

Volume 1, Issue 5



Beacon

November, 2023



Jeff Kilianny
State Deputy
jtktg@yahoo.com

From the State Deputy

We are less than a week away from probably the most important ballot issue ever to appear in an election in the State of Ohio. This proposed ballot initiative is the doing of the abortion industry and more specifically, Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is hoping to pass

this proposed amendment, so that they can be back in business here in Ohio.

Whether you know it or not, Planned Parenthood is impacting YOUR community and YOUR family by taking your hard-earned tax dollars to fund abortions and devaluing the unborn in our country. While their ads may sound convincing and great on the surface, Planned Parenthood is lying to itself, to vulnerable women and young girls, and to the American people through manipulative and dangerously subtle language. While they claim to provide healthcare services to women, no matter who they are or where they live, abortion can never be healthcare. Further, while they claim to provide numerous services to women, over 95% of Planned Parenthood's pregnancy resolution services are devoted to abortions, the purposeful ending of an unborn baby's life. Planned Parenthood cares only about the abortion business. It preys on the vulnerable, thrives on women's fear, and fuels itself on greed.

When a woman arrives seeking answers to an unexpected pregnancy, planned parenthood is only

***continued on next page**

From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

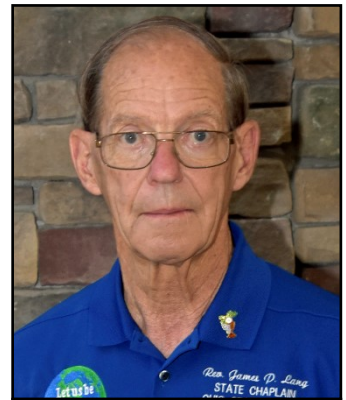
Thanksgiving is the mission of the season. How do we show appreciation for our blessings? Perhaps we show our gratitude by showing respect and support to those who are close to us by being generous and deliberate with our resources; by using our gifts of time, opportunity, talent and health to build, heal, and spread the Good News!

Everything we have is a gift from God. Jesus gives us an example of how we should use our gifts. The Lord expects us to bear good fruit, hopefully a hundredfold or more. That would be a good way to show appreciation for the gifts God has given us. The saints before us have done it. We can do the same.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. James P. Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



*continued from previous page

concerned with making money. They will do whatever they can to make a woman agree to an abortion, because each abortion completed is more profit in their pockets.

When Ohioans hear that this proposed amendment protects “reproductive rights,” most people will support it. But, if they understood that this amendment creates a right to abortion with virtually no restrictions up until birth, they would not support it.

The amendment takes away parental notification laws. The language uses the words “any individual” with no reference to age. The amendment takes away any safety laws by indicating that no law can place an undue burden on access to abortion. Safety requirements such as providing hospital care for the woman in case of a medical emergency during the abortion procedure, or requiring that the abortionist be a licensed physician.

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 of the World He Died to Save!”

Fraternally,
Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy
jtktg@yahoo.com
330-853-6099



Strengthen Your Faith Through **Cor**

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we approach the halfway point of the year, I’m pleased to report that several councils in the jurisdiction are participating in the Cor initiative. There are currently over 600 councils nationwide that are holding Cor meetings! If your council is participating, please help us out by reporting your meeting with form 944 located here:

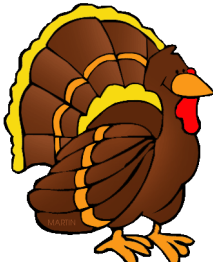
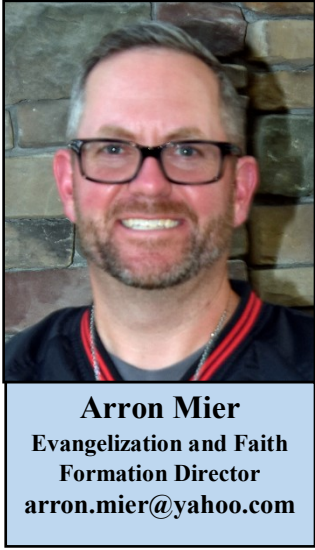
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7535576/Cor-Monthly-Report-Form>

Currently any Cor related supplies can be ordered through Supplies Online. There is an upgrade in the works for quicker and more convenient access to these resources. As more information becomes available, I will share it with you.

