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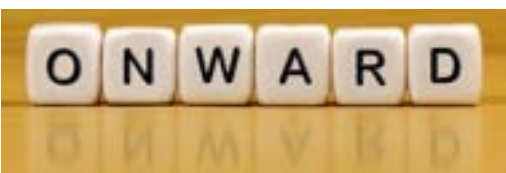
May, 2025



**Jeff Kiliany**  
State Deputy  
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### From the State Deputy

Brother Knights,  
We are back! We are off and running again in new members and headed for the Circle of Honor. We finished February with an intake of 195 new members and followed that up with 210 in March for our **BEST** 2 months this Fraternal Year. We had another pretty good month with around 160 members in April, which will put us back in the hunt for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Circle of Honor Award, if these intake numbers continue until the end of the Fraternal Year. After our end of April numbers are entered, the State of Ohio will be around 81% of our Supreme Circle of Honor quota. Last year at this time, we were at 85%. Now we just need to finish these final 2 months of the fraternal year strong by continuing to bring new members into our Order.



Grand Knights and Membership Directors please keep membership the

foremost priority in every one of your councils throughout this great state of Ohio. We have begun to show a resurgence in council membership recruiting and need to carry that momentum through the rest of this fraternal year and into the start of next year. To help you continue your recruiting efforts, we will offer a new incentive for the fourth quarter.

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### From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,  
May includes several days we consider special. We celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, husband of Mary, and patron saint of workers. He reminds us that we have to use God's gifts to make something happen that is worthwhile.

Our neighbors celebrate Cinco de Mayo. That day reminds us that other people have their traditions which they build on and cherish.

We remember and honor our moms on Mothers' Day, including Mary, our spiritual mother. They did their part giving us life. We want to live that life well.

Memorial Day is an occasion when we remember those who gave their lives for our country. We are called to build on their legacy, doing our part to preserve and share the blessings of liberty.

All of these events reminds us that God continues to speak to us in the works and prayers of those who have gone before us. They set the pace. They did their part. It is up to us to continue their good works and take our faith in Jesus Christ where it is needed most.

Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

**Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain**



**Rev. James Lang**  
State Chaplain





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

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Growth in new membership brings 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.

The end of the fraternal year is quickly upon us, and I would like to thank you for all your hard work and efforts that support the Knights of Columbus in your councils and parishes throughout the state of Ohio. Our order and church are truly blessed by your dedication to our important cause. As this year concludes, this is a most opportune time for all of us - councils and State Council alike -- to review and assess our progress and determine what areas that we still have time in this fraternal year to address and complete those remaining tasks to make our year a success. The sooner that you get started, the more time you will have to finish all that needs to be done.

First and foremost, in many of our minds, is working for the final big push to achieve Supreme's Star Council Award – their principal award to recognize a council's outstanding achievements for the year. PSD Ken Girt's monthly Star Tracker report is an excellent way to assess where your council stands with your requirements. To see how your council is stacking up for this year's award, here's a quick checklist: [\*\*Please see the next page.\*\*](#)

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

Fraternally,

**Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy**

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# Your Keys to Star Council



**Administrative requirements:** This should be an easy one! To qualify for Star Council, councils must be up-to-date in their reporting to Supreme – notably their Service Program Personnel Report (#365), Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and be in good standing with all Supreme Council assessments (per capita, Catholic Advertising, and any supply charges).

**Please note;** Any council that submits a 185 and/or 365 form for next fraternal year (2025-26), prior to June 30 should clearly indicate that the form is for the **2025-2026** fraternal year (not 2024-25). This will minimize the likelihood of a compliant council being inadvertently changed to pending/non-compliant status for the current fraternal year.

**Safe Environment:** This is a bit tougher, but something we have all been especially aware of this year. To qualify for Star Council, council leadership (Grand Knights, Program Directors, Community Directors, and Family Directors) **MUST** be fully compliant with Supreme's safe environment requirements. All safe environment roles should be filled via Member Management as soon as possible to ensure that members have maximum time to complete their requirements before Fraternal Year End. Questions should be directed to [youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org).

**Programming - The Columbian Award:** One of three awards your council needs to earn to achieve Star Council, and arguably the most critical! This award recognizes excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach. Programming excellence is the key to a council's success – it's the way we demonstrate to the world who we are and how we live out the principals of our Order. It inspires good Catholic men to join with us in faith and service, so achieving the Columbian Award is both important to your council as well as imperative in your quest for Star Council! It is so important, regardless of your Star Council status, **EVERY COUNCIL** should work to qualify for this award and submit their **Form SP-7** to Supreme!

