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Beacon

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From the State Deputy

I would like to thank all my brother knights for your prayers, thoughts, and well wishes as I continue to recover from my recent hip replacement surgery. I continue to do in-home therapy, which has really helped me to a speedy recovery. I graduated from using a walker to on-

ly requiring a cane to assist me in moving about from room to room. I hope to be able to function without the assistance of a cane by next week and to be able to drive short distances. I truly believe in the power of prayer and that all of your prayers have helped to make my surgery and recovery a huge success.

Growth in the state of Ohio has been phenomenal the past three months! We started the second half of this fraternal year by bringing in 172 new members in the month of January, which was our best recruiting month this fraternal year. We topped that a by bringing in 178 new members in the month of February, even though it was the shortest month of the year. The month of March was even better with over 220 new members and counting. We still have two more days to go in this month, which should give us more than 1360 new members so far, this fraternal year. This means that we will need somewhere around 500 new members, maybe even less, to reach our goal of 1,860 new members for the fraternal year. But we can't ease up

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From our State Chaplain

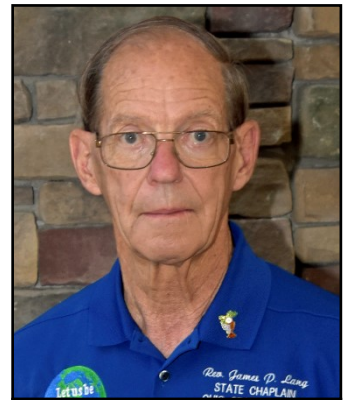
Dear Brother Knights,

We are approaching a time of year when many people, especially young people, will be closing one chapter in their journey of faith and beginning a new one. Graduations, weddings, career changes and travel all come into the picture.

Hopefully we will be open to the Lord's guidance as this process gets underway. The Lord gives us opportunities, talents, time, health, and the guidance He gives us in His Word and the experiences of the saints, official and unofficial. He reminds us in Matthew 25 that He expects a return on what He gives us. Hopefully we can do our part to make that happen.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. James P. Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



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on our recruiting efforts; we must carry this momentum from our third quarter into the last three months of this fraternal year and place this great state of Ohio in the Circle of Honor once again. I am counting on all our councils to continue asking and giving Catholic men the opportunity to become a Knight of Columbus.

The Star Council Award is still our No. 1 Goal! Our Star Council Award deadline is now three months away. Each month, PSD And Special Reports Chairman, Ken Girt issues a Star Council Status report that is sent to all Grand Knights. I ask you to review the status of your council, especially those councils that will be close to achieving the six requirements for Star Council. I have set a goal for each of our District Deputies to have at least one of his councils achieve the Star Council Award. Our Supreme Council quota for Star Councils in Ohio is **59**. I think we can achieve that quota and exceed it! As State Deputy, I have set the Star Council Award as the Number One goal for all councils in Ohio. State General Program Director Mike Jordon and I have structured our state program contest after the Star Council Award criteria. And why is it important for every council to set their sights on the Star Council Award? This award is the one Supreme Council award that recognizes all the main efforts of an active council of our Order. Achieving membership growth, protecting our youth, providing insurance for our members, demonstrating our acts of charity (which is the first principle of our Order), to report on those acts of charity and volunteer hours on our fraternal survey, and to report to Supreme that each council has a dedicated Grand Knight, council officers and service program directors. Our Ohio councils have until June 30 to complete the six Star Council Requirements.



The 125th annual State Convention is just a little more than a month away, and, all Grand Knights should have received at least their First Call packet from State Secretary Mike Felerski for this historic event. As State Deputy, it's important for me to stress that this information remains important in the operation of the Ohio State Council. I urge Grand Knights to carefully review the mailing's contents and act promptly in responding to the deadlines listed. Delegates should be selected following the rules outlined in the convention mailing. Delegate and guest registrations are due no later than April 26, 2024. There will be no on-site registration at the convention (pre-registration only!). I also would like to bring to your attention, the hotel reservation deadline. The reservation deadline for the discounted room rate and complementary services for the hotel is also April 26, 2024, no exceptions. Hotel reservations need to be made as soon as possible, so please do so immediately.

