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From the State Deputy

59 Star Councils Well within our sights!

My Brother Knights,
It was great to see such great turnouts at all of the Super Cash Roadshow locations. I enjoyed seeing and talking to so many of you from around the state. I get excited when I

hear about so many of the great activities councils are doing, as well as the success so many of you are having in bringing new members into your councils as a result of these activities. I was especially excited hearing from so many of you about your progress toward making Star Council.

59 Star Councils is our number one goal for this fraternal year. This is a very reachable goal for us to achieve. We already have, as of the 21st of February, 24 councils that have achieved 100% of their supreme membership quota, and we should reach 30 by the end of February. We have another 29 councils in the state that only need one or two more members to reach their supreme membership quota.

If you think this article is sounding a lot like my March 2024 Beacon article, you are right. Getting our councils in the state to achieve the Star Council Award is so important, that it bears repeating. Especially

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

Lent is a time for penance and reflection. Many give up something they enjoy or do something extra. For some, the biggest penance is changing attitudes. Going to Scripture, how do we treat widows and orphans and aliens? How do we follow the teaching of Jesus? As Knights, how do we bring the teaching of Jesus into the marketplace?

Reading Scripture, attending a daily Mass, praying the rosary and the chaplette of divine mercy can be helpful. Asking the Holy Spirit for guidance can make a difference.

We do not want to meet Jesus on Judgement Day and have to admit that we did not live up to His expectations. When Jesus says I gave you this much time, these opportunities, these people to be close to, these talents, these resources, it probably would not be good to say I was afraid to move. I did not want to make a mistake. I was afraid of what people might say.

Lent is a good time to renew our commitment to Jesus. We ask him to guide us. We ask the saints to pray for us. We ask the Holy Spirit to give us the confidence we need to follow His call and help build His kingdom.

Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain

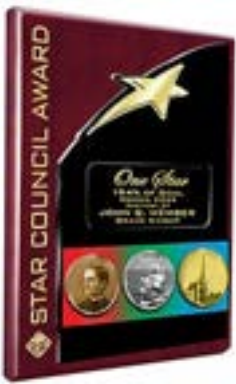


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around this time of year. With only 4 more months to go in the fraternal year, the time for a council to achieve all of the Star Council requirements is running out. Don't wait until June to scramble to meet all of the requirements. Check your council's status in each of the areas and start to complete everything over these next 3 months.

Why is it so important for us to achieve Star Council? The Supreme Star Council Award is our Order's flagship award for successful councils. It recognizes and rewards all of the efforts by active councils in all of the areas that represent the principles of our Order. An active council is one that does so many great events and activities for its members, families, parishes, and communities. This, in turn, generates genuine interest in the council by its members, which keeps the members involved, engaged, and rewarded by the council's achievements. New members are attracted as well, because they see the wonderful things being done by this active council and want to be a part of these accomplishments.

We only have 4 months left in this fraternal year to get our house in order and make sure that all the Star Council requirements are met:



- Meet the council Supreme Growth quota
- Meet the council Fraternal Benefit Event requirements
(2 seminars with a total of 10 or 14 attendees based on council size)
- Earn the Columbian Award by doing and submitting 4 activities in each of the 4 "Faith In Action" Program areas. (Must submit via the Supreme form #SP-7)
- Submit the Service Program Personnel Form (#365)
- Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form (#1728)
- Be compliant in the council Youth Protection

Last year, the Fraternal Benefits Event requirement was the biggest obstacle for councils to complete in order to meet their Star Council requirements. This year, we got a better start with this. As of Feb. 21st, 38 councils have already met their Fraternal Benefit requirement. There are many more who just need 1 more FBE, or just need a few members to qualify. In order to assist these councils who still need to complete their Fraternal Benefit Event requirements, I am asking each District Deputy in the state to arrange to have a district wide fraternal benefit event. District Deputies may even go together with other nearby districts and hold a joint fraternal benefit event for the councils in each of the participating districts. Another possibility for councils to do a Fraternal Benefit Event is when that council hosts a CUF degree, they do a Fraternal Benefit Event right afterwards. The degree ceremonies are usually well attended and when a Field Agent is also present at the Degree, a Fraternal Benefit Event may be a possibility.