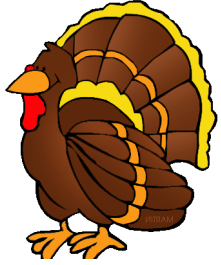
Lastly, as always, I’m more than happy to help any council with strategy or answer any questions regarding or the implementation of Cor. I can be reached at kofcohieff@gmail.com or 419-239-5737.

Vivat Jesus,

Arron Mier - Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation



Happy Thanksgiving



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



Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

How did you do in the October Church Drive and Open House? Now is the time to strike while the iron is hot and get that new member into the Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification. Don't wait weeks until doing the exemplification. If you can't do the degree live, then please use the Wednesday Online Exemplification at 7 pm hosted by Ohio State Council from degree teams across the state.

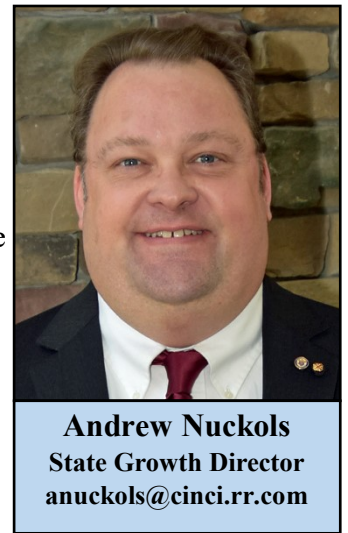
If your council did not participate in the online Fraternal Benefit Event webinar during October, now is the time for Grand Knights to contact your local field agent and setup a date to host one at your parish.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our Brother Knights who have successfully invited a man to join us and become a Knight of Columbus. Thank you for helping men grow in their faith, by inviting them to learn about and live their lives by the pillars of the Knights of Columbus - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Please ASK a man to join the Knight of Columbus!

I want to end this month's message by wishing all our veterans a Happy Veterans Day. Also, I want wish all my Brother Knights and their families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director



Top Growth in Ohio As of 10/28/2023:

Council Number and Name	District	Division	Values			YTD Gain	% Gain	% Growth
			Membership July 1	Star Council Goal	Supreme Goal			
8320 JOHN CARROLL	33	0	28	5	3.09484193	11	355.43%	39.29%
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON	43	3	98	6	3.713810316	14	376.97%	14.29%
15959 ST EDWARD	83	5	26	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	11.54%
11354 SAINT CATHARINE	44	2	147	9	5.570715474	11	197.46%	7.48%
11208 ST BRENDAN	35	1	201	11	6.808652246	15	220.31%	7.46%
14671 SACRED HEARTS	45	5	42	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	7.14%
847 MT VERNON	43	3	95	6	3.713810316	6	161.56%	6.32%
15043 HOLY TRINITY	59	4	67	5	3.09484193	4	129.25%	5.97%
10936 FATHER MARUSKIN	25	2	154	9	5.570715474	8	143.61%	5.19%
15573 HOLY FAMILY	81	4	77	5	3.09484193	4	129.25%	5.19%
2362 CUYAHOGA FALLS	25	3	116	6	3.713810316	6	161.56%	5.17%
15901 ST ADALBERT	21	5	39	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	5.13%
11207 SAINT PATRICK	37	2	119	7	4.332778702	6	138.48%	5.04%
12359 JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN	14	2	159	10	6.18968386	8	129.25%	5.03%
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%
3304 GEAUGA	23	3	116	7	4.332778702	5	115.40%	4.31%
18195 SAN PEDRO	36	5	24	5	3.09484193	1	32.31%	4.17%
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%
11037 SS PHILIP & JAMES	73	4	76	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	3.95%
10765 SAINT JOAN OF ARC	36	2	154	9	5.570715474	6	107.71%	3.90%
16137 ST CHARLES BORROMEIO	26	5	52	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	3.85%
2643 LAKEWOOD	22	4	81	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	3.70%

Reporting on Your Council Activities

It seems like just yesterday we were on tour getting ready for the new fraternal year. It's hard to believe that we have finished the first four months. During these four months councils have been busy doing programs and asking questions on reporting.

This year we have moved away from the Supreme reporting form 10784 to using just the state website.

The use of the 10784 is only for submitting the Family of the Month and any Supreme featured program. This form is not mandatory for council use.