In closing, my wife Judy & I wish to extend a **Blessed and Happy Easter** to you and your families. And remember, **“Let Us Be Worthy of the World He Died to Save!”**

Fraternally,
Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy

Your April Church Bulletin Blurb

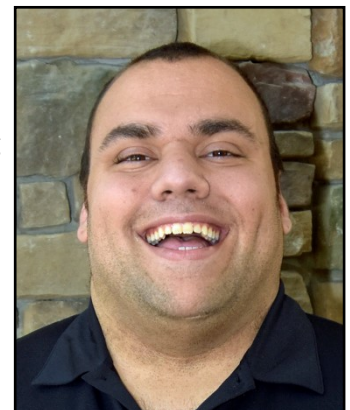


What does charity mean to you? Does this mean going to volunteer your time for a local organization? Does this mean volunteering your time and talents to your local Catholic Church? Does it mean supporting the local veterans who gave their lives to our country? Or does it mean all of that and more? The Knights of Columbus can help you with continuing to fulfill that journey. Want to be a part of that?

New Members Go to kofcoho.org and click on **Join Us**. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator



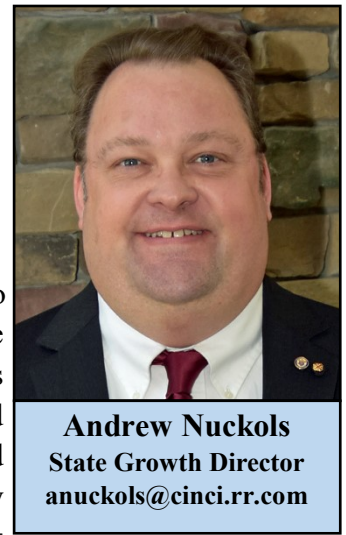
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Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

As we enter the Easter Season and fourth quarter of the fraternal year, let us take time to reflect on what it means to be Catholic. The times have changed since Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but the problems are still here. This is where the Knights of Columbus comes into play. We need men to stand up and help our Church and Community. We need to ask every man in the pew sitting next to us to join our Order. Explain to him that we need his help to keep the Knights the strong right arm of the Church. Our Pastors, community and those on the fringe need our help. The Knights need to be role models so that young children can take notice and have someone to look up to. Thanks to you, Ohio had a strong third quarter of Growth. We only have 3 months left in our fraternal year to bring in 450 new Brother Knights to make our growth goal of 1,860 new members. The men are out there, they just need to be **Asked**. You never know: the next man that joins, might become a council leader, and give your council a new program that will generate interest to council members.



Do not miss the next Fraternal Benefit Event “Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning” online seminar with Ed Slott on **Tuesday April 2 at 8:00 pm**. Use the following link to register at: <https://bit.ly/49N1PHO>

The fastest way to sign up a new member is using the E-Membership (www.kofc.org/JoinUs) website or scan the QR code. Men can join any time and become a member instantly. Click blue “**BlessedMcGivney**” promo code for free membership for an entire year.



Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director

Top 25 Council’s Growth by Members in Ohio As of 3/28/2024:

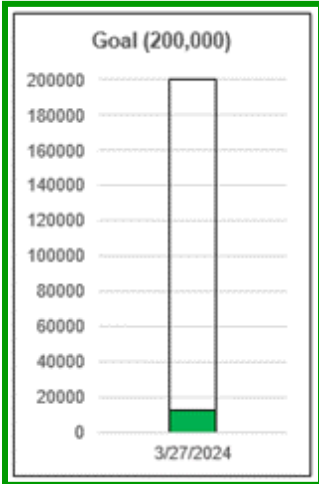
Council Number and Name	District	Division	Status	Values			YTD Gain	% Gain	% Growth
				Membership July 1	Star Council Goal	Supreme Goal			
18195 SAN PEDRO	36	5	Active	24	5	3,094,841,93	10	323.12%	41.67%
8320 JOHN CARROLL	33	5	College	28	5	3,094,841,93	11	355.43%	39.29%
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON	43	4	Active	98	6	3,713,810,316	17	457.75%	17.35%
11207 SAINT PATRICK	37	2	Active	119	7	4,332,778,702	18	415.44%	15.13%
11354 SAINT CATHARINE	44	2	Active	147	9	5,570,715,474	21	376.97%	14.29%
1716 FATHER FRANK PATALA	54	5	Active	65	5	3,094,841,93	9	290.81%	13.85%
15901 ST ADALBERT	21	5	Active	39	5	3,094,841,93	5	161.56%	12.82%
15959 ST EDWARD	83	5	Active	26	5	3,094,841,93	3	96.94%	11.54%
11208 ST BRENDAN	35	2	Active	201	11	6,808,652,246	23	337.81%	11.44%
8873 FR W HOWARD BISHOP	6	4	Active	81	5	3,094,841,93	9	290.81%	11.11%
15043 HOLY TRINITY	59	4	Active	67	5	3,094,841,93	7	226.18%	10.45%
8730 FR WILLIAM O CONNOR	5	2	Active	149	8	4,951,747,088	15	302.92%	10.07%
13984 BROOK PARK	21	3	Active	82	5	3,094,841,93	8	258.49%	9.76%
1195 ARCHBISHOP ELDER	14	1	Active	277	15	9,284,525,79	27	290.81%	9.75%
15573 HOLY FAMILY	81	4	Active	77	5	3,094,841,93	7	226.18%	9.09%
11187 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON	47	1	Active	238	14	8,665,557,404	20	230.80%	8.40%
5776 WESTERVILLE	46	1	Active	316	15	9,284,525,79	26	280.04%	8.23%
8410 SOUTH AKRON	19	1	Active	292	15	9,284,525,79	24	258.49%	8.22%
8213 FATHER CARL ANTHONY	19	2	Active	134	8	4,951,747,088	11	222.14%	8.21%
12359 JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN	14	2	Active	159	10	6,189,683,86	13	210.03%	8.18%
16373 ST. LADISLAS	21	4	Active	86	5	3,094,841,93	7	226.18%	8.14%
12900 VICTORY	40	4	Active	65	5	3,094,841,93	5	161.56%	7.69%
1417 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	76	5	Active	40	5	3,094,841,93	3	96.94%	7.50%
16376 ST. BERNADETTE	21	3	Active	95	6	3,713,810,316	7	188.49%	7.37%
847 MT VERNON	43	3	Active	95	6	3,713,810,316	7	188.49%	7.37%

Let the Fun Begin!

My Brother Knights, what can I say? We put the plan out to you in February as we traveled around the state and boy have you responded! More tickets than ever before have been put out, flooding the state. The Accountant and his Henchman are trying to make it difficult for you to raise any money for charity. Food, gas, rent ... everything is going up, and there seems to be no end. Rest assured, **Ca\$hman** and Cardinal are here! The caped crusaders for Charity in Ohio.



Jim Maslach
State Treasurer
(aka Ca\$hman)



The tickets have just started to roll in and the response is fantastic. Over 12,000-tickets have come in as of this report, putting us at 6% of the goal of 200,000! We are well on our way.

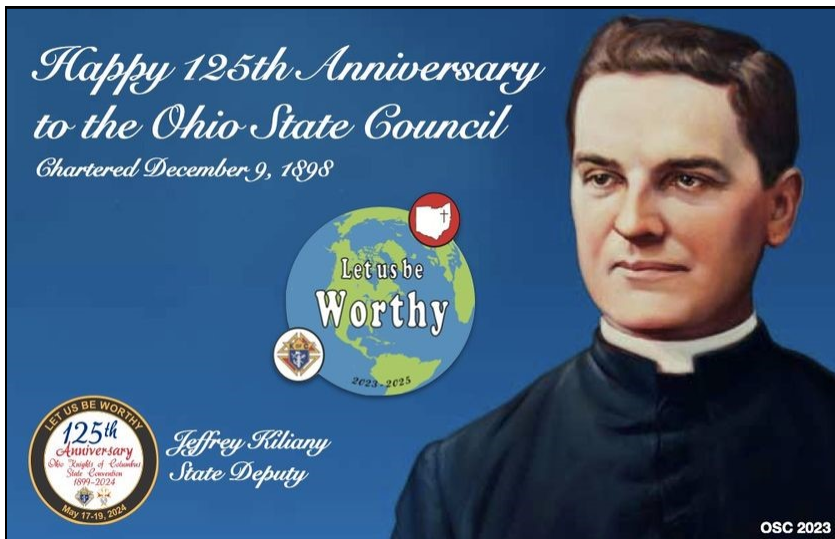
Packages are starting to arrive daily at the **Ca\$h Cave**. For example, on March 27, that is 5-days before the deadline, 35-packages are arriving via USPS! I am so proud of the work you are doing. I am sure that it is causing the Accountant to just blow his top hat right off his head!!!

