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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 our lives and how you deal with everyday challenges that we 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 last year's January article, I asked, in addition to any of those personal resolutions that you might have, that you also consider these resolutions to improve your K of C council for the coming

new year.

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.

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

A new year brings new beginnings - a fresh start. As followers of Jesus and Knights of Columbus, we are called to share our faith. The way we treat our families, do our jobs, participate in the life of the community, even how we party can be and should be expressions of our faith in Jesus. Our participation in activities like the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Men's Fellowship are occasions where we can reinforce the faith of fellow believers.

What will we tell Jesus on judgement day when He asks, "Did you carry out the mission I gave you in 2025? Were you enterprising? Did you spread the good news? Did people recognize your hands and your voice as an extension of Mine?" When we cash in our chips, we want to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter the kingdom I have prepared for you."

To make that happen, we need to do our part to build the kingdom of God. Participating in faith-building activities can make a difference. We do not want 2025 to be dull. Boredom is not likely to be found in heaven, and it should not be here. Jesus will help us bring excitement to our faith. Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain

***State Deputy's Message continued from previous page**

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.

Supreme Safe Environment Program: All of our leadership should be 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.

Fraternal Benefits Nights: 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.

Obviously, you all did your part in committing to these "Council" resolutions, because last year was a great success and you all did your part to bring the State of Ohio back into the Circle of Honor! Let's carry that enthusiasm over into 2025 and ramp up our efforts for yet another banner year and make Circle of Honor 2 years in a row!

Grand Knights and Membership Directors, please keep membership the foremost priority in every one of your councils throughout this great state of Ohio. We have begun to show an increase in the number of councils recruiting and bringing in new members. To date almost 60% of the councils around the state are carrying the load in new membership. If the State of Ohio is to improve our membership status and grow as a jurisdiction, we need the other 40%, or roughly 159 councils, to step up and begin recruiting at least 1 new member for the year. We need to get our membership into that habit of inviting new members into our order and our councils. We are all on the same team and all in the game together. I need a firm commitment from all involved to make this happen. We should be looking for some new member opportunities starting in January. There are still a lot of prospective members just waiting to be asked or need to be contacted. State Growth Director, Andrew Nuckols has a great 3rd quarter incentive for councils and Brother Knights that bring in new members. We will soon be introducing Diocesan Growth Recruitment Teams to assist your councils recruiting efforts any way that they can.

Super Cash Bonanza...

The 2025 Super Cash Bonanza Campaign will kick off as usual during two weekends in February. I'm quite sure that Cashman will be there to kick off another record year of over \$1,000,000 in sales across the State of Ohio. Along with the presentation of the Super Cash Bonanza, I will be emphasizing our special membership program incentive to carry Ohio over the top in membership recruitment. It just may be a good idea to have your Council Membership Director with you that day. Road Show locations should be announced soon and listed on the State Website (kofcoho.org).

May God continue to bless you and your families during this Christmas Season, as you continue doing the good things that you do in Jesus' name. Dedicate everything you do for His honor to be worthy of this world He died to save, and see what changes it will make in your life. Have a Blessed Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years from all of us at the Ohio State Council.

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

Fraternally,

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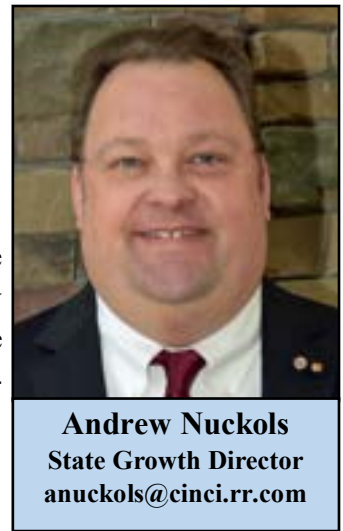


Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

I wish you and your Families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we enter the New Year, let us reach out and ask our fellow Catholic men to join our Order. We are now entering the second half of the fraternal year, and our Growth numbers for new members are down. We need young men who 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.

Now that we are halfway through the Fraternal Year, how did you council do with Growth? Are you at the 50 percent mark for membership growth? Did your field agent host a Fraternal Benefit Event or did you watch one of the Supreme FBE webinars? I know it seems early, but consider signing up for a Supreme Webinar on Thursday, January 16, at 8:00 PM for an informative fraternal online seminar entitled **Council Preparations for Lent & Easter**. Register at https://goto.webcasts.com/viewer/event.jsp?ei=1701820&tp_key=ef45c26f14



Every council must submit the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728) by January 31, 2025. Grand knights and financial secretaries can digitally complete form #1728. Please remember this is a requirement for Star Council. This [short training video](#) explains the simple process of online submission.

