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From the State Deputy

Brother Knights,

As I leave office as your State Deputy, I must say that the last two years have been the most enjoyable and rewarding of my 49 years as a Knight.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you -- my fellow State Officers, Past State Deputies, State Directors, Diocesan Directors, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council Officers, members, and all of their wives and families – for your dedication, support, participation, and enthusiasm

for the Knights of Columbus during my term of office. I thank you for the very special privilege of allowing me to serve and represent all of you, and to advance the cause of Columbianism in growing the Order in Ohio.

First, before I continue with my fairwell message, I am not quite ready to bow out at this time. With my commitment to you as your State Deputy until June 30th, I have a job that I must finish. I promise that I will do everything that I possibly can, up to the very last minute if needed, to get Ohio a second Circle of Honor in our Order. We have less than 30 days to bring Ohio into the Circle of Honor for the second year in a row.

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

June is a time of graduations and new beginnings. It's also a time to renew our faith. Summer is not just a time for vacations and enjoying the sunshine. It is also a time to widen our horizons.

Our travels give us the opportunity to learn from people who live in different parts of the country or overseas. How do other people live their faith? They might teach us something we can use next door. If we choose to stay put, we can still enjoy the beauty of nature. We can take time for silence and reflection and listen to the quiet voice of God guiding us on our journey of faith.

We want to be ready to respond to whatever opportunities the Lord sends our way. June and the rest of the summer is a good time to refine our journey of faith and be prepared to be the hands of Jesus that build and heal, and the voice of Jesus that guides and teaches. We ask the Lord to help us carry out the mission He has given to us.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain





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

Fewer than 200 new members are now needed for Ohio to achieve the Circle of Honor, along with just 31 more councils to qualify for Star Council. Many councils just need to submit their SP-7 Supreme Columbian Award application to qualify for Star Council. Others will also need to bring in 1 or maybe 2 more new members to meet their Supreme Membership requirement. Others need to do another Fraternal Benefit Event or bring their council's directors who require the Youth Protection training into compliance. Councils need to act now to complete these requirements. If your council has already achieved Star Council, thank you and congratulations. But I am asking you to not stop inviting new members into the Knights of Columbus this Fraternal Year, just because you have already qualified. I need every member of every council in the state to invite at least 1 person to join our Order. I am asking all of you to please help me bring in 200 new members by the end of June and get Ohio back into the Circle of Honor once again.

During my time as a State Deputy, as well as a State Officer, I have seen time and time again, the tremendous commitment that my Brother Knights show for our Order. I am so proud of seeing so many great accomplishments and good works being done every day, and being a part of that either directly or indirectly. It is truly that spirit, that dedication, that inspires each of us as we work each day in our councils, our communities, our parishes, and around our state. It is the men – dedicated to service, to charity, to Christ and his teachings – that truly make the Knights of Columbus who we are. I can only thank you for letting me be a small part of this great effort, and I hope that I have been of some small help or inspiration to all of you.

With the new fraternal year rapidly approaching, I look forward to being a part of our new state team under the direction of State Deputy Mike Felerski, as he now takes up the work of leading our State Council. Mike has learned much as he rose through the ranks as a State Officer and is quite ready to lead the knights in Ohio. He has hand-picked, with the help of the other State Officers, good and loyal knights to help him direct our Order as we are called to serve for the next two years. I have no doubt that he will be extended the same support and cooperation that you provided me during my term of office.

Each day, we as knights must continue to work together to make the cause of knighthood a way of life in our families, our councils, our parishes, and our communities. We must strive to be more than just another parish organization or a social club, but a real movement to make us better men, better husbands, better fathers, better sons, all guided by our Catholic faith and a desire to help others. Through our actions, we as Knights of Columbus, embody the ideals of faith, charity, and unity. Our unwavering dedication to helping others leaves a lasting impact, encouraging people from all walks of life to embrace compassion and strive for a better world. Be you, and, be the inspiration and positive influence on those around you. As knights, our church needs us to be us, as well. Catholic gentlemen, Knights of Columbus. She needs the force and the strength of the example of Our Lives.

If each of us continues to strive to be worthy of the legacy of Blessed Father McGivney, and worthy of the world that our Lord Jesus died to save, we will help maintain that seed of knighthood. And, in turn, we will continue to build and grow the culture of charity and fraternity for the future. May we all dedicate ourselves to the goal that every Catholic man become a knight and Knights of Columbus councils exist in every parish, wherever possible.

