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From the State Deputy

Our Ohio team lost a true friend and a tremendous member of the Knights of Columbus. State General Program Director, Michael Jordan, lost his sudden and brief battle with Pancreatic Cancer, but not without leaving his mark in the Knights of Columbus brotherhood here in

the State of Ohio. Mike was so proud and excited to be the State General Program Director. He truly believed that council activity inspired current members and attracted new members to also share in the fulfillment of doing so many good things for their councils, parishes, and communities. I could talk all day on the qualities that Mike possessed and personified every day throughout his life, but I wouldn't be saying anything that you don't already know.

Mike's personal goals as a Knight and General Program Director were high. He leaves this world with those ambitions unfinished. He was quite proud of Ohio meeting and exceeding our 2023-24 Star Council goal, propelling us into the Circle of Honor for the first time in 8 years. One of his goals was for us to once again exceed our state's Star Council quota of 59 Star Councils and get to the Supreme Circle of Honor 2 years in a row. He was constantly talking about ways to inspire councils to do and report council activities in order for them to complete their Faith In Action

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

This is a good time of our order - families. Blessed Fr. McGivney and fellow Catholic men formed the Knights of Columbus to respond to a need - looking out for families when the breadwinner died

early or suffered a serious injury on the job. The safety net, as we know it, did not exist. Families were on their own. The early knight responded to the call to look after widows and orphans and families in desperate situations. Today that response has been expanded and adapted to our own time. Living up to the call includes working to prevent problems and reinforcing what is going well.

Why wait for problems? Preventative maintenance is also a response to the call to look after families. Young men are especially geared to this message. Even in 2024, tomorrow is never guaranteed.

As knights and believers in Jesus, we are aware of our responsibilities. None of us can do it alone. We need to reinforce each other as we respond to family problems and also help families respond to opportunities. We ask Jesus to help us build the family of God.

Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



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Program requirements and achieve the Columbian Award. He also believed that numerous council activities would also help councils to attract new members and achieve their Growth requirements, allowing them to also achieve the McGivney Award. He knew of the problems that we had this past year with councils fulfilling their Founder's Award requirement of hosting 2 Fraternal Benefit Events with the required attendance. To help alleviate the same situation this year, Mike suggested that the state offer an incentive of a \$25 donation to the State Matching Funds Program in a council's name if by November 15, 2024:

The council hosts 2 FBEs with an attendance total of at least 50% of your attendance quota, and bring 1 new member into your council.

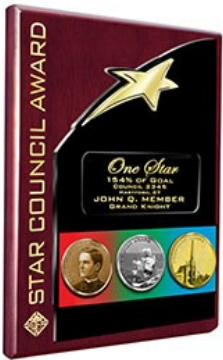


Councils in Ohio can pay tribute to the memory and legacy of State General Program Director Mike Jordon. You can do this by doing council "Faith In Action" activities, reporting them online as part of the state "Let Us Be Worthy" State General Program, and reaching the Supreme "Star Council" Award for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year.

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

Fraternally,
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*In Loving Memory
Michael T. Jordon*

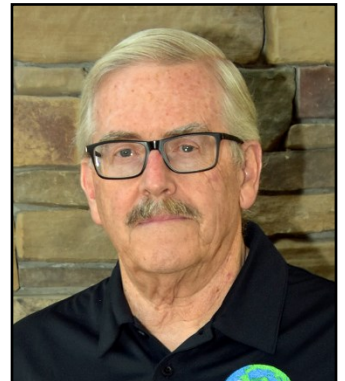


Star Council Award Goal

Worthy Grand Knights and Council Officers,

I wanted to remind you of our **Star Council Award – Mid-Year Incentive**. We will have a drawing for several \$75 gift cards at the Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting in January for all councils who achieve the following by January 1, 2025: 1. Form 365 submitted. 2. All four Council officers either "compliant" or "pending" for Safe Environment. 3. At least One (1) Fraternal Benefit Event credited with 50%

of Attendee Quota attained. 4. 50% of Council Membership Quota attained. 5. Two reported activities credited in each of the four Faith in Action categories for the *Let us be Worthy* State Program Contest. The more councils that achieve this incentive goal by January 1, the more gift cards to be drawn.



