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Beacon

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From the State Deputy

Brother Knights,

At this time last month, we were talking about the upcoming election and how important turning down Issue 1 was to Life in Ohio. Needless to say, Issue 1 passed and now all the celebrating of the overturning of Roe vs Wade has faded into the past as something much worse has evolved here in Ohio. Indeed, this was definitely a tragic day for women, children, and families in Ohio

I want to thank all of our councils and Brother Knights from Ohio who put so much time effort into defeating Issue 1. Your dedication and commitment to promoting Life in Ohio has made the Knights of Columbus in Ohio stand out as a group of men who are viewed as champions for Life. Your tireless efforts speak volumes of you as a Knight and as a Catholic gentleman. I am very proud of our Knights in Ohio, just disappointed in the outcome.

What we as knights must now focus on is growing a culture of Life here in Ohio as well as within our society. The best way to defeat Planned Parenthood now is to put them out of business by the absence of customers and a market for their product. We do this by reversing our society's acceptance of putting unborn children to death through the practice of abortion for the sake of convenience. As in an excerpt from our old 3rd Degree ceremony, "we need to use the force and the strength of the examples of our lives, loyal to the Church's Commandments and obedient to her commands." Changing the views of society is no easy task, and certainly not one that a person can do on his own. But through Unity, we can make a tremendous effort to make people realize that a culture of death is not desirable or acceptable. We can one day, once again, be a society that supports LIFE in every facet.

I want to congratulate St. Joseph Council 2584 in Paulding, Ohio, who raised \$16,000 for the purchase of a replacement Ultrasound Machine for Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services. Council 2584 was recently recognized for their efforts on page 29 in the November Columbia Magazine. Also recognized in the November Columbia Magazine on page 27 was St. Joseph Council 11370 who participates with the Toledo Chapter in a project that helps formerly homeless people settle into new housing.

I hope that you all enjoyed your time with family over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. It is now time to turn our attention to the season of Advent and prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the most joyous time of the year!

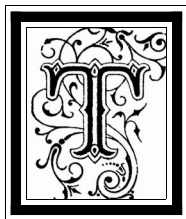
Let Us Be Worthy of the World He Died to Save



From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,
Sometimes poetry can help us get into the spirit of the season.
The following composition might help:

The Night Before Christmas - by Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt



was the night before Christmas, he lived all alone
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
and to see just who in this house did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
and on the wall pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
a sobering thought came to my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and so dreary,
the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world the children would play,
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my God, my country, my corps."
The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
and we both shivered from the evening's cold chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night,
this guardian of honor, so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over with a voice soft and pure,
whispered "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."
One look at my watch and I knew he was right,
"Merry Christmas, my friend, and to all a good night."

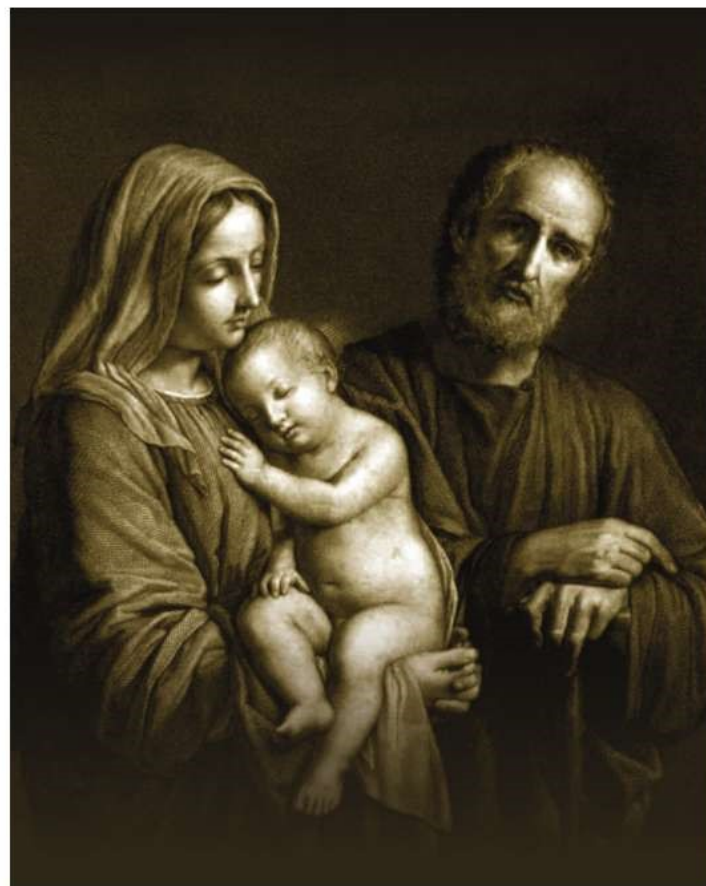
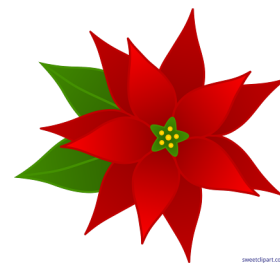


Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain

Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. James P. Lang



Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

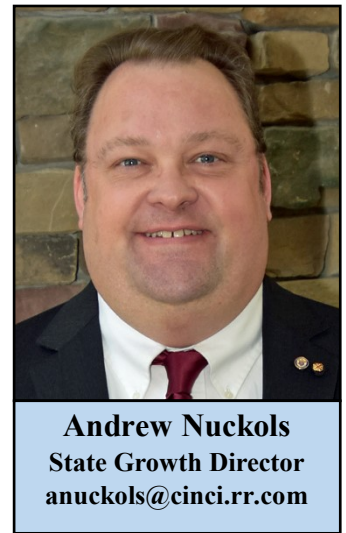
As we enter the Advent season let us remember to honor our Holy Mother Mary because of her steadfast faith in God. She believed, as we all want to, that God would remain with her and would never leave her. During the season of Advent, we prepare our own hearts with this same faith. This is a time for us to grow closer to Mary's son. Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray that we can grow the Ohio Knights of Columbus so that it will forever remain strong and stay the Strong Right Arm of the Church. As we enter the month of December, we are almost halfway through our fraternal year. Our Growth numbers are falling short by 150 men. We can remedy this by asking every eligible Catholic man to join our Order. Using the E-Member portal (kofc.org/JoinUs) website is quite simple. It only takes a minutes to get a new member signed up. Please do not forget to click the blue "**BlessedMcGivney**" promo code to join online for free. We need these men to help us and them grow stronger in our faith and help those in need.

Remember that December is the month that our Lord and Savior was born. "Let Us Be Worthy" to pray to him and his mother Mary that we can help other men and their families grow stronger in our faith. Let us show other men that their families that joining the Knights of Columbus will be the right for them and for our Order.

Fraternally,

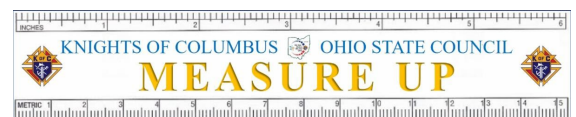
Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director

Top Growth in Ohio As of 11/22/2023:



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	3,094,841,93	11	355.43%	39.29%
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON	43	3	98	6	3,713,810,316	14	376.97%	14.29%
15959 ST EDWARD	83	5	26	5	3,094,841,93	3	96.94%	11.54%
11354 SAINT CATHARINE	44	2	147	9	5,570,715,474	15	269.27%	10.20%
11208 ST BRENDAN	35	1	201	11	6,808,652,246	20	293.74%	9.95%
847 MT VERNON	43	3	95	6	3,713,810,316	7	188.49%	7.37%
14671 SACRED HEARTS	45	5	42	5	3,094,841,93	3	96.94%	7.14%
11187 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON	47	1	238	14	8,665,557,404	16	184.64%	6.72%
3873 FR W HOWARD BISHOP	6	4	81	5	3,094,841,93	5	161.56%	6.17%
15043 HOLY TRINITY	59	4	67	5	3,094,841,93	4	129.25%	5.97%
11207 SAINT PATRICK	37	2	119	7	4,332,778,702	7	161.56%	5.88%
5776 WESTERVILLE	46	1	316	15	9,284,525,79	17	183.10%	5.38%
10936 FATHER MARUSKIN	25	2	154	9	5,570,715,474	8	143.61%	5.19%
15573 HOLY FAMILY	81	4	77	5	3,094,841,93	4	129.25%	5.19%
2362 CUYAHOGA FALLS	25	3	116	6	3,713,810,316	6	161.56%	5.17%
15901 ST ADALBERT	21	5	39	5	3,094,841,93	2	64.62%	5.13%
12359 JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN	14	2	159	10	6,189,683,86	8	129.25%	5.03%
1417 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	76	5	40	5	3,094,841,93	2	64.62%	5.00%
1973 DOVER	34	1	189	11	6,808,652,246	9	132.18%	4.76%
3730 FR WILLIAM O CONNOR	5	2	149	8	4,951,747,088	7	141.36%	4.70%
11551 SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE	78	5	44	5	3,094,841,93	2	64.62%	4.55%
3213 FATHER CARL ANTHONY	19	2	134	8	4,951,747,088	6	121.17%	4.48%
3304 GEAUGA	23	3	116	7	4,332,778,702	5	115.40%	4.31%
18195 SAN PEDRO	36	5	24	5	3,094,841,93	1	32.31%	4.17%
3410 SOUTH AKRON	19	1	292	15	9,284,525,79	12	129.25%	4.11%
10063 REVEREND JOHN E SCHREINER	65	5	50	5	3,094,841,93	2	64.62%	4.00%

Measure-Up Rulers - Order Soon



My brother knights,

If there are any councils that need Measure-Up rulers for their Measure-Up collections, please let your district deputies know how many boxes of 500 you will need before December 20th. I will have them available in January at their mid-year District Deputy meeting.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Tony Offenberger - State Warden

Program Reporting - Adjustment Update

As I sit and write this, we are preparing for Advent, a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus. He is the Reason for the Season!!!

I truly hope that everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving.



As we enter the Advent and Christmas seasons, we, as Knights, need to reach out to those in need, and to our pastors to help them and the community. Program-wise Helping Hands and Holy Hours, Leading the Rosary, and countless other programs that all councils do.

As we move through this holy season, we will be making a few simple changes to the drop-down boxes adding two council Faith in Action choices program. By doing this every council, as they think outside the box, will be able to report programs and the directors will give them their points.

All councils, instead of reporting Youth Compliant to the directors, please send me your council's number and tell me you are compliant, and I will be working with the webmaster to get this reported for your councils.

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May your Advent and Christmas Season be filled with God's blessing upon you and your families!

Vivat Jesus!

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FAITH

A Time for Preparation, Reflection

My brothers in Christ,

Here we are in our Advent season, remembering this is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighed down and distracted by the cares of this world. Time with family and friends gives us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of each of them. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. So, as we prepare for our Savior's birth, take some time to reflect on our past year, and how God's blessings have made

blessed each of us. Do not forget the poor and sick. Last Sunday we heard Jesus describe charity in Matthew's Gospel " 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me' ". Holding a Holy Hour, then collecting food and clothing for the poor with your family would be an amazing gift for all.