Lastly, I offer special thanks and appreciation to my beautiful wife, Judy, and my entire family. Without their total support from the time that I sought the office of State Warden, I would have never reached this point. They have all been so patient, understanding, and unselfish in sharing me and my time with all of you.

Again, thanks to each and every one of you for your time and service these past two years. I wish each of you continued success.

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

Fraternally,
Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy

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Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

We need to invite fewer than 200 men to stay in Circle of Honor! As we step into the final month of our fraternal year, I want to thank you all for all your hard work and dedication in growing our membership. Now is the time where we must persevere and make the final push! If your council hasn't been very active in membership efforts, don't worry, it's not too late. There is still time to make a difference.

Make the most of June by hosting events, organizing church drives and reaching out personally to potential members. These actions will result in more than just adding numbers, they will welcome men and their families into an organization that enriches their faith and strengthens their commitment to the Catholic faith.

Your contributions as a brother knight are invaluable. Remember, the work you do now will have a profound impact. Our ultimate goal is to bring Catholic families back into the Church, helping them celebrate their faith, receive the sacraments, and keep God at the center of their lives.

As knights let's make sure our Catholic faith shines through in all we do. Men today are looking for faith-centered fellowship that helps them grow as Catholic men, husbands, and fathers. Our parishes and families need leaders who are devoted to holiness, knowledge and guiding others towards their faith.

We can achieve our Growth goals and make a real difference in our Catholic families, parishes and communities. Keep inviting, sharing the gift of our brotherhood. Let Us Be Worthy of the World, He Died to Save! Great seeing all of you last weekend in Cleveland at the 126th Ohio State Council Convention!

Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director

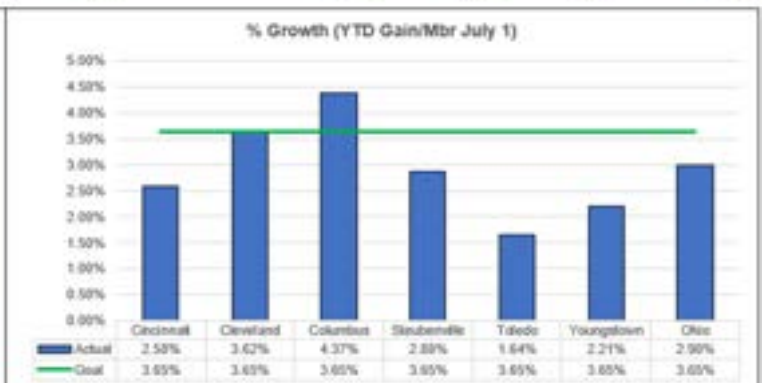
Council's Growth in Ohio As of 5/30/2025



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Values	Diocese								Grand Total
	CINCINNATI	CLEVELAND	COLUMBUS	STATE COUNCIL	STEUERVILLE	TOLEDO	YOUNGSTOWN		
# Councils	99	87	78	2	29	75	68	438	
# Active Councils	90	65	72	2	22	71	54	376	
Councils Recruiting	68	48	60	1	12	47	31	267	
Membership July 1	13,308	7,853	8,802	7,281	2,155	10,772	5,954	55,345	
Ohio Circle of Honor (2000)	532	340	382	21	105	390	231	2,090	
Growth Goal (3.65%)	406	266	299	248	73	366	176	1,913	
YTD Gain	344	285	385	285	62	177	114	1,652	
Weekly Gain	12	8	19	-6	1	6	2	36	
% Councils Recruiting (ALL)	68.69%	55.17%	76.92%		41.38%	62.67%	45.59%	60.96%	
% Councils Recruiting (Active)	75.56%	73.89%	83.33%		54.55%	66.20%	57.41%	71.01%	
% Intake (YTD Gain/Oh CoH (2000))	64.64%	83.72%	100.92%		59.16%	45.42%	49.39%	82.60%	
% Intake (YTD Gain/Ohio Growth Goal)	70.82%	107.31%	128.65%		84.62%	48.33%	64.93%	86.35%	
% Growth Goal (3.65%)	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%		3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	
% Growth (YTD Gain/Mbr July 1)	2.58%	3.62%	4.37%		2.88%	1.64%	2.21%	2.98%	



All Aboard the “Quest for 200” and Circle of Honor

Brothers,

We are down to our final 200 members for this Fraternal Year.

Just 200 more new members brought into the order during this final month of June will get Ohio into the Circle of Honor for the second year in a row! I need your help in achieving this. Have you held a Church Drive or council recruitment event recently? If not, please make plans to hold a drive to bring just a few more members into our Order here in Ohio. As we get closer to the end of this Fraternal Year, the best way to achieve this is by signing new members up as E-Members, so that their membership into the Knights is not delayed.



