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From the State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights of Ohio:

Let Us Be Worthy of the World He Died to Save!

Our program theme encourages all brother knights to do all that we can to better *SERVE* our churches, councils, and communities within the Ohio State Council. As your new State Deputy of the

Ohio Knights of Columbus councils, I am committed to the idea that we can all work together toward ONE common goal: *To be worthy and honorable as Catholic gentlemen, being true Knights of Columbus.*

I am very excited to reintroduce this statewide monthly newsletter for Ohio. My very dear friend of many years, former “Buckeye Bulletin” editor, Harding Christ, always said that our members need to be informed and that “communications is key”. I always believed that statement and took that to heart. I thank another good friend, Phil Salasek, for taking on this assignment of editor and compiling this communication that we all feel is so very important for our Ohio Knights.

On another note, MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and RETENTION--along with New Council Development and/or Rejuvenation—continue to remain the key ingredients for the growth of the Ohio State Council, and more importantly, our local councils. Not only do we need to attract new members by being active, but we need programs and activities to keep our members interested and engaged in order to retain them as Knights of Columbus. Throughout this fraternal year, we’ll hear ideas and promotions regarding attracting new members from our State Growth director Andrew Nuckols and

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From our State Chaplain

Summer is fair season. Going to the fair can be a positive experience. We see young people who are willing to work. They are taking care of animals, presenting projects for judging, and enjoying a decent social life. Older people are trading stories about the past and their hopes and dreams for the present and the future. Many enjoy the displays, the rides, and the delicious food.

The fair gives us the opportunity to see first hand the results of good stewardship and our willingness to follow God’s direction. Hopefully we can share some positive experiences with the disillusioned and those who have no hope, showing them that they also have a place in the family of God.



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



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E-Membership Director Greg Singlar. State General Program Director, Michael Jordan, and his team of various State Directors will provide us with ideas and ways to keep our members engaged physically as well as spiritually.

Adding to our spiritual development, State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director, Aaron Mier, will be introducing the latest Supreme initiative, COR, to councils at the State Tour meetings in July. COR has been introduced to provide the opportunity for all Catholic men to encounter Christ, strengthen their bonds of Brotherhood, and to share their faith and bring us all closer to Jesus. The 3 key elements of this initiative are Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.

A new emphasis will be placed on helping struggling councils to get back to their days of being a vibrant and active council. Our newly formed State rejuvenation team, chaired under the direction of Past State Deputy, Ken Girt, hope to provide needed help to keep our members involved and engaged.

You will hear more ideas and plans from all of these Directors at the State Tour Meetings that will be held in each diocese in Ohio. See the schedule later in this issue to find the date, time, and location of the State Tour Meeting for your diocese.

As brother knights, especially in today's world, we need to be worthy to serve our local parishes and remain the strong "right arm of the Church."

As your State Deputy, I ask each local council to remember that we are many members across this great state, but we also need to unite as one force to follow our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Brother Knights in Ohio need to learn of the adventures of our patron, Christopher Columbus, yet continue to be attentive to the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Together, with you, my brother knights, ***Let Us Be Worthy!***

Fraternally,

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Mike Jordon - State General Program Director

I want to take this opportunity to say congratulations to our IPSD Mark Siracusa on a great two years as State Deputy.

As we start State Deputy Jeff Kiliany's term, I would like to thank him for asking me to be his State Program Director. During the next two years we will be having fun as well as giving councils great incentives, both through Growth as well as Programs.

The quick start incentive for programs for the months of July and August is as follows:

The State council will donate \$25.00 in the council's name to S O S (Support Our Seminarians) to any council that completes 4 Programs and brings in one new member.

The State Council will donate \$50.00 in the council's name to S O S to any council that completes 4 programs and brings in 2+ members.

For the councils to qualify for this donation in their name to S O S, they must first make their own donation. Only then will the State make the donation in the council's name.