Don't forget that with the E-Membership (www.kofc.org/JoinUs) website or by scanning 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 in Ohio as of 12/28/2024:

Council Number and Name	District	Division	Status	Values			YTD Gain	% Gain	% Growth
				Membership July 1	Star Council Goal	Supreme Goal			
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON	43	3	ACTIVE	115	7	5	14	292.00%	12.17%
13705 CHRIST THE KING	47	5	ACTIVE	18	5	3	2	58.40%	11.11%
18195 SAN PEDRO	36	5	ACTIVE	37	5	3	4	116.80%	10.81%
14962 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	42	4	ACTIVE	75	5	3	8	233.60%	10.67%
13081 HOLY TRINITY ZOAR	34	5	ACTIVE	40	5	3	4	116.80%	10.00%
5429 POPE JOHN XXIII	37	4	ACTIVE	83	5	3	8	233.60%	9.64%
2643 LAKEWOOD	22	4	ACTIVE	86	5	3	7	204.40%	8.14%
14346 POPE JOHN PAUL II	38	5	ACTIVE	50	5	3	4	116.80%	8.00%
15330 HOLY NAME OF JESUS	10	5	ACTIVE	38	5	3	3	87.60%	7.89%
1716 FATHER FRANK PATALA	54	4	ACTIVE	80	5	3	6	175.20%	7.50%
14834 SALVE REGINA	14	4	ACTIVE	84	5	3	6	175.20%	7.14%
10749 SS FRANCIS GASPAR	69	3	ACTIVE	90	5	3	6	175.20%	6.67%
14545 ST LAWRENCE-PRICE HILL	17	5	ACTIVE	46	5	3	3	87.60%	6.52%
3904 ST JUDE	58	4	ACTIVE	77	5	3	5	146.00%	6.49%
11828 SAINT JOHN NEUMANN	51	3	ACTIVE	93	5	3	6	175.20%	6.45%
11208 ST BRENDAN	35	1	ACTIVE	218	12	8	14	170.33%	6.42%
11311 ST AGATHA	36	4	ACTIVE	65	5	3	4	116.80%	6.15%
15573 HOLY FAMILY	81	4	ACTIVE	85	5	3	5	146.00%	5.88%
14406 OUR LADY OF CHARITY	26	3	ACTIVE	89	5	3	5	146.00%	5.62%
15043 HOLY TRINITY	59	4	ACTIVE	74	5	3	4	116.80%	5.41%
4847 BRUNSWICK	24	1	ACTIVE	208	12	8	11	133.83%	5.29%
4587 SAINT JOSEPH	9	3	ACTIVE	96	5	3	5	146.00%	5.21%

Third Quarter Council Growth Incentive

Growth

Any council that brings in two (2) new members from **January 1st to March 31st** will be placed into raffle to win \$200.00. Councils bringing in three (3) new members will be placed into raffle to win \$300.00. Any council that brings in four (4) or more members will be placed into raffle to win \$500.00. Councils need not apply for the incentive.

Everything will be based on the Supreme's April 1st Growth numbers compared to December 31st. Good luck!

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope



Brother Knights,

Blessed Christmas to all of you! As we begin the new year, we embark on the “Jubilee 2025” year of our Church. It has been named “Pilgrims of Hope”. Our Most Holy Father, Pope Francis, has provided a prayer which I would like to share with all of you.



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**Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen**

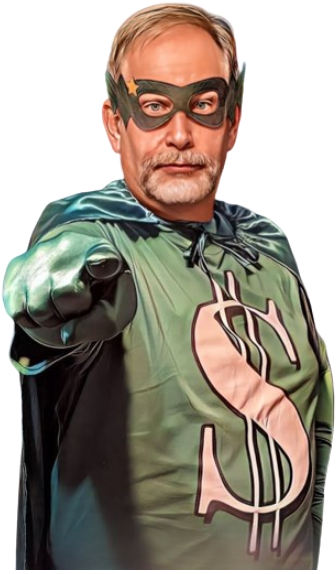
Please keep this prayer at the forefront of your daily prayers and reflections. Let it be a guide as we all strive to become Evangelists of the Faith. As the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, I want to remind everyone to utilize Cor and all the resources that come with it. I am pleased to announce that every diocese now has a Diocesan EFF Director. The contact information for these great gentlemen will soon be available on the State Website. In the meantime, feel free to contact me directly at kofcohieff@gmail.com.