If you have already held a recent Church Drive or recruitment event, you can still finish the year strong by having every one of the members of your council personally invite just 1 person into the Order. Even if you have held a recent drive, you can still do this as well. I recently did the same by challenging the delegates and all those present (including wives) at this year’s State Convention to invite 1 person to join our

Order. Please join us in this “**Quest for 200 New Members**” by offering an invitation to someone who would benefit by belonging to the Knights of Columbus. We are offering a host of incentives to councils who “jump on board” to end this year STRONG and once again, land us in the Circle of Honor!

The Fourth Quarter Council Growth Incentive runs from April 1st until June 30th. No reporting necessary, just bring in new Brother Knights into Ohio!

- Any council that brings in at least two new members during the Fourth Quarter will be entered into a drawing for \$300.00.
- If your council brings in three new members, it will receive a \$25.00 Gift Card in addition to being entered in the \$300 drawing.
- Any council that brings in four or more members will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card in addition to being entered in the \$300 drawing.

The Fourth Quarter Council E-Membership Incentive runs from April 1st until June 30th.

- 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!

5 winning councils!

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.

The Gift of a Lifetime.



You're invited to a free financial webinar

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Fraternal Benefit Event Opportunity

Do you still need to fulfill Star Council requirements before the end of the Fraternal Year?

You can do so by encouraging members to attend the upcoming Fraternal Benefit Event on Tuesday, June 3rd at 8pm ET.

This virtual event will allow members to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect their family's future.

Register today: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1713377&tp_key=86550fac88



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Ohio State Council



Jeffrey T. Kiliany
State Deputy



March 28, 2025

Worthy Brother Knights of Ohio,

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- 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.

Fraternally,

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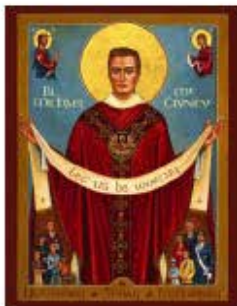
Jeffrey T. Kiliany
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Keep Ohio in the Circle of Honor

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



Now, it's a Memory!

2025 State Convention Wrap-Up

As the sun sets on another annual state convention, we are not sure if Downtown Cleveland will ever be the same again. This convention marked a lot of firsts and trails while dealing with some of the same old concerns.

A total of 550 people attended the convention from across the state, representing 168 councils. The Hilton was a top-tier facility to host the convention bringing their "A" game. The Friday Night Party was a time for brothers and families to get together, talk, and just enjoy themselves. There were some games and prizes from around the state, and who can't forget the photobooth! So many people took advantage of that.



We also had three hospitality rooms open for our members' enjoyment. Stew Vetter and Greg Singlar, our two candidates for State Warden from the Toledo Diocese, joined State Deputy, Jeff Kiliany, to host as many people as possible.

We also offered, for the first time, excursions and a shuttle bus, to help show off the downtown area. Many people took advantage of that seeing The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Diocese Archives, West Side Market, Old Stone Church, Soldiers and Sailor's Monument, and ... yes ... some even visited the casino. The shuttle was available on Saturday allowing our guests not in the meeting to go about the town.

Saturday the General Business Session started with State Deputy Jeff Kiliany introducing our Supreme Representative, Supreme Director John Appelbaum, to Ohio. We took care of business and got ready to cap the evening with a banquet only a state deputy can enjoy.

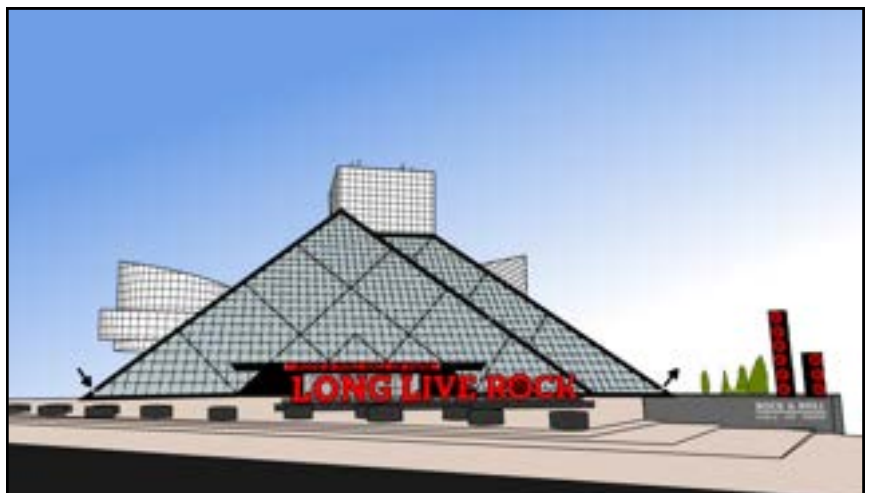
We wrapped up on Sunday with the election of the State Warden, a luncheon for the men and ladies, and left knowing that the Knights of Columbus are there putting their faith into action at home, work, in our parishes, and communities.