The monthly Star Council report sent out by our State General Program Director and Special Reports Chairman, Ken Girt, PSD, is a great tool to determine what areas your council still needs to complete in order to be Star Council eligible. Please use this report to make sure that all of the Star Council requirements for your council have been, or will be met. Don't wait until the last week of June to find out that there has been a reporting error, or that you are missing a requirement and it becomes a crisis. Start now to make sure that all steps have been met by your council. Your District Deputy would be glad to assist you. Utilize his knowledge and experience. With only 4 months left this fraternal year, it is up to our outstanding Grand Knights to lead their councils to the coveted Star Council Award. Getting this award is a true feeling of accomplishment and great source of pride, not only for the Grand Knight, but the entire council. Our state officers, state program directors, diocesan chairman, general agents, field agents, and our District Deputies are valuable resources for assistance. Please feel free to contact him to get their help.

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

Fraternally,
Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy

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Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

For Catholics, the Lenten season is a period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of Easter. However, an additional approach suggested years ago by Dynamic Catholic, “Don’t give up Chocolate”, not merely giving something up, but also actively grow spiritually during 40 days of Lent. Maybe read the Gospels, spend extra time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. What if you committed to going out and asking one man to join the Knights of Columbus? Extending such an invitation could prove transformative for yourself, your council, and your parish. We grow today for tomorrow. Moreover, it presents an opportunity for the individual you invite to deepen their spiritual journey and contribute to their community.

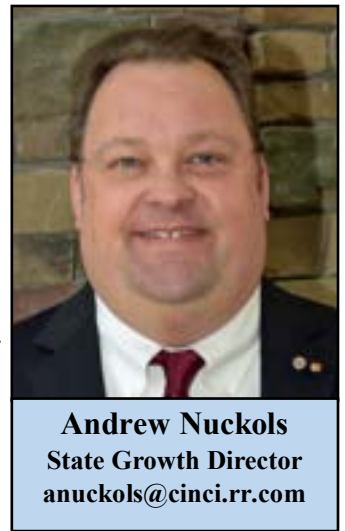
During Lent, we encounter unique opportunities to welcome new members. One such opportunity arises with the tradition of the Lenten fish fry. Does your parish do Stations of the Cross during Lent or host soup dinners with spiritual reflections? By your council getting active in these initiatives, not only can you boost attendance at these events, but you can also foster faith formation and strengthen community bonds among parishioners. These events present a valuable chance to connect with individuals on a personal level, inquire about their well-being, address any questions they may have, and share your own experiences as a knight. Our goal is to help men, their families, and all parishes to grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. During Lent, we must seek avenues to give back and make meaningful contributions. By extending an invitation, you not only assist them in their faith journey, but also contribute to the collective growth and vitality of the Catholic faith, strengthening Catholic families, parishes, and communities.

Let us embrace this Lenten season as an opportunity to reach out, invite men to join the Order, and together, let us continue to exemplify the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that define the Knights of Columbus.

Don’t forget with E-Membership (www.kofc.org/JoinUs) website or scan 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



2,000 new members

Did it once, why not twice?

59 Star Councils



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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





