

# Youngstown Connection

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**64 Councils Pulling Together**

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## What's in Store?

As we begin this new year of 2022 and the second half of the Fraternal year, one must wonder what the future brings. It is not as bad as this time last year, but we keep wondering if maybe we will go back to last year's quarantines and restrictions. How much longer will this last? What do we need to do to continue to hold on? We are all experiencing lost relatives and friends, especially those who were not vaccinated.



As I talk to Grand Knights, District Deputies, or even council members from around the Diocese, I am hearing that most councils are conducting distanced live meetings with mask wearing and vaccinations encouraged. As we get farther into January and February, don't be surprised if "Zoom" meetings are recommended again until this new Omicron Variant subsides.

I am pleased when I hear about many councils doing prayer services, rosaries and Chaplets. Food drives and food pantry contributions are numerous. Drive-thru events such as Drive by Santa and carry-out only dinners were still happening around the diocese. It is good that we have not just pulled the plug completely and are doing nothing. Be creative and keep plugging away at being as helpful as you possibly can. Councils that are not meeting during this recent COVID spike should be at least trying to hold virtual officer meetings. I know that recruiting new members has been very difficult when you don't have contact with potential members. Just remember, E-Membership works.

We have our Mid-Year District Deputy meeting in Columbus this weekend. Our Youngstown Team and most of our District Deputies will be there. We will get opportunities to discuss some of the problems and successes that our councils are having with meetings, activities, and recruiting new members. I don't know that we will come up with any concrete solutions, but I know that there will be options to consider and bring back to our councils.

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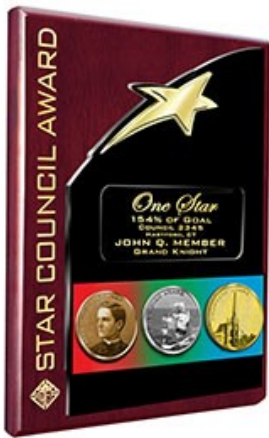
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Our membership numbers throughout the Youngstown Diocese have not been going well. We have just passed the 60 new member mark this year, and less than half of the councils in the Diocese bringing in new members. Usually, we have over 100 by this time so we need to double our new member count. Hopefully, the non-recruiting councils have some new members lined up to bring in soon. Do all that you can to promote the order through e Membership and online degrees held every Wednesday. If your council needs help with conducting a live degree, contact our Diocesan Membership Directors, Chris Dodson or Pete Rich.

Now is a good time follow-up with a personal one-on-one discussion with anyone who showed some interest in joining the Knights when you had your last parish/church membership drive. We need to start getting firm commitments from these potential members and make them a permanent member. It is also time to start planning your next membership drive. Councils who have not yet brought in a new member this year need to get going and bring in at least one or two new members. My challenge was for every council to bring in at least one new member.

Keep on keeping on, stay the course, and, stay safe.

**Jeff Kilian - State Secretary**



## **Report of the State Special Reports Chairman**

Worthy Knights of the Youngstown Diocese,

The January 1 Star Council Report for Ohio was recently distributed. Youngstown Diocese had 53 new members recruited for this fraternal year from 20 councils.

There are still 16 Youngstown councils missing their Form 365 to Supreme. Remember, this form has the email addresses for your Program Director, Family Director and Community Director, which Supreme will forward the website for Safe

Environment training. There are 19 councils who have 4 officers in Safe Environment training or have been approved as compliant.

And there are still 5 councils in our diocese missing the Form 185. Please get your 365's and 185's submitted soon. District Deputies: please contact your grand knights and assist them in submitting these forms.

42 councils in the Youngstown Diocese contributed \$8,378 for the 2021 Matching Funds Campaign. Many of these councils had their donations "Matched" by the Ohio Charity Foundation. Great job!

13 councils in our diocese have submitted a program report for the state program contest so far this fraternal year. Remember you must use the Supreme Report Form 10784 for submitting activities that will be used by the state council. Ask your district deputy for more information.

Participating in two webinars or seminars are required for achieving your Insurance Quota for the Star Council Award. Supreme Council reports that one council in our diocese has been given credit for participating in a Fraternal Benefit Night activity.

If you have any question about the Star Council Report, please email me at the address shown below.

And I am wishing all our members the best for the New Year. Be safe and be healthy!

Vivat Jesus!

**Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Reports Chairman**  
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Blessing of  
unborn children  
and their families

# MASSES FOR LIFE



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2022

**Tue. Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Walsh University, North Canton  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel  
2020 E. Maple St.

