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From the State Deputy

As we get closer to this year's November 7 election, many brother knights are asking: "how can the members of our council get involved in defeating the horrendous State of Ohio ballot initiative regarding abortion in Ohio without violating our Knights of Columbus non-political

position?" "What are we permitted to do?"

My answer to everyone is that this abortion ballot initiative is a **MORAL** issue, not a political issue. This is the approach of The Ohio State Council as well as the Supreme Council. The Ohio State Council is standing in agreement with our Conference of Bishops of Ohio supporting their anti-abortion views and will do all that we can to support our bishops and help them to defeat this terrible proposed amendment. We ask all councils and brother knights in the State of Ohio to do the same.

The first thing that your council can do is send as many council representatives and wives to the Ohio March For Life on October 6, at the statehouse in Columbus. We need to send a strong message to the pro-abortion media, the State of Ohio, and the entire nation, that the people in Ohio strongly support a Culture of Life.

After the March on October 6, we will need to initiate a strong push to defeat Issue 1. The abortion

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

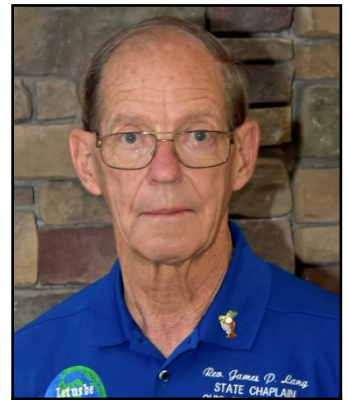
Our attention is often focused on bad news. There are plenty of problems, and sometimes it seems like everything is going downhill. It is pretty hard to fight gravity.

As followers of Jesus, it is up to us to put the emphasis in the right direction. There are good things going on. Many young people are willing to work and study. There are people making the best of difficult situations. There are couples preparing for marriage with high hopes for the future. There are people who are generous with their time, talent, and experience.

We need to remember that we are in the care of the Good Shepherd. He told us the trip would not be easy, but He also told us He would be with us all the way in our journey of faith. There is the silver lining.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. James P. Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



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industry, and in particular Planned Parenthood, are pouring millions of dollars into the state promoting abortion in Ohio. We need to counter all of their propoganda and many falsehoods. Councils can help by partnering with their Diocesan Life Departments, Ohio Right to Life ohiolife.org, Catholic Conference of Ohio ohiocathconf.org, and other Life organizations to assist them in passing out fact sheets and brochures, distributing signs to your members, making phone calls and neighborhood door to door campaigns, and any other way to promote the defeat of this initiative. Any financial contribution that your council is able to make will go a long way in countering the millions of dollars that the abortion industry and activists are pouring into this state. As long as our councils stick to this 1 issue and not bring candidates and other ballot issues into the picture, we will remain in compliance on not being politically involved.

Probably the biggest impact that we can make is to encourage all of your members to go out and vote **NO** on Issue 1.

“Let Us Be Worthy!”

Fraternally,
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The pro football season is well under way, but there is still plenty of time to buy or sell Football Crazr tickets for this season. A \$20 ticket costs you only \$2 per week and benefits your council by providing relief of some of the council’s per capita and enables your council to make some money to pay for activities and expenses. Since the tickets cover the final 10 weeks of the regular season (Nov. 5-Jan. 7), you have almost a month before the turn in to take advantage of all ten weeks. However, you can still turn tickets in a little late, but they won’t be eligible for the games that have already been played. Prizes totaling \$25,000 will be awarded over the course of the sweep-

stakes (23 weekly prizes totaling \$2,500)

Quotas for each council can be found on the chart at the following link: <https://kofcoho.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Council-Quotas-230725.pdf>. As always, the more your council sells, the greater the rebate. It’s that simple.

Due to an increase in sales, we are currently experiencing a shortage of tickets, with some councils needing more. Should your council have additional tickets that you feel you probably won’t sell, **please mail them ASAP to Gary Eckstein at 168 Chestnut Commons Dr., Commercial Point, OH 43116-7503.**

For any further information on the Football Crazr, go to kofcoho.org and look under **Fundraisers**. Ticket stubs and money for sold tickets should be in to PSD Gary Eckstein by October 31st. Our goal is to increase our sales over last year’s total with the hope of selling **35,960**, but it all starts with your councils.