This move was made to make reporting easier for councils and to follow the progress of your council. One of the questions I am getting is "Do we need to follow in detail the Faith in Action program?" The simple answer to this question is "no". The Faith in Action program is a guide for your programs. Creativity can be used in reporting your programs to fit into the various Faith in Action guidelines. Let's look at a couple of examples: The first example is one that consisted of a Rosary March and Holy Hour. If your council participated in this, you would have two choices of how to report it - Under Faith as a Rosary or under Faith as a Holy Hour. You should choose to report depending on the program you need. Let take another example under Community - Helping Hands: I will use my council as an example. We held a golf outing to raise monies for a community member who needed help. We could have entered this as a council choice or Helping Hands. Since we had used our council choice for a community picnic and installation of Officers, we chose Helping Hands to enter this under.

The other questions are about points and how they are given. Each council must complete four Faith in Action programs in each of the categories: Faith, Community, Family and Life, and one council choice in each of the four areas. Also, you must complete the Growth programs.

Read the program manual as well as the growth manual for the complete explanation of the programs.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Jordon - General Program Director
330 540 7317



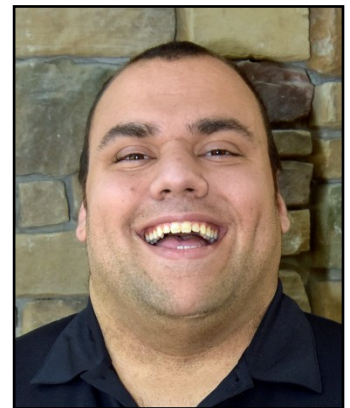
Mike Jordon
General Program Director
mtjordan@gmail.com

Your November Church Bulletin Blurb

November is a month to be thankful for everything that we have in our lives. The Knights of Columbus can provide you a lifelong brotherhood and friendship that you will forever be thankful for! Want to become a part of that? Join us today by going to kofcoho.org and click on **Join Us**. For more information, contact Grand Knight (name here).

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator



Greg Singlar
E-Membership Coordinator
gsing50@gmail.com

1,860 new members
Yes, We Can!
59 Star Councils



LIFE

Down to the Wire!

It's voting time. I hope your council has a plan for helping pro-life voters get to the polls, especially in the more liberal urban areas. I've seen loads of support for NO on Issue 1 in the small towns and the countryside. It is VITAL, for the defeat of this disastrous amendment, that we get ourselves and every pro-life voter to the polls on November 7. Let's prove Ohio is a pro-life state.



Stewart Vetter
Life Director
betterwithvetter
@hotmail.com



Let's talk about what IS pregnancy center support. Support is any physical, monetary, or time donation your council makes to a pro-life pregnancy center in your area. It must be direct support that continues their mission of aiding mothers, pre-birth and post-birth. It can be through a table at their annual fundraiser dinner or more direct support like cash donation, diapers, formula, etc. or time donated doing maintenance at their facility, teaching a class to dads, or helping wash and fold clothing donations. At the end of the day, I care most about how you raised the funds, got the items donated, or spent the time serving that agency.

What have you done for the special needs population in your area? We all love giving them the check from Measure Up, but they need more than that. They need our time. Ask those organizations how you can help! Fair warning, it may result in lots of smiles, given and received and maybe even some hugs.

Life is what we do every day. We, of course, want to protect the most vulnerable, so they have the chance to live life outside the womb, but we also want to look at those living around us and how we can share a bit of our life with them.

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



FAITH

Fellowship Through Faith

Brothers, I apologize for not having an article last month, as I had technical difficulty sending it to the publisher! Touching on the month of October, it is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. For those that have not yet submitted their Faith activity under the rosary, this would be the perfect time to gather and pray the rosary. Then please submit your activity report. And those that have, continue to pray the rosary as the

world needs the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Remember November is the month we remember those that have passed. Please make every effort to arrange for your council to have Father to have a mass of remembrance for those Knights of your council who have entered Christ's Kingdom.



Mark Kahanca
Faith Director
mark.faihtdirectorohio@gmail.com

The program I wish to highlight this month is **Into the Breach**. If you have not yet reviewed this program, please check it out at kofc.org. The program is laid out in a very easy to follow manner. The resources give you everything from prayers to discussion topics. The best part is that you need not just invite fellow Knights, but fellow male parishioners. It is written for men only to discuss their lives as Catholics. Start a men's group in the parish. Invite all. Who knows, maybe once they experience the fellowship and strong faith of the Knights, they would wish to become one! Our parish has formed a group, and we are using **Into the Breach** as our first study. It was well received and attended.

Thank you all for what you do. I wish you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Remember to KEEP THE FAITH!

