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From the State Deputy

Great Job Ohio!

We met our Supreme “Circle of Honor” growth quota in the first half of the month of June. The membership numbers for the second half of this Fraternal Year were outstanding, which got us to where we are. Most of you remember that our 2024-25

Fraternal Year Supreme Circle of Honor membership quota was 1,860. With the tremendous number of our E-Members that were converted to regular council members this year, we received a pretty good reduction from Supreme that dropped our required number to 1,788. As of Friday, we have 1,884 new members in Ohio for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. This was even more than enough to meet our original quota of 1,860 new members. Thank you to all of our councils in Ohio, as well as all those Brother Knights who helped to grow the Order here in Ohio.

Ohio also had a quota of 59 Star Councils for the Fraternal Year. As of today, we have 63 councils in the state that have qualified for the Star Council Award and the Great State of Ohio has achieved the “**Circle of Honor!**” We will be recognized at the Supreme Convention in Quebec City this August. There are a couple of more councils who Supreme is updating their Star Council requirements and could also qualify. So, we could end up with 65 or more Star Councils this year.

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

The Season of hope has arrived. Bad news has to take a break, as it is fair time. Whatever fair we attend we will see young people willing to work, folks having a good time without tearing up the town, friends and neighbors sharing stories. The exhibits show a variety of talents being directed in a positive direction. We see what can happen when people of faith choose to be builders of good will.

We are reminded in Genesis that we are called to share in the work of creation. Being realistic and recognizing that fair time has its own share of rough edges, expressions of good will are still the order of the day.

We ask the Lord to help us carry this attitude into the rest of the year, sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who most need to hear it.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



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It has been 8 years since Ohio has met its Supreme membership quota, when Robert Collins Jr. was State Deputy. What a fantastic finish to a great fraternal year. This has been the result of an outstanding effort by everyone on our State Team, local council officers, and so many members and Brother Knights across Ohio.



Thank you all!

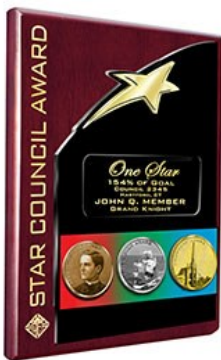
Now that we are back on track in membership recruitment, please continue to keep that recruitment spirit. Let's not wait until the second half of the year to bring in new members. Keep scheduling those CUF Degrees. We will need each of those degrees to be productive, so everyone may help us reach our goal of **2,000** new members this next Fraternal Year.

Foremost of all your priorities this next fraternal year should be to achieve the Supreme "Star Council" award. Our Supreme quota for the State of Ohio is once again, 59 Star Councils. We already proved that we can meet that quota. Can we do it 2 years in a row? Let's jump on that challenge, get started right away, and not wait until next May or June to get the requirements. We can all start by submitting our Forms 185 & 365 NOW. Follow that up by getting your council qualified in Youth Protection by September and do at least 1 Fraternal Benefit event before your council's October Church Drive. This will put your council in a very good position for Star Council as you continue to do your council activities and bring in new members throughout the rest of the year.

We will talk more about this at each of our State Tour stops in July. I look forward to seeing all of you at your Diocesan stop. Check the State website for information about the day, time, and location for your diocese.

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

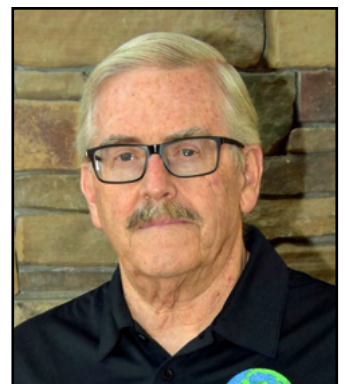
Fraternally,
Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy



Star Council Award Status

Ohio has successfully completed all the requirements for Circle of Honor.

Congratulations to State Deputy, Jeff Kiliany and all the councils that achieved Star Council Award. As of this writing, we met our goal of 59 councils and may possibly have a few more, and our State Deputy was informed that his Star Council Goal for the 2024-2025 Circle of Honor will be again be 59 councils. I think we can do it again, and I look forward to sending the Star Council Status Report to everyone.



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Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Reports Chairman

Growth

July 1, 2024

Ohio Brother Knights,

Ohio is Circle of Honor Winner!

