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From the State Deputy

I am very pleased to announce that PSD Ken Girt will be finishing what Mike Jordon put into place and taking over for Mike as our State General Program Director. I have been talking to PSD Ken Girt about the open State General Program Director position for the past couple of

weeks. He was involved with our planning team prior to my being State Deputy and had a lot of input into the current "Let Us Be Worthy" State Program. He is very knowledgeable about the current program and understands how everything is supposed to work. It just makes sense to have him step in these remaining 7 months. So, I have asked Ken to take the Program Director position replacing Mike Jordon, and he has agreed to do so.

I'm confident that Ken will do an excellent job and that everyone across the state will give Ken their full effort in reporting all their council activities in pursuit of the Star Council Award. Councils in Ohio can pay tribute to the memory and legacy of State General Program Director Mike Jordon by doing these council "Faith In Action" activities, reporting them on the State Website, and achieving the Supreme "Star Council" Award for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year.



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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

November is a time when we are reminded to be grateful for our blessings. When we tell someone that we appreciate what they do, that we are grateful for what we receive that is good, there is also another dimension. How do we respond to people the Lord has given us to be close to, family and friends? How do we respond to people who need our help, people who need a break, people who are written off as lost causes? How do we respond to breaks given to us that we did not ask for or did not deserve?

As followers of Jesus, we know that all of our blessings and challenges are given to us by God. Our way to express gratitude for these gifts is to pay it forward.

Our gratitude to the Lord can be expressed by leaving a legacy that those that follow us can build on. James can help us: "Faith without works is dead." We can show thanks to the Lord for His gifts by taking the message of Jesus by word and action to where it is most needed, being creative and enterprising in the process. We all know the program

Happy Thanksgiving!
Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



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

Congratulations to the 10 Knights of Columbus field agents from Ohio who were recently recognized by the Million Dollar Round Table and listed in Columbia Magazine for their commitment to excellence, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) is an international organization that recognizes the world's leading life insurance and financial services professionals. A total of 389 Knights of Columbus field agents were recognized. We salute these men for their devotion to continuing Father McGivney's mission.

Our Agents from Ohio were:

Stephen Carrick — Independence, OH
Peter Holm — New Carlisle, OH
Aaron Rutherford — Marietta, OH
Lawrence Suter — Canton, OH
Andrew Zmecek — Independence, OH

Jonathan Collins — Coldwater, OH
Chad Muhlenkamp — Milford, OH
Daniel Slattery — Lowellville, OH
Christopher Winston — North Royalton, OH
Mark Hedge — Butler, OH - Court of the Table Member

All of our General agents as well as field agents in Ohio work tirelessly to bring Father McGivney's vision to all of us. Please invite one of them to do a Fraternal Benefit Event at your council and encourage your members to attend.

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

Fraternally,

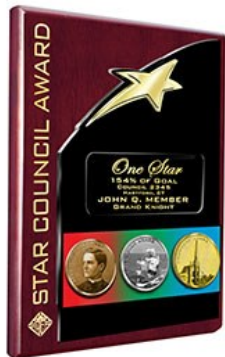
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Star Council Award and State Program Contest



Worthy Grand Knights and Council Officers,

As you know, in addition to my duties at the State Special Report Chairman, I have been asked to continue the duties of our recently deceased State General Program Director, Mike Jordon. I ask for your patience as I assume this addition role. I was State General Program Director for Past State Deputy John Welch, and State Deputy Jeff Kiliany and I worked on the “Light of Ohio” state program contest during my two-years as state deputy. Brother Mike’s program is in process and nothing has changed during the second year of

the “Let Us Be Worthy” state program.

I am planning to address the program in the next few weeks in order to continue Mike’s vision. And that includes his “1st Half Incentive” that end on November 15. All councils who conduct two fraternal benefit events and gain one new member, will have \$25 donated to Matching Funds in your council’s name.

I look forward working the councils again in promoting the charitable activities that we do. Let me or any of the state directors know if you have any questions.

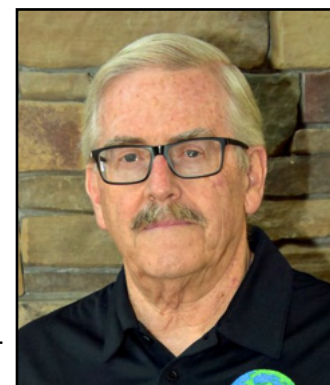
As always, let me know if you have any questions.

