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Beacon

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From the State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

We are beginning to show strong growth in Ohio once again. With another couple of good recruiting months, Ohio will be back on track to reach our Circle of Honor goal of 2,000 new members. We are almost at the 50% mark at this time with over

950 new members. Just like last year, the month of January was an outstanding growth month for us and will end up being our highest growth month so far, this fraternal year. Thank you to everyone who is working to make this happen. If this trend continues, like last year, we can back up this strong January with a great February and even better month of March. Grand Knights and Membership Directors, please keep council growth and membership the foremost priority in every one of your councils throughout this great state of Ohio.

We are beginning to show an increase in the number of councils recruiting and bringing in new members. To date about 60% of the active 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% to step up and begin recruiting. A new member from each of those councils would make a significant impact on our bottom line today. We are all on the same team and all in

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

February is a good time to catch our breath. The holiday season is over, it's still winter, and spring has not yet sprung. It is a good time to reflect on who and what is important in our life.

Where is the Lord leading us this coming year? We want to be ready for whatever challenges and opportunities come our way. Reading our favorite book in the Bible, studying the background of our favorite saints, reflecting on what we have to offer are good activities for this season.

Brother knights, we are pace setters. We want to live up to our calling. We want to help the church grow and flourish. Participating in the Mass, bringing compassion and integrity into our work and social life can make a difference.

2025 is underway. Let us make it count.

Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain





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the game together. I need a firm commitment from all involved to make this happen.

We should again be looking for some new member opportunities in February that will give us another strong month of growth in Ohio. There are still a lot of prospective members just waiting to be asked or needing to be contacted. State Growth Director, Andrew Nuckols, has over \$1,000 in incentives in February and March for Councils and Brother Knights that bring in new members. See Andrew's article later in this newsletter that lists all the state and supreme growth incentives going on right now. Growth in membership brings in new Brother

Knights, new ideas, and new energy into your councils. Please get on track with your council's membership program and sign up a new member today. If you haven't brought in a new member this year, please take a moment and ask yourself why.

In addition to the 2,000 new members Ohio needs to bring in to achieve Circle of Honor for a second consecutive year, we need 59 councils to achieve the Star Council Award. Besides meeting the membership quota to achieve Star Council, councils must submit their 16 Faith In Action activities, be Youth Protection compliant, and meet the Fraternal Benefits Nights requirements. To date, many councils have already hosted a Fraternal Benefit Night and just need to do a second one to qualify. Please don't wait until the last minute to host a Fraternal Benefit Night, especially if you have a good chance of meeting your council's growth quota. Contact your K of C Field Agent or General Agent to make arrangements. In addition to possibly getting some more of your members protected by our financial products, this is a good way to bring some new members into your councils. Invite the parish to your Fraternal Benefit event so that they can find out all that the Knights have to offer.

I would like to recognize State Fund Raising Chairman, PSD Gary Eckstein, for running another successful Football Frenzy Campaign. Few of us know what goes on behind the scenes and what it takes to chair a program of this importance. I cannot thank him enough for what he does for everyone at the State Council. This Football Frenzy campaign is the number one reason why our state per capita is among the lowest of all states and jurisdictions in the Order. Look for some interesting proposals from State Fund Raising Chairman Gary Eckstein and myself for our upcoming "March Madness" Sweepstakes program. It may be Ohio's sleeping giant of a fund raiser.

I have been talking about the recent Supreme Initiative "COR", in some of my past articles. It was introduced with the purpose to form and strengthen the relationship with Jesus, with our brother knights, and of all men. COR is meant to address what every Catholic man needs; an active relationship with God, continued formation in faith & a life of prayer, and a brotherhood that strengthens and sharpens holy men. The three key and required elements of COR are Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.

We have already introduced COR here in Ohio, and several councils have been hosting COR gatherings in their parishes. Back in December, we hosted a training and collaboration session to provide our COR leaders and State personnel with a uniform game plan and the tools needed to grow and expand COR across the state. Our EFF Director for Ohio, Arron Mier, did an outstanding job of presenting COR to the group and answering their questions. In each diocese, our State Officers along with our Diocesan EFF Directors will be scheduling workshops for councils who may be interested in starting COR and want to find out more about COR and how to proceed. More information will be forthcoming.

