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Beacon

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### From the State Deputy

My first year as State Deputy is in the books. It was a very memorable year at that. We brought in a total of 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. We also had a quota of 59 Star Councils in Ohio for the Fraternal Year. We now have 66 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 next week. 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. Let’s keep the momentum going and continue to grow this in Ohio year after year.

We completed four stops in each diocese in the state in a period of 2 weekends in July. What a great opportunity to meet and talk to so many of you! I am amazed at the enthusiasm that I have seen in those that attended the meetings. Everyone was on board with growing the

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### From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

Our bright lights are preparing to return to the classroom. We old timers need to make sure their studies, formal and otherwise, include learning how to discern and follow God’s call. Our guidance should include emphasizing the importance of prayer, studying the scripture, and reflecting on their own experience and the experience of others.

No one’s journey of faith is going to be easy. We know that God does not give us particular talents, interests, and life situations by accident. Every young person should include two petitions in their daily prayers: Jesus, teach me what you want me to be, and if you want me to marry, please lead me to the right person.

If we do our part to get our young people up to speed, they will be cutting edge. We ask the Lord to help us make that happen.

Vivat Jesus!

**Fr. Jim Lang - State Chaplain**



**Rev. James Lang**  
State Chaplain



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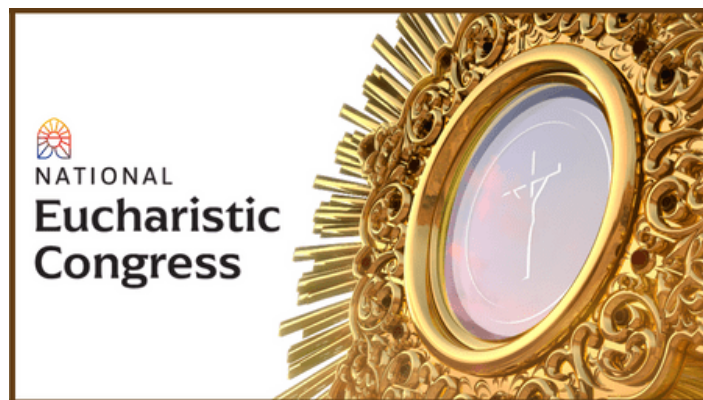
order by 2,000 new members here in Ohio. And, to top that off, many councils are already on their way to getting the "Star" Council award. There will be a big emphasis on STAR Council this year and starting early to achieve STAR. We need 59 Star Councils this fraternal year, and by the response on the Tour, we should get at least 80 in the State. We already have 20 councils that have more than 20% of their Supreme Membership quota for this new fraternal year. Eight of these councils have over 40%! Remember, the key is to start working on your Star Council requirements right away. All council Form 365s, (Report of Program Personnel), should have already been submitted. Youth Protection certification should be in process and completed by all those required to be certified by the end of September. The council should be making arrangements to do at least 1 Fraternal Benefit Event by the end of this calendar year. And, as always, be active and keep your members engaged by doing and reporting your council's activities for your families, parishes, communities, and for Life.



**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and Retention**--along with New Council Development and/or Rejuvenation—continue to remain the key ingredients for the growth of the Ohio State Council, and more importantly, our local councils. Not only do we need to attract new members by being active, but we need programs and activities to keep our members interested and engaged in order to retain them as Knights of Columbus. Attracting new members should be a priority and we will do this through council activity. Our State website program reporting system is now active. I want to thank our State Website Coordinator, Tom Buehner, for his time, hard work, and efforts to improve our reporting system and making it work. Councils should now be reporting all their council activities. We are striving to have record numbers of reports this year. There is a direct link on the State Website home page, click on the red link "Click Here for Council Program Reporting"). You can also access it by scrolling across the top of the page and go to (For Members) to access the drop-down list. Please use E-Membership Director Greg Singlar's monthly parish bulletin announcements promoting the Knights of Columbus and directing potential members to the Supreme Website for information and the link to join.

Also emphasized on our State Tour meetings in July is adding to our spiritual development through the latest Supreme initiative, COR. COR has been introduced to provide the opportunity for all Catholic men to encounter Christ, strengthen their bonds of Brotherhood, and to share their faith and bring us all closer to Jesus. The 3 key elements of this initiative are Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.