If you have not turned your tickets in, please plan to do so ASAP. Bundle the tickets in groups of 50, complete the shipping form, write a single check for \$2.60 per a ticket payable to the OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, and send to the State Treasurer. His address is below. If you want to arrange for a pick-up, please contact **Ca\$hman** directly on the **Ca\$h** Phone by calling or texting to 440-785-9838. Remember the 10-4 Good Buddy Plan. If your council is going to exceed the 4x per member or 10x per member ticket quotes, PAY IT FORWARD and maximize your rebates!

Just because the first turn-in is here does not mean we stop. We are Knights of Columbus and Charity is one of guiding principles. Let us continue to put everything we must to foil the Accountant and stop him at the State Convention this May in Cincinnati!

Keep watching the state website for weekly updates on our progress toward \$1 Million. And, stay tuned for more action from **Ca\$hman**...

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Maslach - State Treasurer



See You
at the Convention
May 17-19
Covington, KY



Making Our Communities Better

Brother Knights-

Happy Easter to you all! Rejoice in our Risen King, who defeated death to save us all!

COMMUNITY

I want to thank everyone who has been out working in their communities these last several months and doing good works to make this world a better place. I appreciate all your reports and photos that you have submitted via the state website. Please continue to send in your final reports before the April 15th deadline, so I can award your council points for the Community Program. Remember that you need at least 5 community activities this year, with at least 2 being Faith in Action activities and at least 1 being a Council Choice. Your other two programs can be from either FIA or Council Choice.



Joe Hartle
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If you did a great community program that you would like to be considered for an Activity of the Year, there is still time to submit the information to me to consider. Please email me (joseph.hartle@gmail.com) the details of your program and any other information you would like to me to review (photographs, thank yous, news articles, etc.) and I would be more than happy to consider your project for an Of The Year Award at the convention. Deadline to submit your program for consideration is April 15th.



I also want to thank everyone who participated in the Free Throw Contest this year. The State Championship was held on March 16th at Bishop Ready HS in Columbus, and we had a great group of kids come out to participate. A special thank you is in order for all the Brother Knights and volunteers that came out and helped with the State Championship this year. Your service and help was so greatly appreciated, and helped to make it a memorable and successful event for all the contestants and their families. Particularly, thank you to Brother Matt Smith for heading up registration again this year, Brother Willi Meyer who emceed the event, and Brother Dave Bogner, who helped with keeping track of all the data and inputting final scores at the event. This event would not have been successful without the help of all of you and, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your service and support!

Finally, as we begin to wind down this year and prepare for the State Convention in May, thank you to all of you for what you do for your communities. Because of your hard work, you have made this world better for someone less fortunate and you have put smiles on the faces of many in need. We do what we do not because of the activity points or awards, but because that is what our Lord and Savior calls us to do. And you have resoundingly answered that call this year. I am very proud of all of you and proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Keep up the great work!

Thanks for all you do for your communities!
"Let Us Be Worthy!" Vivat Jesus!

Joe Hartle - State Community Director

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



LIFE

Our Job is Not Yet Complete

Alleluia!! Happy Easter, brothers!

As you read this, time to report activities in the state program for this fraternal year is quickly slipping away. I'm spending time reading through Knight of the Year nominations. It is amazing the things our brother knights accomplish. While reporting for this fraternal year is quickly coming to a close, there are still many weeks left in the fraternal year. Time to conduct events and recruit men. New members help us return Ohio to the Circle of Honor, and in the process bring in more brother knights to save more babies, help more families, serve more special needs citizens, and continue the fight for life from conception to natural death.