In closing I wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

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FAMILY

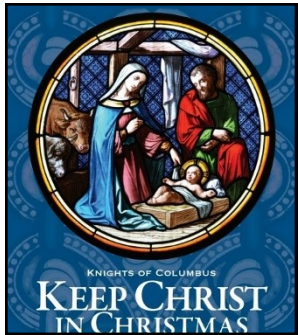
Be a Family Fully Alive this Christmas Season

Congratulations to the **John Christopher Cheatham Family** and Council 5899 for being named the State of Ohio Family of the Month in October, 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
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Now then, as I grade the Family Service Program activities, I have noticed that some councils are choosing Council Choice instead of one of the Faith in Action programs under the Family Activity list of family programs to choose from. If you have already received your 25 points for a Council Choice Activity and you report another Council Choice activity, even though the director approves it, reporting the activity as such doesn't help you point wise. So, you may want to choose a Faith in Action program activity instead. Also, some councils when reporting their family activity as a Faith in Action Family Program, may choose the wrong Faith in Action Family program. Before reporting your activities online, make sure you know which Faith in Action Family program activity your activity belongs under. You can look it up on the Supreme website or reach out to me ahead of time and I will be more than happy to assist you.



The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest has begun. By now, the posters should be completed and council judging needs to take place. Council judging needs to be completed by December 31st. After December 31st, they need to go to your district deputy, so he can judge them and pass them along to his district deputy coordinator. The district deputy coordinator can then judge them and pass them on to me. I will send out an e-mail to the district deputy coordinators with more information.

December is a great month to start the Family Fully Alive program, even though this program can begin in any month of the year. However, if you decide to incorporate the family

Fully Alive program into your family's busy schedule, it will change your life. The monthly cycle of themes, prayers, reflections, meditations, and family projects will help your family focus on the important things in the world. Joy is the theme in December. Joy is an attribute of God's divine love. We reflect God in our family life. We are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ. As a family project in December, put joy into practice by singing together Advent and Christmas hymns, hosting an Advent or Christmas party, and reading a Christmas story out loud. Also, consider creating a family book of favorite religious hymns and carols. Have each family member choose a song that they enjoy and make copies to share. Then sing together Advent and Christmas songs at times that are convenient.

May your families have a very Merry Christmas!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Director





Two Early Christmas Gifts

My Brother Knights -

It is amazing that we are approaching mid-year this Fraternal Year already! Thank you to each and every one of you who has submitted community activities through the State website. Please keep it up. If you have not already submitted your Community activities for the first half of the year, now is a good time to get caught up on those. Please be sure to read any comments that I may append to your graded activity report.

COMMUNITY

For your December community program, two important things. First, it is time to schedule your local council Free Throw Contest. If at all possible, it would great for all council level competitions to be completed by January 31st. As soon as you complete your competition, be sure to get your council winners to your District Deputy for the District Competition.

Second, now is a perfect time to complete your Helping Hands program. Find an organization or group that serves those in need in your community, and help out with a gift of money or goods and time to help. This could be a local homeless shelter, a local food pantry, or a local resource center. You know your community and who needs a helping hand. Whatever works for your community will satisfy your Helping Hands activity requirements.

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers regarding my wife and our recent pregnancy. I am proud to report that my wife and I welcomed identical twin daughters into this world on November 21st – Ryann Jacklynn (left) and Alyvia Jean (right). Both babies and momma are very healthy and doing great! Thanks again for the prayers (and continue to pray for me, the very proud daddy of 6 daughters)!!



Finally, as we begin the Advent season and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, I want to wish you and your entire family a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. Thanks for all you do to support your communities both locally and abroad. And thanks for being a beacon of light in the darkness!

Let us be Worthy!!

Joe Hartle - State Community Director



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Congratulations to Our MDRT Field Agents!



Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) is an international organization that recognizes the world’s leading life insurance and financial services professionals. 389 Knights of Columbus field agents were recognized by being listed on the inside cover in the November 2023 Columbia Magazine. Congratulations to the 8 K of C field agents from the State of Ohio who were recognized for their commitment to excellence, outstanding service and highest ethical standards. We are very fortunate to have these outstanding agents serving our members and councils here in Ohio. Be sure to congratulate them the next time that you see them.