To earn the Columbian Award, a council must earn a total of 16 program credits with at least four (4) program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Refer to the Faith in Action Guidebook or visit [www.kofc.org/faithinaction](http://www.kofc.org/faithinaction) for more information on programs. You must also submit the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)

**Insurance – The Founders' Award:** This award recognizes excellence in your council's contribution to the growth of our top-rated and exclusive insurance program –

**Promote at least two Fraternal Benefit Events — By June 30**

*The required sum total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed:*

- 10 for councils with 99 or fewer members
- 14 for councils with 100 or more members

Founders' Award — Submit Form #11077 — Due Within 7 Days of Seminar Host

**Membership – Father McGivney Award:** Perhaps the biggest challenge of all -- this award recognizes excellence in your council's membership growth. Your council must meet or exceed its yearly membership quota to be eligible for Star Council.

On behalf of the entire Ohio State Council, rest assured that we are all deeply interested in your success – if you are working to make Star Council by the end of the fraternal year on June 30, we are all prepared to do whatever it takes to help you achieve your goal! Your State Officers, Directors, District Deputies, and Insurance Agents are all prepared to contribute to your success. I hope many of you accept this challenge and seek honor and recognition for your members and the contributions they make to our parishes, communities, and our Order!

# Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

The countdown has begun. We only have 2 months left in our fraternal year to bring in 375 new Brother Knights to make our Growth goal of 2,000 new members and 59 Star Councils.

Reach out to high school seniors and RCIA candidates during the Easter Season and invite them to join the Order. We must all do our part to invite these high school men into the Order at a crucial time in their lives. Membership in the Knights of Columbus will engage these young men in their Catholic faith at a time where young adults are leaving the church.

This journey is not just about numbers. Sure, hitting our growth and fundraising goals is important, but there is something even more crucial that we must consider: How many good Catholic men and their families are we not inviting to join us in our work? How many are we missing, because we simply have not asked them?

We all know that the Knights of Columbus is more than just an organization; it is a brotherhood that conducts meaningful work to help those in need, support our Church, committed to Pro-Life and strengthen our communities. But that mission can only continue to grow and thrive if we invite others to share in it.

As we approach the finish line of this fraternal year, let us remember that our success is not measured solely by numbers—it is measured by the lives we impact and the new brothers we welcome into this noble mission. It is not too late to reach out, extend an invitation, and share the benefits of being a Knight with someone who could make a difference in our efforts.

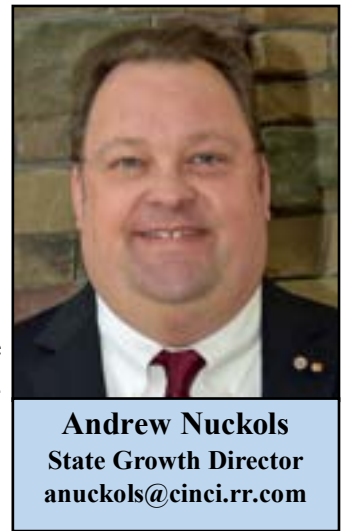
**Fraternal Benefit Event on Monday, May 12th at 8pm ET.** Register for “The Gift of a Lifetime” at

[https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1713377&tp\\_key=86550fac88](https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1713377&tp_key=86550fac88)

Fraternally,

**Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director**

**Council's Growth in Ohio As of 4/26/2025**





**Jeffrey T. Kiliany**  
State Deputy

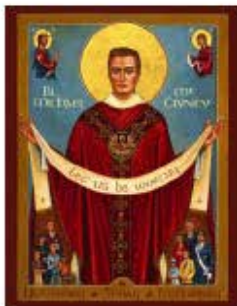
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## Keep Ohio in the Circle of Honor

Ohio Brother Knights, we had a strong third quarter of membership Growth. Let us keep that going and keep Ohio in the Circle of Honor for the second year in the row. State Deputy Jeff Kiliany wants to reward all the councils for their hard work.