Vivat Jesus,

Arron Mier - Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation



Ca\$hman Returns to Help Ohio Raise \$1 Million Again!



A powerful fundraising campaign emerged from Ohio in 2024, where the Knights of Columbus joined forces with Cashman to raise a remarkable \$1 million for charity. This initiative reflects the dedication to community service and making a significant impact in the lives of those in need.

Cashman played a critical role in the 2024 campaign by utilizing its expertise in fundraising strategies to maximize outreach and ensure that every effort made a difference. By aligning with the Knights of Columbus, Cashman helped craft an approach that not only engaged the community, but also educated them about the importance of giving back. With the 2025 campaign thrust upon us, what new enemies will surface trying to ruin Ohio's efforts to raise \$1 Million and send the state into total chaos?

The success of this year's campaign is not just about hitting a monetary target, but to generate awareness for various causes and illustrated our unity for community involvement. The funds raised will support numerous charitable activities, helping those who are less fortunate and promoting a culture of generosity across Ohio.

Look for an email announcing the continued Adventures of Cashman and the upcoming 2025 Charity Campaign Ticket Distribution locations. With your help, Ohio will be able to go back-to-back in raising \$1 Million.

Stay tuned for more from Cashman!

Ohio Knights of Columbus State Convention 2025: A Cleveland Homecoming

Cleveland gears up to welcome the Ohio Knights of Columbus State Convention in May 2025 at the Cleveland Hilton Downtown, marking a significant return for this cherished event. The excitement around the convention reflects the Knights' deep roots in Ohio. With hundreds of attendees expected the impact on downtown Cleveland is likely to be beneficial, education, and great time for all in attendance.

The Knights of Columbus has a storied history in Ohio, contributing to local parishes and communities through various charitable initiatives. Cleveland has previously hosted successful conventions, fostering connections among members and showcasing the organization's commitment to service.

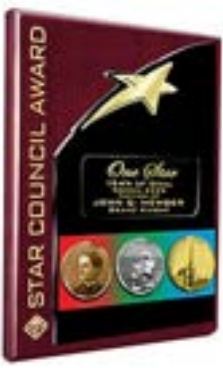
The 2025 convention team is putting together a great time for our members and their families. There will be featured speakers from various backgrounds, a fraternal lounge and exhibition center, Friday Night Welcome Party, and more. Attendees can look forward to fellowship, presentations and discussions on leadership, faith, and community service highlighted by our Worthy State Deputy, Jeff Kiliany's, annual State of the Order in Ohio report.

The Ohio Knights of Columbus State Convention 2025 in Cleveland promises to be a landmark event. It will provide valuable insights, foster connections, and further our Order's charitable goals. Registration will open soon! You will want to be a part of this exciting convention and witness the positive impact of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio. The strength of this organization lies in its members, and together, we continue to make a difference in our parishes and communities. Stay tuned for more information via email, USPS, and on our state website (www.kofcoho.org).

God Bless,

Jim Maslach, State Treasurer and 2025 State Convention Chairman





Star Council Award and State Program Contest

Worthy Grand Knights and Council Officers,

I want to first express my deepest sympathy for four recently-deceased brother knights that I have had the privilege to work with on the state level: **Former State General Program Director Michael Jordan**, who I worked with on the state level as well as in the

Youngstown Diocese, **Former State Membership Director Nick Gresko**, who served on my state deputy team as State Retention Director, **Former Buckeye Bulletin Director Harding Christ**, who also served as Public Relations Director on my state deputy team, and **Former State General Program Director James Deime**, who served on Past State Deputy Al Hickey’s state team. I was State Family Director for Brother Deime. May God Bless these Brother Knights and welcome them to His kingdom!



Ken Girt - PSD
General Program Director
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Special Reports Chairman
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As of this writing, we have not identified the councils who achieved the January 1 criteria for the Mid-Year Star Council Incentive drawing. We will likely have the drawing after the

Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting, and winning councils will receive the \$75 gift card at the 2025 Super Cash Bonanza Road Shows in February.