**Sun. Jan. 23, 4:00 p.m.**

St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown  
154 W. Wood Street

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**Most Rev. David J. Bonnar**  
**Bishop of Youngstown**

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Each Mass for Life will be followed  
by a Reception including an  
“Expo” of Respect Life Information  
*Donations accepted*



**Eternal Father,  
Source of Life,  
strengthen us with your Holy Spirit  
to receive the abundance of life you  
have promised.**

**Open our hearts to see and desire  
the beauty of your plan for life and love.  
Make our love generous and self-giving  
so that we may be blessed with joy.  
Grant us great trust in your mercy.**

**Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life  
and heal us from the effects of the culture of death.**

**Instill in us and all people reverence for every human life.  
Inspire and protect our efforts on behalf of those most vulnerable  
especially the unborn, the sick and the elderly.**

**We ask this in the Name of Jesus,  
who by His Cross makes all things new.**

**Amen.**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.**



## **New Year - New Opportunities**

Happy New Year to all brother Knights of the Youngstown Diocese. Thank the Lord 2021 is in the review mirror and wishing you all health and prosperity in 2022. Prosperity is not only in our bank accounts, but also in our hearts and souls. The riches we all gain by being active members of our councils is immeasurable. So please ask yourself, **“What can I do to make my council, my community and the world just a little bit better this year?”**. Take those thoughts and make them your new year resolutions. We all have learned many lessons from 2021. I believe the reinforcement of being kind and understanding to all, even if we do not agree, would top my list.



With the new year there are a couple of administrative duties that need to be taken care of. As Grand Knights it is your responsibility, not to do, but to make sure these are completed. Make sure your District Deputies are copied in audits and reports. As for the fun stuff, it is Free Throw Challenge time. Those having competitions should have them planned and ready to go. District Deputies should have scheduled the district competition as well. The Regional (Youngstown Diocese) competition is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> at James A. Garfield High School in Garrettsville (10233 OH Rt 88). The gym will open at 8:30 a.m. As in the past we will be using two gyms, with the girls/boys ages 9-11 in one and those 12-14 in the other starting with the youngest age group and progressing up in each gym. All paperwork needs to be to your District Deputy by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

In closing I would encourage all Grand Knights to review their programs. Your progress may be easily tracked by going to our state website ([kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org)). If you are unsure whether a program meets the criteria, please contact your District Deputy or even the State Program Director of the specific area. They are here to help.

God bless and please stay safe.

**Mark Kahanca - District Deputy Coordinator, Youngstown**

## Matching Funds

We had another outstanding “Matching Funds” effort by most of the councils in the Youngstown Diocese this year! Once again, we had over 40 councils from the Youngstown Diocese participating along with 5 Assemblies and 1 Chapter. The final numbers won’t be available until after the checks are presented to the diocesan Religious Education Directors this weekend at the Mid-Year District Deputy meeting in Columbus. We will beat last year’s total dollars contributed and will end up with the highest “Match” amount in the state since most of our Youngstown councils submitted their contribution early in the year. The end result is that we presented a significant check with the largest amount ever to Barbara Walko, our Youngstown Diocese Director of Religious Education. I can see the great big smile on her face already. A great big **Thank you** to everyone who contributed and helped to make our Diocese,



### **Youngstown Proud!**

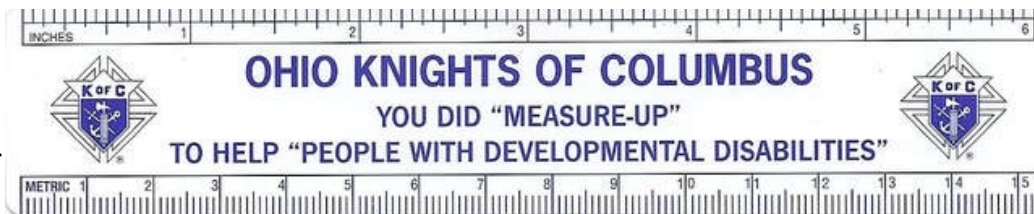
Hopefully, this will continue with our “**Support Our Seminarians**” and **Measure Up programs** as well. I know there are many councils who are taking their ‘Support Our Seminarians’ efforts into their parishes and doing solicitations at the Masses in their parish in addition to their council efforts like passing the jug. This year’s 2022 Measure Up program will begin soon. District Deputies will pick up your Measure Up rulers at the January Midyear DD meeting and will be getting them to you soon, if you requested them.