Please continue to pray for Mike and his family. May he Rest in Peace.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt, PSD - State General Program Director, State Special Report Chairman

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Roundtable Chairman
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Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

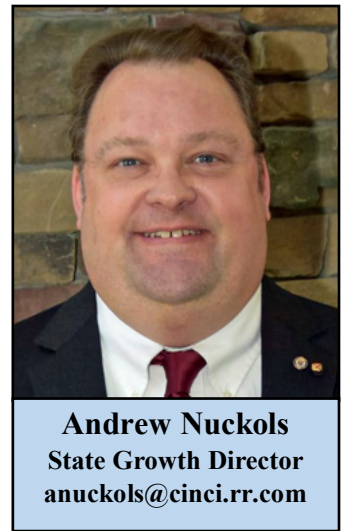
2,000 new Brother Knights and 59 Star Councils to make Circle of Honor again for Ohio! Congratulations to Cleveland Diocese with Ohio's newest council, **St. Elizabeth of Hungary Council #18565**. They stepped up and invited men to join.

Are you Fishers of Men? From the beginning, Father McGivney created a culture of the Knights, a "culture of invitation," in which Catholic men asked other Catholic men to join them in our great work. By inviting men, we are offering them access to the support they need to raise their families in the Faith, protect their loved ones, build a culture of Life, and help those in need. As the first and most key step, we are pointing them to Jesus Christ when we hand them the rosary during the exemplification.

As we continue to renew our culture of invitation, make sure members of your council are inviting new men to join the council. Emphasize the need to extend a personal invitation - one-on-one, not just from the pulpit or in a bulletin announcement. Encourage council members to socialize with parishioners after Mass by hosting coffee and donuts for the parish, while also making materials available for prospective members to learn more about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus. I challenge everyone to ASK a man to join the Knight of Columbus!

Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director



Top Growth in Ohio As of 10/24/2024:

Council Number and Name	District	Division	Status	Values			YTD Gain	% Gain	% Growth
				Membership July 1	Star Council Goal	Supreme Goal			
18527 ST. ELIAS MELKITE	22	0	ACTIVE	20	0	0	17	#DIV/0!	85.00%
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%
5429 POPE JOHN XXIII	37	4	ACTIVE	83	5	3	8	233.60%	9.64%
13081 HOLY TRINITY ZOAR	34	5	ACTIVE	40	5	3	3	87.60%	7.50%
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%
2643 LAKEWOOD	22	4	ACTIVE	86	5	3	6	175.20%	6.98%
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%
11208 ST BRENDAN	35	1	ACTIVE	218	12	8	12	146.00%	5.50%
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON	43	3	ACTIVE	115	7	5	6	125.14%	5.22%
12641 ST LEONARD	43	5	ACTIVE	40	5	3	2	58.40%	5.00%
15901 ST ADALBERT	21	5	ACTIVE	42	5	3	2	58.40%	4.76%
15573 HOLY FAMILY	81	4	ACTIVE	85	5	3	4	116.80%	4.71%
11354 SAINT CATHARINE	44	2	ACTIVE	158	9	6	7	113.56%	4.43%
14408 ST FRANCIS DE SALES	10	4	ACTIVE	68	5	3	3	87.60%	4.41%
4847 BRUNSWICK	24	1	ACTIVE	208	12	8	9	109.50%	4.33%
11828 SAINT JOHN NEUMANN	51	3	ACTIVE	93	5	3	4	116.80%	4.30%
14457 SAINT JOHN NEUMANN	42	1	ACTIVE	191	11	8	8	106.18%	4.19%
14962 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	42	4	ACTIVE	75	5	3	3	87.60%	4.00%
2726 WINDERMERE	33	3	ACTIVE	105	6	4	4	97.33%	3.81%
13581 FATHER RAYMOND S BAUSCHARD	40	5	ACTIVE	28	5	3	1	29.20%	3.57%
18322 SEAT OF WISDOM	7	5	ACTIVE	29	5	3	1	29.20%	3.45%
13977 SAINT JOSEPH-AUSTINTOWN	82	4	ACTIVE	59	5	3	2	58.40%	3.39%

Ticket to Dream Scholarship

Three years ago, my wife, Regina, and I launched and have continuously funded specialized aid that annually provides \$1,000 to 2 qualifying, graduating high school seniors. It differs from many existing scholarships provided by so many generous fraternal, patriotic and religious organizations. Our unique scholarship is not merit based, but instead is an opportunity exclusively available to an under-served group: Specifically, children of a single parent residing and attending High School in the Miami Valley, limited to the following Ohio Counties:

Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble.

(You might be surprised to learn that there are 66 High Schools in those six counties throughout this Miami Valley region. So, there are a lot of kids hoping for support. We're optimistic that in combination the Councils in and around these areas can make a real collective impact)

So, will you help us possibly rewrite somebody's story?