Thank you for bringing in 1,880 (105.76%) new Brother Knights in Ohio and 65 Star Council as of June 29, making Circle of Honor, the first time in 8 years! Congratulations to **San Pedro Council #18195** with **45.83%** Growth earning the PSD Charles Reisbeck Award for Highest Growth Percentage. Congratulations to **Archbishop Elder Council #1195** with **34** new members earning PSD Charles Reisbeck Award for Highest Growth Intake. As of June 25, Ohio brought in 1,190 (113%) new E-Members with 61% conversion into the local councils.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Diocese Tour Stops in July, where we will talk about bringing in **2,000** new Brother Knights in Ohio and **59** Star Councils for the 2024-25 fraternal year.

Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director

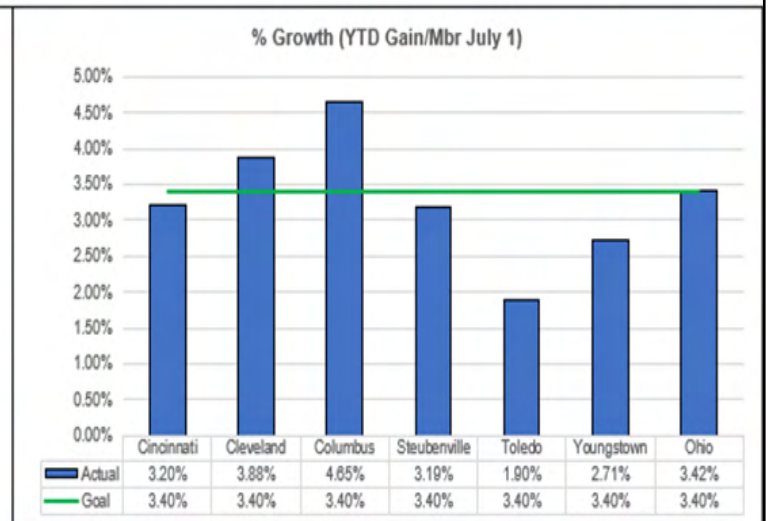
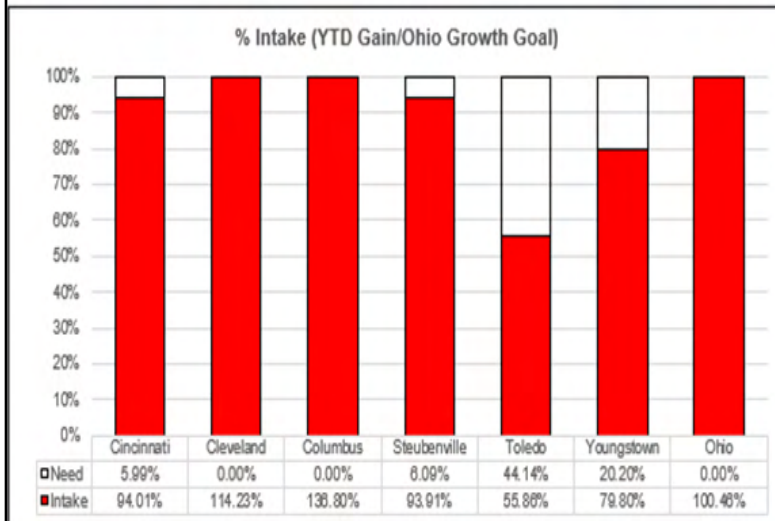
As of 6/28/2024



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Values	Diocese							Grand Total
	CINCINNATI	CLEVELAND	COLUMBUS	STATE COUNCIL	STUEBENVILLE	TOLEDO	YOUNGSTOWN	
# Councils	99	85	78	2	29	75	68	436
# Active Councils	90	66	72	2	22	71	54	377
Councils Recruiting	68	48	55	1	12	50	36	270
Membership July 1	13,335	8,162	8,766	5,959	2,161	11,004	5,417	54,804
Council Supreme Quota	775	545	562	30	168	566	359	3005
Ohio Circle of Honor (1860)	480	337	348	19	104	350	222	1,860
Growth Goal (3.40%)	454	278	298	203	73	374	184	1,864
YTD Gain	427	317	408	296	69	209	147	1,873
% Councils Recruiting (ALL)	68.69%	56.47%	70.51%		41.38%	66.67%	52.94%	61.93%
% Councils Recruiting (Active)	75.56%	72.73%	76.39%		54.55%	70.42%	66.67%	71.62%
% Intake (YTD Gain/OH CoH (1860))	89.01%	93.97%	117.29%		66.35%	59.66%	66.15%	100.70%
% Intake (YTD Gain/Ohio Growth Goal)	94.01%	114.23%	136.80%		93.91%	55.86%	79.80%	100.46%
% Growth Goal	3.40%	3.40%	3.40%		3.40%	3.40%	3.40%	3.40%
% Growth (YTD Gain/Mbr July 1)	3.20%	3.88%	4.65%		3.19%	1.90%	2.71%	3.42%