Ken Girt - PSD
Roundtable Chairman
Rejuvenation Chairman
Special Reports Chairman
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Please be aware of the revised Fraternal Benefit Event reporting: Supreme will now accept a participant who registers and views an on-line FBE webinar, without the Grand Knight reporting on a Form 11077. He must use your council number to get credit! However, if a council presents a "watch party" where several participants viewed the webinar, then the Grand Knight is required to submit a 11077 with all the participant's Names, Membership Number if they are brother knights, Emails and Phone Numbers.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Report Chairman
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2024 Matching Funds

Brother Knights,

We are all called as part of the New Evangelization and with novel energy to spread the Gospel and to bring the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world in desperate need of authentic hope. As Knights, we must build community awareness, foster spiritual growth, cultivate a parish family and help educate and train to evangelize.



The Ohio Knights of Columbus Matching Funds Program encompasses the potential of each local council to raise funds to support their respective diocese with increasing catholic education and building a culture of evangelization. As Knights, our contributions 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.



In 2023, a total of **\$61,856** was raised to support the many diocesan departments and programs throughout Ohio. This was great work brothers; thank you to all those who participated! With the 2024 program fast approaching, I ask that each council prayerfully consider meeting this challenge again and helping me obtain a **goal of \$100,000**. With increased council participation, we will easily achieve this objective and possibly more!

The Matching Funds Campaign will run from **September 1, 2024**, through **November 15, 2024**. The Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council, has historically offered to match the first \$25,000 donated to this program. All contributions from your council, assembly, or chapter, as well as any amounts matched, will go to the Religious Education / Evangelization Departments of your Diocese.

[Matching Funds Form](#)

If you have not set a plan or budgeted for this program in your council, please do so now. Every amount raised, even if not matched, has a major impact. Any questions, or assistance in this program, please contact me at 614-546-6357.

My fellow Brother Knights, I thank you for all you do and look forward to working with you this fraternal year to grow our faith through Catholic education and continue Christ's own mission. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Christopher Sarka - State Advocate
2024 Matching Funds Chairman

Have you sold your

Football Crazr tickets yet?

Click for more
info.



Click for more
info.



**Tickets should be in by Nov. 3rd for
the full 10-game season.**

Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

Did your Council have a Fast Start? Are you on track to make Star Council? Now three months into the fraternal year, you should be at least 25% towards your Growth goal! Hopefully you have scheduled Church Drives during the month of October working with your local Paster/Priest. If you have not contacted your field agent yet for hosting a Fraternal Benefits Event (FBE), now is the time.

Last week, the State Team lost a great Knight of Columbus leader and Brother Knight, with the passing of Mike Jordon, State General Program Director. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Diane, and Mike's Family. Brings me back to taking our degree when we joined the Order, "Tempus Fugit Memento Mori", Time flies, Remember death.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

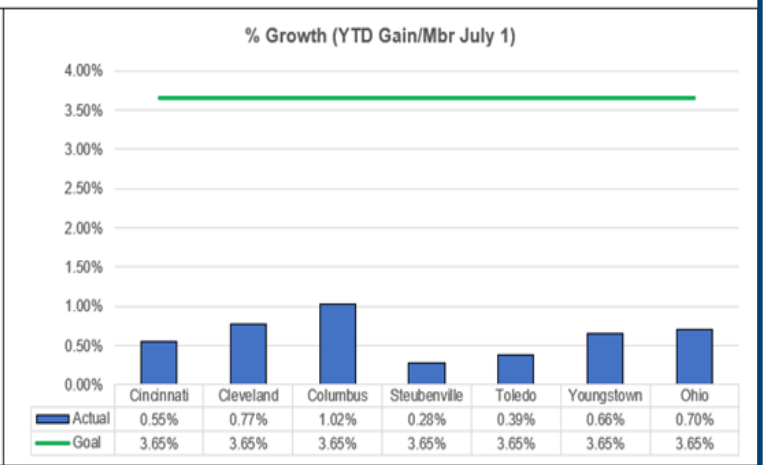
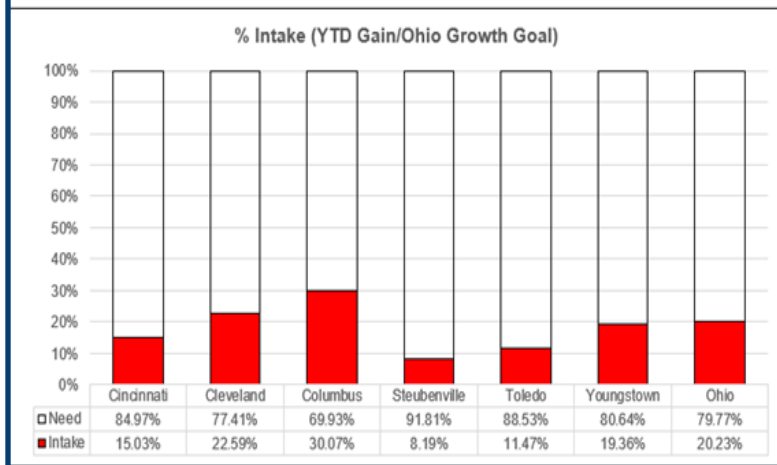
Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director