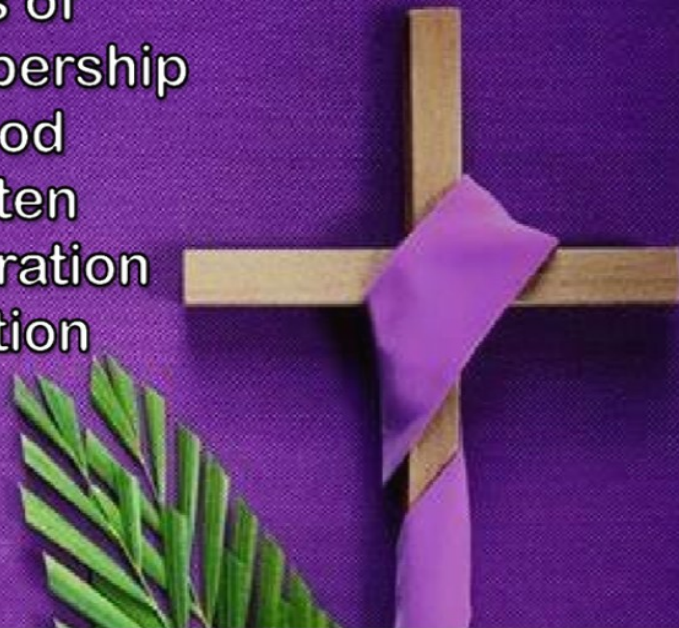
Knights of Columbus®

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus has a great program series called Into The Breach? This program helps Catholic men and families lead lives of faith and virtue in today's world. Want to learn more? Talk to a Knight today about the program and join our great fraternal, family based organization! Simply just scan the QR Code below to Join Us!



Enter Council # ____ as Preferred Council Number
For More Information, Contact (Name, Phone, Email)

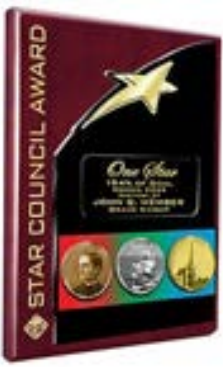
Let your Knights of Columbus membership be your gift to God during your Lenten journey in celebration of His Resurrection



Join Now for FREE
Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

Use the QR code to join the Knights of Columbus and start your Lenten Journey.





Star Council Award and State Program Contest

Worthy Grand Knights and Council Officers,

This is a reminder 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 documents, 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. There are one and a half months left to get your reports submitted. If you conducted an activity that you feel 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 continue to submit your activities and let’s work on the Star Council Award!

Vivat Jesus!

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



Ken Girt - PSD
General Program Director
Roundtable Chairman
Rejuvenation Chairman
Special Reports Chairman
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Prepare the Way Through Cor

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we begin the Lenten Season, we are called to make an effort to become more like Christ. Cor can help us achieve that lofty goal. If your council has not yet discussed Cor, now is the time.

I ask that you make a concerted effort to pray the **Way of the Cross**. I’ve included a link here, <https://youtu.be/aJF9XjG4WKo?si=mTwO2urBZ9ijt289>, from Ascension.

It is a beautiful prayer that helps me walk with Jesus during this holy time. This could even be used as the content for Cor!

There will be a Diocesan Cor Gathering in each diocese in the near future. The Diocese of Toledo will be holding a Gathering on April 6th in Findlay. Look for more information coming via email to all Grand Knights in the diocese. As the other locations and dates are confirmed, I will be sure to get the information out.



Arron Mier
Evangelization and Faith
Formation Director
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Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Cor. I am excited to help any council that needs support starting Cor.

Vivat Jesus,

Arron Mier - Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation

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

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS C **C** **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!**

Final Turn In- April 1, 2025

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**



Volunteers Needed



Brother Knights,



Joe Hartle
Community Director
joseph.hartle@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

I hope you all are doing well! We have the annual Ohio State Council Free Throw Championship coming up on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Bishop Ready High School in Columbus. If you are available to help and would like to be a part of this flagship Community program, I have set up a **SignUp Genius** volunteer sheet to help keep track. Also, encourage your fellow Brother Knights and family members to consider volunteering. You can sign up to volunteer by going to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADA92DA7FAC43-48120505-2024#/>

Volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 15th at Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Rd, Columbus, OH 43204 (left side gym entrance when looking at the school).

On another note, I look forward to reviewing your Council's Youth of the Year nominations for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Feel free to email me your nominations along with photos, supporting notes, etc., and be sure to submit your nominations via the State Website to be sure I can award your council's activity points. Likewise, if you would like a council activity to be considered for an OTY award, I encourage you to email me a write-up with photos and other supporting information. Please have these to me by March 31st at the latest.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

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

Joe Hartle - State Community Director



Upcoming March 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 or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at kofc.org/training.

Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

English Training:

March 6, 2025 8:00 PM

[Membership Records Management](#)

March 10, 2025 8:00 PM

[Introducing Families to the Knights](#)

March 18, 2025 8:00 PM

[Engaging Members](#)

March 26 2025 10:00 PM

[Best Practices for Council Fundraising](#)

Capacitación en español:

12 de marzo de 2025 8:00 PM

[Planificación de la Sucesión del Consejo de Estado](#)

26 de marzo de 2025 8:00 PM

[Cómo Organizar Campañas en Actividades del Consejo](#)





Time to Get Busy!



Brothers ... **Ca\$hman** here with a couple of important items concerning our plan to foil the “Squealer” and his team from up north.

First, thank you to all for coming out during the weekend Roadshows. I know that it may not have been your first or second or hundredth choice to do on the weekend, but your presence there struck fear into the heart of the “Squealer” and he now knows that Ohio is dedicated to helping our charities and being strong.

Second, you should be getting the tickets out to your members via mailing, captains, or a distribution meeting. If you need more tickets, please reach out to your diocesan state officer or a member of his team. If they do not have any, please feel free to contact me here at the Ca\$h Cave at 440-785-9838 via voice or text. Email works as well at kofcjk@gmail.com.

Finally, despite the change in the state convention, the Super Ca\$h Drawing will be held on **Saturday, May 17, 2025**, starting at 9:30 AM. The location of the drawing has not been determined, but the drawing will be broadcast via the state council’s YouTube Channel. Stay tuned for any changes. What does that mean for you? The turn-in dates remain the same. The first turn-in is April 1st and the second is May 12th. If you need **Ca\$hman** to come and pick them up, reach out to me. We can make any arrangements.

Thank you again, brothers, for your dedication to helping raise \$1 Million for charity again here in Ohio. I know that we are committed to the first principle of the Order in concert with the second and having a good time doing it showing the third. Till next month ... **Ca\$hman** is out!

Excited about the final four? Contact PSD Gary Eckstein for March Madness Crazz tickets with 39 winners and \$2,700 in cash prizes. Don’t miss out on the excitement!



Ohio Knights
2025

MARCH MADNESS \$20

Three full rounds of over 50 winners!
Over \$5000.00 in prizes to be awarded
Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

First Weekend
March 20-23
Rounds 64 and 32
24 Winners \$50 per
\$1,200.00 Awarded

Second Weekend
March 27-30
Rounds 16 and 8
15 Winners \$100 per
\$1,500.00 Awarded



Now Available!

To purchase tickets use the QR code or contact Gary Eckstein at:
gary.eckman@sbcglobal.net



A great way to have fun supporting the ongoing efforts of the Ohio State Council

Final 4 Weekend
April 5 & 7

HIGHEST	\$500
2ND HIGHEST	\$400
3RD HIGHEST	\$300
4TH HIGHEST	\$275
5TH HIGHEST	\$150
6TH HIGHEST	\$125
7TH HIGHEST	\$100
8TH HIGHEST	\$100
9TH HIGHEST	\$75
10TH HIGHEST	\$75
LOWEST	\$100
2ND LOWEST	\$50

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FAMILY

And the Winners are...

Congratulations to the **Joseph Meiers Family** and **Council 5286** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in January 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.

Also, congratulations to the state winners of the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!** They are as follows:

GRADE	PLACE	NAME	COUNCIL NUMBER	DIOCESE
Kindergarten	1st	Margaret O'Hare	2726	CLEV
	2nd	Oaklee Kendal	15458	YOUN
	3rd	Marcus Dionisio	12772	COLB
Grade 1-2	1st	Liam Yacko	5628	TOLE
	2nd	Ava Graham	?	TOLE
	3rd	Aubree Maloney	4471	YOUN
Grade 3-4	1st	Oliver Kissel	968	CINN
	2nd	Elise Hein	5534	COLB
	3rd	Gabriella Zacharias	478	STEU
Grade 5-6	1st	Camila Valentina Barco Brito	11354	COLB
	2nd	Liliana Sibani	15905	TOLE
	3rd	Lillian Pohlman	968	CINN
Grade 7-8	1st	Isbella Anzenbacher	6373	TOLE
	2nd	Nathan Harpenau	1801	CINN
	3rd	Josie Noble	1801	CINN