We Did It! Now Time to Reboot



Worthy Brothers,

Congratulations to all - Circle of Honor. With all your help this last fraternal year we were able to bring our worthy State Deputy to the Circle of Honor. It's been eight years since Ohio was in the Circle of Honor.

With today July 1, 2024, we start all over for the new fraternal year. This fraternal year we need 2,000 new members and 59 Star Councils, and yes, we can and will accomplish it again.



Mike Jordon
General Program Director
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How are we going to accomplish this? One way will be doing programs, as well as getting all your reports in and asking eligible men to join our great Order. If we don't ask, they will not join. The personal invitation is what they want, because it makes them feel wanted.

Programs are a great way to get men to join. Asking them to help gives them an insight into who we are and what we do, and why we do what we do. Programs wrapped around families show the community that they are important to us.

This year we will accomplish having the SP-7 generated for your councils as long as you report on the State Website and do four activities in each of the four Faith in Action areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Reporting is very easy on the State website. If you need help, you can ask your DD, Growth Coordinator, DDC, GPD or your State Officer.

I need your help, brothers, in accomplishing my personal goal of having more Jesus Award (highest) winners than Joseph and Mary award winners. I know that you will all help me accomplish this challenge. Doing this will give us 2,000 new members and 59 Star Councils along with many Star Districts.

This brings me to the **First Half Incentives**:

- July 1st thru November 15th
- Have 2 Fraternal Benefit nights. These can be one district or adjoining district working together.
- Online Webinars - The same criteria as last year for the benefit night.
- Bring in at least one new Member
- State Council will donate \$25.00 to Matching Funds in your council's name. This will be unmatched funds.



Brother, we can, and we will accomplish all our goals this year and in the future years as well.

Again, brothers, a great big Thank You to all the councils that participated doing programs, reporting them, and activity recruited members. Pass the word around how easy it is to participate and report.

Thanks to all the DDs and DDCs and Growth Coordinators and all personnel who made this year a fruitful and fun year.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Jordon - General Program Director

Utilizing Social Media for Your Council

One way to publicize your council and gain more interest – and more members – is gaining publicity from social media. **Get your light out from under the basket!**

There are a lot of types of “social media”, including Twitter, Reddit, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and others. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has commented that “Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community”. This month we are focusing on **Facebook**. If your council does not have a site – consider creating one!

Remember that you represent your council, as well as the Knights of Columbus as a whole. Model social media presence after that of the Supreme Council and the State Council. Sharing content from Supreme/State’s social media pages (see below) and maintaining a positive presence are important ways to advance our mission and to gain publicity and membership.



What Can Social Media Do for You?

Begin with FACEBOOK: Your council does not need to be on every social media platform to make an impact. A robust presence on **Facebook**, the most popular social media platform (especially with our demographic) is an optimal place to create your council’s social media base.

Uses of FACEBOOK: Your council can use a **Facebook** page to: share council news, advertise council fundraisers, share resources from Supreme and State, and encourage Catholic men to join the Order. I would be happy to help your council in any way – and would ask you share your social media link with me at michaeldthomas@aol.com

Basic Things to Consider:

- **Social Media is Public:** A public **Facebook** page can be seen by everyone and all of your posts. This is **not** a place for private council business, or personal conversations.
- **Stay Positive:** All content should be appropriate, positive, and follow the [Knights of Columbus Member Social Communications Policy](#), which is available on the Officers’ Desk Reference.
- **Be Relevant:** Content should be relevant to current members as well as potential members, your parish community, and other Catholics. Consistent posting about council events, charitable initiatives, parish activities and Order-wide news will increase engagement both online and on the ground.
- **Present a Quality Site:**
 1. Post Relevant stories and post often:
 2. Reply timely/appropriately to comments and messages you may receive.
 3. Post Pictures. Photos showing your council in action convey the principle of charity in a concrete way. Encourage members to take photos of activities.
 4. Share Catholic Resources: Share content of general interest to your followers such as videos and articles – see resource links below!

