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Jeff Kiliany **State Deputy** jtktg@yahoo.com

From the **State Deputy**

From the State Officers, Directors, and Staff of the Ohio State Council, I want to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year! The start of the new year for many of us is a time where we assess and refocus our efforts to accomplish whatever it was that we are concerned with. Many

of us make resolutions meant to improve your life and how you deal with everyday challenges that you encounter throughout the year. Change can be difficult, but it gets easier if you take the time to plan and determine a course of action. In addition to any of those personal resolutions that you might have, I would also propose that you consider these resolutions improve your K of C council for 2024.

Membership: Formally resolve to commit to the growth of your council and our order! Have every officer and program director commit to finding a new member. Make a commitment and start planning to hold a Church Drive and/or some other council function to attract new members. Are your members, especially the council officers, fully aware of new opportunities of online membership and the procedure to sign a new member online? Most importantly, talk with your members and let them know that they are appreciated and how much their help is needed to find others to join our ranks. Remember, retention is nothing more than demonstration of brotherhood by sharing the true

From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

A new year brings new opportunities. Traditionally it's a time for an AAR (After Action Review) - What went right and what went wrong in 2023.



How do we improve what

went right? How do we correct what went wrong? Prayer is important. Studying scripture is important. It is helpful to reflect on our own experience. Asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize new opportunities and using our gifts and talents to help build the kingdom of God is a good start.

Nothing good happens without the Lord's help. We ask the Lord to help us make 2024 a time of healing and good will, a time to show our gratitude for God's blessings by how we do business.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. James P. Lang - State Chaplain



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fraternity of the Knights of Columbus. We not only keep members our ranks, but also attract others to join us in our efforts.

Reporting: Resolve to meet or talk with your council's financial team comprised of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees, to make sure all necessary paperwork is on track. Is any report currently late and have all billings been sent? Is your retention team in place to help? Is everyone submitting volunteer hours to help you complete the annual survey of ac-



tivity? Have you reviewed the progress of your council's program activity reporting in the State report forms or in the monthly Star Council progress report? Who is going to be responsible for submitting your council activities for the Supreme Columbian Award? This is a great time to make sure that everyone is on board.

Supreme Safe Environment Program: All of our leadership should fully aware of the rules regarding Safe Environment and what officers/directors are required to complete this training. Please be sure that your council is in full compliance.

Supreme Star Council and State General Program: Are you aware of the requirements to MAX the State General Program or to achieve the Supreme Star Council Award? Meet with your program directors and check that the activities in each of the 4 program areas have been completed and reported, or that they are already scheduled to be done by this April. If you have not already completed programs or activities in each of these areas, make sure that your council has the activities scheduled and a chairperson is assigned to do it. Are you getting ready to name "Honorees of the Year" for your council in each of the four program areas? Use all available resources, utilizing everyone and everything available to you to reach these goals. Your District Deputy, Diocesan Growth Director, State Directors, and even State Officers are ready to help your council be successful. In addition to our state website, the supreme website is full of forms, information, and other resources to assist you. Log into these websites and get familiar with them. If you are not comfortable utilizing today's technology, seek out a more tech savvy member of your council to help you with this. All Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries should be using the Supreme Officers Online portal for council billing, tracking, and information. Supreme's training webinar series is a great resource for council leadership. If you're not able to log on to the webinars on the day and time they are presented, you can also log into the Supreme website afterwards and review what was presented in the sessions. Two Fraternal Benefits nights are required for a council to achieve the Star Council Award. Meet with you K of C field agent to help you plan and conduct your Council Fraternal Benefits Nights.

Hopefully, you will find all of these resolutions helpful and provide guidance and direction. I thank you for all of your hard work and time in support of your council, parish, and community. Let's all work together to make 2024 a great year for the Knights of Columbus in Ohio.