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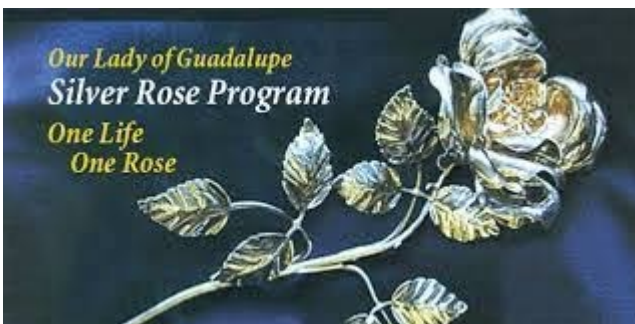
These winning posters have been sent to Supreme for international competition. Good luck to each one of them!

One last reminder to work on your Family of the Year write-ups (**Form 10680**), due April 1st! Also, don't forget about your overall best Family activity of the year! Those write ups (**Form STSP**) are due to me by April 15th!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Program Director

Silver Rose Visits Ohio - June 23-July 19



There are still spots available for the Silver Rose as it passes through the state of Ohio. Ohio gets the rose June 23 until July 19. Check the state website (kofcoho.org) and schedule a service.

Also, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon has begun its travels around the State. Check the state website for that schedule, too. This icon is scheduled by district, so you will

need to contact your District Deputy to schedule the icon during its time in your district.

Vivat Jesus!

Tony Offenberger - State Warden



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LIFE

A Time to Explore and More

Are you ready for some March Madness basketball? Are you ready for a great Lent? As you read that, did you get excited for the first one and a little hesitant about the second? Lent is a penitential season, but it's also a season of exploration. You get to explore fish and vegetable dishes or area fish fries on Fridays. You get to explore area churches for a change of pace for Mass or just stations of the cross. You get to explore a deeper prayer life. Rather than giving something up this

lent, add something healthy and prayerful to your life. Maybe commit to a daily walk with a rosary or religious podcast. Maybe commit to a daily tithe that could be donated to your local pro-life pregnancy center. If you choose the tithe, make it an actual daily event when you put change or cash in a container. The physical act makes the commitment more real and demonstrates your daily commitment to Lent.



The other thing that March is great for is finishing up your Knight of the Year write ups. These are due to me by April 1. Please be sure to complete an online report at kofcoho.org and email me the larger, more detailed write-up. Both need to be done by April 1. Please make sure you tell me why you picked that particular brother knight, his involvement in the council, parish, and community, and what makes him stand out above the other members of your council. A picture is worth 1,000 words. I love reading about all these outstanding brother knights and their accomplishments, and I look forward to a very tough decision again this year.

March is also the month of first-notices for convention. If you've never been, convention is a great time. We come together for Mass, meetings, and mostly fraternity. It's a great chance to meet other knights from around the state, renew old friendships, hear about some great programs that your council could emulate, and get dressed up for a nice dinner with your wife. I love convention and I encourage every council avail yourself of your right by filling both of your council delegate positions.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



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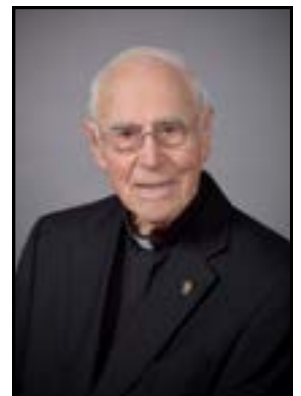
State Council Mourns the Passing of 2-time State Chaplain, Monsignor James R. Kolp

Monsignor Kolp passed away Thursday, Feb. 8th, at the age of 99. He was the long-time chaplain of Massillon Council #554 (50+ years) and a two-time State Chaplain under State Deputies

John Mahaney (1969-71) and Clarence Potts (1989-91).