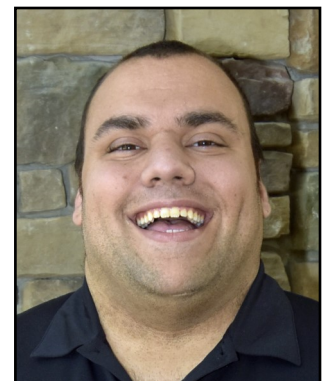
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Get it in the Church Bulletin

One of our most underused resources is our own parish bulletin. It's free advertising for the many things we do as councils. Parish bulletins are also a good way to recruit new members. Give this bulletin announcement a try and see what may come of it:

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. Any male age 18 and over can join our great fraternal organization. All programs are done with the whole family. So sign up online and join us today at kofc.org/join. For more details contact Grand Knight (Insert Name Here) at (Insert Phone # Here).

Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator



DIOCESAN STATE TOUR WEEKENDS

ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Friday, July 7th

Meeting 7:00 PM
Dayton Council 500
267 Bainbridge St.
Dayton, OH 45402



COLUMBUS DIOCESE

Saturday, July 8th

Lunch at noon
Meeting 1:00 PM
New Albany Council 10941
6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd.
Columbus, OH 43054



STEUBENVILLE DIOCESE

Sunday, July 9th

212 West Main Street
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
Lunch & Meeting in the church base-
ment after mass.



TOLEDO DIOCESE

Friday, July 14th

Dinner at 6:00 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM
Saint John XXIII Council #14502
24250 N. Dixie Hwy,
Perrysburg, OH 43551



CLEVELAND DIOCESE

Saturday, July 15th

Lunch; at noon
Meeting at 1:00 PM
St. Ambrose / Brunswick Council
#4847
929 Peal Rd.
Brunswick, OH 44212
Hilkert Hall



YOUNGSTOWN DIOCESE

Sunday, July 16th

Lunch at noon
Meeting 1:00PM
St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Social Hall



State Deputy Jeff Kiliany addresses the troops at the State Council organizational meeting at Geneva on the Lake



State Life Director Stew Vetter wants to know how he can help your council achieve its goals.



The Ohio State Council staff listens intently as the **Let Us be Worthy of the World He Died to Save Program** is explained.

Membership Growth

As we begin Worthy State Deputy Jeff Kiliany's administration, his theme **Let Us Be Worthy**... continues to be relevant for us in our lives as Catholics and Knights of Columbus. We are called to grow and deepen our faith; to serve as witnesses to our faith in our families, at work, and in our daily lives. We must bring Blessed Fr. McGivney's dream to life by continuing the growth of the order, which is key to its long-term survival. It is incumbent on all of us as Knights to work to ensure the organization grows and prospers. It is absolutely needed in today's world. Become the man, husband and father God is calling you to be. I look forward to meeting everyone and learning more about Ohio's Growth Plan at the diocesan Tour Stops in July!



Andrew Nuckols
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Please note the FAST START (July 1- September 30) program information on the next page. Shown below are program incentives available to councils that achieve certain goals.



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1. Roll up retractable banner (33.5" X 80")
2. 14' Feather flag
3. 6' Table throw

All personalized for each council



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Online Exemplifications through Aug 31 - Wed. only

Below see the upcoming online exemplifications through the end of August, 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 an email with the degree link. Weekly online exemplifications will continue for the foreseeable future.

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

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

7/5/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown	8/2/2023	7:00PM	Columbus
7/12/2023	7:00PM	Steubenville	8/9/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati
7/19/2023	7:00PM	Cleveland	8/16/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown
7/26/2023	7:00PM	Toledo	8/23/2023	7:00PM	Steubenville
			8/30/2023	7:00PM	Toledo



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July 1st to September 30th

Ohio "Let Us Be Worthy" Pin

Members who recruit at least one new member into a council, if their membership number is on the application for membership will earn an Ohio pin. One pin per recruiter.

Fast Start Council Quarterly Challenge

Winning council in each diocese (Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Steubenville, Youngstown) with the highest percentage Growth intake. Winner will pick from Knight Gear site one of the following:

- 1) 33.5" w x 80"h Roll Up Retractable Banner (\$147.99) personalized to council.
- 2) Custom Council 14 foot Feather Flag Package (\$125.99) personalized to council.
- 3) Custom Council Table Throw for 6' Table (\$167.99) personalized to council.