I would like to thank the army of volunteers and team captains that made this weekend possible. This is never a one-man show, but all of you made sure that everything went as smooth as silk. Thank you very much.

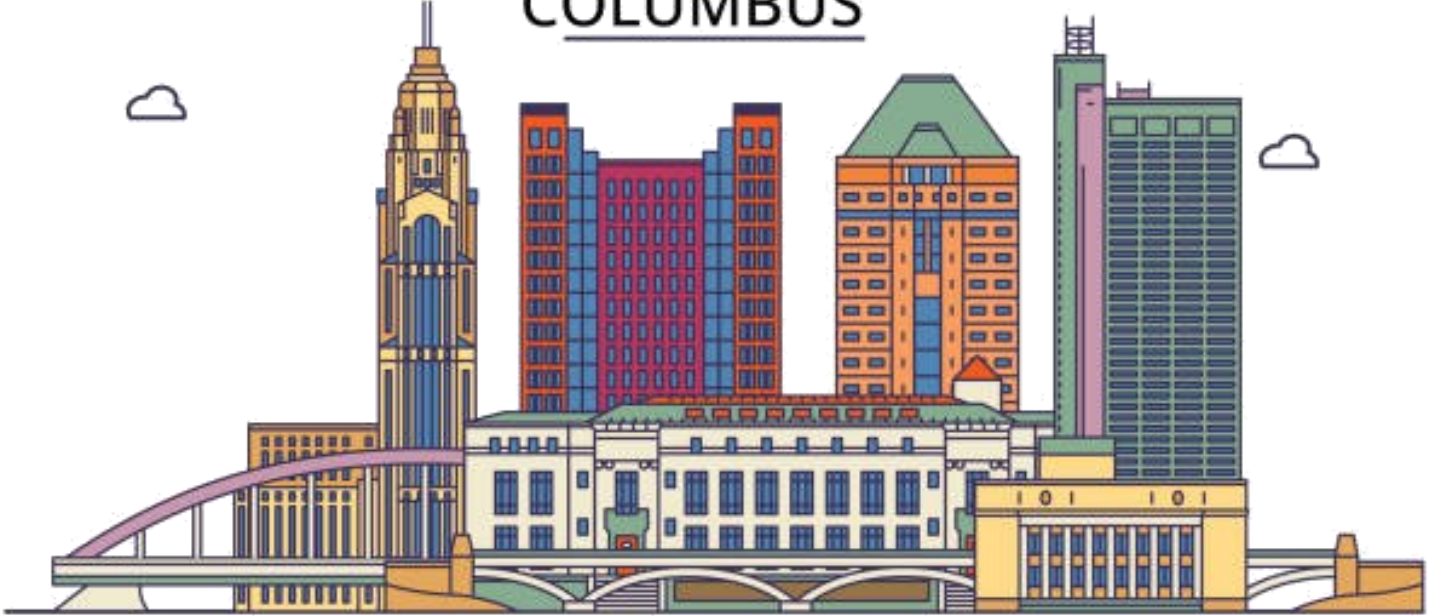
There are more articles throughout this issue about the convention. If you missed it, we are sorry and hope that you plan to attend in 2026. You never know what will happen at the state convention!

Vivat Jesus,

**Jim and Kathy Maslach - 2025 Convention
Chairman**



COLUMBUS

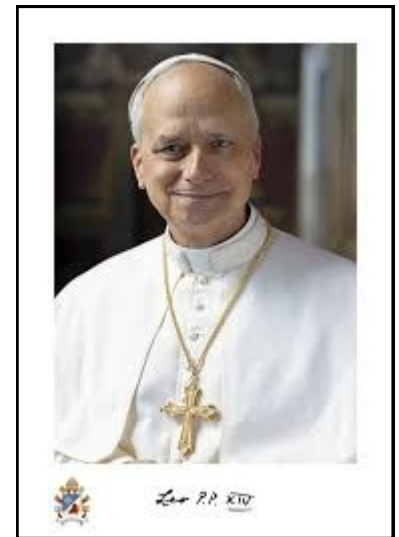


See You at Next Year's Convention in our State Capital, Columbus

Pope Leo XIV Portraits

An unframed portrait of Pope Leo XIV will be mailed to Financial Secretaries in the United States and Canada as part of the annual council mailing, which will ship this June. Additional copies of the Holy Father's portrait will be included in shipments to State Organizational Meetings.