In closing...

May God continue to bless you as you continue to do the work you do in Jesus's name. Dedicate everything you do for Him, so that you may be Worthy of the World He died to save!

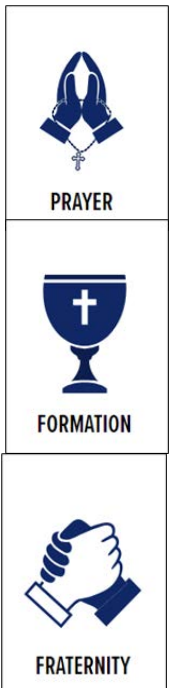
"Let Us Be Worthy of the World He Died to Save!"

Fraternally,

Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy

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Growth



Andrew Nuckols
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We are closing in on 50% of our goal of 2,000 new Brother Knights. We are currently ahead of last fraternal year with membership Growth. We need strong Growth in February and March. We are about one month away from the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5. This is a perfect time to ask the men to become Knights. Our world needs more men to step "Into the Breach" and be leaders and to help all those in need. Our parishes need more men to help and take part in role of the Church. Brothers, it is now more important than ever that we bring men into the Knights of Columbus, to help fill those roles in our parishes. I know that our pastors and priests would love to have more men step up and be apart of the church and take a more active role in the Parish. If your council has not started **COR** yet, Lent can be an exciting time to start. Now is the time to collaborate with your pastor and plan out how your council will help the parish during Lent.

For us to be successful, we all must invite men at every parish opportunity, fish fries, Lenten soup dinners, Catholic Men's Conferences, and Lenten retreats/days of renewal.

Please do not forget about our two incentives, \$1,000 for Third Quarter Incentive and E-Membership Church Bulletin Incentive.

Ohio Brother Knights,

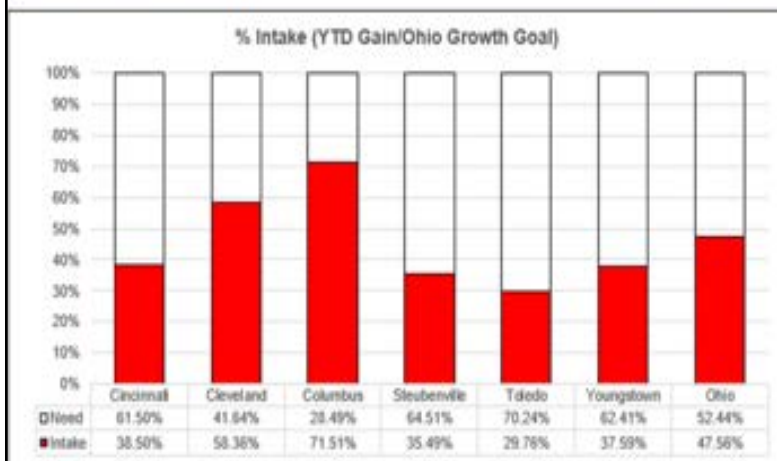
Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director



Top Growth in Ohio as of 1/25/2025:

Values	Diocese							Grand Total
	CINCINNATI	CLEVELAND	COLUMBUS	STATE COUNCIL	STUEBENVILLE	TOLEDO	YOUNGSTOWN	
# Councils	99	87	78	2	29	75	68	438
# Active Councils	90	65	72	2	22	71	54	376
Councils Recruiting	57	41	54	1	6	40	26	225
Membership July 1	13,308	7,853	8,802	7,281	2,155	10,772	5,164	55,345
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	187	155	214	153	26	109	66	910
Weekly Gain	6	4	2	8	0	4	0	24
% Councils Recruiting (ALL)	57.58%	47.13%	69.23%		20.69%	53.33%	38.24%	51.37%
% Councils Recruiting (Active)	63.33%	63.08%	75.00%		27.27%	56.34%	48.15%	59.84%
% Intake (YTD Gain/OH CoH (2000))	35.14%	45.53%	56.09%		24.81%	27.97%	28.59%	45.50%
% Intake (YTD Gain/Ohio Growth Goal)	38.50%	58.36%	71.51%		35.49%	29.76%	37.59%	47.56%
% Growth Goal (3.65%)	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%		3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%
% Growth (YTD Gain/Mbr July 1)	1.41%	1.97%	2.43%		1.21%	1.01%	1.28%	1.64%





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\$1,000 in Ca\$h

Third Quarter Incentive

That is right, State Deputy Jeff Kiliany has opened the treasury giving away \$1,000 in cash for the Third Quarter Incentive. The incentive runs from January 1st until March 31st. No reporting necessary, just bring in new Brother Knights into Ohio.