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

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

The Black Madonna

One of the most famous depictions of the Madonna is Our Lady of Czestochowa in Poland, an image that is said to date back to the time of the 12 Apostles. Legend suggests that St. Luke the Evangelist (believed to have been the artist) hand painted this picture of the Blessed Mother and Child on the top of a cedar table that Jesus built as a carpenter. St. Luke is said to have painted the image of Mary while she was sharing with him the events of Jesus' life that he would later use to write his Gospel. The painting is known as the "Black Madonna," because the faces of the Madonna and Child have darkened over the centuries from the smoke and soot of votive candles that have BURNED IN FRONT OF IT.







Ohio Brother Knights,

I hope that you and your families had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year!

As we enter into the New Year, let us reach out and ask our fellow Catholic men and friends to join our Order. We are now entering the second half of the Fraternal year and our Growth numbers for new members are down. With what is going on in the world today we need more Catholic men to stand up and step into the Breach. We need young men that want to strengthen their faith and become better men, fathers, and husbands. We need these men to keep our Order strong and vibrant for the future. Take advantage, when talking with someone, and find out if they are Catholic and tell them about all the good works that the Knights of Columbus do.



Andrew Nuckols State Growth Director anuckols@cinci.rr.com

Now that we are halfway through the Fraternal Year, how did your council do with Growth? Are you at the 50 percent mark for membership growth? Did your Field Agent host a Fraternal Benefit Event or watch one of the Supreme webinars? Have you completed 8 Faith in Action programs? For councils needing fresh ideas, please attend the **"Best Practices of Standout Councils"** webinar on <u>Thursday January 25 at 8 pm</u> Here is the registration link: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1650065&tp key=20a05abfaa

Don't forget for E-Membership visit the website (<u>www.kofc.org/JoinUs</u>) or scan the QR code. Men can join any time and become a member instantly. Click the blue "BlessedMcGivney" promo code for free membership.

Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director



Top Growth Percentage in Ohio as of 12/23/2023

	Values								
Council Number and Name	IT.	District 🖵	Division 🚽 Status 🖵	Membership		Supreme Goal	YTD Gain	% Gain	%
8320 JOHN CARROLL		33	0 College	July 1 28	Goal 5	3.09484193	11	265 4294	Growth 39.29%
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON		43	3 Active	98	6	3.713810316	14		14.29%
18195 SAN PEDRO		36	5 Active	24	5	3.09484193	3		12.50%
15959 ST EDWARD	_	83	5 Active	24	5	3.09484193	3		11.54%
11208 ST BRENDAN		35	1 Active	20	11	6.808652246	22		10.95%
11354 SAINT CATHARINE		44	2 Active	147	9	5.570715474	16		10.88%
11207 SAINT PATRICK		37	2 Active	119	7	4.332778702	9	207.72%	
847 MT VERNON		43	3 Active	95	6	3.713810316	7	188.49%	
14671 SACRED HEARTS		45	5 Active	42	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	
5776 WESTERVILLE		46	1 Active	316	15	9.28452579	22	236.95%	
11187 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON		47	1 Active	238	14	8.665557404	16	184.64%	
3873 FR W HOWARD BISHOP		6	4 Active	81	5	3.09484193	5	161,56%	
1195 ARCHBISHOP ELDER		14	1 Active	277	15	9.28452579	17	183.10%	6.14%
13984 BROOK PARK		21	3 Active	82	5	3.09484193	5	161.56%	6.10%
15043 HOLY TRINITY		59	4 Active	67	5	3.09484193	4	129.25%	5.97%
3730 FR WILLIAM O CONNOR		5	2 Active	149	8	4.951747088	8	161.56%	5.37%
3724 FAIRBORN		5	1 Active	245	14	8.665557404	13	150.02%	5.31%
3213 FATHER CARL ANTHONY		19	2 Active	134	8	4.951747088	7 🗖	141.36%	5.22%
10936 FATHER MARUSKIN		25	2 Active	154	9	5.570715474	8 📃	143.61%	5.19%
15573 HOLY FAMILY		81	4 Active	77	5	3.09484193	4 📃	129.25%	5.19%
2362 CUYAHOGA FALLS		25	3 Active	116	6	3.713810316	6 🗖	161.56%	5.17%
15901 ST ADALBERT		21	5 Active	39	5	3.09484193	2 🗖	64 62%	5.13%
12359 JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN		14	2 Active	159	10	6.18968386	8 📃	129.25%	
1417 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		76	5 Active	40	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	
1973 DOVER		34	1 Active	189	11	6.808652246	9 🗖	132.18%	
11551 SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE		78	5 Active	44	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	
4378 FATHER ANTHONY WOLF		2	3 Active	111	6	3.713810316	5 🗖	134.63%	
17654 ST. MARTIN DE PORRES		62	3 Active	113	7	4.332778702	5	115.40%	
3304 GEAUGA		23	3 Active	116	7	4.332778702	5	115.40%	4.31%