And, speaking of spiritual development, I want to thank all Brother Knights who turned out for, assisted in, or even just attended the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route originated at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, traveled along the East Coast, then through Pennsylvania and Ohio in route to Indianapolis. A number of parishes along the way in Ohio hosted the Eucharist and held observances. Our Brother Knights were there! Four separate pilgrimages traveled across the US with the Eucharist, stopping for Mass, adorations, and processions at numerous sites along the way. There the four routes converged in Indianapolis for the 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21. We also were well represented at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis by many Brother Knights from Ohio. Thank you, Brothers!



Please keep active, keep your members engaged, and help us to grow the Order here in Ohio!

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

Fraternally,  
**Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy**  
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# Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

2,000 new Brother Knights and 59 Star Councils are needed this year to make Circle of Honor again for Ohio. Let's not forget about the first quarter Fast Start Incentives that were talked about during the Diocese Tour Stops, we need 400 Brother Knights by September 30<sup>th</sup>. We have brought in 111 new members so far during the month of July, around 27% of our goal.

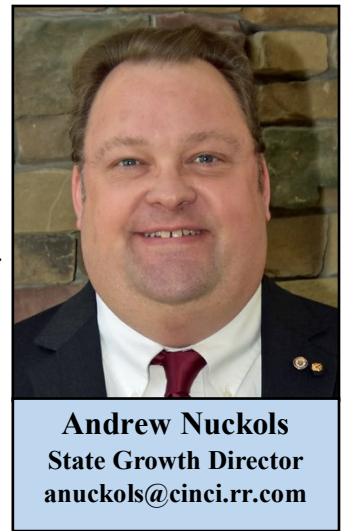
**Congratulations!! We have a new Council in Ohio!**

**Please welcome *St. Elias Melkite Council #18527 in Brooklyn, Ohio, a part of the Eparchy of Newton Diocese.***

The Cleveland Growth team is clearly not taking the Summer off!

State Treasurer, Jim Maslach, Growth Coordinator Mike Incorvati, and Field Agent Stephen Carrick contributed to a TEAM effort in getting this council started.

As you read this month's Beacon, the Ohio Delegates, State Officers and some of the State Directors/Staff will be heading to Quebec City, Canada for 142<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Convention to represent Ohio State Council. I hope you follow along via EWTN broadcast on Tuesday August 6 with Opening Mass 9 am eastern, then Opening Session with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly "State of Knights of Columbus" address at 1:30 pm, and Tuesday States Dinner starting 6:30 pm and sing along to "Hang On Sloopy" when Ohio Delegation is announced. Wednesday and Thursday Mass at 9:30 am, all broadcast on EWTN. The October edition of Columbia Magazine will have a full recap of the Supreme Convention, please use this as a recruitment tool for your Church Drive.



## Top Growth in Ohio As of 7/27/2024:

Council Number and Name	District	Division	Status	Values			YTD Gain	% Gain	% Growth
				Membership July 1	Star Council Goal	Supreme Goal			
18527 ST. ELIAS MELKITE	22	0	Active	20	0	0	16	#DIV/0!	80.00%
5429 POPE JOHN XXIII	37	4	Active	83	5	3	3	87.60%	3.61%
721 NEWARK	43	3	Active	99	6	4	3	73.00%	3.03%
15330 HOLY NAME OF JESUS	10	5	Active	38	5	3	1	29.20%	2.63%
16264 OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY	68	5	Active	39	5	3	1	29.20%	2.56%
15424 MONSIGNOR ROBERT J VON KAENEL	6	5	Active	42	5	3	1	29.20%	2.38%
14834 SALVE REGINA	12	4	Active	84	6	3	2	58.40%	2.38%
12224 ST JOSEPH	64	5	Active	43	5	3	1	29.20%	2.33%
14671 SACRED HEARTS	45	5	Active	44	5	3	1	29.20%	2.27%
13428 HOLY FAMILY	37	5	Active	48	5	3	1	29.20%	2.08%
3213 FATHER CARL ANTHONY	19	2	Active	147	8	6	3	48.67%	2.04%

These councils have not taken a summer vacation, Our presence in our Parishes and Communities are needed during the summer. Please use Parish Festivals, Picnics and gatherings as a time to invite men to join. Help us point the world to Jesus Christ.

"If we get the man right, we get everything right – the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who will say 'yes' to their God-given vocation."- **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**

**Fraternally,**

**Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director**

# **FAST START!**

## **July 1 to September 30!**



Ohio Brother Knights,

We need **2,000 new Brother Knights** this Fraternal Year and **59 Star Councils**.