Links to Useful Sites to Publicize the Knights of Columbus

[Supreme Facebook](#)

[Supreme Twitter](#)

[Supreme Instagram](#)

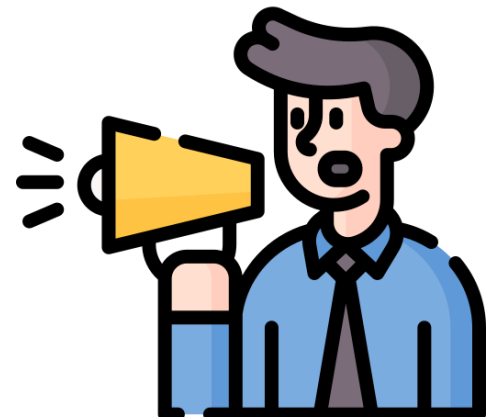
[Supreme LinkedIn](#)

[Supreme YouTube](#)

[Ohio State Council Facebook](#)

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Measure-Up/Silver Rose

The closing date for Measure-Up 2024 is **August 1st**. Please send your council's check made out to the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus and grant form to me at:

**15200 Muskingum River Rd
Lowell, OH 45744.**

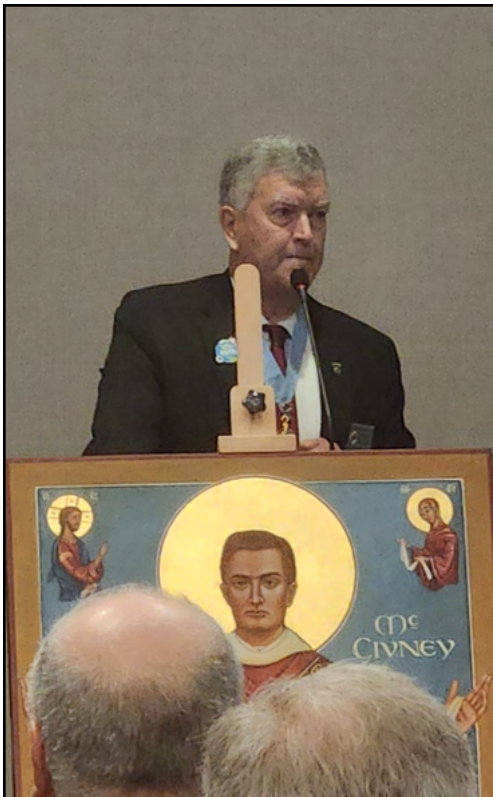
The Silver Rose is now rolling through the State. Check the State website for the schedule and attend one of these services for the defense of the unborn

Thanks and God bless you,

Tony Offenberger - State Warden



Photos from District Deputy Weekend in Columbus - June 28 - July 1



Plan to Get Involved



LIFE

Congratulations to all of Ohio for reaching the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor under the leadership of our State Deputy, Jeff Kiliany, and State Membership Director, Andrew Nuckols. This is a great honor for Ohio and does not happen often. It takes every council pulling its weight to achieve this great honor.

As we begin a new fraternal year, planning is key to success. Every council should have an activity plan for every month of this fraternal year. I just hope it includes sending representatives to the Ohio March for Life on October 4 and to the national March for Life in January. I hope it also includes fundraisers to help you Measure-Up for our developmentally delayed brothers and sisters and for your local pregnancy crisis center. It's always a good time to put some funds back for an ultrasound, even if one is not currently needed in your area, so you can act fast when one is requested.

Last year the culture of life took a heavy blow with the passage of the "right to kill babies" amendment, but that was just a battle in the fight for life. Make no mistake, brothers, we are on the front lines with our rosaries, prayers, and our fundraising. Step into the fray and join the fight for life from conception to natural death. That means supporting the unborn, the developmentally delayed, and the elderly. I'd like to see more councils serve the post-born this fraternal year by conducting more events for the developmentally delayed community and the elderly. It can be as simple as Christmas caroling through a couple nursing homes. If we are Knights for Life, it needs to be for all of life.