Top Growth in Ohio As of 9/28/2024:

| Values | Diocese | | | | | | | | Grand Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|------------|--------|-------------|
| | CINCINNATI | CLEVELAND | COLUMBUS | STATE COUNCIL | STEUENVILLE | TOLEDO | YOUNGSTOWN | | |
| # Councils | 99 | 86 | 78 | 2 | 29 | 75 | 68 | 437 | |
| # Active Councils | 90 | 64 | 72 | 2 | 22 | 71 | 54 | 375 | |
| Councils Recruiting | 38 | 18 | 40 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 138 | |
| Membership July 1 | 13,308 | 7,831 | 8,802 | 7,281 | 2,155 | 10,772 | 5,164 | 55,313 | |
| Council Supreme Quota | 775 | 545 | 562 | 30 | 168 | 566 | 359 | 3005 | |
| Ohio Circle of Honor (2000) | 532 | 340 | 382 | 21 | 105 | 390 | 231 | 2,000 | |
| Growth Goal (3.65%) | 486 | 266 | 299 | 248 | 73 | 366 | 176 | 1,913 | |
| YTD Gain | 73 | 60 | 90 | 82 | 6 | 42 | 34 | 387 | |
| Weekly Gain | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 38 | |
| % Councils Recruiting (ALL) | 38.38% | 20.93% | 51.28% | 6.90% | 30.67% | 23.53% | 31.58% | | |
| % Councils Recruiting (Active) | 42.22% | 28.13% | 55.56% | 9.09% | 32.39% | 29.63% | 36.80% | | |
| % Intake (YTD Gain/OH CoH (2000)) | 13.72% | 17.63% | 23.59% | 5.73% | 10.78% | 14.73% | 19.35% | | |
| % Intake (YTD Gain/Ohio Growth Goal) | 15.03% | 22.59% | 30.07% | 8.19% | 11.47% | 19.36% | 20.23% | | |
| % Growth Goal (3.65%) | 3.65% | 3.65% | 3.65% | 3.65% | 3.65% | 3.65% | 3.65% | | |
| % Growth (YTD Gain/Mbr July 1) | 0.55% | 0.77% | 1.02% | 0.28% | 0.39% | 0.66% | 0.70% | | |





LIFE

Ohio March for Life - Oct. 4

It's **Ohio March for Life** month!! The Ohio March for Life is October 4. If you cannot be with our brother Knights and the other pro-lifers, you can still support by praying for their safe travels and an end to abortion in Ohio and around the country. There is still time to pray a Novena for Life or schedule a Rosary for Life in October. These are great events to invite the parish and public and make sure you have some contact information for any prospective members in attendance.



Stewart Vetter
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As temperatures cool around Ohio, consider doing a winter baby wear drive in your parish for you local pregnancy center. Babies grow at a crazy rate and the snowsuit that fit last year sure isn't going to fit this year. Invite parishioners to donate those gently used cold weather clothes, so underprivileged babies can be warm this year. As pro-life Knights, we support families with babies in utero and ex utero or said another way from babies sitting on mom's bladder to squiggly, wiggly toddlers to precocious grade schoolers. We support them all.



As we close in on the holidays, it's a good time to assemble a fundraiser for the refugee fund. With two large-scale, well-covered wars and multiple smaller wars occurring around the globe, many families have been dislocated from their home and all their belongings. When you are fleeing for your life, you grab what you can and go. To heck with grandma's china cabinet. These are the needy we are called to aid in the corporal works of mercy. Conduct a fundraiser and donate to the K of C Christian Refugee Relief Fund with more information at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/christian-refugee-relief.html>.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director

2,000 new members

Did it once, why not twice?

59 Star Councils

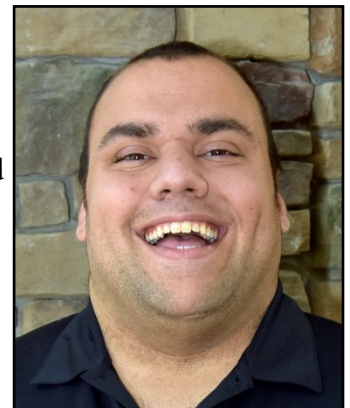
Your October Church Bulletin Blurb



Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name? Those famous lyrics from The Summons teach us that we are followers of Christ and echo everything He does. The Knights of Columbus are a prime example of those followers of Christ. Want to follow Christ with the Knights of Columbus and be a part of our family and faith based Catholic organization?