Please continue to pursue the Star Council Award for this fraternal year. The January Star Council Status Report will be issued soon. And continue to submit your activity reports for the “Let us be Worthy State Program Contest. There is still plenty of time to achieve the Star Council Award and to “max” the state program contest.

As always, contact me if you have any questions. Happy New Year, everyone!

Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Report Chairman, State General Program Director
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New Year - Continued Successes



Happy New Year, Brothers!

Although it is the beginning of a new calendar year, it is mid-year for our fraternal calendar. Just like in September, we hit the ground running with our upcoming Basketball Free Throws, the Super Cash Bonanza, Fish Fries, the Final Four sweeps tickets, and of course our Measure-Up Campaign and state convention. Those are just some of the state-wide events taking place along from your own council’s special activities. Here’s to a successful second half and remember to make any check your council sends to the State Council payable to: **Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus**.

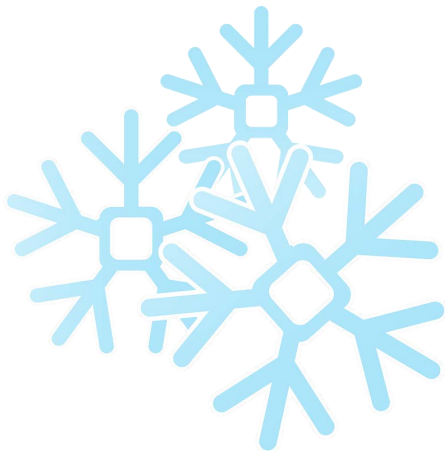


Michael Felerski
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Thank you for all that you do for your council, parish, community, and our Order.

Mike Felerski - State Secretary

Your January Church Bulletin Blurb



The Knights of Columbus goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Want to be a part of that? Go to kofcoho.org and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

Greg Singlar - E-Membership Coordinator



Supreme Council Icon Program

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icons are beautiful and have all been blessed by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Program books are printed and we will soon begin the Icon Tour through Ohio. Our State Warden, Tony Offenberger, has put a lot of time into the preparation and arrangements for this program. Hopefully the icons will circulate through the State of Ohio as planned. Look further to the State Website (kofcoho.org) for the schedule and when the icon will come to your district. Let your District Deputy know that your council would like to host the Sacred Heart Icon. Please take full advantage of this prayerful opportunity within your council and parishes.



2,000 new members

Did it once, why not twice?

59 Star Councils

The 2024 Matching Funds Campaign!

Once more, I cannot thank you enough for the support our councils, assemblies, and chapters made this fraternal year to continue our efforts to help grow our faith through Catholic education and continue Christ's own mission. A special thanks to our Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council and their generous annual contribution of a \$25,000 matching donation to the participants who quickly got in their donations.

This year the total funds raised for diocesan distribution were \$71,627! Outstanding work as donations were increased by 23% over last year! Results can be seen on the following page. These funds will have a major 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.

Check distributions to each diocesan representative will occur at the scheduled mid-year District Deputy Meeting, Saturday January 4, 2025, located at the Columbus Northwest Marriott hotel in Dublin, Ohio.



The 2025 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference!

This final year of the Eucharistic Revival is the Year of Mission and becomes a fitting theme to remind us that we are Men on Mission! What an amazing opportunity we have provided to us Knights by so many dedicated and faithful servant leaders in our diocese from the Catholic Men's Ministry. Please consider sponsorship from your council to support one of the largest men's conferences in the nation. Join us for an unforgettable day of faith and fellowship as we welcome three internationally known speakers to engage, challenge, and inspire us in our Mission as Men of Faith, and our Call to Be Saints. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dale Galion, K of C liaison for the CMM.

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LINKS:

[2025 Catholic Men's Conference](#)

[Council Sponsorships](#)

[Individual Registration](#)