**Jeff Kiliany - State Secretary**

## Measure Up 2021 results

Thank you to all of our Youngstown Diocese councils who participated in this year’s 2021 Measure Up Campaign. We had 29 Councils participate, raising \$30,655 for Measure Up and those with Developmental Disabilities. We sent checks to 36 different organizations around this area. This amount is again lower than the amount we usually raise, but considering the COVID issues this past year, it is quite good. Although the councils from the Youngstown Diocese did not raise the largest total dollar amount in the state, like our Matching Funds campaign, we had the highest council participation rate in the state. We should all be quite proud of that participation figure.

Congratulations to Father Venglarik Council 11915 from Boardman for having the highest “Gimme Five” total of all Division 2 councils in the state with \$1,200.00 and also the highest “Gimme Five” amount per member amount in Division 2 at \$7.95 per member.



**Jeff Kiliany - State Secretary**

## Fraternal Survey/ Council Audit Due Soon

The Fraternal Survey **Form 1728** is available on our Ohio KofC website. Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights can access this form. When you are finished and you click send, a copy is sent to Supreme and to the state deputy. Or, you can scan your printed document and attach it to an email and submit it to: [form1728@kofcoho.org](mailto:form1728@kofcoho.org)

If you haven’t already, please complete the Form 1728 as soon as possible. It is due January 30.

**Semi Annual Audit** – Your council’s Semi-Annual Audit is due to Supreme Council February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Jeff Kiliany - State Secretary**



# State Charities Campaign - Super Cash Bonanza

## Help Mike sell a \$ Million Dollars \$ in tickets this year

In order to hit a Million \$ in ticket sales, we will have to sell 200,000 tickets across the State of Ohio. 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. 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. Many councils had a very successful SCB ticket campaign in spite of the pandemic because they mailed tickets out to all of their members. Mail tickets to your members and ask them to buy and sell the tickets that they receive from you. If you think your council will need more tickets than last year because of mailing tickets, partnering, or new ticket strategies, let me know so that I can have them ready for you at the ticket distribution in February.



**State Charities Tickets Distribution Meetings** will be held across the state of Ohio the first two weekends in February. Our meeting at the **Youngstown Diocese** will be on **Saturday, February 5th at 10:00 AM at the Randolph St. Joseph Council Hall** which has a Mogadore address. St. Joseph Council 2039 will be hosting the meeting. (We have held several State Tour meetings there - it's next to the St. Joseph Catholic Church.) The address is 2697 Waterloo Rd. Mogadore, OH. 44260 Your council needs to have 2 members present to receive the council attendance rebate.

**Jeff Kiliany - State Secretary**

## Support Our Seminarians

I hope all of you had a blessed Advent and Christmas. Let us all pray that the New Year will be filled with God's love and blessings.

Now it's time to get to work. Our Diocese is going through a severe shortage of priests. The Knights of Columbus can and must help by stepping up and participating in the SOS (Support Our Seminarians) program.

Last year the councils of the Youngstown Diocese only participated at 30 percent. We presented a large check, but only a third of our councils donated. I know we can do much better, and I believe we will.

The money we donate helps our current Seminarians but also helps to recruit new men to the priesthood. So, as you can see, we can make a difference.

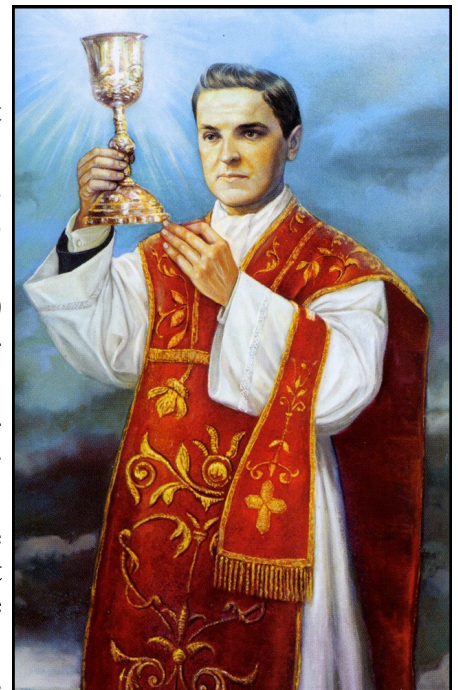
I am asking all Grand Knights and District Deputies to please encourage your councils to donate to the program. If all you can afford is \$50.00, that is fine, but please donate. We want to show the State of Ohio that the Youngstown Diocese cares.