District Deputy Monthly Competition

District Deputy with the highest percentage Growth intake in each diocese will receive \$50.00 Knights Gear gift card.

Field Agent Monthly Competition

Field Agent – the highest Recruiter of new members will receive \$50.00 Knights Gear gift card for each Agency.

E-Membership Council Fast Start Incentive

The Council in each diocese who recruits and transfers the most new E-Members into their council will receive \$100 Knights Gear gift card during the period from July 1st until September 30th.

Shining Armor Award – Year Long Incentive

The first 100 completed Shining Armor Award cards turned into the State Membership Director will have their pins paid for by the state and they will be in a drawing to win \$100.00. These pins will be purchased by the State Council and sent to the Grand Knight for presentation at the council. Anyone that sends their completed Shining Armor Award cards in after the first 100 will also be placed into a separate drawing to win \$100.00.

Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols
State Growth Director





FAITH

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director

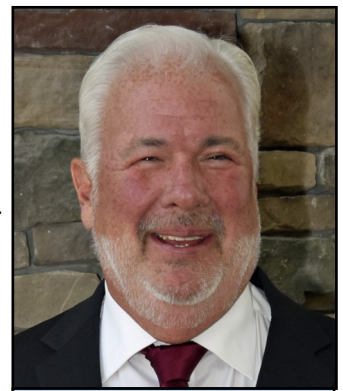
Off to a fresh start and ready to go!

Brothers,

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am a 45-year member of Geneva-Madison Council 5286, and 10-year member of Leo Kane Assembly 836. I am a PGK, PFN, and FDD. I just served the past two years as DDC for the Youngstown Diocese. I am now honored to serve as your State Faith Director under new State Deputy Jeff Kilany. I believe this program is the most important to our councils, as it is the

foundation of our Order and our programs. Nothing else is possible without Faith. During the coming weeks I wish that all councils review the Supreme website, get with your pastors, and plan your Faith programs for the next year as soon as possible. Brothers, of all programs in Faith in Action, these are the easiest to complete. I will always be available to answer any questions, but your District Deputies are your leaders, and they are eager for all their councils to be active in their parishes. Let's start out with an easy one, BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK. My council has installed one in each of the parishes, and they are popular. We are refilling the booklets regularly as our fellow parishioners find them inspirational. If you already have one in your parish, please let me know that you replenished it. I will count that toward your Faith Program activity point total.

Looking forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming tours. Vivat Jesus!



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FAMILY

Tim Mangan - State Family Director

Worthy Brother Knights of the Great State of Ohio,

As we begin a new fraternal year, we also begin the new **“Let Us Be Worthy”** State General Program! Since summertime is upon us, we plan for that family vacation or family reunion or that family weekend getaway. Just like we plan for these events, we too must also plan for those K of C summertime family events with our K of C family. Now is that time of year to plan for a council family picnic or a family social night, or perhaps a family sporting event. Whatever family activities your council is interested in doing, be sure to plan and prepare for it first.

As you plan for your council's family program activities, be sure to invite everyone to your events, not just members of your local council. Include your fellow parishioners, prospective members, friends, guests, or anyone else who, not only would be interested in attending, but perhaps joining your council afterwards.

Remember, we are a family service organization. In addition to planning family program activities, plan on serving families in need as well. One example of doing this is through the Faith in Action Food for Families Program. July and August are a great time of year to either donate food to local food pantries or food banks, or raise funds and make a financial contribution. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, Supreme will refund \$100 back to the council, up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. This is a great activity to start off the new fraternal year with. Then, of course, report it to me so I can give you credit for doing this important activity.

Also, make sure your council's family director is compliant with the council member safe environment. The best way to make sure this happens is for the grand knight to submit to Supreme the Form 365 with the family director's name and contact information included on that form. That way he will get the e-mail from Supreme with the information he needs to know and follow to make that happen. If he's compliant by October 1st, that will be an easy 25 points awarded to your council as part of the **“Let Us Be Worthy”** State General Program.