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary Church (Divine Mercy Parish) in Massillon on Feb. 13th, with many Sir Knights present to escort Monsignor to his eternal reward.

Monsignor was well-known for his love of music and sense of humor, and he remained relatively active until not too long before his passing.





Put Your Faith Into Action



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Faith Director
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FAITH

Dear Brothers in Christ,
As we journey through the month of March, our faith calls us to reflect on the abundant love and grace that God bestows upon us each day. It is in this spirit of gratitude and reverence that I write to you, encouraging each of us to embrace our divine calling to serve others.

The essence of our faith is rooted in the love of Christ, who selflessly gave His life for our salvation. As we seek to emulate His example, we are reminded that our love for God is best expressed through acts of service and compassion towards our neighbors. Whether it is through volunteering at local shelters, participating in community outreach programs, or simply offering a kind word to someone in need, our actions speak volumes about the depth of our faith.

As we enter the season of Lent, let us take this opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. Lent is a time of reflection, penance, and spiritual renewal. It is a time to examine our hearts, repent of our sins, and seek God's forgiveness. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we can grow closer to Christ and strengthen our resolve to live out our faith more fully.

Our faith community is a source of immense strength and support. We are blessed to be part of a vibrant community that comes together to worship, celebrate, and support one another. Let us continue to nurture these bonds of fellowship, recognizing that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Together, we can accomplish great things and make a meaningful impact in the lives of those around us.



I encourage each of you to take a moment to reflect on how you can put your faith into action this month. Whether it is by reaching out to someone in need, participating in a parish activity, or simply offering your prayers for those who are struggling, know that your efforts are making a difference. Let us be the hands and feet of Christ in our world, spreading His love and compassion to all we encounter.

Through our Faith in Action Programs, each of us can find what we, and our councils, can do to guide us through the Lenten season.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment to our faith, Order and community. May God's blessings be upon you and your families, and may we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

In Christ's Love,

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director

Your March 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 kofco.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
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Your 2025 State Warden Candidates from Toledo Diocese



M. Stewart Vetter

My name is M. Stewart Vetter and I'm running for State Warden. I grew up in the Knights of Columbus as a child of a Knight and then as a Columbian Squire. I have been an insurance member of the Knights of Columbus for 30 years. I am a

past State Chief Squire of Ohio, past Grand Knight of Bellevue Council #752, and former District Deputy. I have served the state council for the past ten years in a variety of positions: state family director, state squires and youth director, state membership director, state e-membership director, and state life director. I firmly believe programs are the best source of membership. Programs are also the key to involving families, attracting younger members, and retaining our current members while keeping them active. Trying new things can be scary, but there is no reward without a little risk. Councils need to be willing to try new things; especially if a new member is passionate about that event and wants to be involved in planning and execution. If that new event succeeds, you had a great event! If that event flops, you know it does not work, that way, and you have an active new member who feels heard and wants to stay active.

I would like to be a state officer to serve the members in Ohio and especially the Toledo Diocese. There is no substitute for experience and, as you can see from above, I bring experience. I also bring a passion for the Knights of Columbus and for our mission. The councils around Ohio are truly charitable, and we do not appreciate the magnitude of that charity. The Toledo Diocese is the second largest diocese by membership in Ohio and is a great diocese. In recent years, we have been plagued by divisions: urban vs rural, in chapter vs out of chapter, east versus west, the "forgotten" corners of the diocese, this personality versus that personality. The one vision Greg and I share is a united Toledo Diocese. One massive, amazing, diverse, active Toledo Diocese with one set of objectives and one mission. All the stallions facing the same direction and pulling toward the same goal: number one in Ohio in programs, charitable giving, growth, and member retention. I firmly believe Ohio will be Better with Vetter.



Greg Singlar

Worthy Brother Knights of Ohio,

My name is Greg Singlar, the current Ohio State E-Membership Coordinator. I am a member of River East Mother Teresa Council 14344 in East

Toledo and a 4th Degree Sir Knight for Monsignor Robert J. Yates Assembly 2800 in Perrysburg. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus since I was a 22 year old college student. Now, at the age of 34 and after receiving a tremendous amount of support from my lovely wife Erin, I have made the prayerful decision that I am running for State Warden for the upcoming May 2025 elections!