If your council is having trouble coming up with funds for this very worthwhile program, please contact me at **330-327-7223** or email me at **[garym22gl@gmail.com](mailto:garym22gl@gmail.com)**. I will be glad to help you with ideas on how to raise some money. Let's show Ohio that the Youngstown Diocese is 100 percent committed to our churches and priests.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally Yours

**Gary Lamielle - Support Our Seminarians Chairman**



## Membership - East

It is pretty common for Catholic men to have limited knowledge of the Knights of Columbus and less about what being a member entails. Starting with the most basic information of paying dues would be a good start in educating a potential member. This education could be provided in weekly entries in the parish bulletin at a minimum. For example; [As a member of JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON council 1225 serving Christ The King Parish, you become part of 2 million members across the globe supporting \$75 million in annual charitable donations providing ultrasound machines to pregnancy help centers, coats for kids, wheel chairs for those in need and many other programs just by joining and paying your annual dues of \$30. That is it; join, pay your dues doing nothing else. With this minimum membership requirement you get access to top rated insurance/financial products, a monthly subscription to Columbia Magazine highlighting K of C charitable accomplishments, and the potential to do so much more by putting your Faith into Action. Contact Sal U. Onit, our council 1225 membership director, to join or learn more. Look for more info in next week's bulletin.]



Be creative and get your message out there so that when you ask (or hopefully the Catholic man is asking you) a potential member to join, he has some idea of what he is going to be a part of.

Vivat Jesus!

**Pete Rich - Diocesan Membership Director (East), Youngstown**

## Church Bulletin Announcements - Part II

Last month I wrote about bulletin announcements in your individual Parishes. The reason I am pushing this concept is that it is another form of asking a man to join the Knights of Columbus. Men need to be asked, and this is one form of posing the invitation to the man and his family. Here is another sample bulletin announcement to consider for use.

**Families are the Foundation of our Church and the Knights of Columbus. Men are not only invited to join the Knights, we also invite their families to be a part of the experience. Please contact Chris Dodson, Council Membership Director at 330-284-6904 for more info or join at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).**



**Chris Dodson - Membership Director, Youngstown West**

## Online Exemplifications through Feb. - Wed. only

Below see the upcoming online exemplifications through January. The schedule has been pushed out through July 20th of 2022. Please be sure to have your candidates wishing to take their exemplification online, register at the link below in order to get the degree link.

Questions can be directed to your District Deputy or our diocesan membership team.

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

1/12/2022	7:00PM	Cincinnati		2/9/2022	7:00PM	Cleveland
<b>1/19/2022</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Youngstown</b>		2/16/2022	7:00PM	Columbus
1/26/2022	7:00PM	Steubenville		<b>2/23/2022</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	Cincinnati
2/2/2022	7:00PM	Toledo				

# January Membership Incentives

The Start of a New 365. The Knights of Columbus recruits New Members every day of the Year. Now is a great time to recruit New Members into your Council and start the New Year off right and with a chance to earn some Ca\$h.

- **The First 10 Proposers to Bring a New Member into Your Council this month receive \$50.00**
- **The First 3 District Deputies that have a Net gain in their District of 10 this month will receive \$100.00**

Any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Remember, just ask someone to join!

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Michael Freil* - State Membership Director



## Opportunity is Knocking – Answer The Call

A song I really enjoy when we sing it at Mass is “We Are Called”. The refrain is:

*“We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God”*

Nothing I write can better explain the mission that every person, every Catholic, every Knight should live by.

We are called to act with justice for all - Born and Unborn. Every person has the right to live and prosper in their home and community in peace.

We are called to love tenderly. We need to love all in our midst – including our enemies and ourselves.

We are called to serve one another. We need to help everyone – especially those we do not know.

To walk humbly with God. We don’t serve for our glory and accolades but we serve to make our world better. And God is watching us.

The next time you ask a man to join the Knights, ask him if he is ready to be Called.