Councils Bring in **Two (2) members** in Q3, Council placed in drawing for winning **\$200**.

Councils Bring in **Three (3) members** in Q3, Council placed in drawing for winning **\$300**.

Councils Bring in **Four (4) or More members** in Q3, Council placed in drawing for winning **\$500**.

\$1,000 in cash up for grabs, new Brother Knights must be on the council roster by Monday March 31st.

eMember Parish Bulletin Blurb Incentive

From December 1, 2024, until Monday March 31, 2025, your council will have a chance to win a \$200 Amazon Gift Card!

Councils that recruit new members via E-Membership using one of the Ohio State Council Parish Bulletin Blurbs entered a drawing for a chance to win a \$200 Amazon Gift Card.

The more eMembers you recruit, the bigger chance you have! The total of Three (3) winners for the entire state.

For councils to qualify for the incentive, they must submit the names of the E-Members recruited and a copy of their parish bulletin to State E-Membership Coordinator Greg Singlar via email gsing50@gmail.com This can be a link to their parish bulletin or a PDF attachment of their bulletin.

All recruited E-Members must be on the council's Prospect Tab or roster by Monday March 31, 2025.

Please check the Ohio State Council's Monthly editions for the Beacon for Greg's bulletin blurbs or go to kofcoho.org/membership for the bulletin blurbs. You can use any of them for any month!

Fraternally
Andrew Nuckols
State Growth Director





Star Council Award and State Program Contest

Worthy Grand Knights and Council Officers,

The Mid-Year Star Council Award Drawing was held at the January 3-5, 2025, District Deputy Mid-Year Meeting on Columbus. To qualify for this drawing, a council was required to accomplish the following by January 1, 2025:

1. Have the Form 365 submitted.
2. Have all four council officers either compliant or in process for Safe Environment.
3. Have one Fraternal Benefit Event credited with 50% of your council's participation quota.
4. Achieve 50% of your council's membership quota.
5. Have two activities credited in each of the four Faith in Action categories of the Let us be Worthy State Program Contest.

I am pleased to announce the following nine councils met the criteria for the award: 554 Massillon, 2643 Lakewood, 4847 Brunswick, 10749 Ss Francis Gaspar, 11208 St Brendan, 11550 St Joseph of the Three Rivers, 11665 Fr Bill Johnson, 13608 St John the Evangelist, and 14962 Immaculate Conception.

The winner of the four gift cards drawn at the District Deputy Mid-Year Meeting on January 7 were: Councils: 554, 2643, 4847, and 11208. Congratulations!

I want to remind all councils that the deadline for your Honorees of the Year is April 1, 2025. Please submit the form on our state website and attached all support documents that help explain the good works of your nominees. Gather all your document, letters, and pictures into **one** PDF to attach. The Honorees of the Year are MANDATORY for the "Let us be Worthy" State Program Contest.

All activity reports must be submitted by April 15, 2025. Two and a half months left to get your reports submitted. If you conducted an activity that you feels might be worthy of a "Best Activity in the State, please submit all support documentation in PDF as well. You may know everything about your activity: the number of members involved, the purpose and the success of the activity. But the state director judging your activity probably does not. Make sure you submit all the details to him so he can make the best choice. If he chooses your activity for Best in the State, he will contact you prior to the convention so that you can complete Supreme's "State Council Program Awards – Entry Form" (Form STSP) so you can bring it to the convention along with any additional support documents so he can submit to Supreme.