It's time to bust open those calendars and make plans. It's also important that someone from your council fill out that activity report on the state website, because the work isn't over until the paperwork is done.

Vivat Jesus!

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



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FAITH

Christ's Blood Shed for Us All

Greetings brothers. With the past fraternal year behind us, it is time to begin anew once more. First, I wish to thank you all who kept me busy all year reviewing your Faith reports. Over 1,100 were received and reviewed. I hope to see even more this year. A couple of notes for those submitting reports; please do not send duplicate reports for the same event. Rosary is the most repeated. One submission is required to get credit for this activity. Secondly, I encourage councils to start planning their "of the year" event now and submit it to me as soon as possible after the event. You need not wait until March for this. In addition to using the state reporting, I encourage you to send me a separate email

(mark.faithdirectorohio@gmail.com) with details of the activity, as this will greatly increase your chances of being selected for the State Award.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. This would be a great start to your year to plan an activity around the teachings of the Precious Blood, and maybe a service of worship with your pastor.

Finally, best wishes to all as you enjoy the rest of the summer with friends and family. Please be safe, and I look forward to seeing many of you as we tour the great state of Ohio this month.

God Bless! Vivat Jesus!

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director



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COMMUNITY

Think Outside the Box

Welcome back to our returning officers and welcome to our new council officers and directors. I am very much honored to serve again as your Community Director and look forward to seeing the great activities you do for your communities this upcoming Fraternal Year.



Joe Hartle
Community Director
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For those that do not know me yet, my name is Joe Hartle. I am member of Saint John XXIII Council 14502 in Perrysburg and a Fourth Degree member of Assembly 2800 in Toledo. I served two years as

Grand Knight, earning Top Council for the State of Ohio for both years. I was also recognized by State Deputy Robert Byers as overall Knight of the Year for the State of Ohio in the 2019-2020 fraternal year and served the role of state family director under State Deputy Mark Siracusa.



I have been married to my wife, April, for 15 years, and together we have six beautiful and unique daughters, Amelia, Audrey, Penelope (“Penny Layne”), Evelyn (“Evie”), Ryann and Alyvia.

As your community director, I hope to see councils get outside of halls and parishes sharing the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney by doing good works in their local, national and world communities through various events and activities. Activities can include Faith in Action Programs such as Coats for Kids, Helping Hands, Soccer/Free Throw/Hockey Challenges, Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity. But I also challenge councils to think outside the box and come up with other activities and events that benefit their unique communities.

Councils are free to submit any activity that fosters a sense of community among the various communities served by your Council. Remember to have fun and support your communities!

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

Joe Hartle - State Community Director

Register for upcoming online training sessions

Click 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:

- July 8, 2024 8:00 PM [District Deputy Training Part Two](#)
- July 16, 2024 8:00 PM [District Deputy Training Part Three](#)
- July 23, 2024 10:00 PM [Creating and Using Council Budgets](#)
- July 24, 2024 8:00 PM [Grand Knight Training Part Three](#)

ONLINE TRAINING



Capacitación en español:

- 10 de julio de 2024, 8:00 PM. [Transición entre años Fraternal](#)
- 24 de julio de 2024, 800 PM [Directrices para la Realización de Reuniones del Consejo](#)

The Check is in the Mail!

Super Ca\$h Bonanza 2024 Wrap-Up

Brother Knights,

What a fantastic year!!! Congratulations to all of you for helping to foil the Accountant and his Henchman. The Accountant wants to join the Knights and help councils save money. Who would have thought that would happen?

The winners' checks have been printed and are on their way. I am sure there will be a lot of happy people out there when those checks start to arrive.

Now, our councils. A total of \$705,000 has been given back to the councils through the Charity Campaign. That is nearly an increase of \$16,000 compared to 2023. Ticket sales were out of this world, as we reached the 200,000 level.

Ca\$hman knows exactly what you are looking for – the top council sellers and tickets per member! If you want to know, you will need to attend the state tour stop in your diocese.

At the state tour stop, **Ca\$hman** will make a special appearance to award the top 5 councils – in each diocese – with their rebate check. The remaining other council rebate checks will be sent out after the state tour. This will be a great way to kick off the fraternal year with some funds for your council's charity account and activities. **Ca\$hman** hopes to see you there. All of the final results will be made available on the state website after the state tour and in the August edition of the Beacon.