The state convention is right around the corner. Convention is like a family reunion for the brother knights of Ohio and our families. It is a great weekend of fraternity, faith, and fellowship. We might even conduct the business of the state council, if there is time. The memorial mass remembers our brothers who paved the way in our councils around the state of Ohio. The awards session celebrates the success of councils and is a great opportunity to steal borrow some new ideas. Saturday night we get dressed up, hoping to look half as good as our wives, and we celebrate the top councils in the state. Sunday, the entire state comes together to celebrate Mass and close the day with lunch and some entertainment. I have been attending conventions for over 30 years, and I still love them. If nothing else, come to see how stunning my wife looks Saturday night, and that's without me knowing what she's wearing yet.

There is still plenty of fraternal year left and it's not too early to start planning for next fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



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FAITH

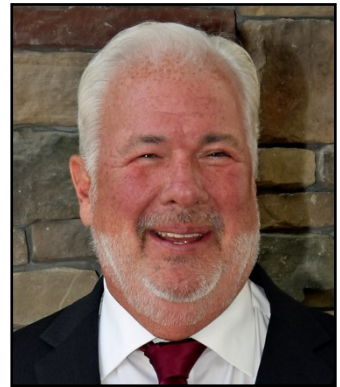
Wrap Up Your Faith Programs

My brothers in Christ,

Here we are now in the Easter season of the Church. I hope your Easter was blessed as was your celebration with family. We now celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and await Pentecost. During this time, councils should be reviewing their activities for the past fraternal year and implementing any programs in Faith that they may be lacking.

A great start-up would be the formation of a parish men's group through our Cor program and considering *Into the Breach* as a start. Reaching out to our fellow parishioners who are not Knights, not only fulfills our mission of evangelization, but gives your council the opportunity to share what being a Knight is truly about.

I am overwhelmed by your submissions for Chaplain/Religious of the Year nominees. This is going to be the most difficult task I have met as a Knight, as so many are so deserving. I will be submitting names to the State Program Director soon. These will include the honorees for each diocese and for the overall honoree for Ohio. State Program Director Mike Jordan will be contacting the councils of the selected honorees with information as to any instruction for the state convention in Cincinnati this year. Again, thank your for submitting your choices.



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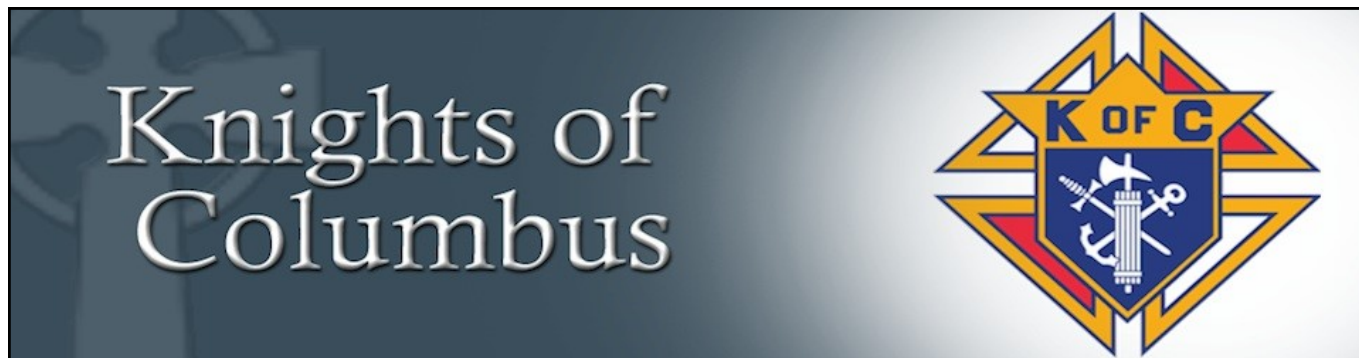
Finally, this is your last opportunity to complete any programs in the Faith category to be eligible for points with the State. **April 15th** is the closing. If there is a program you will be doing after this date, please submit it for credit. Additionally, this is not the close of the fraternal year for Supreme. Even though councils will no longer be able to submit them to the State, you should include them on your SP-7 (**Columbian Award Application**) due at the end of June.