Let's break that down into smaller goals!

- **We need 400 new Brother Knights by September 30th.**
- We need Councils to **ask men to join** during the summer months while at parish festivals, parish picnics and other family activities.
- Our Worthy State Deputy Jeff Kiliany has authorized the following Fast Start first quarter incentives. ***Let Us Be Worthy of making Circle of Honor for the second year!***

I am looking forward to meeting with council leaders over the next two weekends at the Diocese Tour Stops.

### **Ohio State Council “125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” Challenge Coin**

Members who recruit at least **two new members** into a council, (provided that their membership number is on the application for membership) will earn a *Ohio State Council 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge Coin*.

### **Fast Start Council Challenge**

All councils that achieve below listed Growth goal; hold one (1) Fraternal Benefit Event; and file the *Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365)* will earn a *16 x 20 unframed print of Blessed Fr. McGivney Icon*.



### **GROWTH GOALS**

- Councils with fewer than 100 Members: 20% Growth by Sept. 30
- Councils with more than 100 Members: 25% Growth by Sept. 30

### **Fast Start 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Council Challenge**

The winning council in each diocese (Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Steubenville, Youngstown) with the highest percentage Growth intake and with the *Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365)* filed will receive a *\$100 Knight Gear gift card*.

### **District Deputy 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Challenge**

The DD with the highest percentage growth intake in each diocese will receive a \$100.00 Home Depot gift card. *Annual Report of Council Status (Form #944)* must be submitted for each council in your district.

### **eMember Council Fast Start Incentive**

- The three (3) highest councils in Divisions 1 and 2 who recruit and transfer the most new eMembers into their council will receive a \$100 gift card.
- The three (3) highest councils in Divisions 3, 4, and 5 who recruit and transfer the most new eMembers into their council will receive a \$100 gift card

**Fraternally,**

**Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director**



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**April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Ohio Brother Knights, you were worthy of bringing in **1,880** (105.76%) new Brother Knights in Ohio and 65 Star Councils making **Circle of Honor**, the first time Ohio achieved this in 8 years! As of June 25, Ohio brought in 1,190 (113%) new E-Members with 61% conversion into the local councils.

Congratulations to the following Councils for winning the fourth quarter incentive. Each council will receive \$250.00 Knights Gear Gift Card at their Diocese Tour Stop.

**Don Bosco Council #4801** (Cleveland Diocese)

**Father John J Wenzel SJ Council #10003** (Archdiocese of Cincinnati)

**St. Hilary Council #14551** (Cleveland Diocese)



Thanks to Father Luke for drawing the winners, at St. Gertrude Church during the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Wednesday July 3, 2024.

**Fraternally,**

**Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director**

**2,000 new members**

**Did it once, why not twice?**

**59 Star Councils**

# We Did It! Now Time to Reboot

Worthy Brothers,

The tour weekend brought us together to quickly go over many important facts for this fraternal year.

I want to explain programs and Supreme Featured programs, so we are all on the same page.

I will start with the State programming; It has not changed from last year. The requirement is to do 4 activities in each of the 4 Faith in Action programs, plus one “out of the box” activity your council would like to do. This will give you 125 points. You must do “of the Year” worth 50 points, and your council must be Youth Compliant (25 points). Completing this part of the program gives you 800 points. Completing your requirements for the Growth program will give your council another 200 points, thus maxing out the program with 1000 points.

The Supreme Featured programs are a good way for councils to get two credits from Supreme (only on their SP 7). To get these credits your council must do all required parts of the Supreme program.

When reporting on the state website, there is a drop-down box you click on if you are doing a Supreme program. Click on the box and you will get credit for completing the program on your SP7.

Remember, you can do Supreme Featured Programs to get points on the State program. For example, you can do Coats for Kids and get the coats from the store or a coat drive and hand them out. You cannot count this as a Supreme Featured program unless you buy 6 cases of coats from Supreme and hand them out from your council. Doing this earns you two credits on your SP7.

Brothers, if all councils max out the State program, we will send our State Deputy back to the Circle of Honor.

Maxing out the program will get us the 2000 new members and 59 Star Councils. **We can do this!**

New this year the state will be sending each Grand Knight their SP7 filled out for all the programs that they have reported on the State website. Your SP7 will be sent out on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. If you have completed all the State requirements, then your SP7 will be complete. All you have to do is print it out, sign it, scan it back into your computer, and send it off to Supreme.