Any council that makes 130% of Council Growth Goal for the entire year will have option of either 16 x 20 unframed print of Blessed Fr. McGivney Icon or 24 x 36 Membership Drive Banner – Custom Council from Knights Gear. Ohio membership goal of 2,000 new Brother Knights, we are 500 members away.

### Blessed Fr. Mc Givney Icon



### Membership Drive Banner



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Any District Deputy that brings in six or more members for his district will receive \$50.00 Gift Card.

### End of Fraternal Year Incentives:

Top Council in each diocese (Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Steubenville, Youngstown) with the highest Growth percentage intake for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year will receive \$150.00 check. The top council with Total new members in each diocese will receive a \$100.00 check.

Fraternally  
Andrew Nuckols  
State Growth Director



# Your May Church Bulletin Blurb



The Knights of Columbus initiated a campaign in 1951 for the public adoption of the phrase “under God” in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. One year after Supreme Knight Hart took office in 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law that officially added the words “under God” to the pledge. This is one of the many things that is part of our order's rich history. Do you want to

be a part of that rich history and help us be the strong right arm of the Catholic Church? Go to [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).



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**Greg Singlar - E-Membership Coordinator**



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State Council**



**Jeffrey T. Kiliany**  
*State Deputy*



March 28, 2025

Worthy Brother Knights of Ohio,

Recruiting a brother knight is easier than ever! Utilizing E-Membership is the present and future of the Knights of Columbus. We have an incentive for all our councils to close out the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year!

- From April 1, 2025 until June 30, 2025, the Top Council in Each Division (1-5) that brings in the most E-Members will receive a \$50 Domino's Gift Card! That's right, enjoy some pizza on the State's dime for all your hard work! They must be E-Members and on your council's roster or prospect tab by June 30, 2025. The winners will be presented on the State Tour this summer.

Come on Ohio! We can do it! Let's shatter last year's record for E-Members and hit 1,400 total E-Members recruited for the year! We can do it! For any questions, please contact Greg Singlar, State E-Membership Coordinator, at [gsing50@gmail.com](mailto:gsing50@gmail.com).

Fraternally.

Greg Singlar  
State E-Membership Coordinator



# Star Council Award and State Program Contest

Worthy Grand Knights and Council Officers,

The state team is now preparing for the State Convention on May 23 – 25 in downtown Cleveland. On behalf of our state program directors, I want to thank you for submitting your activities during this program year. You brought light to the charities that we do here

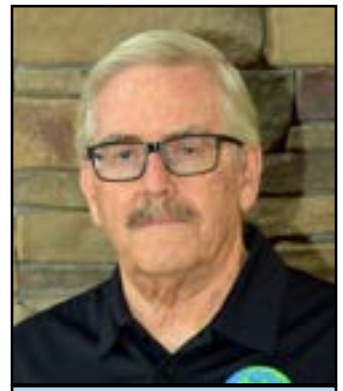
Ohio. We look forward to recognizing your efforts at the convention Saturday morning Awards Program following the Memorial Mass.

Please continue to work on your Star Council Award! Refer to the May 1 Star Council Status Report and Supreme Awards Status to determine which criteria your council still needs. Again, I remind you, to submit your Columbian Award Application (SP-7) soon. Even though it is due June 30, you can submit it early. Please work on your council’s compliancy to our Safe Environment requirements and the Fraternal Benefit Event criteria.

We look forward seeing you at the convention. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

**Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Report Chairman, State General Program Director**  
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**Ken Girt - PSD**  
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Roundtable Chairman  
Rejuvenation Chairman  
Special Reports Chairman  
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**LIFE**

## Keep Going till the End

I hope you and your family had a blessed and fruitful Triduum and Easter. Hard to believe it’s May already. Where did the fraternal year go? On a good note, IT’S CONVENTION MONTH. I hope your council will be availing itself of its two delegates at the convention. The State Convention has morphed from a few business meetings to a full long weekend of adventures and activities to keep the whole family busy. It is going to be a great weekend, and I hope to

see you there. While on your way to the convention, do not forget to bring your donation for the ASAP “Pass the Hat” fundraiser. We will be collecting outside Saturday morning’s memorial mass, and we accept cash or check (made out to Ohio State Council with ASAP pass the hat in the memo line). This is a great opportunity for us to support pregnancy centers and get some of Supreme’s rebate money. Please be generous.