Thank you all for all of your hard work this past year and I look forward to starting this again in July.

God bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director



It's Now Crunch Time!

Worthy Brothers,

When you get this today, April 1st, you will have until midnight to get those **of the year** award winners' names and information into the directors.

The next important deadline is April 15th. Yes, this is Tax Day, but it is also the last day of reporting. At midnight, our Worthy Webmaster will be turning off the website reporting option. Before the deadline, make sure all your programs are reported. This means, if you are doing programs in May or June, you must report them before April 15th.

Lastly these two very important programs must be completed for your council to be star council and to max out the State Program. First, you must have completed two Fraternal Benefit nights with councils under 100 members having 10 eligible members in attendance. (This is total for both Fraternal Benefits Nights - example 5 one night and 5 the second night) and council with over 100 members having at least 14 eligible members attend. (example 7 first night and 7 the second night).

The final program that councils need to do is to make sure that they are Youth Compliant. You can see this on PSD Brother Ken Girt's Star Council Report. This report is sent out no later than the 5th of the month. Brothers, being youth compliant is very important, since we stress doing Family activities. Councils might do the soccer challenge, basketball free throw, and many other activities that involve the youth.

I'm asking all councils between now and April 13 to check to make sure that your point total is correct, and if not, contact the director(s) of the area(s) in question.

I pray that you all had a very Blessed Easter. He is truly Risen and is working in our lives daily!

Mike Jordon - General Program Director



Mike Jordon
General Program Director
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FAMILY

Focus on Your Families

Congratulations to the **David J. Fischer Family and Council 554** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in February 2024, 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.

Speaking of which, a big thank you to every council that submitted to me a Family of the Year nomination. I have enjoyed reading all your nomination submissions. Now, I will get to work on deciding the next Family of the Year for each diocese and the overall state winner! I have my work cut out for me, but I wouldn't want it any other way!

You still have time to submit the rest of your family program activities on the state website by April 15th. If your council developed any new family programs that were a tremendous success or any family projects that had hours and hours of volunteer time and raised thousands of dollars, I want to hear about it! I will select a best overall family program activity in the state, so once again, submit those write-ups to me along with supporting documentation by April 15th. Also, make sure your family director is youth compliant. If he is, and it doesn't show him as compliant on the state website, let me know before April 15th. He will need to be compliant to max out your family program activities.

Speaking of maxing out your family program activities, if you have not yet maxed out your family program activities, you still have time to do so. Remember, you must have a least 2 Faith in Action Family Programs and up to 3 council choice activities to do it, along with Family of the Year and your family director being youth compliant. So, if you still need to report some family activities, make sure you have already reported your 2 Faith in Action Family Programs. If not, Family of the Month, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family Prayer Night, and Food for Families are popular programs to report, if you have not yet done so already. The rest can be council choice. Maxing out your family service programs can easily be done! Again, feel free to reach out to me if you need assistance in doing so. I will be glad to help!

In closing, I want to congratulate **Dylan Vowles**, sponsored by **Council 10043**, for being named the **international winner** in the 1-2 grade division in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest! Dylan will receive a letter along with a check for \$250 from Supreme! Also, Dylan's winning poster will be used as one of the Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards on the **knightsgear.com** website! Wow! Once again, congratulations to Dylan Vowles on a job well done!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Director



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Silver Rose Returns in June

Brother Knights of the Great State of Ohio,

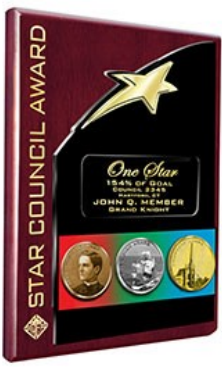
The annual Measure Up campaign to benefit people with mental disabilities is fast approaching. Brothers this is our flagship program here in Ohio. I know it keeps getting harder to find places to collect money but let's get creative with our measure up drive this year and help these individuals with mental disabilities. The drive dates are April 25-27 and May 2-4, however money can be collected anytime until the final turn in date of August 1st. Once your collection is done go to the State website and fill out the grant form and send the form and check made out to Ohio State Council to Tony Offenberger 15200 Muskingum River Rd Lowell OH 45744. A copy of the insurance policy will be available on the website as well. Any questions contact Tony at **tonyoffenberger@gmail.com**

Vivat Jesus!