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

Greg Singlar - E-Membership Coordinator



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FAMILY

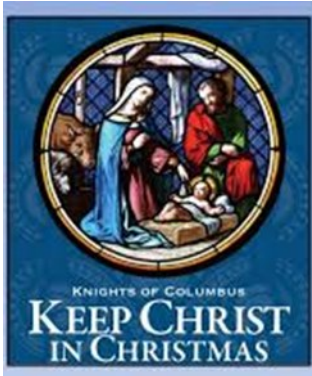
Fall Family Fun Activities

Congratulations to the Paul Brackmann Family and Council 15533 for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in August, 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!

With November coming up, now is the time to plan for your council's Memorial Mass for deceased knights of your council. Remember to invite the widows of the deceased members. Host a council reception afterwards. Also, have a meal afterwards or light refreshments. This was a real popular activity reported last year. I look forward to reading your Memorial Mass write-ups again this year as well.



Tim Mangan
Family Director
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Now is the time to order your Keep Christ in Christmas kits. You can order these kits through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online. The kits need to be ordered no later than October 31st. Students will then need to complete their work by December 1st. Then council judging should take place by December 31st. Now is the time to get organized if your council wants to participate in this worthwhile FIA Family program activity.

In closing, I wanted to say something about State General Program Director Mike Jordon. I really enjoyed working with Mike during the past fraternal year and at the beginning of this one. I am going to miss him and the text messages we shared along with the other state program directors. He helped made the job fun and enjoyable! I am going to miss him getting after us to get our programs graded in a timely manner. That seemed to be his biggest worry,

but we program directors never let him down. My thoughts and prayers go out to Diane and the Jordon Family during this difficult time. I am going to miss you Brother!!!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Program Director

Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at kofc.org/training.

English Training:

- October 7, 2024 8:00 PM [Officers' Desk Reference](#)
- October 8, 2024 8:00 PM [Council Officer Training](#)
- October 10, 2024 8:00 PM [Safe Environment](#)
- October 15, 2024 10:00 PM [Time Management](#)

Capacitación en español:

- 23 de septiembre 2024, 8:00 PM [Programa de Recuperación del Consejo](#)
- 2 de octubre de 2024, 8:00 PM [Publicidad para los Eventos del Consejo](#)
- 9 de octubre de 2024, 8:00 PM [Capacitación para Funcionarios del Consejo](#)
- 15 de octubre de 2024, 8:00 PM [Planificación de Sucesión de Funcionarios del Consejo](#)
- 22 de octubre de 2024, 8:00 PM [Capacitación para Funcionarios Financieros](#)
- 30 de octubre de 2024, 8:00 PM [Programas para Adviento y Navidad](#)



Dear Brother Knights,

Hello,

I hope your SOS program is going well.

I have attached the final turn-in form below for you to fill out and mail back to me.

The **First Turn In** is before and no later than **December 15, 2024**

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Siracusa - Immediate Past State Deputy



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS C **C** **A** **M** **P** **A** **I** **G** **N** **2024 – 2025**

YOUR COUNCIL'S DONATIONS WILL TURN INTO BIG \$\$\$\$\$\$ FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MEN IN OUR SEMINARIES AND THE VOCATION AWARENESS IN YOUR OWN DIOCESE.

FOR CONVENTION AWARDS AND DIOCESAN TOTALS.

**PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW TO ACCOMPANY YOUR DONATION.
THANK-YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR ALL OF OUR SEMINARIANS!**

First Turn In- December 15, 2024

Diocese Council Number & Name
Amount: Date: Chairman:

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ADD TO MEMO LINE: SOS DONATION**

MAIL THE FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:

**Mark Siracusa
15398 Silver Pine Court
Perrysburg, OH 43551**

Around the State



Ohio State Council and all Ohio Knights received the Impact Award - Service Organizations from Ohio Special Olympics for our fundraising and volunteering efforts. Accepting the award on the behalf of the Ohio State Council was State Advocate, Chris Sarka, at right.



Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359 celebrated the 25th anniversary of its charter with a dinner cooked and served by council members and attended by ~ 100 members, ladies, clergy, and State Secretary Mike and Lady Heather Felerski! Pictured are 10 men who have served as council GKs. From left: current GK Tom Geers, Bob Hilmer, Nick McCarroll, Walter Walling, Tom Armstrong, Dave Buschle, Ed English, Steve Yards, Russ Feldkamp, Tom Marvel.