New Fight to Raise <u>\$1 Million Dollars</u> For Charity! Super Cash Bonanza 2024 Jim Maslach - State Treasurer

The "Accountant" and his henchmen; "Bills, Taxes, and Inflation", are coming to your council! They are looking to take your funds dedicated for your charities and leave you with nothing. What are we to do? Are we powerless against this foe? Who will stand up for our charities and raise the \$1 Million we need for Ohio?

Ca\$hman, the Caped Crusader for Charity, his sidekick, Cardinal, and all of you working together on the 2024 Super Ca\$h Bonanza Campaign! Is your council ready to take down the "Accountant and raise money for YOUR charities?" I certainly hope so, because with God on our side, all things are possible! Join me, Jim Maslach, State Treasurer, in our adventure to raise \$1 Million for charities across the Great State of Ohio!



The adventure for \$1 Million is coming to your diocese this February 2024 per the schedule below and on the state website under <u>FUNDRAISERS > Super Cash Bonanza</u>. Watch your email announcing the premiere of our feature and the ongoing saga as **Ca\$hman** and Cardinal try to cash in the "Accountant and his Henchman" and award the Super Cash Prizes in May at the State Convention.

Thank you for all you and your councils do for our Church and Order proudly put your "Faith into Action" for our ourselves, members, families, parishes, and communities. Thank you, in advance, for your support of the 2024 Super Ca\$h Bonanza Charity Campaign so that we can reach \$1 Million Dollars in Sales for Charity and foil the plans of the "Accountant!"

Super Cash Bonanza Ticket Distribution Schedule

February 1, 2024	February 2, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 3, 2024
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Knights of Columbus 312 Franklin St. Marietta, OH 45750	Knights of Columbus 218 Legion Dr Mingo Junction, OH 43938	South St. Michael Catholic Church 3430 Saint Michael Blvd NW, Canton, OH 44718	<i>North</i> St. Anne Ukrainian Parish Hall 4310 Kirk Rd. Youngstown, OH 44511
Host: Marietta Council #478	Host: Msgr Joseph F Dooley Council #4361	Host: St. Michael the Archangel Council #15458	Host: Marian Council #3813
February 3, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 3, 2024
Meeting: 1:00 PM	Meeting: 1:00 PM	Meeting: 1:00 PM	Meeting: 1:00 PM
<i>East Side</i>	<i>North Side</i>	<i>West Side</i>	<i>South Side</i>
St. Mary's Church	Knights of Columbus	St. Ladislas Catholic Church	Knights of Columbus
401 North St.	10806 Granger Rd	2345 Bassett Rd	2055 Glenmount Ave
Chardon, OH 44024	Garfield Heights, OH 44125	Westlake, OH 44145	Akron, OH 44319
Host: St Mary Of Chardon	Host: Garfield Heights Council	Host: St. Ladislas Council	Host: South Akron Council #3410
Council #15942	#4130	#16373	Lunch @ 12 Noon
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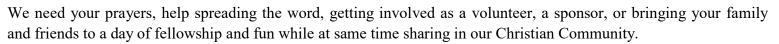
Super Cash Bonanza Ticket Distribution Schedule *Continued from Previous Page