In case you wanted to know, the Sisters of Perpetual Charity have been relocated from Pittsburgh to the Cleveland and Toledo areas. They could not be happier to be back in the Buckeye State.

See you on tour! **Ca\$hman** is out!



2024-2025 Target



2,000 new members

Did it once, why not twice?

59 Star Councils



FAMILY

What are Your Family Activity Plans for the New Fraternal Year?

Congratulations to the **William Stoddard Family** and **Council 3724** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in May 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.

Time to make a plan! Last year at this time I talked about planning for your summertime family events. Even though you should do so again this fraternal year, I want to talk about a different kind of plan, a plan for spiritual life. In this plan, it involves praying together as a family. As a family, how often during the day or during the week do you pray together? Not just before a meal, but other times as well. Do you start the day off by offering it up to the Lord or examination of conscience together at night? Can you pray the rosary s a family if not daily, then weekly? Or can you schedule a family Holy Hour? Can you read the Scriptures as a family regularly each week? This is what some of the Faith in Action Family Programs are all about. Whether it's an evening event like Family Prayer Night, or a weekly event like Family Week, or a monthly event like Family Fully Alive, spending family time with prayer, a meal, and an activity accomplishes just that. Every family plan will look a little different, but if it's flexible and designed to fit your family life, it will be successful!

On another note, invite a family member, friend or acquaintance to Mass, adoration or a faith-forming event with you. Write down ideas for small sacrifices and offerings on individual pieces of paper. Place them in a small and everyday have each family member randomly select a piece of paper to offer the sacrifice listed for the intentions of a relative or friend. At the end of the month, each family member might send a note to the person for whom they made the offering, telling them about their prayers and sacrifices.

Once again, I look forward to servicing you with your family service program activities. Reading your family activity reports. Also, for what I am sure will be another fun and successful fraternal year!

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State Family Director



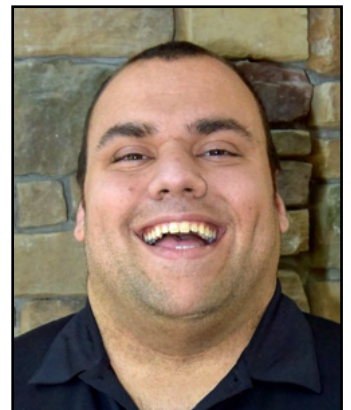
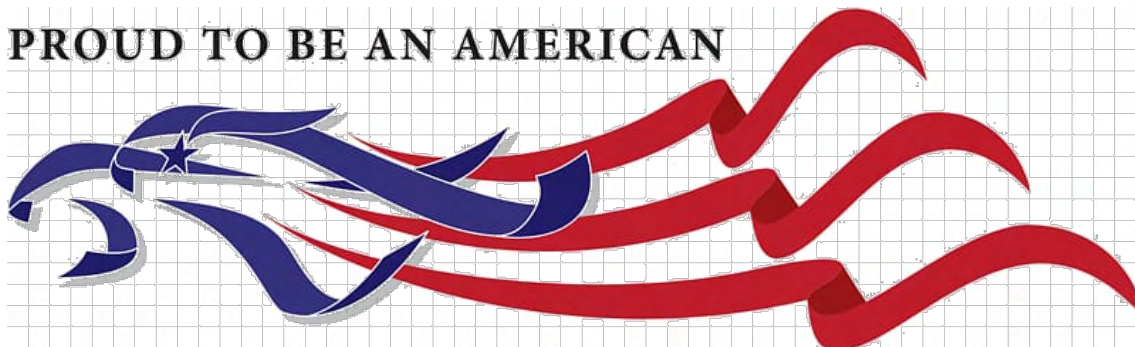
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Your July Church Bulletin Blurb

The Knights of Columbus are patriotic citizens that are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens. Want to learn more and be a part of that?