Tony Offenberger - State Warden



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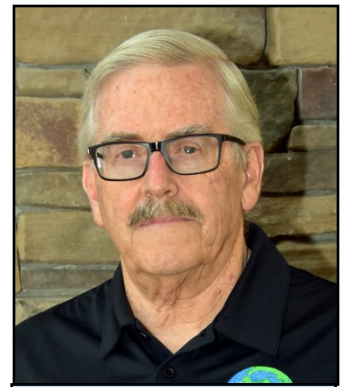


Fraternal Benefit Event Criteria

Up until last month, I had been using a 50% or 100% to note a council’s status for the Fraternal Benefit Event criteria for the Star Council Report. However, since the criteria has changed, and I had limited space on the Star Council Report, I initiated a change in listing the status of the criteria.

Star Council Report “Founders Award” column will now designate the council’s status as either “YES” for those who met the criteria and will receive the Founders Award or blank as not yet achieving the criteria.

I will also attach a separate file issued with the Star Council Report that will explain the current status of a council with regards to the number of events reported and the total number of attendees based on membership size as of July 1, 2023. 10 minimum total attendees for two or more events for councils with less than 100 members. 14 minimum required for councils with 100 members or more.



Ken Girt - PSD
 Roundtable Chairman
 Rejuvenation Chairman
 Special Reports Chairman
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Here is an example from the March 1, 2024 Fraternal Benefit Event Report:

Council #	Membership 7/1/23	FBN #1	FBN#2	Total FBN	FBN Attendee Quota	Total FBN Attendees	Founders Award?
1716	65	YES		1	10	20	
2362	116	YES	YES	2	14	19	YES

Remember: a minimum of **TWO events** must be reported using **Form 11077**. And if your council participates in the April 2 “Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning” webinar by Ed Slott, make sure you submit a 11077 listing all your attendees.

Our goal is for **59 Star Council Awards** for this fraternal year. We need your help to make sure we meet our goal!

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Reports Chairman



New K of C logo long-sleeved twill and cotton blend polos now available to purchase in multiple colors and sizes

Shown above are a navy and burgundy long-sleeved twill at left and a gray and burgundy short-sleeved cotton blend polos at right. Order form on the next page.



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

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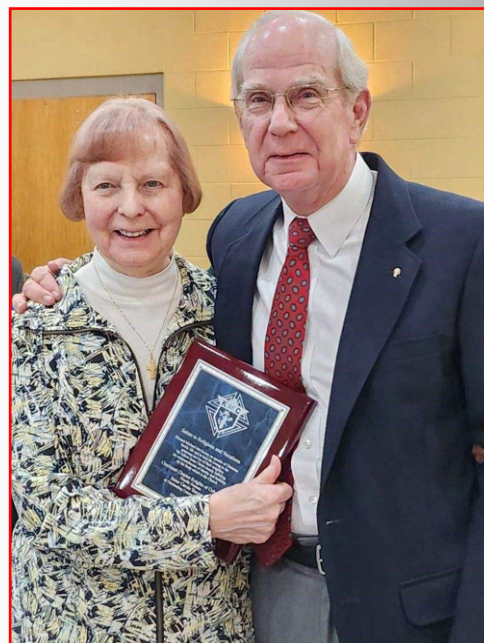
Send to: Knights of Columbus, David Schramm
 c/o Workingman's
 113 Putnam Street
 Marietta, OH 45750

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

Around the State



Faithful Navigator John Beckstedt of **Archbishop Elko Assembly #2332** presents the 2023 **'Priest of the Year'** award to Very Reverend Anthony Brausch, Ph.D., President & Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati. Fr. Brausch was the keynote speaker at the dinner.