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director



A Time for Giving Back

My Brother Knights -

COMMUNITY

So many councils have done some great community programs so far this year. Thank you to all the councils who have been submitting program reports via the state website. I have been grading those programs as they are submitted. I encourage all councils to read any comments added to the graded report. Many times, you will find helpful information, such as resubmitting under a different category to help maximize the council's points for the great works you all are doing. Any questions at any time, please reach out to me.



Joe Hartle
Community Director
joseph.hartle@gmail.com

As we enter November and prepare for Thanksgiving, it is time for all of us to be thankful for all the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Once such way is to pay it forward and give back to those



less fortunate. November is a great time for your council to conduct its Helping Hands Activity. The Helping Hands program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities — the homeless, the addicted, the elderly who may feel isolated and abandoned, and many others. The requirements for this program are very broad in order to allow councils to serve their community in whatever way is most needed.

I encourage you all to reach out to your local St. Vincent De Paul chapter, homeless shelters, food pantries, domestic violence shelters, elder service organizations (e.g. Meals-on-Wheels) or others and see how your council can be of service during this holiday season. Be sure to report your activities on the State website, and take pictures for the State Newsletter!

Although not a community program, I also encourage you all **go out and vote** on or before November 7th. We all have a civic and moral duty to vote whenever we are physically able to do so, and I ask that you all take that duty seriously. Please continue to support life at all stages and pray for God's intercession this election!

Finally, please keep me and my family in your prayers. By the time you read my December Newsletter article, I expect we will have grown our family by two (to 7 total!!!). So please pray that the remainder of this pregnancy and delivery of our identical twins goes well, and that momma and babies all are safe and healthy. All thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!!

Let us be Worthy!!

Joe Hartle - State Community Director





FAMILY

Striving to Mirror the Example of the Holy Family

Congratulations to the **Darren Otero Family** and Council 5286 for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in September 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
tjmangan@icloud.com

I want to talk a little bit about Consecration to the Holy Family. Consecration to the Holy Family is traditionally celebrated on the Feast of the Holy Family, which is the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day, but can be celebrated throughout the year. So, if your council would like to celebrate the Consecration to the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family, now is the time to plan to do just that.

Remember to order your Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) through Supplies Online, via Officers Online. Contact your grand knight or financial secretary to do that. Set a date and announce it to your parish a month before the official day. Consult with your pastor to determine what would be best for your parish community. It's important to build public interest and promote the Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts.

Following the consecration, host an event for all parish families to celebrate the consecration together! Have family-friendly games ready for everyone to enjoy. Although the time of preparation has ended, and the consecration has occurred, devotion to the Holy Family continues, and we should always strive to resemble their ideal model of a loving family.

Finally, if your council has been planning and promoting a Family Thanksgiving Dinner event, I want to know about it. Please report it and include photos if possible. It's hard to believe that November is here, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner! It's that time of year to give thanks to God for ALL the gifts and blessings he has given to us in our lives! We have so much to be thankful for, including being a member of the Knights of Columbus!



In closing, I want to take the time to wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Director

Online Exemplifications through Dec. 27 - Wed. only

Below see the upcoming online exemplifications through the end of December, 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/>

11/1/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown	12/6/2023	7:00PM	Cleveland
11/9/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati	12/13/2023	7:00PM	Columbus
11/15/2023	7:00PM	Steubenville	12/20/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown
11/29/2023	7:00PM	Toledo	12/27/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus – Round Tables

“Putting our FAITH into ACTION”

One of the best ways for a Knights of Columbus council to demonstrate our charitable service to our church and our parishes is to create a “Round Table” for each of the churches they support. Then, when the pastor thanks the council for their effort, other men of the parish will come to realize the purpose of membership in bringing our work closer to home.

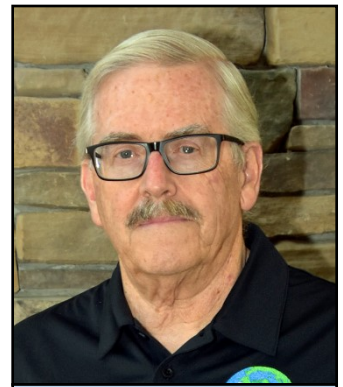
Below is the information from Supreme Council on Round Tables:

A parish round table serves a parish in any number of ways. However, the ultimate aspiration of any parish round table remains the same: To actively engage Knights of Columbus members in order to aid the parish and sustain visible Catholic action through works of charity in every parish and mission throughout the Order, and in sustainable parishes to form the round table into a fully functioning council. Parish round tables are ideal to provide a Knights of Columbus presence and be of service to smaller parishes and missions, and to fill needs for ethnic development. In general, parishes with more than 150 families should first explore the possibility of forming its own council.