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Sarka - State Advocate



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TO BE
SAINTS**
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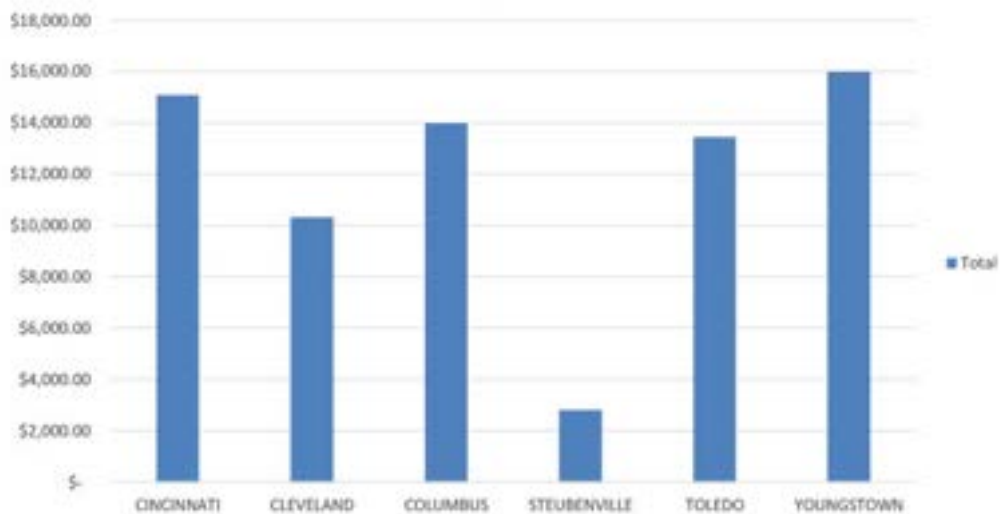
2024 Matching Funds

Program Summary

PARTICIPATION:		TOTAL FUNDS:
Council	190	\$65,804
Assembly	17	\$5,648
Chapter	2	\$150
TOTAL	209	\$71,627

Row Labels	Sum of Total Funds
CINCINNATI	\$ 15,075.00
CLEVELAND	\$ 10,315.00
COLUMBUS	\$ 13,994.00
STEUBENVILLE	\$ 2,800.00
TOLEDO	\$ 13,443.00
YOUNGSTOWN	\$ 16,000.00
Grand Total	\$ 71,627.00

Matching Funds Total





LIFE

March for Life 2025

Welcome to 2025!! January is the month of the national March for Life. If you can't make it to the march, go to a local march, or you can pray for the safety and success of the marchers. Coordinate prayers between brother knights and other parishioners and make it a Novena for Life.

January is also the time to pick a Knight of the Year and start assembling pictures, letters of recommendations, and bio information. A

good write-up is the key to "of the year" submissions. Do NOT feel confined to the form. Use the form as a guideline for writing up your candidate with pictures and details in a Word document. I also ask that you send it electronically. E-mail me your submission and then fill out an online report saying "Council XX nominates XX and write-up was e-mailed".

Life: WHY WE MARCH

Your district deputy will be contacting you soon about attending a district meeting. These meetings are important opportunities to receive communication from the state team to your council. Your district deputy gives up a weekend to get lots of information, so he can give that information to your council. Please be sure to attend your district meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



Stewart Vetter
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Upcoming January Training Opportunities

Conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers, these hour-long sessions provide practical guidance and useful tips to enhance your skills and keep your council running successfully. They are tailored to meet the needs of both new and seasoned officers, as well as any members who are interested in advancing to officer roles in the future.

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below.

Trainings are archived after each live session, and can be found in our library of [on demand training](#).

Note: All Times are Eastern

January 7, 2025 8:00 PM

[Council Officer Succession Planning](#)

January 14, 2025 8:00 PM

[Completing the Columbian Award Application](#)

January 21, 2025 8:00 PM

[Financial Officer Training](#)

January 23, 2025 10:00 PM

[Conducting In-Person Exemplifications](#)



Knowledge is Power!



FAMILY

Time to Get Focused on “of the Year” Reports

Congratulations to the **Herbert Edwards Family** and **Council 3724** for being named the State of Ohio Family of the Month in November 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!



Tim Mangan
Family Director
tjmangan@icloud.com

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:

- Explain the entire family’s involvement within the Knights of Columbus, within the church/parish they belong to and the community they live in. 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.
- Also, explain why this family was chosen as a model family here in the great state of Ohio, as well as why does this family deserve 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, 2025.**

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, 2025.** In your write-ups include the following information:

- Describe the purpose and goals of this program.
- Whom does this program benefit.
- What problem or need did this program resolve.
- Why did the council select this program.
- Describe the success of the program.