Just because the Ohio reporting period is closed, does not mean the activities stop. Keep your council active throughout the summer. Mother’s Day is a great day to collect for pregnancy centers in your area. Around Father’s Day is a great time to get your hands dirty and provide construct signs or crosses promoting life for use cleaning or looking to offload the things that



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some service hours to your local pregnancy center or in the cold days of January. While people are summer didn’t sell at the yard sale, it’s a great time to collect winter baby clothes and coats. There’s no off season when you support life from natural conception to natural death.

Vivat Jesus!

**Stewart Vetter - State Life Director**



# Pass the Hat



# Super Ca\$h Bonanza Deadlines Coming Up!

Good day, Brother Knights!

**Ca\$hman** here with just some updates on where we are at and some deadlines that are fast approaching.

- First, thank you to all you and your members for selling tickets and getting them to the Ca\$h Cave in April. Approximately 133,500 tickets have been collected at the first turn-in and that is 3.4% more than last year at this time. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
- Second, the second turn-in is scheduled for **Monday, May 12**. Please make sure that those tickets are at the Ca\$h Cave no later than Thursday, May 15, to be added to the barrel. Please make sure that every ticket has a FULL NAME, ADDRESS and/or 10-DIGIT PHONE NUMBER.
- Third, the drawing is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 9:30 AM from the Crown Plaza in Middleburgh Heights. There is just not enough room at the Ca\$h Cave for everyone to show up. Your LAST CHANCE to drop off tickets is to get them to your state officer prior to that date or deliver them to me. Please contact me so I know what to expect if you are delivering to the hotel.
- Finally, the winners list will be made public on Sunday, May 18, 2025, after verification of the information to the best the Ca\$h Computer can do. It will be sent out via the state email system.

Brothers, we can do this! We are only 34% or 66,000 tickets away from the \$1 million barriers and sending the Squealer back to The Burgh. Thank you very much for your dedication to helping Knights of Columbus Charities locally and throughout the state.

If you need anything, please call or text the Ca\$h Phone at 440-785-9838 or email the State Treasurer at [kofcjk@gmail.com](mailto:kofcjk@gmail.com).

We will see you in soon! **Ca\$hman** is out.



## Online Training - Start the Year on the Right Foot

### Online Training Schedule:

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](https://kofc.org/training).

### Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

#### English Training:

April 29, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Grand Knight Training: Part One</u></a>
May 8, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>District Deputy Training Part One</u></a>
May 14, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Grand Knight Training: Part Two</u></a>
May 20, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Completing Forms 185 and 365</u></a>
May 27, 2025 10:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Fraternal Year Transition Tips</u></a>





**FAITH**

## Honor Our Blessed Mother

Brothers in Christ,

I hope you all had a blessed Easter. We now enter May which is our opportunity to honor and pray to Mary as the Church has chosen the month of May to honor her. Councils should be working with their pastor to plan a special event to honor the Blessed Mother.

As I compose this article, the Cardinals are preparing funeral arrangements for Pope Francis. Definitely a sad time for Catholics, but also a time to reflect and rejoice. I have lived through a few Popes, all of them good holy men, but Francis has been the most influential to me. His message of a Church that lives through the Gospels, welcomes all, loves all, and serves all, should resonate through every Knight in our mission to serve the world's needy, beginning in our own communities. I urge your council to plan an event invoking the spirit of Pope Francis's message. Pray for his guidance as you plan the coming fraternal year.



**Mark Kahanca**  
Faith Director  
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As we have wrapped up our year with our State Council, I wish to thank all of you for submitting your reports. Again this year you all have done an outstanding job! From those again this year, I had to responsibility of having to choose the best from each our dioceses. Again this year it was not easy. You all do so much. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony during this year's convention. Congratulations to you all. In addition to that, I have to choose the Chaplain/Spiritual advisor of the year from again each diocese and for our State Award. This year's Chaplain of the Year will be announced at the convention dinner. As it was last year, this is the most difficult decision. You all have submitted very dedicated priests, nuns, deacons, and lay people who help your councils in your spiritual journey. I thank them all, and wish each many blessings.

In closing, I wish each of you peace as we enter spring and prepare for our summers. We are hoping to see many brothers at this year's convention. I know State

Treasurer, Jim Maslach, and his team are preparing an awesome convention.