Questions can be directed to **State Fundraising Chairman, PSD Gary Eckstein at 614-679-4238.**

Growth



Andrew Nuckols
State Growth Director
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Ohio Brother Knights,

Are you on track to make Star Council? Our goal; one Star Council in each district this fraternal year. Now three months into the fraternal year, you should be at least 25% towards your Growth goal! Hopefully you have scheduled Church Drives during the month of October with your Pastor. If you have not contacted your field agent yet for hosting a Fraternal Benefits Event (FBE), now is the time. Grand Knights, don't forget to submit form #11077 after the Fraternal Benefit Event. The form #11077 can be found under "Forms and Emails" at state website <https://kofcohoio.org/forms/>

Two online Fraternal Benefit Events are occurring in October, Please see information below:

Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values

Presented by Anthony Minopoli, President & Chief Investment Officer, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. Join us to learn more about insurance, investment and charitable solutions that align with your Catholic values.

October 17th 8:30 PM EDT Register at www.tinyurl.com/KofCOct17

October 26th 7:00 PM EDT Register at www.tinyurl.com/KofCOct26

Top Growth in Ohio As of 9/23/2023:

Council Number and Name	District	Division	Values			YTD Gain	% Gain	% Growth
			Membership July 1	Star Council Goal	Supreme Goal			
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON	43	3	98	6	3.713810316	8	215.41%	8.16%
15959 ST EDWARD	83	5	26	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	7.69%
14671 SACRED HEARTS	45	5	42	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	7.14%
11208 ST BRENDAN	35	1	201	11	6.808652246	13	190.93%	6.47%
11354 SAINT CATHARINE	44	2	147	9	5.570715474	8	143.61%	5.44%
847 MT VERNON	43	3	95	6	3.713810316	5	134.63%	5.26%
15573 HOLY FAMILY	81	4	77	5	3.09484193	4	129.25%	5.19%
1417 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	76	5	40	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	5.00%
1973 DOVER	34	1	189	11	6.808652246	9	132.18%	4.76%
11551 SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE	78	5	44	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	4.55%
2362 CUYAHOGA FALLS	25	3	116	6	3.713810316	5	134.63%	4.31%
3730 FR WILLIAM O CONNOR	5	2	149	8	4.951747088	6	121.17%	4.03%
10063 REVEREND JOHN E SCHREINER	65	5	50	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	4.00%
16137 ST CHARLES BORROMEO	26	5	52	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	3.85%
2643 LAKEWOOD	22	4	81	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	3.70%

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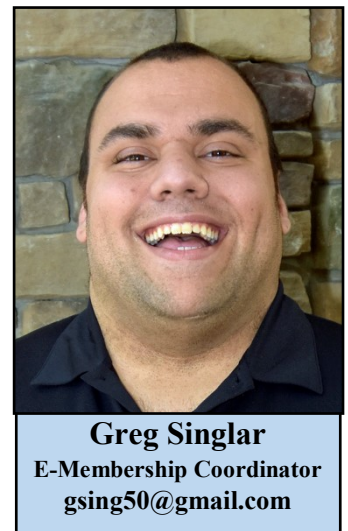
Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director

Your Monthly Church Bulletin Blurb

October is the month of Our Most Holy Rosary. The Knights of Columbus has a Rosary Program that encourages devotion to Mary, the patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family. Want to learn more? Go to kofcohoio.org and click on **Join Us!** For more information, please contact Grand Knight (name and phone number).

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator



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LIFE

NOW More than EVER!