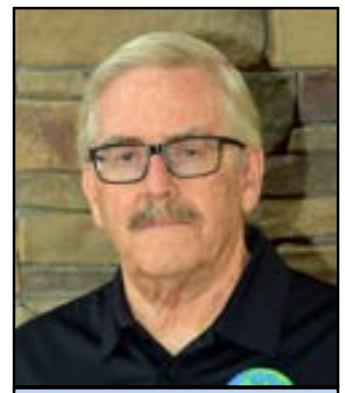
Please refer to the "Let us be Worthy" State Program Contest matrix below. It will explain the requirements for the contest. (Please distribute this matrix to your program directors). Remember, there are two group of activities for each of the four Faith in Action categories.

Group 1: Eight activities listed in the Supreme Faith in Action (FIA) Manual. Group 2: Elective or council choice activities which are not listed in the Faith in Action manual. Remember: there are FIVE activities required for each Faith in Action category for the state program contest. If you submit more than the required number, it likely will be approved, but no points awarded. It may be considered for Best Activity.

For the Supreme FIA Activities: Councils are required to submit a Minimum of Two Activities to a Maximum of Four.

For the Council Choice or Elective Activities: Councils are required to submit a Minimum of One report to a Maximum of Three.

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Roundtable Chairman
Rejuvenation Chairman
Special Reports Chairman
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Please read the Faith in Action Activities to see if your specific activity can be submitted as a FIA or Elective category.

All Elective activities must be associated with the specific Faith in Action Category.

Example: A “council family picnic” is NOT listed as a FIA Family activity. But since it is associated with “family”, it should be submitted as a Family Elective or Council Choice.

2023-2025 "Let Us Be Worthy" State Program Contest					
	FAITH Mark Kahunca	FAMILY Tim Mangen	COMMUNITY Joe Hartle	LIFE Stu Vetter	Growth Andy Nuckols
Submit by April 1 2025	Chap/Rel of the Year <u>MANDATORY</u> 50 pts	Family of the Year <u>MANDATORY</u> 50 pts	Youth of the Year <u>MANDATORY</u> 50 pts	Knight of the Year <u>MANDATORY</u> 50 pts	Membership Drive <u>MANDATORY</u> 25 pts
No Activity Report needed. Points awarded automatically	Safe Env Compliant: Grand Knight 25 pts	Safe Env Compliant: Family Dir 25 pts	Safe Env Compliant: Community Dir 25 pts	Safe Env Compliant: Gen Prog Dir 25 pts	Membership Drive <u>MANDATORY</u> 25 pts
Supreme FIA Activity list. Submit Minimum 2 reports, Maximum of 4	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	In Person CUF Degree - Council Team (Report Once) 25 pts
	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	FIA Supreme Program 25 pts	Fraternal Benefit Program (Report One Event) 25 pts
Activity NOT on Supreme FAI List. Elective must be related to FIA Program Area. Submit Minimum 1 report, Maximum of 3	FAITH Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	FAMILY Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	COMMUNITY Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	LIFE Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	% Supreme Goal as of May 1
	FAITH Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	FAMILY Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	COMMUNITY Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	LIFE Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	
	FAITH Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	FAMILY Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	COMMUNITY Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	LIFE Activity Elective (Council Choice) 25 pts	
	200 points	200 points	200 points	200 points	200 points +

Remember our deadlines: Honorees of the Year by April 1, 2025. Program Activities submitted by April 15, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding which activity you should use, please contact me or the specific Faith in Action program director.

The February Star Council Report will be distributed in early February. Please review your council’s activities required for the Star Council Award. It is evident that many councils are working hard on achieving the criteria for the award. You can review the criteria in the Star Council Report update.

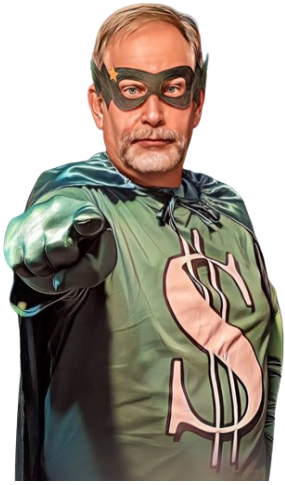
We have a few months left in the program year. Please continue to submit your activities.

Vivat Jesus!

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Ca\$hman We Need You!