You can be assured that every contribution is received with heartfelt gratitude by the program and the eventual recipients. On our fundraiser gift page, we suggest \$50 - \$100 - \$250; but, believe us, whatever amount, large or small, you might choose to favor us with is vital.

You can donate by check payable to:

TICKET TO DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

mailed to:

Ticket to Dream Scholarship

ATTN: Regina Froschauer

11600 Cassel Road

Vandalia, OH 45377

or by using your debit or credit card through our Paypal link below.

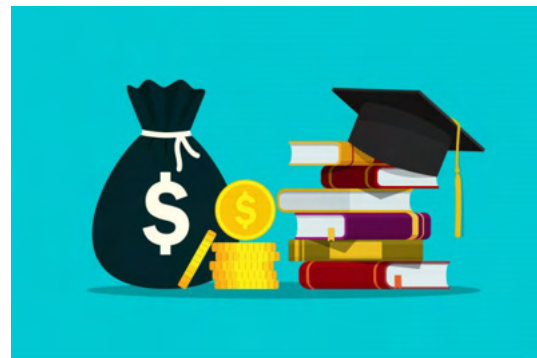
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We are so grateful that you have taken the time to consider helping somebody's dream come true. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Scholarship application information can be found on the following page.

Jack Froschauer - President

Ticket to Dream Scholarship



2,000 new members

Did it once, why not twice?

59 Star Councils

Ticket to Dream Scholarship®

A Scholarship Opportunity Exclusively for Children of Single Parents

- * Not Merit Based ***
- * Residency Requirement ***

Scholarship Description

The Ticket to Dream Scholarship program is pleased to offer two \$1,000 Scholarship opportunities annually to graduating seniors who attend high school in a specific region of service limited to the following Ohio Counties:
Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble.

Scholarships are only awarded to students with plans to pursue post-secondary education who reside in a single parent household.

The Ticket to Dream Scholarship program defines children in single-parent families as any child under age 18 who lives with a single parent: Specifically, A Head of Household (Mom, Dad, Grandparent, Uncle or Aunt) who is unmarried, widowed, or divorced and not remarried.
(According to the Pew Research Center, approximately 25 percent of children under age 18 in the U.S. live in a single-parent household.)

Students who apply **MUST** be graduating seniors and meet the residency requirement. For more information or to apply, please visit and review the collateral information available from guidance counselors or school placement professionals. Application forms may be requested online via TTD.Scholarship@graduate.org



COMMUNITY

Your Council Can be a Force in Your Community

My Brother Knights,

Thank you for continuing to submit your Community Activities via the State website. I am trying to keep up with those and have been grading them as often as possible. Thanks for your patience and thanks for submitting so many activities to keep me busy!



Joe Hartle
Community Director
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Knights of Columbus

As the holidays are around the corner, please remember your neighbors and fellow community members this holiday season. Now is a great time to do your Helping Hands program by helping with food pantries, warm clothes/blanket distribution, leaf/yard waste cleanup, and many other things. Helping Hands is a very broad category, so whatever benefits your community and helps those less fortunate will qualify for points. If your council has already submitted a Helping Hands activity this year, then submit your activity as a community choice to earn points towards the State Activity Program. While I love seeing councils doing Helping Hands activities in more than one way, only one Helping Hands activity can be used for State Program and for your Columbian Award. So please be mindful of this while submitting your activities!

I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. I am so thankful for all the councils and brother knights throughout this Great State of Ohio that have taken their call to support their communities and make life a little brighter from those in need. Keep up the great work! *Let Us Be Worthy!*

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Hartle – State Community Director





LIFE

Get Your ASAP in ASAP

As we enter November and remember those who have gone to their eternal reward, I'd like to take a minute to remember Brother Michael Jordon. I've known Mike for years, and he was always a character. He was a blend of professionalism and rambunctious twelve-year-old which matched well with me. We shared a love for the dignity of ceremonies and meetings while giggling at a fart joke or messing with whomever was speaking at the time. Picture guys in jackets and ties

doing the wave behind everyone's backs so only the speaker and the head table could see. Mike was a friend, a mentor, a drinking buddy, and a conspirator in tomfoolery. He will be missed.



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Get involved in ASAP, ASAP! Almost 29% of the reports I've received involve ASAP and pregnancy center support. If you have made any donations of \$500 or more to pregnancy centers this fraternal year, please apply for the ASAP refund. This is FREE money from Supreme that makes your donation all the more valuable by going directly to the pregnancy support center from Supreme. In Ohio today, we have a HUGE need for these centers and the support they offer to moms and families that have chosen life. Supreme makes the ASAP funds available to us and someone has to use them. So, get that refund paperwork filed and bring those funds back to Ohio. Our Buckeye babies need your support.