God Bless,

**Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director**

# 2,000 new members

## Did it once, why not twice?

# 59 Star Councils



**FAMILY**

## Dedicating May to Mary, our Mother

Congratulations to the **Larry T. DeWitt Family** and **Council 3724** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in March 2025, by the Supreme Council! If you want to see your families recognized, remember to submit your fully completed Family of the Month (FOTM) nomination to Supreme via Form 10784 each month.



**Tim Mangan**  
Family Director  
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Did you know the month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary? May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this distinction. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). What is it about this month that makes it a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary's role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God?



The reason for dedicating May to Our Lady is associated with the season of the year. May is certainly known for its springtime beauty (at least in the Northern Hemisphere). It is associated with flowers and blossoms, with trees which spring back to life, and grass which sprouts. It recalls the idea of promise and hope, of new life.

In classic western culture, both Greek and Roman, May is related to the beginning of new life. This ancient belief led to May being associated with the motherhood of Mother Earth and thus to motherhood in general. It is for this reason that Mother's Day is celebrated in May in many countries. This connection between May and motherhood led Christians to adopt May as the month of our Lady, the Mother of God and our heavenly Mother. She brought life into the world by giving birth to her Son, Jesus, who brought about a new spring.

During the Easter season we are more aware of Mary's motherly presence and love. It is perhaps for this reason that popular tradition has dedicated the month of May, which falls during this liturgical season, to our Blessed Mother.

The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord.

Fraternally,  
**Tim Mangan - State Family Program Director**



# Learn the Foundations of Investing with Two All-New Webinars

May 7 and May 28



Please join us for two webinars presented by Chief Distribution Officer and Senior Vice President of Field Management Joseph Monestere. We're proud to introduce our new Family Finance series, **Foundations**, aimed at helping investors make informed decisions.

## ONLINE EVENTS FEATURING



**Joseph Monestere**  
Chief Distribution Officer  
and Senior Vice President  
of Field Management

**May 7:** Ten Tips for Managing Market Volatility

**May 28:** Investing for Beginners: Planning for Success



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**Ten Tips for Managing Market Volatility**  
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or scan for full event details



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# FOOTBALL AND FINAL FOUR FUNDRAISING RESULTS

Brother Knights of Columbus,

The 2024 ticket sales were up nearly 600 tickets over the 2023 sales as councils took advantage of the incentives offer by State Deputy Jeff Kiliany. As a result, we had over 26,100 football sweepstakes tickets sold. The councils that participated shared in nearly \$242,000.00 in rebates and per capita credit. So, get on the 2025 Fund Craze Football Sweepstakes team and make extra money for your council while enjoying the NFL football season by winning some of the over **\$25,000.00** in prizes.

<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Council Winners</u>	<u>Total Winners</u>	<u>\$\$ Awarded</u>	<u>Top Council Winners</u>
Cincinnati	42	86	\$ 7,061.66	St. Joseph 11550 - 8
Cleveland	28	59	\$ 5,483.60	River East 14344 - 6
Columbus	29	45	\$ 4,157.94	St. Ladislav 16373 - 6
Steubenville	11	16	\$ 1,890.93	Perrysburg 7978 - 5
Toledo	31	50	\$ 5,573.00	Strongsville 10792 - 5
Youngstown	<u>24</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>\$ 3,932.96</u>	Queen Apostles 14665- 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>\$ 28,100.09</b>	

Top councils earning rebates were:

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| 1. Van Wert 6034 - Toledo - \$ 4000          | 6. St. Ladislav 16373 - Cleveland - \$ 2950  |
| 2. St. Joseph 11550 - Cincinnati - \$ 3748   | 7. Fr. Regan 3269 - Cleveland - \$ 2848      |
| 3. New Albany 10941 - Columbus - \$ 3357     | 8. St. Brendan 11208 - Columbus - \$ 2755    |
| 4. Rev. Brotzge 14665 - Cincinnati - \$ 3150 | 9. Msgr. Gerdes 33123 - Cincinnati - \$ 2751 |
| 5. St. Dominic 15533 - Cincinnati - \$ 3097  | 10. Fr. Kunkler 2158 - Cincinnati - \$ 2736  |

Top councils \$\$ winners:

- |                                   |                                 |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Coldwater 1991 - \$ 770.00     | 4. Massillon 554 - \$ 612.50    | 7. C. Reymann 4664 - \$ 487.50    |
| 2. St. Neumann 14457 - \$ 695.89  | 5. New Albany 10941 - \$ 490.71 | 8. Rev. Brotzge 14665 - \$ 477.92 |
| 3. Fr. Maruskin 10936 - \$ 620.00 | 6. So. Akron 3410 - \$ 487.50   | 9. St. Dominic 15533 - \$ 472.50  |
|                                   |                                 | 10. St. Joseph 11550 - \$ 470.00  |

A total of 243 councils actively participated in the 2023 Football Sweepstakes; with 160 councils earning additional per capita credit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary A. Eckstein, PSD

## Bonus Winners (Additional winners on following pages)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Prize</b>
Gregory Tiell	Tiffin - Toledo	608	\$ 100.00
Thomas Seesan	Massillon - Youngstown	554	\$ 100.00
Phillip Kiger	Lancaster - Columbus	1016	\$ 100.00
Daren Trudo	St. Clairsville - Steubenville	4243	\$ 100.00
Thomas Kolp	Canton - Youngstown	341	\$ 100.00
Mark Caito	Mason - Cincinnati	12772	\$ 100.00
Melissa Lamparski	Oakmont, PA - Columbus	2898	\$ 100.00
Lorraine Schnear	Parma - Cleveland	2803	\$ 100.00
Stephen Farrington	Beachwood - Youngstown	3766	\$ 100.00

# Final Four Sweepstakes Results

## First Weekend Winners

Michael Sifert	Massillon - Youngstown	554	6864	701	\$ 50.00
Marilyn Kreke	Fairfield - Cincinnati	968	8710	699	\$ 50.00
John Marsh	Granville - Columbus	11665	11300	697	\$ 50.00
Theodore Short	Minster - Cincinnati	659	12109	697	\$ 50.00
Mike Eckart	Jefferson - Youngstown	STATE	433	696	\$ 50.00
Tami Zerante	Elida - Toledo	2898	2252	696	\$ 50.00
Wallace Minton	Springboro - Cincinnati	STATE	13290	696	\$ 50.00
Logan Offenberger	Marietta - Steubenville	478	14764	696	\$ 50.00
Brent Besancon	Smithville - Cleveland	789	11530	695	\$ 50.00
James Demboski	Akron - Cleveland	14255	162	694	\$ 50.00
Edward Malloy	Cleveland - Cleveland	733	4673	693	\$ 50.00
Jim Schafer	Mason - Cincinnati	10272	1690	692	\$ 50.00
Edward Lang	Columbus - Columbus	11188	4992	692	\$ 50.00
Scott Horne	Cincinnati - Cincinnati	13608	81	691	\$ 50.00
Chet Straley	Van Wert - Toledo	6034	5629	691	\$ 50.00
Ken Gosche	Loudonville - Cleveland	3541	1489	691	\$ 50.00
Michael Behne	Lagrange - Cleveland	774	4659	691	\$ 50.00
Nick Ardner	Ottoville - Toledo	2238	7833	691	\$ 50.00
Gary Pastorelle	Lawrenceburg, IN - Cincinnati	16706	3064	689	\$ 50.00
Tim Rooth	Hiram - Youngstown	3766	1419	689	\$ 50.00
Hardin Martin Sr.	Beachwood - Cleveland	733	6141	689	\$ 50.00
Katie Burrows	Cincinnati - Cincinnati	2798	6348	688	\$ 50.00
James Morrissey	Lima - Toledo	2661	11499	688	\$ 50.00
Joseph Majce	Lakeside - Toledo	1750	7756	687	\$ 50.00
Jerome Rodak	Parma - Cleveland	16137	11461	687	\$ 50.00
John Roeder	New London - Toledo	10063	1074	687	\$ 50.00
Phillip Germani	Cincinnati - Cincinnati	14665	1728	687	\$ 50.00