Grand Knight Tom Geers of **Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359** – host of the event – presents the 2023 **'Religious of the Year'** award to Sister of Mercy Carole Temming, RSM. Sr. Carole was recognized for her many years of service in various Cincinnati Catholic schools and hospitals.



St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 11355 held another highly successful Coats for Kids drive during October and November 2023. \$10,500 was raised through parish donations. This brings their 3-year total for Coats for Kids to more than \$25,000. Well done, Brother Knights!



Coats from **St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 11355** were delivered by Brother Doug Zeik and his wife Lisa. Doug and Lisa spent about 12 hours on the road delivering the coats. Doug is pictured here with Sue Brown from The Little Miracles Shop is a thrift store operated by Sue Brown and the Glen Mary Sisters in Frenchburg, KY.

Around the State



Faithful Captain Dale Bottoms of **Precious Blood Assembly #2947** presents a Chalice to Transitional Deacon Matt Montag, a member of **Archbishop Elder Council #1195**. Deacon Matt will be ordained in May as a priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The chalice was presented in the memory of Former Master Dick Wysong.



Youngstown Pregnancy Help Center Executive Director, Jodi Vukovich, and Men's Program Director, Ron Elkins, explain the many free programs available to moms, dads and families to **Christ Our Savior Council 4471** and guests.



Knights and wives from **Christ Our Savior Council #4471** in Struthers listened to the Youngstown Pregnancy Help Center's directors during a recent Social night meeting. A few years ago Council 4471 and Supreme Council donated an ultrasound machine to the Center for those pregnant women in need, and more recently Council 4471 donated money for the Pregnancy Help Center to redo their website, so that the programs and information can be more readily available to those who are searching for alternate options when expecting a new life.

The Center also helps and serves mothers, fathers and families all at no cost to the clientele. There are separate programs for dads and families throughout the month. There is also a "store" available to all the moms and dads to shop for items via "credit points" when they attend these programs. This year's theme for the Center is "**Imago Dei**", **Image of God**.

Around the State



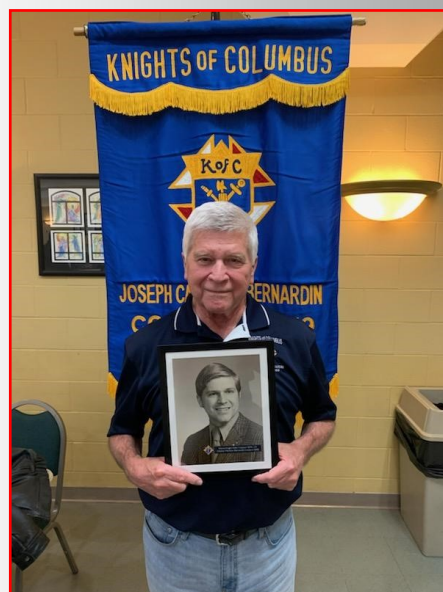
Several Cincinnati area councils collaborated on a Special Population Free Throw Contest at Bobbie Fairfax School - Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services. Pictured with several students are: Ed McDermott- **St. Michael Council #3382**, Tom Hahn – **Archbishop Elder Council #1195**, Les Shawver – GK St. Michael Council, Gene Cordier – **Bishop Fenwick Council #2927**, Pete Marcello – GK Archbishop Elder Council, Jim Hook – Archbishop Elder Council.



Sir Knight John Amicone leads the Sir Knights at St Patrick Church in Hubbard as the Church reopened three years after a fire in 2021. John is a member of Our **Lady of Mount Carmel Assembly 3760**. There were 19 Sir Knights in uniform that day



A nice crowd was on hand for this year's State Free Throw Championship held on Saturday, March 16th, at Bishop Ready High School in Columbus. Boys and girls winners from each of the 6 age brackets (9-14) represented each of the 6 Ohio dioceses.



To honor his 58th year in the Order, Brother Frank Simms of **Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359** was presented with a copy of his headshot from 1970-71 when he served as Grand Knight of Archbishop Elder Council #1195. Frank remains active in his council and is a Former Master of **Archbishop Leibold Assembly #1621**.