Traditionally, council chambers display portraits of the current Pope, Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain, as well as our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and namesake, Christopher Columbus. Additional portraits of Pope Leo XIV will be available for order through Supplies Online starting July 1, the first day of the new Fraternal Year.



Upcoming Online Training Sessions

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:

June 12, 2025 8:00 PM [District Deputy Training Part Two](#)

June 17, 2025 8:00 PM [Grand Knight Training Part Three](#)

June 18, 2025 10:00 PM [Council Officer Training](#)



Star Council Award Status

We have approximately 30 days until the end of the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Many councils are working hard to get the requirements for the Star Council Award. Remember, there are three awards that a council must achieve to get the Star award:

McGivney Award - A council must meet the Supreme Council Membership Quotas 6% Net Growth. Minimum of 5 - Maximum of 15 new members, based on total membership. Please continue to bring in members needed for the McGivney Award.

Founders Award - A council must participate in at least TWO Fraternal Benefit Programs, live or on line. THE SUM ATTENDEES OF TWO OR MORE SEMINARS: Minimum of 10 members or Member - Eligible attendees for councils less than 100 members. Minimum of 14 members or Member - Eligible for councils with 100 or more members.

Columbian Award - SP7 Supreme Council requires 16 activity reports. Four activities or credits in each of the Faith in Action categories (*Faith, Family, Community, Life*). Sponsoring a “Featured” activity will count as two report credits.

Columbian Award Application must be submitted by June 30, 2025. Don't wait!

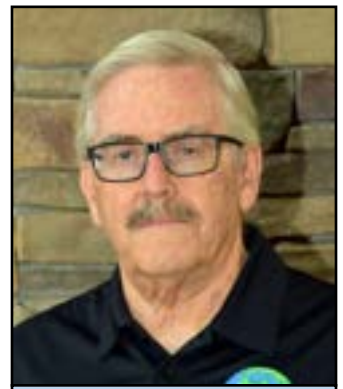
In addition to the three awards mentioned above, a council must be certified “compliant” in **Safe Environment training**. Grand Knight, General Program Chairman, Family Activities Chairman and Community Activity Chairman are required to take the Safe Environment Training. Please review your status today and make sure each of the four is compliant.

Our State Deputy Jeff Kiliany's goal is **59 Star Council Awards**. Don't miss achieving the Star Council Award for a missed requirement. We need your help to make sure we meet our goal. The June 1 Star Council Status report will be issued soon. Please review your council's status. Contact your general agent or field agent to plan a fraternal benefit event, or your district deputy who is ready to help. You can also email me with questions or concerns.

We can do it! Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Report Chairman

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2,000 new members
Let's Finish the Job!

59 Star Councils

The following councils completed the eight required administrative activities under the Administrative Requirement section of the Let us be Worthy State Program

Cincinnati	624	1796	3123	3873	6144	12359	14563	15533
57	968	1800	3376	3891	7981	12912	14665	16164
	1195	1801	3382	4022	8115	13608	14834	16461
	1592	1991	3698	4424	10003	13813	14882	16706
	1610	2158	3724	5128	10215	14094	14891	17092
	1683	2633	3730	5239	11355	14400	14995	
	1756	2640	3754	5621	11550	14408	15330	
		2927	3861			14504		
Cleveland	310	3269	4168	4891	14406	16373		
32	774	3304	4498	5559	14551	16376		
	947	3410	4664	10792	14714			
	2362	3529	4731	10936	15056			
	2726	3541	4801	11464	15942			
	3213	3970	4847	13984	16137			
Columbus	505	4603	5899	11208	12772	14962		
36	721	5253	10765	11216	13428	15447		
	910	5297	10863	11224	14282	15793		
	1597	5534	10876	11275	14346	15824		
	2299	5776	10941	11665	14457	16561		
	2372	5801	11193	12641	14671	18195		
Steubenville	478	1664	4361	11195				
10	1246	1716	4617					
	1641	4243	5009					
Toledo	546	957	1494	1944	3617	6034	10749	14344
47	608	1039	1718	2050	3883	6373	11370	14502
	626	1197	1750	2238	4539	7552	11450	16264
	711	1234	1757	2584	5226	8829	12224	17113
	752	1344	1915	2850	5628	9788	13636	17654
	885	1362	1925	3062	5669	10043	14155	
Youngstown	274	1417	3930	5173	10183	11915	14186	
35	341	1890	4471	5286	11037	12756	14959	
	360	2039	4571	5582	11369	13260	15458	
	554	3777	4733	5589	11551	13371	15573	
	558	3813	5063	7491	11801	13977	15959	