Brothers, we are doing our best to make your job as easy as possible.

Linked to this newsletter is the form 10746 Featured Programs/ Minimum Requirements.

This brings me to the First Half Incentives:

**July 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 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.

Brothers, a great big “Thank You!” to all the councils that participated doing programs, reporting them, and actively recruiting members. Pass the word around about how easy it is to participate and report.

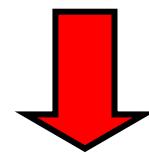
Thanks to all the DDs, DDCs, and Growth Coordinators and all personnel who made this year a fruitful and fun year.

Vivat Jesus!

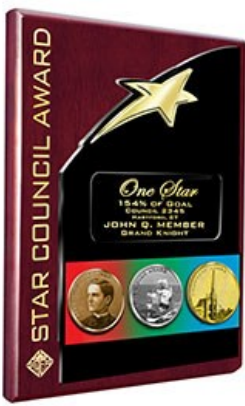
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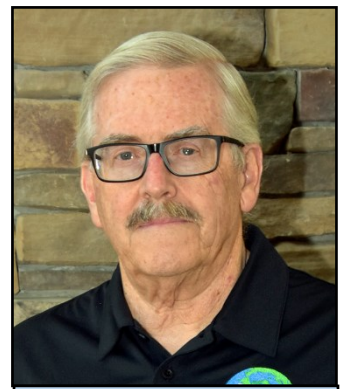


# Star Council Award Goal

Worthy Grand Knights and Council Officers,

The Ohio State Council has created a **Star Council Award – Mid-Year Incentive**. Our state deputy has authorized a drawing for \$75 gift cards at the Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting in January for all councils that achieve the following by January 1, 2025:

1. Form 365 submitted
2. All four Council officers either “compliant” or “pending” for Safe Environment
3. At least One (1) Fraternal Benefit Event credited with 50% of Attendee Quota attained.
4. 50% of Council Membership Quota attained
5. Two reported Activities credited in each of the FOUR FIA categories for the Let us be Worthy State Program Contest. The more councils that achieve this incentive goal January 1, the more gift cards to be drawn.



**Ken Girt - PSD**  
Roundtable Chairman  
Rejuvenation Chairman  
Special Reports Chairman  
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We would like to have councils begin working on the Star Council Award earlier than the last two months of the fraternal year. I will continue the monthly Star Council Status Report that will advise councils on their status. So, let’s start now and exceed our state deputy’s 59 Star Council Award Goal for the fraternal year

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

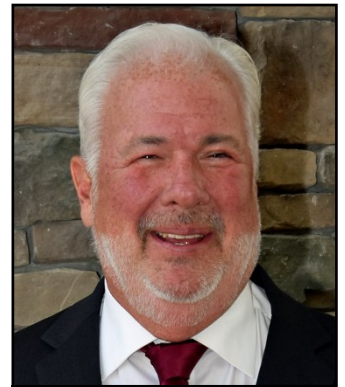
Vivat Jesus!

**Ken Girt, PSD - State Special Report Chairman**  
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# Honoring Mary, Our Mother



Brothers, as we enter the official last month of summer, 2024, I hope you and your families have enjoyed what has been nice summer weather. This past month I was able to meet many of you while on our annual state tour. It is always a pleasure to see you all. For those that could not make it, I would like to share one item that I asked the attendees to pass on to their directors. Please go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and read the requirements of the program you are submitting. I do not like rejecting your submissions, but I too must follow the requirements of the program when grading them. With that, the reporting period is open. Last year there were over 1,100 submissions to the Faith program. Good job, and let’s do it again!



**Mark Kahanca**  
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In the Catholic Church, each month of the year is dedicated to a particular devotion – in August it's the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In addition to the Assumption of Mary, other feast days devoted to Mary in August include Our Lady of the Angels on Aug. 2 and Our Lady of the Snows on Aug. 5. Councils, parish communities, and families can show devotion to Mary in many ways. Obviously by praying the rosary, but you may also consider wearing the Miraculous Medal for the entire month, creating a home altar honoring the Immaculate Heart, engaging children by making heart-shaped cookies or cake, having children make Immaculate Heart greeting cards, beginning the First Five Saturday’s devotion, or praying the Fatima Morning Offering. If any of these are done through your council, please send me a report on your council choice.