Jonathan Collins — Coldwater
Jeffrey Cummons — Jackson Center
Mark Hedge — Butler
Peter Holm — New Carlisle

Jeremy Kuhlman — Ottawa
Chad Muhlenkamp — Milford
Daniel Slattery — Stow
Lawrence Suter — Canton



LIFE

Extraordinary! Exceptional!

We have entered a new year and are finishing up our 12 days of Christmas. You did remember to leave your tree up and celebrate the full season, right? We've made it halfway through the fraternal year. Time is flying and, before you know it, we'll be gathered in Cincinnati (sort of) for convention. Councils should be starting the process of picking their Knight of the Year and planning the write up. I wanted to be clear about what I will be looking at for Knight of the Year sub-

missions. I will be looking for 4 main points: participation in the Knights of Columbus, participation in the community, and participation at the parish.

If you are getting this newsletter, you probably hold a position of leadership within the Knights of Columbus. We expect every officer and leader to meet the duties of their office

which makes those standard duties mundane. When a brother Knight goes above and beyond, that is notable. Keep in mind this is an "of the YEAR" award, not a life-time achievement award. A man's history matters and should be noted, but of the year awards are very much a "what have you done for me lately" matter. I'm looking for the history to give me perspective and looking for the recently remarkable.



Good job? No.
Remarkable job!

Most of us are members of other organizations and, based on the way volunteerism seems to work, probably have held or currently hold a position of leadership in those other organizations. Active participation in those organizations shows a commitment to the community outside of the K of C, which is admirable. I want to hear about those things. Again, history is laudable for perspective, but I'll be looking forward to hearing about the more recent participation.

We all are (or should be) attending mass regularly. I'm looking for the other ways this brother Knight serves the parish. Is he an usher, Extraordinary minister, or choir member? How does he serve the Lord and his people of his parish? Again, history is good for perspective, but what has he done lately?

In the past, I have struggled to pick a youth of the year and a family of the year. I am very much looking forward to having the same problem this year with Knight of the Year as I read about all the wonderful things done by our brother Knights of Ohio.

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



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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/>



12/6/2023	7:00PM	Cleveland
12/13/2023	7:00PM	Columbus
12/20/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown
12/27/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati



Become a District Deputy to Grow the Knights of Columbus

One of the most important jobs in the Knights of Columbus is the District Deputy. The DD is usually a Past Grand Knight of a council and has shown the leadership qualities to lead a group of men to do good works. He has been in the forefront of bringing new men to the Order and crafting them into the mix with other Knights to help their Church and Community.



A District Deputy is a mentor to several councils, including his own. He must be able to be a sounding board for his councils, with advice and constructive criticism, remembering that they make their own decisions on how the council is run. Not all councils are the same and the DD must be able to allow them to do it in their own way if they conduct their business according to the Knights of Columbus and The Official Rules of Conducting Meetings.

The DD is the primary link between the local council leadership and the State Council. Communication from the State Council down to the local Knights is critical to growing the Order and bringing men to our rosters. The State Council also needs feedback from the local councils which makes the DD position critical to the process as he is the “eyes on the ground” and can help answer questions and solve problems to help everyone involved.

We are halfway through the Fraternal Year in Ohio, and we need to look toward the future. We have men across the State that are in their first year of being a DD and others that have spent several years in the position. The State Council is on the lookout for men to help fill the DD positions and to help grow the Order. Are you that man?

I urge any man interested in the position of District Deputy to have a conversation with your current DD or State Officer. Ask what you need to know to do the job, and you just might be surprised how much satisfaction you can get by helping grow the Knights of Columbus.