February 9, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 10, 2024
Meeting: 7:00 PM	Meeting: 10:30 AM	Meeting: 3:00 PM	Meeting: 7:00 PM
Knights of Columbus 49 East Perry Street Tiffin, OH 44883 Host: Tiffin Council #678	Knights of Columbus 111 Elliot Rd Defiance, OH 43512 Host: Defiance Council #1039 Small refreshments and bever-	Bainbridge Hall 267 Bainbridge St. Dayton, OH 45402 Host: Dayton Council #500	St. Michael Catholic Church 11144 Spinner Avenue, Sharonville, OH 45241 Host: St. Michael Council #3382
February 11, 2024	ages available.		
Meeting: 1:00 PM			
St. Paul's the Apostle Klinger Center 313 N State St Westerville, OH 43082			
Host: Westerville Council #5776			

The Sports Trivia Cup:

The 2024 Sports Trivia Cup will be "quarterbacked" by Elvis Grbac, Bob Hoying, Bernie Kosar, and Trevor Harris. With famous figures from other fields joining the team as well, such as, Matt Scott (Four-time Gold winner in Para Olympic Basketball) and PJ Ziegler - Award winning Sportscaster. Each round, tables will have the opportunity for a Living Legend to add some star power to their answers.

The Ohio Knights of Columbus have endorsed this event and are hoping many of our councils get involved as participants, sponsors, buy raffle tickets for the Kia Sportage and/or volunteer. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBfZI2eabkg</u>



To register, donate or volunteer, please click on the following link: https://www.damascus.net/stc

2024 Catholic Men's Conference

The 27th Annual Catholic Men's Conference, regarded as one of the largest gatherings for men of faith in the nation, returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on February 24th, 2024. The Conference will include Adoration, Reconciliation, Holy Mass, and three amazing speakers: John Edwards, Chris Stefanick, and Fr. Burke Masters!

As Knights of Columbus, we must deepen our own spirituality and formation. This year's theme, **The Eucharist - Go Deeper**, dedicates the Source and Summit of our Faith – The Eucharist. Fall in love with Jesus through the Eucharist, and experience a love and strength like no other, as you walk with confidence on the path to Sainthood.

To register or donate, please click on the following link: https://www.catholicmensministry.com/2024conference



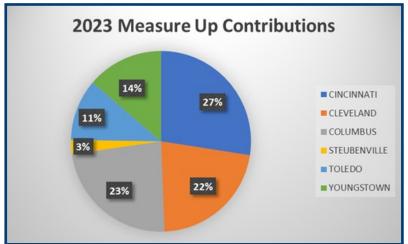


2023 Measure Up Results:

Thank you to the contributing councils for providing the relentless efforts and consideration for our top charity for Ohio Knights! A special recognition to our top council this year, 11550, St. Joseph of the Three Rivers. With their determination, an unbelievable \$11,000 was raised!

In 2023, our "flagship" charity, raised \$273,966.25. Of this, roughly \$65,000 was donated to the Special Olympics in Ohio. Over 200 grants were awarded and over 150 organizations were supported.

On behalf of our State Deputy, I would like to acknowledge your service and express our gratefulness for all you do to serve those in need!

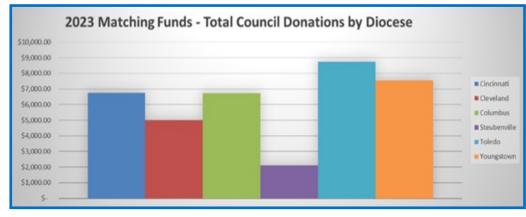


Chris Sarka State Advocate c_sarka@hotmail.com



2023 Matching Funds Results:

This year the total funds raised for diocesan distribution are \$61,856. These funds will have a direct impact on religious education and equipping pastors, parish staff, and leaders in the church with the necessary support and formation to help build a culture of evangelization.