As the new State Family Director, I am looking forward to servicing you in anyway I can when it comes to your family service program activities. I look forward to reviewing your family activity reports. I look forward to what I am sure will be an exciting, fun and successful fraternal year!



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COMMUNITY

Joe Hartle - State Community Director

JOE HARTLE is a member of Saint John XXIII Council 14502 in Perrysburg and a Fourth Degree member of Assembly 2800 in Toledo. He served two years as Grand Knight, earning Top Council for the State of Ohio for both years. Joe was also recognized by State Deputy Robert Byers as overall Knight of the Year for the State of Ohio in the 2019-2020 fraternal year. Joe most recently served the role of State Family Director under State Deputy Mark Siracusa.



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Joe met his wife, April, in the mid-90s, started dating her in 2005 and finally married her in 2011. Together, they have four beautiful and unique daughters, Amelia, Audrey, Penelope (“Penny Layne”), and Evelyn (“Evie”), and are expecting two new additions to their family in November 2023. Joe and April both grew up in rural northwest Pennsylvania, and moved to Toledo in 2006, where Joe attended law school at the University of Toledo College of Law. Joe and his family currently reside in Rossford, a small suburb of Toledo. Joe spends his free time watching his daughters’ soccer games, attending Toledo Walleye hockey games with his kids, and rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes and Pittsburgh Steeler football teams.

As community director, Joe hopes to see councils get outside of halls and parishes sharing the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney by doing good works in their local, national and world communities through various events and activities. Activities can include Faith in Action Programs such as Coats for Kids, Helping Hands, Soccer/Free Throw/Hockey Challenges, Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity. But Joe also challenges councils to think outside the box and come up with other activities and events that benefit the community.

Councils are free to submit any activity that fits within the parameters outlined in the Faith In Action Guidebook. Remember to have fun and support your communities!



LIFE

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director

With the defeat of Rowe vs Wade, more babies are being born in Ohio. That means our pregnancy centers need your council’s help this year to serve those new mothers, their babies, and the entire family. Alas, everything is not rosy on the Life front. There is a constitutional amendment on the Ohio ballot this fall that would codify into the constitution the ability to get an abortion in Ohio. Further, this amendment would prevent the state, any county, and any municipality from making any law against having an abortion or limiting the ability to

get an abortion. Ohio needs to know the majority supports life and we can do that at the Ohio March for Life at the State House in Columbus on October 6, 2023. Plan to get there and bring your friends and neighbors and brother Knights and your parish priest.



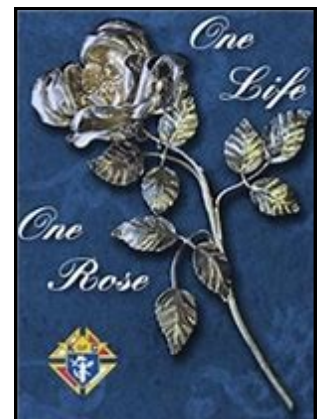
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thank you!

A heartfelt “thank you” for all of the prayers and well wishes sent my way as I recover from my recent illness. Your health is very important, so don’t take it for granted and seek medical attention as soon as you notice something that seems out of the ordinary. Lesson learned.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Dodson - District Deputy Director





The 2023-2025 Ohio State Council Officer and wives

From left - Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Siracusa and his wife, Beth, State Chaplain Rev. James Lang, State Deputy Jeff Kiliany and his wife, Judy, State Secretary Mike Felerski and his wife. Heather, State Treasurer Jim Maslach and his wife, Kathy, State Advocate Chris Sarka and his wife, Gina, and State Warden Tony Offenberger and his wife, Kristen

(photo courtesy of Paul Wadowick, Geneva-Madison Council 5286)



The 2023-2025 Ohio State Council Staff, wives, and children gathered at Geneva on the Lake Resort for the organizational meeting the weekend of June 16-18

(photo courtesy of Paul Wadowick, Geneva-Madison Council 5286)