Chris Dodson - State District Deputy Director



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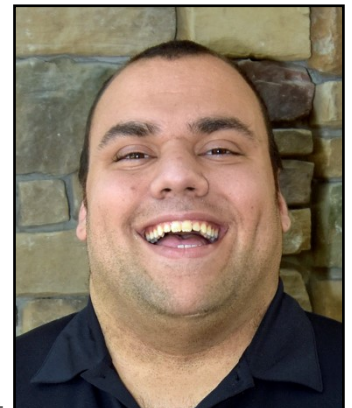
Your December Church Bulletin Blurb Highlight Holiday Programs

Take advantage of the free advertising available through your parish bulletins to highlight what we do, especially throughout the Christmas season. Send them this insert:

The Christmas Season is here. The Knights of Columbus do many charitable contributions during the Christmas season, including our Keep Christ in Christmas kids poster contest, Coats for Kids, and Food For Families programs. Want to become a part of that? Go to kofcohio.org and click on “Join Us”. For more information, please contact Grand Knight (Name, Phone, Email here)

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator



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2024 Ohio State Bowling Tournament



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Dear Brother Knight,

We look forward to you joining us for the 2024 Ohio State Bowling Tournament.

This year's 106th Invitational is held in Columbus Ohio. Saturday Singles and Doubles will be bowled at Wayne Webb starting at 12 noon with a 10 minute practice. Sunday Teams will be bowled at Rollhouse at 12:30. We have lane limits, so please mark your 1st and second choices for weeks on the entry form.

March 2nd and 3rd

March 9th and 10th

March 16th and 17th

The host Hotel for 2024 is Holiday Inn Express of Grove City, 3951 Jackpot Road, (614) 801-9000.

Remember to ask for our block of rooms to get the K of C Tournament rate.

Please send me your team registration by January 1st either via email or snail mail. Arusso@gbbn.com

New bowlers can enter averages per the tournament rules, or I will work with you to get a fair average determined. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

[Guidelines](#)

[Entry Form](#)

[Receipt](#)

[2023 Results](#)

2024 Host Hotel **Holiday Inn Express** – 614-801-9000 - 3951 Jackpot Rd, Grove City, OH 43123

2024 Host Lanes **Wayne Webb** – 3224 S High St, Columbus, OH 43207

2024 Host Lanes **Rollhouse Entertainment**- 500 Georgesville Rd, Columbus, OH 43228

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First Turn In- December 15, 2023

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- 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

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113 Putnam Street
Marietta, OH 45750

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Around the State



The above nativity scene has been erected by the knights of Archbishop Moeller Council #3861 in Cincinnati at the base of the Mt. Washington Water Tower for the past 50 years. The figures came from Italy and were donated to the council years ago by what was then called St. Gregory Seminary (now Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West) in Cincinnati. The scene is erected each year by the council in the Mt. Washington neighborhood of Cincinnati.



Members of Msgr. Gerdes Council 3123 in Amelia put a new laminate floor in the Ultrasound room for ACP: A Caring Place. Looks like a nice improvement.



Luke Francis Weirich, son of State Deputy Staff Audio Visual Coordinator Sean and Katherine Weirich, was baptized November 5 by Msgr. Borger, chaplain of council #15905 at St. Joan of Arc, Toledo.



Congratulations to the St. John Central Gala on another successful fundraiser for St. John Central School this past Saturday. Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer was happy to present a \$2,000 check to Gala Committee member Derek Kern and a few students to help offset the building and drapery cost at their event!

Around the State



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish (Toledo) volunteers, including the Daughters of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and the Knights of Columbus St. Joan of Arc Council #15905 offered the 15th Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner. By collecting over 130 turkeys, 26 were prepared for the dinner, with the remaining turkeys going to Helping Hands of St. Louis and La Posada Family Shelter. Guests received, in addition to the turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dressing, corn, turkey soup, pistachio salad, gravy, cranberry-orange sauce, rolls, butter, and choice of desserts.

Over 240 guests, which included many families, enjoyed the dinner. Some of the guests were also able to receive a bag of groceries prepared by the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Food Pantry. Over 150 donors & volunteers made this Thanksgiving Day community dinner offering available again this year.



Canton Council #341 held a church drive at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, and St. Joseph churches in Canton collecting baby clothes for the local Pregnancy and