The total funds raised were a direct result of 146 councils, 7 assemblies and 2 individual donations. I would like to congratulate the Toledo Diocese this year as the top contributor!

Check distributions will be made to each diocesan representative at the upcoming Mid-Year Meeting, Saturday January 6, 2024.

Final reports for both programs will be available this month on our website: www.kofcohio.org

Chris Sarka - State Advocate



Reporting on Your Council Activities

As I sit and write this, we are five days into the Christmas Season. I truly hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. **Happy New Year!!!** May 2024 bring you and your families health, happiness and an abundance of blessings from Our Lord Jesus.

We need to continue to reach out to those in need and to our pastors to help them and the community. Program-wise look into Helping Hands and Holy Hours, Leading the Rosary, and countless other programs that all councils do.

As promised. in the December Newsletter we have made the changes for easier reporting. Instead of just one council choice in each of the four Faith In Action programs there are now three council choices. Councils still must do 2 Faith In Action programs. The points remain the same for reporting programs (125).

Youth Compliancy has also been updated, and as of December 22, 2023, all councils that have any or all four of their member compliant are reflected in your points total for your council. For Youth Protection we get this report from Supreme.

The Youth Compliancy will be updated every month.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Jordon - General Program Director 330 540 7317



FAITH

Carrying Out Your Council's Plan

Seasons greetings brothers! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord and spending time with family and friends. As we enter a new year, we reflect on the past year and how we have served as soldiers of Christ. We now plan for 2024 and how we can make this year even better. Faith activities can be a great place to lay the foundation of your plan. In review of the reported activities of the past 6 months, I am proud that most councils have submitted at least



Mark Kahanca Faith Director mark.faithdirectorohio@g mail.com

one activity in their Faith program. Keeping in mind that your activities need to be reported by April 1 for the State Program, Grand Knights should be planning with their directors how they can achieve their goals.

I am asking that councils please begin submitting their choices for Religious of the Year

nominees soon. Your submissions should contain as much detail as possible. All priests, deacons, and nuns are eligible nominees. While all your honorees are truly worthy of consideration, there can only be one chosen by the State. The details are what will make yours stand out. Please email those to me (mark.faithdirectorohio@gmail.com)

preferably as a Word attachment. Make sure to include your council's name and number, along with a contact person in the event that your nominee is chosen. I am sure every council has a special religious worthy of the honor. I look forward to reading yours.

In closing, I wish all of you a healthy, blessed and happy New Year!

God Bless,

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director





Mike Jordon General Program Director mtjordon@gmail.com



FAMILY

Begin to Identify Your Family of the Year Honoree

Congratulations to the **Sean Gammon Family** and **Council 14504** for being named the State of Ohio <u>Family of the Month</u> in November 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

Speaking of Family of the Month, I want to talk a little bit about Family of the Year. Now that the fraternal year is halfway over, it is time to start working on your write-ups for Family of the Year. In your write-ups be sure to include the following information. First, explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus. Remember, this is a family

write-up and needs to include each family member, not just the parents. If the husband/father is a member of the Knights of Columbus (not required), how many years has he been a member of the Knights of Columbus and what positions has he held.

Second, explain the entire family's involvement within the church/parish they belong to. Third, explain the entire family's involvement within the community they live in. Finally, explain why this family was chosen as a model family here in the great state of Ohio, as well as why this family deserves the distinction of being named the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year. Please send me your Family of the Year write-ups, along with any supporting documentation (photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation, etc.) no later than April 1, 2024.

Also, please start thinking about and working on your best overall Family Activity write-ups. Just like Family of the Year, put together a write-up along with any supporting documentation and send that to me no later than April 15, 2024. In your write-ups include the following information. First, describe the purpose and goals of this program. Second, whom does this program benefit. Third, what problem or need did this program resolve. Fourth, why did the council select this program. Finally, describe the success of the program.

I know you will do a wonderful job on these write-ups. I always look forward to reading them and checking out whatever supporting documentation comes with these write-ups. I know you will make my job exceedingly difficult when selecting a winner, but I enjoy it, nevertheless. I cannot wait to read about all the excellent work and the success that comes with it!