Super Ca\$h Bonanza 2025

What a dramatic turn of events that unfolded at the District Deputy Meeting in January! **Ca\$hman**, our caped crusader for charity here in Ohio, running out the door to only hear an explosion!!!! There was no sign of **Ca\$hman** afterward. Is he OK? How can Ohio raise \$1 Million for charity and repeat for the first time in 37 years? What are we to do?

You will need to attend one of the Super Ca\$h Bonanza Roadshow going on throughout the state of Ohio to find out if **Ca\$hman** is OK and what the plan is to raise \$1 Million, again! You can visit one of these locations:

<u>TOLEDO</u>	<u>CINCINNATI</u>	<u>COLUMBUS</u>
<p>February 7, 2025 Tiffin Council #608 49 E. Perry Street Tiffin, OH 44883</p> <p>Dinner Available Starting at 5:00 PM Roadshow Starts at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Council will be offering their Build-A-Burger dinner with fries and coleslaw for \$10/Each. *****</p> <p>February 8, 2025 Defiance Council #1039 111 Elliot Rd Defiance, OH 43512</p> <p>Roadshow Starts at 10:30 AM Famous Sticky Buns Available Prior to Show</p>	<p>February 8, 2025 Marian Council #3754 1000 W. Wenger Rd Englewood, OH 45322</p> <p>Roadshow Starts at 3:00 PM *****</p> <p>St. Michael Council #3382 11144 Spinner Ave Sharonville, OH 45241</p> <p>Roadshow Starts at 7:00 PM</p>	<p>February 9, 2025 New Albany Council #10941 6300 E Dublin-Granville Rd New Albany, OH 43054</p> <p>Roadshow Starts at 2:00 PM</p>
<p><u>STEUBENVILLE</u></p> <p>February 13, 2025 Marietta Council #478 312 Franklin St. Marietta, OH 45750</p> <p>Roadshow Starts at 7:00 PM *****</p> <p>February 14, 2025 Msgr. Dooley Council #4361 218 Legion Dr Mingo Junction, OH 43938</p> <p>Roadshow Starts at 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>YOUNGSTOWN</u></p> <p>February 15, 2025 St. Michael's Council #15458 3430 St. Michael Blvd NW Canton, OH 44718</p> <p>Roadshow Starts at 10:00 AM *****</p> <p>Marian Council #3813 4310 Kirk Rd Youngstown, OH 44511</p> <p>Roadshow Start at 10:00 AM (LIVE)</p>	<p><u>CLEVELAND</u></p> <p>February 15, 2025 Garfield Council #4130 10806 Granger Rd Garfield Heights, OH 44125</p> <p>Lunch Available @ 12 Noon Roadshow Starts at 1:00 PM *****</p> <p>South Akron Council #3410 2055 Glenmount Ave Akron, OH 44319</p> <p>Lunch Available @ 12 Noon Roadshow Starts at 1:00 PM (LIVE) *****</p> <p>St. Ladislav Council #16373 2345 Bassett Rd Westlake, OH 44145</p> <p>Lunch Available @ 12 Noon Roadshow Starts at 1:00 PM</p>

Our team of expert will be there to help you understand the program, rebates, and plan. Your council will need to have at least two (2) representatives present and signed in to receive the attendance credit. Easy, right? Show up and your council is already earning more in rebates than you had prior to walking in the door.

Most of the locations will have snacks or light lunch. Thank you to all the councils for hosting. Let's hope that **Ca\$hman** is alright and help lead the fight for charity here in Ohio. OH...

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!

March for Life 2025



LIFE

In January, we remembered all the unborn lost to abortion, and we marched to end the horror of abortion. February is the month of love, thanks to St. Valentine's Day. There are loving couples that welcome life but struggle to create it together. These couples have miscarried or failed to conceive due to medical issues. Infertility is a very common problem and is often unshared, not discussed, and plagued by a feeling of shame. It can be a HUGE issue in a marriage and can either

rip a couple apart or bond them in deep sorrow and shame. Councils should consider offering a rosary, praying for the intercession of St. Gerard Majella, St. Rita of Cascia, and/or St. Anne for these couples or better yet set up a Mass in memory of the children who were loved but didn't get to be born and possibly a blessing for couples hoping to get pregnant. These couples are probably knight families, and they need love and support and to break the stigma of shame. Let's support these couples and show them some love.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



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Your February Church Bulletin Blurb



Joshua 24:15 states "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." The Knights of Columbus promote a family first household that will serve the Lord in everything we do. Do you want to continue on that journey with us and 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



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FAMILY

Keep Christ Present in Marriage

Congratulations to the **Calvin Smith Family** and **Council 3724** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in December 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
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February is The Sacrament of Marriage month. The sacrament of marriage is a wondrous divine mystery. When a couple gets married, it isn't just between a man and a woman, it's between a husband, wife and God. When a baptized man marries a baptized woman, Christ himself is the one who gives the spouses to each other on their wedding day.