FAITH

Faith Activity Wrap-up

My Brothers in Christ,

Whew! Two years. Time flies. This is my final opportunity to thank each of you for all you have done in your Faith programs in these past two years. Over 2,000 reports were issued by the councils in just Faith. Thank you all and I am sure you will be at least as active these next two years under your new State Deputy, Michael Felerski, and his Faith Director, Christopher Crum.



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Two of my most difficult tasks every year is choosing a Chaplain of the Year and Faith activity of the year from all of your submissions. What I have learned is how many Chaplains, Deacons, and religious are so dedicated to the Knights, as you, to give of their time and leadership. This choice is always difficult. This year's Chaplain of the year is **Father Homer Blubaugh, Danville Council 910**. Though retired, with 53 years of service as a priest in the Columbus diocese, Father stays active. It was a pleasure to meet him this past weekend at the convention and thank him again. Congratulations, Father! Activity of the Year recipient is **Father Francis X Hoffer OFM Council 14505** for Our Lady of the Light Family Pilgrimage. Lots of work and planning went into making this event a success. Congratulations!

Finally, I would wish to thank our outgoing State Deputy, Jeff Kiliany, for giving me this opportunity to serve the Knights of the great State of Ohio. Serving on his team has been

both a pleasure and a honor. Working with this team was most rewarding, and many lifelong friendships were established or deepened. Good luck to the new team, especially Mike and Chris, as I am sure they will do well doing the Lord's work.

God Bless you all! Vivat Jesus!

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director

Your June Church Bulletin Blurb



Corpus Christi

The Eucharistic Revival renews the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, we hold the Feast of Corpus Christi. Knights of Columbus men across the United States helped organize processions to promote devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in their communities. Do you want to be a part of that? Go to kofcoho.org and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).



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Greg Singlar - E-Membership Coordinator



LIFE

Kudos for Your Support of Life

By now you've probably heard about the diocesan and state winners for each program area. With this final newsletter article as state life director, I'd like to shout out some of the honorable mention programs from around the state of Ohio this fraternal year. This is NOT an exhaustive list.

Council 1592 did an end of summer karaoke party with special Olympics athletes.

Council 2280 raised over \$3,000 at 2 pancake breakfasts to put toward their ultrasound.

Council 2299 provided year-long aid to We Are Friends who provide home goods (plates, furniture, a toaster, etc.) to released prisoners and recovering addicts.

Council 4420 spent time with the memory care ward residents of the Carlyle House.

Council 10215 assisted with the special Olympics bowling event.

Council 10876 held a youth poster contest for respect life month.

Council 10936 raised money for a Safe Haven box and committed to provide for annual maintenance.

Council 11208 provided special Olympics athletes in Columbus the opportunity to win prizes at a roll the ball game.

Council 11550 donated toward the St Joseph House, a treatment and recovery facility for veterans.

Council 11665 provided onsite supervision and access so the Special Olympics basketball team could practice on the basketball court at the parish.

Council 11665 also provided manpower to clear out overgrown landscaping around the pregnancy center where the unhoused were sleeping making it uncomfortable for clients.

Council 14406 attends every baptism and gives gifts to celebrate the parents choosing life.

Council 14502 raised \$5,000 at a golf outing to support The Cocoon, who assist women and children in reestablishing

after leaving an abusive relationship/environment.

Council 14551 hosted a presentation on Catholicism and the Death Penalty.

Council 14962 showed the movie Sound of Hope to encourage foster awareness and adoption.

Council 16373 purchased two AED's for the parish.

Hopefully one or more will inspire you or give you ideas for next year.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



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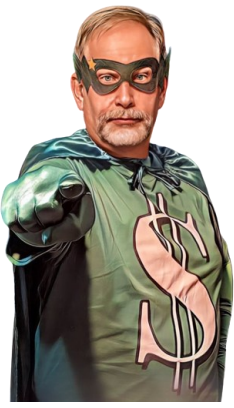


GOOD JOB!