**Chris Dodson - Membership Director, Youngstown West**



### **Upcoming Live Degrees:**

Hosted by Massillon Council 554

Sunday, Jan. 16th - St. Joseph Church - 322 3rd St SE, Massillon, OH 44646, 12:15 PM (after the 11:00 AM Mass)

Contact PSD Ken Girt at 330-608-1729 or by email: [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com)

Hosted by St. Michael the Archangel Council 15458

Sunday, Jan. 23rd - St. Michael the Archangel Church - 3430 St Michaels Blvd NW, Canton, OH 44718 (lower level chapel) 12:15 PM (after the 11:00 AM Mass)

Contact Chris Dodson - 330-284-6904, email - [cdodson4776@outlook.com](mailto:cdodson4776@outlook.com)



# Youngstown Membership Contest - Reminder

We are excited to announce a Membership Incentive program for the Youngstown Diocese councils. The Membership Directors have created a contest to encourage councils to recruit men to our Order and to put a little cash in the council's coffers, plus a great opportunity to brag a littler (or a lot) if you prefer, that your council is the best recruiting council in the Youngstown Diocese.

- The First Prize of \$150.00 will go to the council with the **Highest % Increase** of members for the Fraternal Year 2021-2022.
- The Second Prize of \$100.00 will go to the council with the **Highest Number of New Members**, regardless of council size, for the Fraternal Year 2021-2021 is \$100.00.
- If the same council achieves both marks, the \$100.00 will be paid to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place council with the **Highest % Increase**.

We will use the official numbers posted by Supreme to determine the winners. The time frame for the contest is July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022, and the winners will be announced with the check presentations at the tour meeting in July, 2022.

And as a little extra incentive, we want to recognize the Knight who proposes the Highest Number of Men to his council. That man will receive an Ohio State Council shirt and recognition as the Top Recruiter in the Diocese.

Chris Dodson - DMD - West

Peter Rich - DMD - East

## Where We Stand Through 12/31/2021

Council	Council Name	#Mem 07/01	Total Gain	District
554	Massillon	525	8	73
11369	Fr Borrano-Fr Gallagher	123	6	81
3766	Mantua	132	4	75
13977	St Joseph - Austintown	72	4	81
14186	Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Aurora	84	4	75
4571	Monsignor Lavelle	105	3	75
5286	Geneva - Madison	143	3	71
14959	Holy Spirit	39	3	72
15086	Immacolata	69	3	82

Council	Council Name	#Mem 07/01	Gain	District/DD	% incr
14959	Holy Spirit	39	3	72 Jeffrey M. Weber	7.7%
13977	St Joseph - Austintown	72	4	81 John Mashiska	5.6%
11369	Fr Borrano - Fr Gallagher	123	6	81 John Mashiska	4.9%
14186	Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Aurora	84	4	75 Lonn Safko	4.8%
15086	Immacolata	69	3	82 Raymond Zornjak	4.3%
15959	St Edward	25	1	82 Raymond Zornjak	4.0%
5589	St Marys	51	2	71 William Howe	3.9%
11551	St Paul the Apostle	53	2	77 Dannie Lee McCuean	3.8%
3766	Mantua	132	4	75 Lonn Safko	3.0%
4571	Monsignor Lavelle	105	3	75 Lonn Safko	2.9%
5063	Charity	37	1	78 John Timko	2.7%



# Past State Deputies of Ohio 1898 to 2021



Ohio, has been served by 60 Past State Deputies. This month we continue with numbers 21 through 24 of the past state deputies of Ohio. Please check back monthly I will try to show 4 every month until all have been shown.