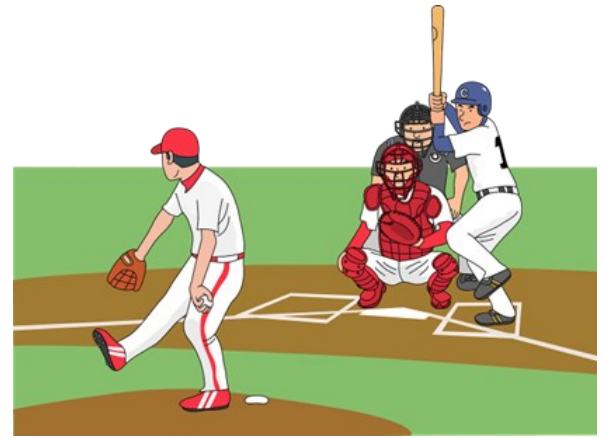
My theme is Family First. Family Forward. Family First simply means everything we do will be about keeping the families involved, the ultimate vision of the way Fr. McGivney wanted it to be when he founded the order. Family Forward has 4 key pieces to my campaign, Family, Faith, Youth, and Technology. By keeping our families involved, we can grow our faith through initiatives such as COR and use technology to recruit younger members through E-Membership. I will be at all of our Diocesan Meet the Candidate Nights and look forward to talking with all of you then! If you have any questions regarding my campaign, please feel free to contact me at gsing50@gmail.com.



The More It Changes, The More It Stays the Same

State Convention 2025

On the cusp of the upcoming baseball season, planning the state convention is a lot like stepping into the batter's box. You choose your bat just like looking for host locations. You stand waiting in the on-deck circle studying the pitcher and seeing if there is anything that can help you. Then you step into the box and look directly at him. You plan for everything that this guy can throw at you. You studied his tendencies. You are ready. He gets into the wind up and ... a curveball? And as that curveball goes by you after you have swung, doubt creeps into your mind.



For those of you who have not heard, the state convention was on the brink of being cancelled. Due to a lot of activity in Cleveland on May 16-18, the Hilton was looking to cancel our contract. The Hilton gave us three options. First, move to Columbus Hilton and keep the same weekend of May 16-18. Second, move the weekend from May 16-18 to May 23-25 and stay in Cleveland. Third, cancel the contract. After much debate with the state officers, we decided to move the weekend to May 23-25. Yes, that is Memorial Day Weekend. Sorry about that. There was a time that we were on Memorial Day weekend, and we got great attendance. Hopefully, this year, we will have the same.

We have assembled a team from around the state to help plan this year's convention. There are the familiar things to do like the Annual Msgr. Krispinsky Golf Outing and Euchre Tournament. The Friday Night Welcome Party will be a great opportunity for some fun and games and catching up or meeting for the first time, members from around the state. Some new items include excursions available Friday and Saturday for those family members to visit the Rock Hall, Science Center, or Art Museum along with a lot of other items. We hope that this will help your families enjoy what Cleveland has to offer. Finally, remember that this is an election year for a new state warden from the Toledo Diocese.



Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries should have received an email with the FIRST CALL letter. There will be a physical letter coming via USPS as well. Information is available on the state website under ACTIVITIES > State Convention 2025. The online registration form is available, and you can pay via credit or debit card, or the send in a check. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me, Jim Maslach, via phone or text at 440-785-9838 or email at kofcjk@gmail.com. Stay tuned as more information will be coming as we get closer to the convention! Looking forward to seeing you at the state convention this year!



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126TH ANNUAL OHIO STATE COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION!

We are excited to invite you to be part of a cherished tradition: the 126th Annual Ohio State Council State Convention on May 23-25, 2025. This event brings together a vibrant community of dedicated Knights of Columbus members and families to foster our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Each year, nearly 1,000 attendees from throughout Ohio gather to conduct KofC business, elect a new State Warden, fellowship, and offer moral and spiritual support to the future of our Catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus.