Happy Father's Day!





Repeat!!! Ohio Does it Again!!! Super Ca\$h Bonanza - 2025

Ca\$hman here once again to give you an update on the 2025 Super Ca\$h Bonanza Raffle. You did it again, Ohio! No matter what it takes, no matter who stands in our way, Ohio has proven that it can go back-to-back and raise over \$1 Million for Charity! CONGRATULATIONS!

The total ticket sales for the campaign surpassed the target of 200,000 by reaching 204,852 which equates to \$1,024,260 for charity. We did fall short of our goal of 210,823 by only 2.83% or 5,971 tickets. You made a believer out of the **Squealer** sending him back to The Burgh never to mess with Ohio again. And, not to forget that Gang from Up North. It was time to send them back as well.

All the winners were contacted, and they were quite thrilled to be called. Two of the winners are long-term K of C members that have been playing for over 25 years, and now they are winners!

The Ca\$h Computer is working overtime to make sure your rebate checks will be ready for the July Tour Meeting. **Ca\$hman** will invite a representative from the top 5 council rebates to the tour meeting to personally shake your hand. All other rebate checks will be sent out after the July tour.

Thank you very much for your hard work and dedication to the annual charity campaign. More to come in July. Till then...**Ca\$hman** is out!

Jim Maslach - State Treasurer



FAMILY

A Very Rewarding Year

Brothers,

It has indeed been a real honor and a pleasure for me to serve as the State Family Director for the past two fraternal years. I would like to thank every council that submitted their family activity reports on the state website over the past two fraternal years. I enjoyed reading all about your family programs, as well as viewing the attached photos and other supporting documents that went with your family reports.

Congratulations to the **Tom Lucas Family and Council 546** for being named the State Family of the Year in 2025 at the state convention in Cleveland. Also, congratulations to **Council 10215** for their Food for Families Program being selected as the State Best Family Activity in 2025 at the state convention! These recognitions are very well deserved. These councils did an outstanding job in their respective write-ups!

It was a real joy and pleasure working with State Directors Mike Jordon, Ken Girt, Mark Kahanca, Joe Hartle and Stew Vetter! I loved working with these guys and being around them at the state convention in Cleveland. Again, I would like to thank them for their friendship, guidance, and support. You truly made this an extremely rewarding experience for me!

I would also like to thank our State Deputy Jeff Kiliany for giving me this opportunity to serve as your State Family Director for the past two fraternal years. Thank you, Jeff, for giving me this opportunity and putting your faith in me. I know I didn't let you down! I know with your leadership we will finish this year off strong and make Circle of Honor for the second year in a row!!!!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Program Director



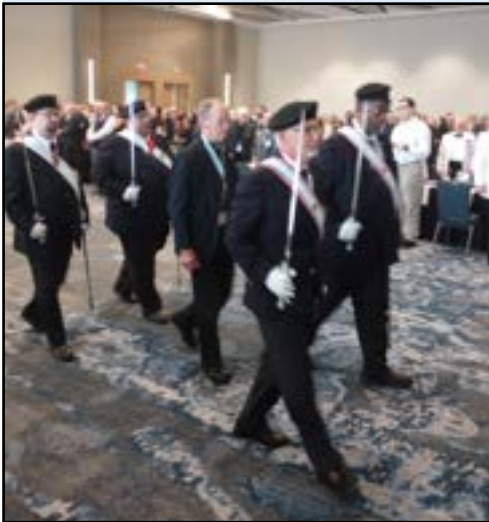
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126th Ohio State Convention Recap

The 126th Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus Convention was held at the downtown Hilton in Cleveland from May 23rd through May 26th. The convention returned to downtown Cleveland for the first time in many years thanks to the work of the Cleveland Convention Committee under the guidance of State Treasurer Jim Maslach.

As an election year, this year's convention saw the usual array of meetings along with the election of state officers for the next fraternal year. M. Stewart Vetter was elected as the next State Warden for the Ohio State Council. Tony Offenberger was elected State Advocate, with Chris Sarka elected as State Treasurer, Jim Maslach as State Secretary, and Mike Felerski as our next State Deputy. Current State Deputy Jeff Kiliany will remain as the Immediate Past State Deputy where he will serve as an advisor to the state team. All will assume their new roles on July 1st.

This year's State Deputy's Banquet, held on Saturday, May 24th, was the usual gala affair. The crowd enjoyed a delicious array of food and then the presentation of the top awards for "of the year" finalists and top councils commenced.



The 4th Degree honor guard escorts Fr. James Lang, State Chaplain, into the State Deputy's Banquet.