As you read this, the Ohio March for Life is either about to happen, or you just missed it. For those that were able to attend, thank you. For those that could not attend, but still sent up some prayers for the marchers, organizers, or the voters awaiting November, thank you. If your council is about to or did sponsor a bus to the march, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is offering a subsidy to help offset the cost. There is a subsidy available that will be split evenly between all

buses sent. To claim part of the subsidy, the council must submit to the State Council the contract stating the total cost and the claim form. This is our insurance funds at work aiding local Knights in protecting life. This subsidy is another great reason to be an insurance member of the Knights of Columbus.



Stewart Vetter
Life Director
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All eyes should now be turning toward the November election and supporting life by voting against the proposed amendment that would make abortion legal with no restrictions in Ohio. That means abortions would be legal in Ohio for all females even those UNDER 18 without parental consent or even parental notification. Imagine your 13-year-old having an abortion and you, as parents, never knowing. It also means abortion would be legal from the moment of conception all the way to the baby being partially born. Imagine a fully formed full-term baby being killed during labor.

That horror becomes reality in Ohio if this amendment becomes law. Worse, it would require another constitutional amendment to change it. Now is the time for EVERY council to plan how they can help get out the vote in November. We need the urban areas, the suburbs, and especially the country towns to turn out and support life. Do your council's members know how critical their vote is to support life and defeat this proposed amendment? Do your fellow parishioners know of the importance of their vote? The abortion crowd has all the money for advertisements and mailers and has celebrity support. It FEELS like they have already won, but the pro-life crowd is the silent majority, and we need to speak loudly in November. **Your vote matters.** Your neighbor's vote matters. Every pro-life vote matters. Please help get out the message that votes for life are needed more than ever.

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director

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We are the young and the old, rich and poor, men and women, saints and sinners.

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In every sense of the world, we are the Catholic Church.



WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “individual” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a “burden” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** “health” includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman’s age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes a myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one’s own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual’s voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual’s health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.
4. As used in this Section, “Fetal viability” means “the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis”; and “State” includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303

** Based on Doe v. Bolton



Matching Funds - 2023

Brother Knights,

Please remember that the Matching Funds Program continues **through November 15th**. Councils that have yet to make a contribution can still do so. Whether it's \$25 or much more, all is welcomed and appreciated. Remember that all of these funds go to the religious education department of each diocese, so the more councils that contribute, the greater impact we can have on spreading the Gospel in our parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions in each diocese. The Ohio State Council is again matching the first \$25,000 turned in, so don't delay.

Forms for submitting your council's contributions can be found on the state website (kofcoho.org) under **Programs > Matching Funds**.

Fraternally,



Chris Sarka - State Advocate/Matching Funds Chairman

Every \$ Helps



COMMUNITY

Evangelizing in the Digital Age

Brothers in the Great State of Ohio:

As we close out the first quarter of the fraternal year and begin the second, I hope you have explored unique and new ways to serve your communities. I want to thank all the councils who have been submitting their programs via the state website. I have found great joy in seeing how you are helping and serving in various ways. Keep up the great work and keep submitting those programs.

This month, I encourage councils to consider participation in the Supreme Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This year's theme is ***"How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?"***. Participating students in grades 8-12 should submit an essay of 500-750 words to their local council. More info on the theme, guidelines and resources can be found at www.kofc.org/essay.

Check with your DD to see if he will be conducting a district contest. If not, each council may submit their winners in each grade directly to Supreme. Those DDs holding district contests may submit their winners directly to Supreme. Deadline to submit winners to Supreme is January 31, 2024 (so be sure to send out at least a week early). Winners will be announced by Supreme at a later date.

Once you have completed your Essay Contest, be sure to report it on the state website under "Community" and "Catholic Citizenship Essay" to receive your 25 community activity points.

Any questions about this or anything in the community program, feel free to reach out to me anytime via my contact info in the General Program Book. Let us be Worthy!!

Let us be Worthy!

Joe Hartle - State Community Director





FAMILY

Food for Families The Need is Real

Congratulations to the Josh Dziatkowicz Family and Council 11665 for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in August 2023 by the Supreme Council! If you want to see your families recognized, remember to submit your fully completed Family of the Month (FOTM) nomination to Supreme via **Form 10784** each month!