In closing, I encourage every council to have a mid-year check-up during December. How are you doing? Are the activities being planned and executed? How are the fund raisers? We can't give money away if we aren't bringing in money. Have members been engaged? No one wants to just attend meetings. Members want to be active in the parish and community. December is a great time to check up and make changes, if necessary, because if we do what we've always done, we'll get the results we have always gotten.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director

Success Breeds Success for Measure-Up 2024

My Brother Knights,

The year of 2024 has been a fantastic year for the Ohio State Council. First of all, you guys stepped up and helped **Ca\$hman** reach the goal of \$1 million for charity. Then you guys stepped up and helped this state reach The Honorable Circle of Honor award. Back at the State convention in Cincinnati we put a goal of \$300,000 to be raised for the Measure Up Program. Just like everything else here in 2024, you guys stepped up again and have raised \$305,366.78. This was done with 175 councils participating. Next year's goal is to get **over 200 councils** participating in this program. Thank you so much for your efforts, brothers, in helping people with developmental disabilities!

God bless!

Tony Offenberger - State Warden



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FAMILY

Fall Family Fun Activities

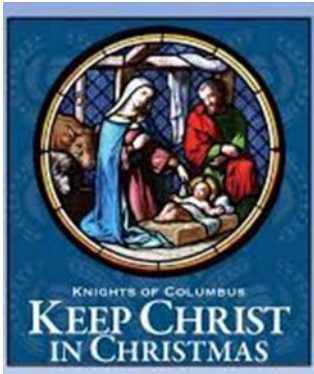
Congratulations to **Mark Farrar, Sr Family** and **Council 546** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in September 2024 by the Supreme Council! If you want to see your families recognized, remember to submit your fully completed Family of the Month (FOTM) nomination to Supreme via Form 10784 each month!

November is a great month to hold your traditional family activity events. Thanksgiving is just around the corner! If your council has been planning and promoting a Family Thanksgiving Dinner event, don't forget to report it on the state website, so I can give you credit for it! These events are usually well attended and it's a great opportunity to recruit a new member to your council by holding this event!

Also, November is the month to hold your Memorial Mass for deceased knights of your council. As I mentioned last month, remember to invite the widows of the deceased members and host a council reception afterwards. Of course, don't forget to report it on the state website afterwards!



Tim Mangan
Family Director
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I can't believe it's time to start talking about Christmas! Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is almost upon us! If you have not already done so, order your kits today! For more information. Please visit kofc.org/christmas or the [Keep Christ in Christmas Program Guide Book](#).

December 29 is the Feast of the Holy Family. Bring families closer to Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph by organizing a group consecration to the Holy Family. If your council would like to celebrate the Consecration to the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family, now is the time to plan for it! For resources

and ideas on how to run this event, visit the Supreme website [here](#).

In closing, I want to take the time to wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Program Director



Your November Church Bulletin Blurb



By joining the Knights of Columbus, you become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values and on a shared desire to be the men God has called you to be. 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



Greg Singlar
E-Membership Coordinator
gsing50@gmail.com

Dear Brother Knights,

Hello,

I hope your SOS program is going well.

Below you'll find the 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 at cuzza52@gmail.com

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



District Deputy 64 Ed Maher Candidates during district exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF Degree)



Hard at work making the pancake magic happen are (L to R): Nick Gruter, Duane Eschmeyer, and Skip Beckett from Archbishop Elder Council #1195.



Members of Holy Martyrs Council #4733 in Canton prepare to serve their monthly benefit breakfast at St. Benedict Church in Canton. (front to back - Larry Salasek, Ted Laubacher, Hank Kozub, Dr. Peter Ferguson, and PGK Rick Cuenot)



An outstanding crowd of knights and their wives marched at this year's March for Life in Columbus on Friday, October 4th.

Around the State



Archbishop Elder Council #1195 provided a pizza dinner for St. Gertrude School students and parents in support of the annual St. Gertrude School Rosary Procession. Pictured are Frank Baker, Larry Ball, Joseph Brecount, William Burleigh, GK Bill Shefcik, John Leventis, David Brecount, and PGK Pete Marcello.



Archbishop Elder Council #1195 conducted a Pancake Breakfast to raise money for Supreme's Coats for Kids program. Gathered around the council's pop-up banner are 23 council members and 3 spouses who helped prepare and serve the breakfast!



Around the State



Many Knights and other Pro-Life supporters made the trek to Columbus on Friday, October 4th, to participate in the annual March for Life.