These write-ups can be either uploaded on the state website using the report council programs submission form or e-mailed to me at tjmangan@icloud.com. They could also be mailed to me as well. If necessary, mail them to:

Tim Mangan- State Family Director
2830 N Barnhill Pl
Xenia, OH 45385

I would like to see an increase in these write ups from last year. Last year, 92 councils submitted to me a Family of the Year. This year I would like to see over 100 councils submit to me their Family of the Year. The same thing for Best Overall Family Activity. Last year, only a handful of councils submitted to me their Best Overall Family Activity write-ups. This year, I want to blow that number away! I will be pushing for more write-ups in the upcoming 2 months. Whatever was your Best Overall Family activity, I want to hear about it! So, start working on these write ups and, as always, I can't wait to read all about how great and successful these activities were!

To you and your families, I hope you have a Happy and Very Blessed New Year!

Faternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Program Director



And the Winners Are:

My Brother Knights,

Thank you to all councils/districts that participated in the 2024 Soccer Challenge!! We had some great competition among the kids throughout the state! I am pleased to announce the 2024 Soccer Challenge Winners for the State of Ohio, as follows:

COMMUNITY



Joe Hartle
Community Director
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		Boys		
Age	Name	Council	Diocese	Score
9	Carter Ling	1610	Cincinnati	240
10	Hunter Bede	7981	Cincinnati	205
11	Miller Bede	7981	Cincinnati	280
12	Will Harrison	1610	Cincinnati	210
13	Parker O'Sheal	7981	Cincinnati	215
14	Charles Sutcher	?	Toledo	115
		Girls		
Age	Name	Council	Diocese	Score
9	Laine Boehmer	14995	Cincinnati	205
10	Karder Ruetschle	14995	Cincinnati	190
11	Natalia Bocchicchio	7891	Cincinnati	240
12	Olivia Deskins	1801	Cincinnati	270
13	Lily Chamberlin	1801	Cincinnati	185
14	No entry			



Congratulations to all our participants and thank you again to all who participated. A winner's letter and certificate will be forthcoming to the Grand Knights for delivery to the winner. Congrats again to all our winners and we look forward to your participation next year! Let us be Worthy!

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Hartle – State Community Director



2025 Ohio Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament

Dear Brother Knights:

AN UPDATE

- Reservations are pouring in - there are only 19 teams per weekend!
- **Week 1 March 8/9** – 4 teams (Councils 3861 and 14344)
- **Week 2 March 15/16** – 4 teams (Council 4603)
- **Week 3 March 22/23** - 17 teams (Councils 1016, 2661, 4801)
- Teams are bowled on Saturdays; Singles and Doubles will be bowled on Sundays!



Consider joining a great fraternal activity that you may have not considered recently – the fun and excitement of bowling! In case you didn't know it - the Ohio Knights of Columbus have an [annual bowling tournament](#) and you are encouraged to join in! Each of you is encouraged to take part in the camaraderie, competition, and fun of bowling!

Below you will find links with information on the [107th Ohio K of C State Bowling Tournament](#). The tournament is in Toledo in March over several weekends; the **deadline for entry is January 1**.

K of C Bowlers 2025 Tournament Info

Letters have been mailed for the 2025 Ohio State Bowling Tournament in Toledo - you should receive hard copies shortly. Below are links for the same five sheets you will receive by US Mail.

Please get with your bowlers and return your team information by January 1st. Lanes are limited to 19 teams per week.

WHERE: The 107th Invitational will be held at [Miracle Lanes, 5030 Jackman Rd, Toledo, OH 43613](#)

WHEN: Weekends of **March 8/9, March 15/16, March 22/23**

LODGING: We have 2 host hotels for 2025:

[Hampton Inn at Westgate Hospitality - 3434 Secor Rd, Toledo Ohio, 43606](#) (419-214-5555)

[Courtyard Toledo West - 3536 Secor Rd, Toledo, OH 43606](#) (419-724-0444)



The point-of-contact for any questions on the tournament is **TJ Russo** at arusso@gbbn.com or 513-403-7236. If you have any questions, please email or call.



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On November 23rd, members of **Christ Our Savior Council 4471** assisted in the bi-monthly food pantry giveaway at Holy Trinity Church as part of the Christ Our Savior food pantry program. Close to 200 families were given boxes of canned and frozen food items to take home. Working in combination with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Mahoning County, all these citizens of Struthers, Campbell and Lowellville have the opportunity to have something in their pantries so that no one goes hungry. Started in 2018, this food pantry is the only one left in the tri-community area. Food pantry organizer, Joann Burgmyer, handles all the details which is a virtual lifesaver to many of these needy recipients.

Photo 1 - Council 4471 Grand Knight, Ernie Ciarniello Jr., helps food pantry coordinator, Joann Burgmyer at the Christ Our Savior food pantry distribution.