May God bless and keep you all safe.

Vivat Jesus!

**Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director**



# Knights of Columbus®

## Member Benefits

**Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.**

***Columbia Magazine*** — Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

***Knights of Columbus rosary*** — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to each new member

***Mass of Remembrance Each Weekday*** — Celebrated for deceased members and their wives at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order

***Insurance*** — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

***Family Fraternal Benefit\**** — Benefits for children of insured members that include guaranteed-issue insurability under age 18 and automatic death benefits for children dying before age 61 days

***Orphan Fraternal Benefit\**** — Provides monthly benefits and college scholarships to each eligible orphan of insured members

***Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit*** — Accidental death benefit for member in good standing and spouse at no additional cost

***Widow Benefits*** — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) the surviving spouse of a Knights of Columbus insured may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) eligible with her children for scholarships

***Scholarships*** — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

***Leadership Development*** — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

***Fourth Degree*** — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

***Honorary Life Membership*** — At age 70 with 25 years of membership

***Membership Card*** — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

***Activities*** — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council

\*Subject to eligibility requirements, conditions and restrictions.

# Knights of Columbus

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

### *Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefit*

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home, except for the exclusions. This benefit is given at no cost to all members (and their wives) residing in countries that have been designated as insurance territories by the Supreme Council.

### *Benefits*

<b>Years of Continuous Membership</b>	<b>Non-Insured Member Benefit</b>	<b>Insured Member* Benefit</b>
Less than 5 years	\$1,500	\$3,000
5 years or more	\$2,500	\$5,000
Age 65+	\$1,500	\$1,500

The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member's benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,500. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid.

### *Beneficiaries*

The accidental death benefit will be paid to the next of kin in accordance with Section 71.2 of the Order's laws. The claim for this accidental death benefit must be received at the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus within three years of the date of death.

### *Exclusions*

This accidental death benefit will not be paid if death results from: suicide, self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness or disease (except bacterial infection resulting from accidental cut or wound); flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled airline; or injury from driving or riding in a speed or organized contest.

### *Family Fraternal Benefit*

The Family Fraternal Benefit provides the following benefits to insured members\*:

- Pays \$5,000 for a the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception
- Pays \$5,000 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days
- Offers guaranteed-issue insurance - up to \$10,000 - to any child under age 18.

### *Orphan Fraternal Benefit*

The Orphan Fraternal Benefit provides the following benefit to the children of insured members\*:

- Pays \$500 monthly allotment for each eligible orphan of up to age 18
- Pays up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships up to a maximum of \$20,000 per eligible orphan

\* Insured members, for this and for all fraternal benefits, are defined as those members who have, at minimum, one in-force life insurance policy on the member or spouse with a minimum annual premium of \$300, or permanent life insurance with a face amount of at least \$15,000.

This brochure does not include all of the eligibility provisions of the Order's program of fraternal benefits. Please contact your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent for these important details. Terms and conditions apply.

# Faith Formation Through COR

Worthy Brother Knights,

It's exciting to start a new fraternal year. Your councils may have new officers, new ideas, and new ways to promote the Faith.

This year, Supreme is adding a position to the various director roles in the council. The title is Council EFF Director (**Evangelization & Faith Formation**). The function of this position is to work with the Parish Priest to implement COR in your parishes. The position is appointed by the Grand Knight.

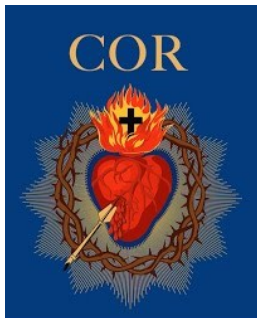
The role comes with special access to [formed.org](http://formed.org) which provides resources to help your council succeed in promoting Faith Formation. Supreme has worked closely with FORMED to curate a landing page full of videos, services, prayers, etc. to help you be successful.

As the State Director of EFF for Ohio, my team and I are here to support and guide you in the implementation of COR. I'm excited to do so and look forward to your success.

Click below for the link to the web address and a QR code that you can use to submit the name of the Brother Knight appointed to the role of Council EFF Director. I have also included the contact information for all of the Diocesan EFF Directors for your convenience.