State Deputy Jeff Kiliany reviews the year's accomplishments at the State Deputy's Banquet



Supreme Representative, John Appelbaum, PSD Missouri, addresses the crowd at the State Deputy's Banquet.



State Officer of the Year - State Advocate Chris Sarka, Columbus



State District Deputy Coordinator of the Year - Dave Bogner, Columbus



State District Deputy of the Year - Tom Hahn, DD #14, Cincinnati

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The 2024-25 Knight of the Year is Martin Nagy, Jr. (2nd from left) from **Perrysburg Council 7978**. He is joined by State Deputy Jeff Kiliany, Perrysburg PGK Bob Warnimont and State Life Director Stew Vetter.



Chaplain of the Year, Fr. Homer Blubaugh, is flanked by State Deputy Jeff Kiliany and State Faith Director Mark Kahanca. Fr. Blubaugh was nominated by **St. Lukes Council 910** in Danville.



Youth of the Year, Frieda Zirille, nominated by **Ascension Council 4324** in Johnstown, is joined by State Deputy Jeff Kiliany and State Community Director Joe Hartle.



The 2024-25 Family of the Year is the Tom and Linda Lucas Family, nominated by **Sandusky Council 546**. Joining Tom, Linda, and daughter Cassidy are State Deputy Jeff Kiliany and State Family Director Tim Mangan.

126th Ohio State Convention Recap

Top Councils in Ohio - Let Us Be Worthy Program Contest



1. Fr. Bill Johnson Council 11665
Columbus Diocese



2. St. Ladislav Council 16373
Cleveland Diocese



3. Fr. Frank Patala Council 1716
Steubenville Diocese



4. Geauga Council 3304
Cleveland Diocese



5. Archbishop Elder Council 1195
Cincinnati Archdiocese

[Link to Awards Summary](#)

126th Ohio State Convention Recap

Top Councils in Ohio - Let Us Be Worthy Program Contest



6. St. Brendan Council 11208
Columbus Diocese

**6th
Place
Tie**



6. Brunswick Council 4847
Cleveland Diocese



The Fourth Degree, joined by Fr. John Paul Walker, the next State Chaplain, was out in force at this year's 126th Ohio State Council Convention, providing color guard at the Masses, State Deputy's Banquet and other events, posting the colors and providing a visible sign of our order.

Around the State



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.”



On Friday the 9th of May Holy Rosary Church in Lowellville and the **K of C Council 4471** of Christ Our Savior Parish in Struthers teamed up to honor the mothers of the two parishes by holding a designer Purse Bingo night for moms and their daughters.

Over 225 hopeful purse winners were in attendance. Many designer purses were donated on behalf of deceased mothers, grandmothers and family members. Dinner was cooked and served up by the Knights from Council 4471 headed by “Chef Jeff” Janci. The event itself was spear-headed by Ms. Lisa Donofrio. Although not so much as a fundraiser some money was raised through the dinner sales and 50/50 ticket sales which will benefit the church.

Knights of
Columbus



Around the State



St. John Paul II Council 14346 selected as their Knight of the Year, George K. Lawson (left) and John Schamburger (middle) as their Officer of the Year. George spent his career as an educator in Scioto County as a science teacher, principal and eventually Superintendent of Scioto County Schools. George served as President of the Ohio Reading Council, Chairman of the Ohio Children and Family First Council and he has held many other educational leadership positions.

John actively contributes to the community with his current involvement in the Wheelersburg Lions Club, Wheelersburg Kiwanis Club, St. Peters Church Men's Club (St. John Paul, II), Knights of Columbus Council #14346 where he was a two-time Grand Knight and has been Council Treasurer since 2020, and 4th Degree Knight. Pictured at right with George and John is Council 14346 GK Brian P. Nolan.



Brent Fatzinger, chairman of **Holy Martyrs Council 4733** Cam Abbott Memorial Scholarship Committee, presents scholarship checks for continuing education in Catholic schools to Noelle Hammer (left) of Canton Central Catholic High School and Kate Tabellion (right) of Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas High School.



PGK Chris Bergman – member of **Salve Regina Council #14834** in Cincinnati – was installed as a Permanent Deacon by Archbishop Robert Casey at the Deacon Ordination mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati on April 26. Chris will serve the Eastside Family of Parishes. Serving in the Honor Guard for the mass and flanking Deacon Chris are Sir Knights Joe Kletz and Chris Parker of Salve Regina Council and **Brother Hugh Henderson Assembly #3691**.