It is Christ who also receives their vows as the church witnesses their exchange of love and blesses the marriage in Christ's name. This is why it is important to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in a church, where the Blessed Sacrament is present. This is also why the Church recommends that Christian marriages take place within a Mass. Christ, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is made present in the love of the spouses.

By virtue of the great sacrament of holy matrimony, human love participates in Christ's own sacrificial love, wherein he gave up his body for sinners on the cross. Married couples must enter the total self-gift of Christ daily, holding nothing back in their love of each other through prayer and sacrifice for the good of the beloved to receive the graces of this sacrament fully.

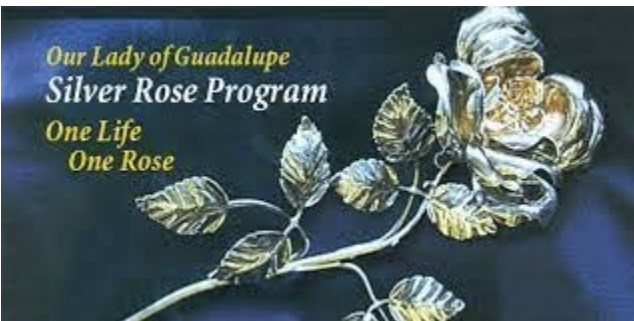
Since February is The Sacrament of Marriage month, this is a great month for families to share memories about your wedding day with your family over a nice family meal. During this meal, each child shares one thing they appreciate about their parents' marriage. Then, each spouse should share one reason why they are grateful for their marriage and how each one sees Christ as present in their marriage.

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Program Director

Silver Rose Visits Ohio - June 23-July 19

My Fellow Brother Knights,



It is that time of year to schedule a service with the Silver Rose. Ohio gets the rose June 23 until July 19. Check the state website (kofcoho.org) to see when your diocese has the rose and email State Warden Tony Offenberger at tonyoffenberger@gmail.com to schedule your service.

Vivat Jesus!

Tony Offenberger - State Warden



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Keep Contact Information Up-to-date



Dear Worthy Financial Secretaries,

Please ensure that you update Supreme with any new mailing address if you move. The State Council utilizes this contact information for correspondence with you, including the annual state per capita invoice and other program-related information.

Financial Secretaries are among the most stable positions within a council, which is why the state council provides you with crucial correspondence. Thank you for all that you do.



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Michael Felerski - State Secretary



FAITH

Back in the Saddle Again

My apologies for being missing-in-action for the past month, but know that it was because I had additional surgery on my hip and have been in the recuperation and rehabilitation mode. I am diligently working on catching up on reports turned in and should be caught up soon.

It is hard to believe we are entering the last months of our fraternal year and the end of our term as Jeff's State Council. It has been my pleasure to meet so many of you all through the conventions and state tours, but

now is the time we all need to strap in for the end of this ride and show everyone why we are Knights of Columbus. Our Faith in Action programs give us a guide on what we can do, but your ingenuity and hard work is what makes it happen. I ask our Grand Knights and Pro-



work will get you there.

In closing I ask that you begin sending me your nominations for Spiritual Leader of the Year for your council as soon as possible. I am sure each of your choices is worthy of consideration and your write-ups help me make the most informed decision. You may submit it through the Supreme site, our State site (make sure to attach your write-up to the submission), or if it is too large, just email to me directly mark.faithdirectorohio@gmail.com.

God's blessings be with you!

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director



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Now's as Good a Time as Any

Worthy Brother Knights,

Welcome to Ordinary Time! Traditionally, Ordinary Time is a time to grow closer to Jesus and live out one's faith. With Cor, that's exactly what the Order has to offer. If your council has not started Cor, now is a great time to start.

