March 19th, which makes it difficult to prepare and get the necessary materials, but consider planning for May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/year-st-joseph.html?1tab=1tab0>

At What Better Time?

On the next page of this newsletter you'll see a flyer for recruiting for the season of Lent. Looking at it you'll note the phrase "in your Lenten Journey". How appropriate. Here we are during the season of Lent contemplating how we can become better Christians, better Catholic men. Wouldn't that be the prime time to ask a fellow Catholic gentleman to join our order? This is their opportunity, and with free dues to boot, to join 2 million other Catholic gentlemen in the quest to be a better Catholic man.



I often think about how much time I seem to be spending on K of C business and functions, including this newsletter, and look at how it has kept me moving in the right direction, and with a support group of friends and brother knights that makes it so much easier. It's a choice we've all made, and hopefully a choice that you and your members feel strongly enough about to encourage others to join in and share the ride. We didn't join just to have another organization on a list that we belong to. We joined to make a difference, not just in our churches, but in our communities and families as well. Give that opportunity to another man by asking him to join, be it in person or on the phone.

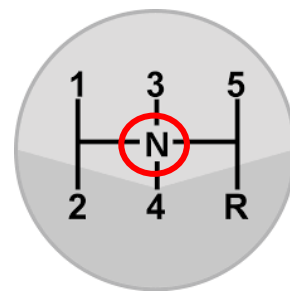
So what's next? Simple - follow the steps below:

- Get a friend, family member, fellow parishioner to join online (**kofc.org**) for free (**McGivney2020**)
- Have them enter your council number when they join. (you will get notified by the State E-Member Director when they have signed up)
- Vote on their application/request to join your council at a meeting or maybe by test or email
Send them the registration link for the online degree (held every Wed. at 7PM and Sat. morning at 9)
<https://kofcoho.org/exemplification-registration/>
- They receive a link by email for the online degree once they've registered.
- They take the online degree
- Your council GK and FS are notified by email, so they can update the new member's degree date on the "Prospect Tab" located under Member Management
- You now have a new member for your council - Welcome them and present the new member with their rosary and lapel pin at your next live meeting.

Stuck in Neutral

Our latest weekly membership report from State Membership Director Stew Vetter has us in last place in the state, though not all that far out of 3rd. That doesn't concern me all that much, but what I'm hoping to see improve is that we haven't had a new member in the diocese in a few weeks. We have brought in 62 new members this year, but have lost 82, and that does not include deaths. I know that the COVID-19 virus has hampered our efforts, but I think we can improve.

To date 39.7% of our councils have brought in at least 1 new member, so I'm hoping that the remaining councils can crack that barrier and bring 1 a member or 2 before the end of the fraternal year. That's at least 31 new members just from non-recruiting councils. Yes, church drives are risky, so try to put a notice in your parish bulletins about the free online membership. We've done a pretty good job of flipping e-members to councils, so getting those online members into our councils is a good place to start. Currently there are 8 e-members who are on our list to contact. We can get them.



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to receive 1st year online dues free.

(Valid until June 30, 2021 - \$30 savings)



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State Warden Candidates' Forum

Youngstown Diocese - Tues., Mar. 16, 2021 - 7:00 PM

As I mentioned earlier in the State Convention update, this is also an election year for the office of State Warden. We have 2 candidates from the Columbus Diocese running for State Warden this year. The 2 candidates running for State Warden are from the Columbus Diocese. They are Brett Gissel, State Faith Director and Chris Sarka, Diocesan Membership Director for the Columbus Diocese. Normally they would visit us in Youngstown for a "meet the candidates" forum after our SCB ticket Roadshow meeting, but obviously we couldn't hold a forum on that date.

Our Youngstown Diocese Forum will be done virtually via the Zoom Meeting platform. The meeting will be facilitated by our Diocesan District Deputy Coordinator, Chris Dodson. The meeting log in information can be found below with Chris's contact info also.

The forum will start out with each candidate talking for 5 minutes about himself. He will give a brief bio and K of C history, talk about his qualifications to be State Warden, and any other information that he feels is important for you to know about himself. I will have several prepared questions that I will ask each of them to answer. Each candidate will be allowed 3 minutes to answer each question. Since this forum will be done online, it will be difficult to maintain an orderly agenda if we let everyone viewing just speak out and ask questions of the candidates. So, I ask you to send me any questions that you would like asked of either or both of the candidates in advance of the forum, (330-853-6099, jktg@yahoo.com), and I will try to work them in. If you think of something that you would like asked or brought up during the forum, please call or text Chris Dodson, (330-284-6904), and he will try to work them into the night's agenda.

A system for online voting is already in place for our virtual State Convention delegates to vote for one of these two State Warden candidates. More information will follow regarding the Convention voting process.

Chris Dodson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Chris's Cell 330-284-6904

Chris's Email cdodson4776@outlook.com

Topic: Meet the Candidates

Time: Mar 16, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83063092930>

Meeting ID: 830 6309 2930

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 830 6309 2930

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83063092930>

Jeff Kiliany - State Treasurer





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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 number 11. Here is a short bio of the 11th Supreme Knight. Please check back monthly for the rest of the 13 Supreme Knights.



John W. McDevitt

The Eleventh Supreme Knight 1964-1977

John W. McDevitt, became the first home-office resident Deputy Supreme Knight in 1961, was elected Supreme Knight on February 22, 1964, after the funeral service for Luke E. Hart. In 1969 the twenty-three-story Knights of Columbus supreme office building in New Haven was completed. McDevitt was called upon to lead the order during the crisis of the 1960's, when every Catholic organization was compelled to justify its existence in light of the Second Vatican Council, when every patriotic organization was confronted with a barrage of radical protest, and every defender of traditional morality was criticized in the light of general permissiveness of the era.

McDevitt helped the Order respond to the Second Vatican Council's call for the renewal of society. McDevitt put the weight of the Knights behind pro-life efforts and aligned the Order in new ways with the Church's evangelizing mission. The Order supported the Vatican by donating the property of St. Peter's Oratory as a site for the new Paul VI papal audience hall and provided a short-wave transmitter for Vatican Radio. In 1975 the Order began to fund television "uplink" transmissions for major worldwide satellite telecasts from the Vatican.

By 1975 the insurance fund had grown to \$3 billion with 85 general agents and 550 field agents serving the members. During McDevitt's term as Supreme Knight, membership grew to 1.25 million members.



Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt was progressive on social-justice issues and announced that the Order would help sponsor the John LaFarge Institute in New York City. The Institute gathered leaders from many fields to discuss social issues including ecumenical and racial matters