Joe Mackos - State Administrative Staff

21st



**James P. Lavey**  
1941-1943  
Norwalk, OH  
Council #626

22nd



**Edward P. McHugh**  
1943-1945  
Former Supreme Dir.  
Cleveland, OH  
Council #310

23rd

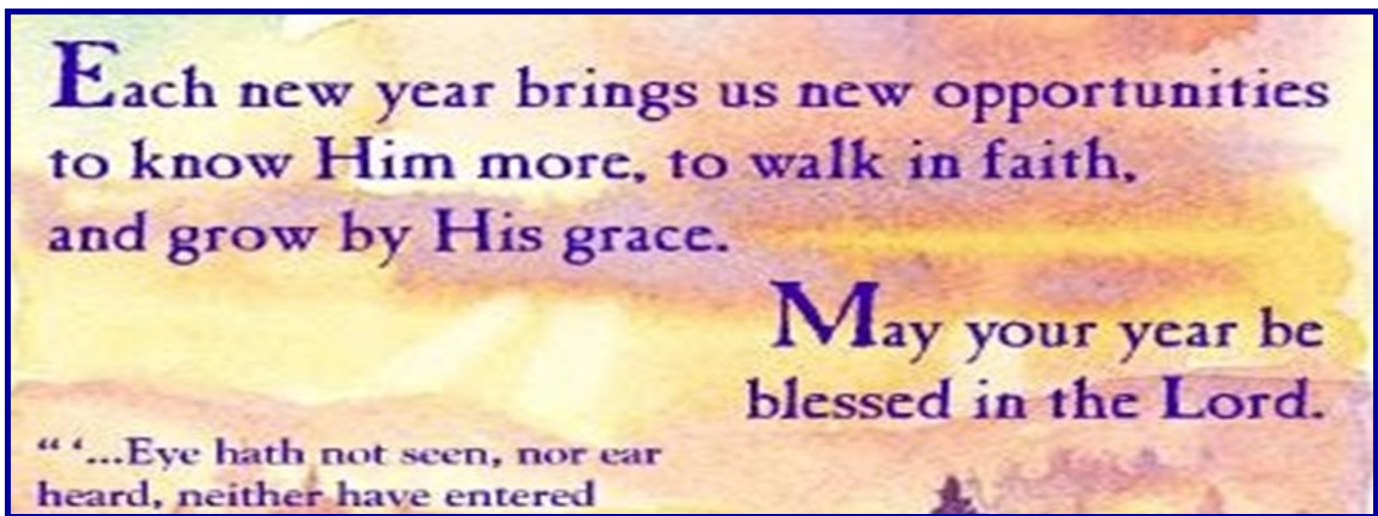


**Victor J. Paul**  
1945-1947  
Cuyahoga, Falls, OH  
Council #2362

24th



**Thomas Andrews**  
1947-1949  
Marion, OH  
Council #671



“Lord, I am your servant”, new state polo shirt, please contact Willi Meyer, the Administrative director to the state deputy. His phone number is 1-419-206-8170 or email him at [kofcohiomever@gmail.com](mailto:kofcohiomever@gmail.com)

Willi will be able to get you the shirt, size and color you want.

# Saint Joseph - Our Spiritual Father

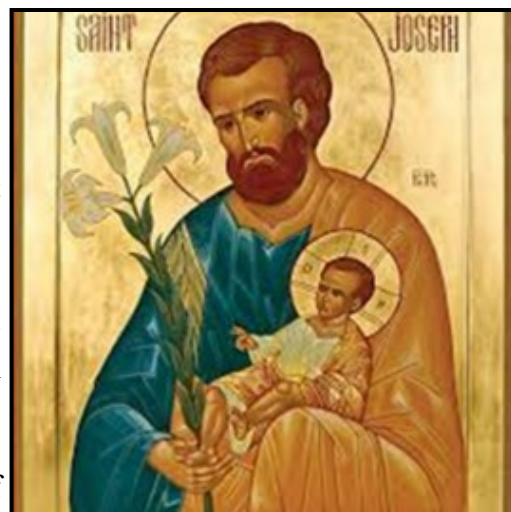
## Traveling Icon 2021-2023

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Ohio has received 4 of these icons which will travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held.

The Pilgrim Icon Program is an effort to spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, and is sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

For more information regarding the Faith activity, you can visit the Supreme website at

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html>



ASSIGNED DATE ON OR AFTER	YEAR	ICON 1	ICON 2	ICON 3	ICON 4
		DD #	DD #	DD #	DD #
5-Dec	2021	2	33	62	54
9-Jan		1	32	63	53
6-Feb	2022	3	31	60	52
6-Mar		4	25	56	51
3-Apr		6	30	57	55
1-May		5	24	58	50
29-May		12	34	59	76
26-Jun		17	41	61	77
24-Jul		18	43	68	80
21-Aug		8	45	64	82
18-Sep		9	42	69	81
9-Oct		11	46	66	79
6-Nov		7	47	67	78
4-Dec		13	48	65/70	83/71
8-Jan		10	49	20	75/74
5-Feb	2023	15	37	29	72
5-Mar		14	35	24	73
2-Apr		16	36	21	25
30-Apr		38	40	22	30
28-May		39	44	26	28

Icons have already been shipped to the initial districts as notated on the following timetable. Your month is pre-planned by your district number as assigned. The Youngstown Diocese visitation will begin in May 2022 and last until February 2023. Please begin planning discussions with your parish pastor and appointing a chairman to work with you on coordinating the activity. Most importantly, let your District Deputy know soon if your council is planning on participating in this program. Your District Deputy will assign the council Icon visitation schedule in your District. If there is a conflict with the dates assigned to your district, or if a special arrangement for your council/parish is needed, let your District Deputy know so that we can work this out at the January District Deputy Meeting in Columbus.

**Jeff Kiliany - State Secretary**