Held at the Hilton in beautiful downtown Cleveland, the convention includes a fantastic Friday Night Welcome Party, networking opportunities, a beautiful state banquet on Saturday evening, and a luncheon with a delicious meal and featuring inspirational speakers who will deliver a message of faith and encouragement.

We invite you to consider our sponsorship opportunities outlined on the following page. This is a meaningful way for you to engage with our mission and share your message with a large and attentive audience. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Jeff Kiliang *James K. Maslovich*

State Deputy

State Treasurer & Convention Chairman





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Logo on Convention Material	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Convention Registration Passes	1	2	3	4
Scavenger Hunt Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Fair Market Value</i>	\$285	\$635	\$975	\$1,285

Should you have any questions or wish to express your interest in becoming one of our sponsors, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jim Maslach, Convention Chairman, at 440-785-9838 or via email at kofcjk@gmail.com, or use the QR Code to complete the form online at www.kofcoho.org. Send checks via USPS to: Ohio State Council, 4927 Autumnwood Ln, Brunswick, OH 44212.



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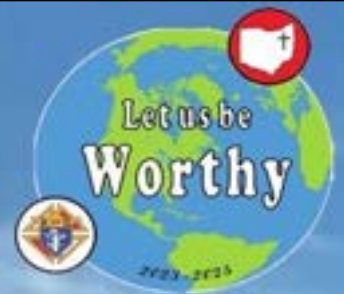
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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

Tournament is open to members, ladies and non-members. Entry Fee includes Coffee & Donuts, 18 holes, Half Cart and Lunch at the turn. Pin Shots, Longest Drive, and Low Foursome. 1st Tee Time: 8:30 AM – All Morning Tee Times.

\$75 per Golfer

Entry Deadline: May 9, 2025



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Visit www.kofcohio.org to Register!

For additional information call Golf Outing Committee Chairman Gary Hicks, 440-417-3578 or via email at garyhicks.53=286@gmail.com.

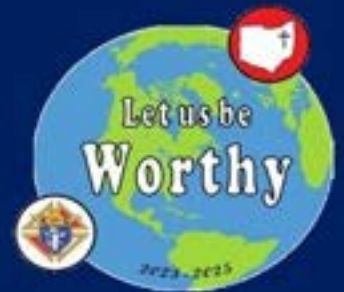


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FRIDAY, MAY 23

From 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM



100 Lakeside Ave East
Cleveland, OH 44114
Superior Ballroom A

Free But Must Register!
Entry Deadline: May 9, 2025

Visit www.kofcohoio.org to Register!

Around the State



New members and observers were present on February 6th for an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at **Bryan Council 1915** and **Fr. De Veaux Council 3883** in Blakeslee in the Toledo Diocese.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



At left are the winning boys & girls from the K of C Regional Free Throw Championship for the Cincinnati Archdiocese held at Bishop Fenwick High School on Sunday, Feb. 23rd



At left are the winning boys & girls from the K of C Regional Free Throw Championship for the Youngstown Diocese held at James A. Garfield High School in Garrettsville on Saturday, Feb. 22nd.

Around the State



Nine of Dominican novices joined the Knights of Columbus! During a solemn ceremony at St. Gertrude Church on January 11. These nine men learned about the Knights and professed their commitment to the Knights' principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. St. Gertrude Parish's **Archbishop Elder Council #1195** is proud to welcome these new members and appreciate the brotherhood we share.



St. Jude Council 10183 held a Chili Dinner at Church. 5 Members made different chilis with all proceeds going to Sophia Women's Center (\$1200.00). The council served over 130 people. A great time was held by all. In the left photo from lt to rt: Rich Wilcox FS, Charlie Troll GK, Gary Baker, Rec., Gere Anderson, Paul Schuler, Trustee, Dan Voyton, Guard, Dan Rader, Jim Hespeneide, Bob Bussard and Bryan Heestand, Treas