## Second Weekend Winners

Name	Location	Council	Ticket #	Points	Prize
Tim Rooth	Hiram - Youngstown	3766	1419	1371	\$100
Ralph Perk	Northfield - Cleveland	3222	2485	1353	\$100
Jim McBride	Shelby - Toledo	1968	8107	1348	\$100
Lou Sandor	Canal Winchester - Columbus	11187	4980	1333	\$100
Don Cool	Glendale, AZ - Toledo	608	7507	1330	\$100
Clayton Navalinsky	Tiffin - Cleveland	637	5267	1328	\$100
Karen Cash	Bellaire - Steubenville	1246	7710	1327	\$100
Donald McCrory	Roscoe, PA - Steubenville	1641	7048	1309	\$100
Theodore Short	Minster - Cincinnati	659	12109	1301	\$100
Joe Blubaugh	Crestline - Toledo	2642	7855	1299	\$100
Leonard Brezinski	Temperance, MI - Toledo	3122	6297	1298	\$100
Kennetih Westfall	N Ridgeville - Cleveland	14769	802	1287	\$100
Doug Szygenda	Mantua - Youngstown	3766	4371	1283	\$100
Lillian Knapke	Ft. Recovery - Cincinnati	3324	1388	1282	\$100
Jim Schafer	Mason - Cincinnati	10272	1690	1278	\$100

## Third and Final Weekend Winners

Name	Location	Council	Ticket #	Points	Prize
Jim McBride	Shelby - Toledo	1968	8107	1692	\$ 550.00
Tim Rooth	Hiram - Youngstown	3766	1419	1655	\$ 400.00
Edward Malloy	Cleveland - Cleveland	733	4673	1617	\$ 300.00
Thomas Brady	Perry - Cleveland	2362	9000	1616	\$ 275.00
Dave Sickmiller	Marion - Columbus	671	6059	1591	\$ 150.00
John Blackwell	Macedonia - Cleveland	11831	6727	1569	\$ 125.00
Thomas Soich	Boardman - Columbus	2898	11290	1568	\$ 100.00
Ralph Perk	Northfield - Cleveland	3222	2485	1564	\$ 100.00
Michael Lynn	Zanesville - Columbus	505	8369	1555	\$ 75.00
Karen Cash	Bellaire - Steubenville	1246	7710	1544	\$ 75.00
Gerald Richardson	Dayton - Cincinnati	14882	798	409	\$ 100.00
Dwight Strite	Ottawa - Toledo	608	5303	428	\$ 25.00
Rev. Michael Nimocks	Columbus - Columbus	671	6013	428	\$ 25.00

# Around the State



Despite the 42 degree temperature and 25-30 mph winds, members of **Geneva-Madison Council #5286**, District Deputy #71, Dave Zundel, and supporters of the Ashtabula County Friends for Life braved the elements as they walked from St. Joseph Catholic Church to Ashtabula Regional Medical Center on April 26th. Afterwards, they were captivated by a presentation by Cleveland Right for Life Coalition President, Kate Makra.



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OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359** members participated in a 'Day of Service' hosted by the St. Gregory the Great family of parishes in March. The event consisted of 5 service projects with participants supplying the labor to provide meals, food, toiletry kits, and diapers to area food pantries and non-profits. Some numbers illustrate what was accomplished:

- Filled 4,464 bags of macaroni & cheese equating to 26,784 meals
- Filled 400 bags of personal care products containing 4500 individual items
- Repackaged over 12,000 disposable diapers into smaller packs

Pictured are council members Ed Birck and John Hunt – and Mike O'Neill, Jean Desrosiers, and Dan Kopcha



# Around the State



## St. Gertude Exemplification Class of March 20, 2025 Ohio District Two



23 men – including 11 Dominican novice brothers and 1 archdiocesan Deacon – were exemplified into the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (**Precious Blood Assembly #2947**) by District 2 Master David Weeks (5<sup>th</sup> from right in 1<sup>st</sup> row) and his degree team. Vice Supreme Master Ed Ponder and State Secretary Mike Felerski were present for the ceremony.



On Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, **Christ Our Savior Council 4471** presented an American Flag to Maplecrest Nursing Home in Struthers, Ohio. The ceremony took place on the general meeting room where many of the residents participated in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem.

Attending the event along with Bob Sepesy were KofC Brothers Rich Zebrowski, Trustee Bob Granchie, Chaplain Fr. Joseph Blasko and Trustee Lee Ewsichek.

# Around the State



Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359 organized and sponsored a **Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge** on March 29-30 to promote the sport of hockey by bringing together athletes of all abilities – including those with physical and developmental disabilities. The event was organized by Community Director Aaron Slusher and resulted in the participation of 70 players of varying abilities. **Archbishop Leibold Assembly #1621** provided a Color Guard to open the event; pictured are Sir Knights Steve Feist, Frank Simms, FN Steve Yards, Tom Marvel, Paul Dadosky, and Dave Buschle