Also, February is the month of the Holy Family. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is the model of virtue for Christian families. Cor could consist of the Consecration of the Family to the Holy Family* and followed up with *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family*.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, hallowed domestic life by Your ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Your holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship; Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen — *Roman Missal*

Cor is designed to benefit the man, the council, the parish, the family, and the community. Please reach out to me or any of the Diocesan EFF Directors if you need assistance or guidance. Remember, nearly everything you need to begin Cor in your council/parish can be found on the [Cor Homepage](#). From start-up guides to forms, from content to examples, it's all there at your fingertips. I implore you to use it!

I hope you all have a wonderful February and will see some of you at the SCB Ticket Distribution events. Stay Blessed.

Vivat Jesus,

Arron Mier - Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation



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2,000 new members

Did it once, why not twice?

59 Star Councils

Upcoming February 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](#).

Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

English Training:

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| February 3, 2025 8:00 PM | Financial Secretary Overview |
| February 10, 2025 8:00 PM | Working With Your Pastor |
| February 13, 2025 8:00 PM | Conducting Church Drives |
| February 25, 2025 8:00 PM | Online Tools & Resources |

SOS Final Turn-in Date - April 1, 2025



Dear Brother Knights,

Hello! I hope your SOS program is going well. Below you'll find the final SOS turn-in form, or you can download it from the state website under Programs> Support Our Seminarians> 2024-2025 Final Turn-In SOS Form - Due April 1, 2025. The final turn-in is before and no later than April 1. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Siracusa - Immediate Past State Deputy

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Final Turn In- April 1, 2025

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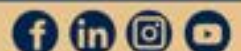
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Around the State



State Deputy Jeff Kiliany is flanked by Steve Cohen, Supreme Territorial Growth Director, and Andrew Nuckols, State Membership Director, after receiving the Circle of Honor Award from Supreme Council for reaching and surpassing the goals of 1,860 new members and 59 Star Councils for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.



State Deputy Jeff Kiliany presents a gift of the Blessed Father Michael McGivney framed icon print to Youngstown Diocesan Director of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Barbara Walko, on the occasion of her retirement after many years of service to the diocese. Barb was earlier presented with a check for **\$15,708.31** from diocesan councils through the Matching Funds Program. This money will go toward helping finance the diocesan media library, which provides resources for parishes, schools, and religious throughout the diocese. Looking on is Chris Sarka, State Advocate and chair of the Matching Funds Program.



Archbishop Moeller Council #3861 in Cincinnati has been putting up this Nativity scene at the base of the Mt. Washington Water Tower in Cincinnati for the past 47 years. The figures came from Italy and were donated to the council years ago by what was then called St. Gregory Seminary (now Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West) in Cincinnati. This picture was taken on the Feast of the Epiphany by GK Tony Russo

Around the State



Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359 executed a Free Throw Championship at Guardian Angels School in Cincinnati. In an innovative twist, PGK Ed English worked with PE teacher Corey Frank to have all boys and girls in 4th thru 8th grade participate in the contest as part of their regular weekly gym class. As a result, they had 230+ participants over a 2-day period! They awarded 1st and 2nd prizes to boys and girls in each grade. Participating Knights included GK Tom Geers, John Hunt, Ed Birck, Ed Brady, Bob Meyer, and DD Tom Hahn

Around the State



Fremont Council #591 ran two diaper drives to raise money for the Sandusky County Heartbeat Hope Medical Pregnancy Center. With the generous support of the Catholic Christian community, they were able to collect 4,278 diapers and raise \$4,225.29 in monetary donations combined to help mothers in need! Pictured above are: Craig Holland, Kevin Nikkel, and Mitchell Holland's son Miles Holland and daughter Paige Holland



District Deputies and some Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries from across the state met for the mid-year meeting in Columbus on Jan. 3-5 to prepare for the 2nd half of the fraternal year.



In the coming months you'll have the opportunity to get to know these two gentlemen, good friends Greg Singlar, E-membership Coordinator, and Stew Vetter, State Life Director, as they have both declared their intention on running for State Warden representing the Toledo Diocese at the May convention in Cleveland.