Fraternally, **Tim Mangan - State Family Director**

Your January Church Bulletin Blurb

What does being Pro Life mean to you? As Catholics, we believe that being Pro Life is praying for an end to abortion. Even with the recent law passed in Ohio, the Knights of Columbus will continue to work together in prayer and solidarity to keep the Pro Life movement alive. Want to be a part of that? Go to <u>kofcohio.org</u> and click on <u>Join Us</u>. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator



Greg Singlar E-Membership Coordinator gsing50@gmail.com

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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	

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Sunday morning Dec. 10th, found the Christ Our Savior Knights of Columbus **Council 4471** sponsoring the annual St. Nicholas CCD Christmas party in the parish's Great Hall. Staff, parents, and students from all the grade levels were treated to a sausage and pancake breakfast, holiday inspired games, and activities, along with a visit from Santa Claus himself. Included in the different stations were craft creations, letter writing to Old St. Nick, ring tossing, and guessing how many pieces of candy were in a jar. Special thanks to all the volunteers, teachers, K of C Knights and Director of Religious Education, Jerry Land, for putting on this event.



Christ Our Savior Knights of Columbus **Council 4471** Christmas Party volunteers - Front Row - Member Rich Zebrowski, Santa and Chancellor Bob Sepesy. Back Row: Grand Knight Lee Ewsichek, Trustee Steve Bartos, Member Rich Burns, Deputy Grand Knight Jeff Janci, Trustee Joe Wilkos, Trustee/PGK Bob Granchie.



Monsignor Gerdes Council #3123 in Amelia reinforced our message of "Keep Christ in Christmas" with their annual bill-board.

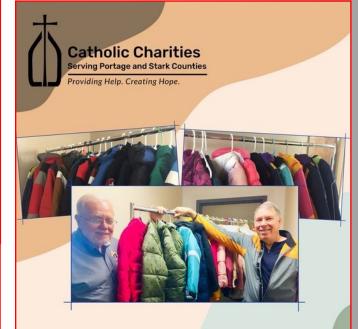
Around the State



Fifteen students out of 58 participants at St. Nicholas School in Struthers received monetary awards for their artistic work as the Christ Our Savior Knights of Columbus **Council 4471** sponsored the annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

This year's winners were, from 1st to 3rd place: Kindergarten Jada Toney, Matthew Miller Jr. and Marissa Reyes. 1st & 2nd Grade: Patrick Johnson, Aubree Malanty and Carson Swanson. 3rd and 4th Grade: Delilah Bellard, Britton McKinney-Martinez and Trentyn Sharpe. 5th and 6th Grade: Mario Reyes, Aiden Chizmar and Lily Waggoner. 7th and 8th Grade: Kelly Miles, Alexander Binkey and Aniya Jackson.





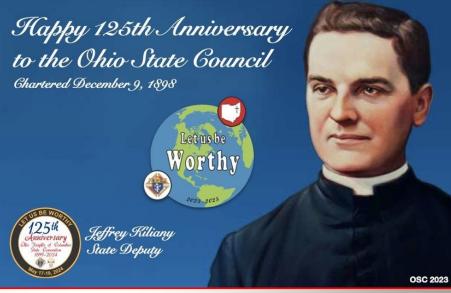
Knights of Columbus, Holy Martyrs Council #4733

Pictured here is Grand Knight, Rick Cuenot, along with Knight, Phil Salasek.

Holy Martyrs **Council #4733** in Canton donated 48 new coats to the local Catholic Charities office for distribution as well as collecting over 170 gently used coats from local hospitals, which were then turned over to the Refuge of Hope homeless shelter in downtown Canton.



Happy 93rd birthday to Past State Deputy, Baci Carpico (1995-1997) (Mingo Junction **Council 4361**)



December 8th marked the 125th Anniversary of the chartering of Ohio State Council. Still going strong!