Tim Mangan
Family Director
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Ok, Food for Families. As food prices continue to rise, an alarming number of people worldwide require assistance and rely on food pantries or soup kitchens to help feed their families. Encourage your council to get involved with the Food for Families program.



Just like Magnificat Council 4498 did with their "Fill the Cruiser" Fundraiser (seen at left). This council, along with St. Vincent de Paul, collected \$718.00 in cash donations and 760 lbs. of food and personal hygiene products. Plus, the city of Willowick Police Department provided a police cruiser and a local Family Restaurant provided space for them to setup their tables and chairs and free coffee for the Knights and other volunteers. Great job and way to go!

As a reminder, any council that donates either \$500 dollars or 1,000 pounds of food will receive a refund of \$100 dollars from the Supreme Council. For more information, please visit www.kofc.org/food. One more Family Faith in Action program I want to talk about

briefly is the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Now is the time to order your KCIC kits. You can order these kits through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online. The kits need to be ordered no later than October 31st. Students will then need to complete their work by December 1st. Then council judging should take place by December 31st. I'll go over additional judging deadlines in a future newsletter article. For now, it's time to get organized if your council wants to participate in this worthwhile FIA Family program activity.

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Director

Online Exemplifications through Nov. 29 - Wed. only

Below see the upcoming online exemplifications through the end of November, 2023, and the diocesan team assigned to present each. Please be sure to have your candidates wishing to take their exemplification online and members wishing to advance to the 3rd Degree **register in advance at the link below** in order to get the degree link.

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

10/4/2023	7:00PM	Steubenville	11/1/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown
10/11/2023	7:00PM	Toledo	11/9/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati
10/18/2023	7:00PM	Cleveland	11/15/2023	7:00PM	Steubenville
10/25/2023	7:00PM	Columbus	11/29/2023	7:00PM	Toledo

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Around the State



Marian Council #3813 in Youngstown held its annual charity golf outing with the proceeds going to Kevin Murphy. This year's outing featured 175 hole sponsors and donations with a sold-out course, enabling the council to present a check to the Murphy Family for \$25,000 and an additional \$700 in gifts. Outstanding!



Ascension Council 14891, alongside St Charles Council 14995 and St Albert Council 4022, all members of the Kettering Catholic community, marched alongside our Pastor, Father Ed Pratt and parishioners of the KCC as part of the annual Kettering Holiday at Home Parade. This is the second year that the combined family of councils marched in this parade, and again we all had a great time as a single Parish Family unit. The K of C councils of the Family embraced the Beacons of Light shortly after the families were announced.

This was the first time that parishioners joined us in this parade, and we look forward to next year having more parishioners and ministries join us.



On Sept. 10th Council 733 of Cleveland hosted a dinner in Independence, Ohio honoring Gabriel Minton for his contributions to our Order in his over 56 years in the Knights of Columbus. It is doubtful that anyone in any part of Ohio does not know of Gabriel and his work for the Order. The Ohio Knights of Columbus has been truly blessed to count Gabriel W. Minton as one of our own. God Bless You Gabriel!

Pictured with Gabriel are Past State Deputy Larry Moegling (left), Past State Deputy Ken Girt, (2nd from right) and current State Treasurer Jim Maslach (right)

Around the State



Members of Holy Martyrs Council #4733 in Canton gather the 4th Saturday morning every month to pick up litter in the downtown area as part of their community improvement efforts.



Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Siracusa presented a check to Heartbeat of Toledo covering about half of the cost of an ultrasound machine. Around 500 people were in attendance at the event. The check was in the amount of \$21,818.00 through the generosity of Knights of Columbus in Ohio.



A new Council with 20 men was launched at St Mary's Parish and Miami University/ Newman Center in Oxford, Ohio! Congratulations to these men joining our order... of the 20 men, 14 are new members with an average age of 20!

A big congrats to Kevin Morrison, Field Agent Rob Hernandez, and DD Danny Spouse for shepherding this through! Special thanks to Council 4587 DGK Martin McGinley and PGK Robert Quackenbush for helping out and providing photography and serving as state publicity staff.