Go to kofcoho.org and click on **Join Us**. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN



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Around the State



Each year, Sir Knights from Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky come together to provide an Honor Guard for a pro-life procession known as Cross the Bridge for Life. Marchers walk across a bridge over the Ohio River from Kentucky into Ohio, then back to Kentucky. The event is a festival in support of human dignity and is organized by Right To Life groups on both sides of the river. Typically, both the Archbishop of Cincinnati and the Bishop of Covington, Kentucky participate in the procession. The following Assemblies were represented in this year's event: Fr. Butler #814, Archbishop Leibold #1621, Archbishop Elko #2332, Precious Blood #2947 (from Ohio) and Bishop Flaget Assembly from Kentucky. Sir Knights participating (L to R): Steve Feist, Dave Buschle, District Marshall Mike Byrne, Russ Wernke, Tom Hahn, Pete Marcello, Scott & Jim from Kentucky, Robert Richter



Massillon Council 554 celebrated the 99th birthday of their chaplain, Msgr. James Kolp, at their council meeting on June 11, 2024. Msgr. Kolp has just concluded his 50th year as Council 554 Chaplain. Pictured on the left is Grand Knight Chuck Maier.



K of C Council 4471 of Christ Our Savior Parish celebrated their Quarterly Communion gathering at Holy Trinity Church with Mass and coffee and doughnuts afterwards. Every three months the Knights meet for Mass and Communion with their fellow Brother Knights, family members and the parish's congregation. Celebrating the Mass was Council Chaplain, Fr. Joe Blasko.

Pictured above are Knights and family members of Council 4471 of Christ Our Savior Parish in Struthers gather at Bedford Trails GC for breakfast after the Quarterly Communion service.

At left K of C Chaplain, Fr. Joe Blasko, celebrates Mass at the most recent Quarterly Communion Service for Council 4471 of Christ Our Savior Parish



Around the State



The Athens Knights of Columbus 1716 put together a team of 9 who travelled to Langsville, Ohio, to help Habitat for Humanity on a house they are building for a local needy family. The Athens Knights took on this project as part of their St. Joseph Summer of Service. On Saturdays during the spring and summer, men of our parishes gather on Saturday mornings for a cup of coffee and a conversation before heading out into the community to get things done! This group has already taken on a number of projects this summer including radio tower site cleanup for our local Catholic Radio station, lighting and other maintenance at the Parish Hall for Father Mark Moore, yard work for needy members of the community, and more. The nine pictured in the group photo from left to right are Brett Martz, Benjamin Cameron, Matthew Carr, Bob Colvin, District 3 Master Chris Busch, Naylan Pool, Mariam Artera-Padilla, Francis Ametepey, and Steve Neuser.



Any council interested in starting a program like this can reach out to Greg at 330-569-4614 or gregdaurelio@gmail.com

The need for a ministry to address the needs of the homebound and handicapped evolved from a time in 2020 when Greg D'Aurelio accumulated items from his parents caretaking. He found no one to take the accessibility items once his family no longer needed them. Not wanting to just scrap them or toss in the garbage, the idea of offering them to those who could use them was formulated. The Helping Hands Ministry formerly started by the **St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #3766** in May, 2021, provides used homeware equipment, assistive devices, and accessibility aides to those in need.

Around the State



Bishop Fenwick Council 2927 held their Special Olympics Fishing Tournament on May 4, 2024. The tournament was resumed after a 4-year break due to COVID and other delays. The council hosted 25 athletes in conjunction with Hamilton County Special Olympics. Each athlete was paired with a Brother Knight or council family member as a coach. The council provided a lunch and awards to each athlete with a plaque given to those who caught the most and largest fish. The event was a success due to efforts of chairman PGK Jamie Bertke and all Council members who participated. Pictured are Brother Knight Andy Kluesener and his athlete Ken(left) and Knight Steve Long and Tristan (right)



(At Left) Archbishop Elder Council #1195 hosted a Silver Rose prayer service attended by nearly 60 people on June 24. Over 25 Knights participated in or attended the service. St. Gertrude Parish Parochial Vicar (and Brother Knight) Fr. Luke VanBerkum, O.P. delivered a homily about 'two lives in the womb' – Our Lord Jesus and St. John the Baptist (on his Feast Day). Outgoing GK Pete Marcello escorted the Silver Rose.

(At Right) Archbishop Elder Council Knights process with the Silver Rose (left to right, front to back): PGK Phil Motz, Jim Swift, Kevin Graham, GK-elect Bill Shefcik, John Leventis, Rick Bissonnette, and Fr. Luke VanBerkum, O.P.”