Photo 2 - Knights from Council 4471 Christ Our Savior Parish assist with the parish's food pantry giveaway.



Knights from **Immaculate Conception Council #14962** in Columbus, along with kids from the school, collected over 4,600 lbs. of food and additional cash donations during their Thanksgiving food drive which were then passed on to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Immaculate Conception Church to restock their shelves in time for the holiday demand. Surplus food, amounting to two pallets, was then donated to the Bishop Griffin Center along with 30 turkeys and a previous donation of \$500.00.

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The Knights of Columbus **SS Francis-Gaspar Council #10749** organized a 12-hour prayer vigil, which was open to the entire community, when Kylar Gillig, a 7-year-old in second grade, was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare type of cancer that forms on the brain stem. At the top of every hour the Knights lead the prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. As a result of the 12-hour prayer vigil, a member of the community felt the calling to contact the parish office and the Knights of Columbus council to attain a relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, with the desire to bless Kylar with it while praying for the intercession of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. The McGivney Guild produced a First Class Relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney for the council in their veneration. A daily Novena prayer was performed after each Mass by the parish priest, Father Tim Kummerer. The relic was on display for private veneration each day, from 8 am to 6:30 pm. The relic, which contains a fragment of rib bone from Blessed Father Michael McGivney, was displayed during the nine-day Novena.



State and diocesan leaders met at the Maria Stein Shrine in Maria Stein, OH, for a seminar on Supreme Council's Cor Initiative. The seminar, led by Arron Mier, State Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation, provided information for those present to familiarize them with the initiative and enable them to pass on the message to councils throughout the state in preparation for more councils to begin using the Cor materials.

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Uniontown **Holy Spirit Council #14959** awarded a \$500 scholarship to a freshman at Toledo University, Britton Whitacre, a member of Holy Spirit Church. Presenting the check is Steve Valentine, Grand Knight of Council 14959 Uniontown, Ohio, with Britton's parents, Christine and Stuart Whitacre. Looking on is Dennis Eichler, Treasurer of Council #14959.



The 2024 Greater Cincinnati Knight of the Year Award (aka the William Rieckelman Award) was presented for the 54th time this month by the Cincinnati Chapter. Nominees are submitted by councils and voted on by past honorees. This year's winner was **SK John Beckstedt** – Immediate PGK of Queen of Apostles Council #14665 in Reading and FN of Archbishop Elko Assembly #2332. Joining John for the award presentation at the Chapter Advent Party were past honorees (L to R): Andy Nuckols – Madonna Council #3891, Mike Byrne – St. John the Evangelist Council #13608, Gene Cordier – Bishop Fenwick Council #2927, John Beckstedt, Jim Klatte – St. Michael Council #3382, Ron Ramhap - St. John the Evangelist Council #13608, Bob Hilmer – Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359, Jerry Trumpey - St. John the Evangelist Council #13608.

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Knights of Columbus, **Geneva-Madison Council 5286**, Third Degree, and **Assembly 836**, Fourth Degree, expressed their thanks to the brave men and women for their daily sacrifice protecting the citizens of our county and state. Ten Knights prepared and delivered 116 hot ham meals Wednesday, December 11th. Included were the Police, Firemen, EMS, the local State Troopers, the Sheriff's Department serving throughout the Geneva and Madison township areas. A token of "thanks" for their diligent work keeping our communities safe on a daily basis.



Members of **Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359** are pictured with GK Tom Geers (on right) and PGK/Membership Director Steve Yards (on left) holding the Star Council Award the council earned for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year

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Photo 1 (above) - Christ Our Savior Parish Knights from **Christ Our Savior Council 4471** pose with Santa at this year's St. Nicholas School's CCD Christmas breakfast as they happily hosted the event for 2024.

Photo 2 (below) - **Christ Our Savior Council #4471** (Struthers) Essay Chairman, Andy Brincko, introduces the 2024 contest winners at the school's Christmas gathering. Knights from Council #4471 were proud and delighted to present to each one of the contest winners cash prizes for their talented work both on writing and creating some outstanding artistic posters. A total of about 75 students took part in the essay and poster contest programs.

Photo 3 (below right) - **Christ Our Savior Council 4471's** Program Director, Bob Granchie, stands among the 2024 Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners at St. Nicholas Catholic School in Struthers, OH.