The grand knight and his officers make lists of council members who belong to those area parishes. All will automatically become part of that parish round table. New parishioners of the parish may be recruited, as well. The grand knight, with the help of his officers and insurance agents, inform all council members who belong to the designated parish, explain that the Order would like to set up a parish round table and then explain the benefits to them. The grand knight and a knight parishioner call on the pastor to offer help. Since the pastor assigns the projects, there will be no conflict with existing groups. The grand knight presents the priest with a list of Knights who are parishioners. The grand knight appoints only one parish round table coordinator for each designated parish. Also, the parish in which the round table is present cannot be the home parish of a council, unless the home council is established in a different language than the round table.

The grand knight completes and signs the Report of Round Table Coordinator (Form #2629) and emails it to councilgrowth@kofc.org and sends copies to the State Deputy, District Deputy, State Round Table Chairman, and keeps a copy for council files. Form #2629 must be filed each year even if there are no changes. All round table activities should be reported on the councils Form #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. Formation of the parish round table and appointment of the coordinator are announced to those involved, and announcements are published in the parish and council bulletins. Once a round table grows and exceeds 30 members and still has potential to grow, the paperwork should be submitted to form a new council.

Consider Round Tables for your parishes and submit Form #2629. Then, ask your pastor how your council can best serve him and the parish, whether it be physical work like landscaping or construction, or involvement in Faith-enrichment activities. Be sure to report your activity under FAITH for the “Let us be Worthy” State Program contest and for your SP7 Columbian Award Application due in June of 2024. Call me with any questions.



Ken Girt - PSD
Roundtable Chairman
Rejuvenation Chairman
Special Reports Chairman
girtken@sssnet.com



Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Report Chairman, State Rejuvenation Chairman, State Round Table Chairman
330-608-1729



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS
CAMPAIGN
2023 – 2024

YOUR COUNCIL'S DONATIONS WILL TURN INTO BIG \$\$\$\$\$\$ FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MEN IN OUR SEMINARIES AND THE VOCATION AWARENESS IN YOUR OWN DIOCESE.

FOR CONVENTION AWARDS AND DIOCESAN TOTALS.

PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW TO ACCOMPANY YOUR DONATION.
THANK-YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR ALL OF OUR SEMINARIANS!

First Turn in - December 15, 2023

Diocese Council Number & Name
Amount: Date: Chairman:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ADD TO MEMO LINE: SOS DONATION

MAIL THE FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:

Mark Siracusa
15398 Silver Pine Court
Perrysburg, OH 43551



Let Us Be Worthy



- Tee-shirts (any size) \$15.00 + shipping
- State logo polo shirts (S, M, L, XL) \$30.00 + shipping
- State logo polo shirts (2XL & Up) \$35.00 + shipping
- State logo long-sleeve dress shirt (M, L, XL) \$35.00 + shipping
- State logo long-sleeve dress shirt (2XL & Up) \$40.00 + shipping
- State logo pin (\$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00) + shipping
- State logo **red** briefcase (by order only) \$35.00 + \$12.00 flat-rate shipping

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Email _____@_____

Item(s) and size(s) _____

Send to: Knights of Columbus, David Schramm
c/o Workingman's
113 Putnam Street
Marietta, OH 45750

*email Dave for colors & total cost: dave@workingmanstore.com

Around the State



Council 1344 Knights of Columbus Napoleon Ohio Saint Augustine grill clean up and repair by Knights Gary Brubaker, Nate Minnick, Brian Green, Mel Kleman, and D.J. Batt (not pictured - somebody had to take the picture).



Members of Holy Martyrs Council #4733 in Canton placed memorial crosses for victims of abortion in front of St. Anthony, St. Mary, and St. Benedict churches in Canton, and St. James in Waynesburg



First graders from Immaculate Conception School in Columbus received a very special gift from Immaculate Conception Council 14962. They each received their own Rosary, a beautiful guide to praying the Rosary, and an informational card about the Knights of Columbus and how you can learn more about the work they do.

The students were very grateful and were full of questions for council Grand Knight Jim Andracki and Dave Milli.

Great timing as the children were preparing to pray the Rosary together as a school that very Friday.