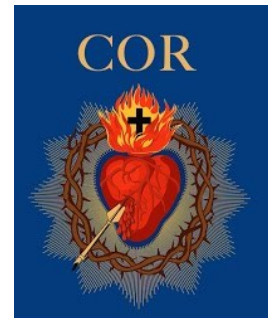
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**Council EFF Director Submission Form**



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As always, I am here to support you, my Brother Knights in any way I can. Please feel free to contact your Diocesan Director or myself with any questions or concerns you may have. Also, you can visit [www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor) for all of the latest information regarding COR and how to implement it. I look forward to your success.

Vivat Jesus,

**Arron Mier - Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation**

## To all Knights of Columbus families:

With the concern for families in mind, the Order offers a series of benefits exclusively for Knights of Columbus families who participate in our fraternal insurance program.

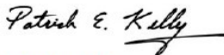
As described in this brochure, these benefits are designed to reach out to families, especially at times when they are devastated by the intrusion of untimely death, whether of parent or offspring, or by the health condition of a child.

The *Family Fraternal Benefit* addresses the needs of parents suffering the loss or impairment of a child; the *Orphan Fraternal Benefit* gives a helping hand to children of eligible families who survive the loss of both parents.

These benefits augment the tradition of fraternity established by Father McGivney, namely, that *the Order cares for its own*; it expands upon a basic reason for which he founded the Order: "... of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families." In 1882, it was his vision that every Knights of Columbus family receive benefits from the Order, when in need.

Like Father McGivney, we want every Knights of Columbus family today to be an *insured* Knights of Columbus family. With these benefits available to families insured with the Order, it is my hope that all our families will participate in our insurance program.

Fraternally,



Patrick E. Kelly  
Supreme Knight



### Protect What Matters Most. Your Life. Your Family. Your Future.

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus as an organization to provide for the financial security of Catholic families. Since that time, the Order has grown to include life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance, and retirement annuities.

Meet with your field agent today and join the many other Catholic families who have benefits from Knights of Columbus.

To learn more about our  
Fraternal Benefits and to join the  
Knights of Columbus, visit

[kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)

Life insurance, annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance products are offered through Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510 1-800-380-9995. For costs, terms, conditions and complete details regarding these products, please contact your agent or the Knights of Columbus. Products may vary by state.



## Fraternal Benefits

Additional benefits of having Knights of Columbus insurance,  
beyond what you'd expect.



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### Providing more for those you love.

As a Knights of Columbus insurance certificate holder, here are two meaningful fraternal benefit programs exclusive to Knights and their families.

#### FAMILY FRATERNAL BENEFIT PROGRAM:

This program from Knights of Columbus makes available to eligible family members five distinct types of assistance. To be eligible, the member must be in good standing with his Council and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus life insurance policy with a minimum annual premium of \$300, or a permanent life insurance policy with a face amount of at least \$15,000.

#### A) Life Insurance Benefits

The Order's various life insurance plans are available through our agents for a healthy child. But what about children who have a physical or intellectual disability?

In these cases, Knights of Columbus offers:

1. A \$10,000 whole life insurance plan, at *standard rates*, for a member's uninsurable or rated newborn child, provided the application is made before the child is 61 days old.
2. A \$10,000 whole life insurance plan, at a *rated premium*, for a member's uninsurable child between the ages of 61 days and 18 years.
3. Up to \$10,000 whole life insurance at *standard rates* for a child between the ages of 3 years and 18 years with an intellectual disability, but otherwise in good health.

To be eligible for these three benefits, the child's brothers and sisters, who have not been denied for insurance, must also be insured under an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.

#### B) Death Benefits

Knights of Columbus provides:

1. A \$5,000 death benefit\* to the family when a child dies less than 61 days after birth.
2. A \$5,000 death benefit\* to the family when a child is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception. (The Order affirms that life begins at conception. In this instance, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, hence the 20-week rule.)

\* The claim for this benefit must be received at the Supreme Office within three years of the date of death.

### Here for you, and your children.

#### ORPHAN FRATERNAL BENEFIT PROGRAM:

Since the founding of the Order, Knights of Columbus has been especially concerned about the welfare of the child who loses both parents. With this program, the Order once again demonstrates this concern for the offspring of eligible families by providing the following two benefits:

1. An Orphan Fraternal Benefit of \$500 is paid monthly for support of each eligible orphan until he or she reaches age 19, graduates from high school, enters military service, marries, discontinues Knights of Columbus insurance, or no longer attends school. If the orphan attends college or vocational/technical school full-time or is unable to attend due to a disabling illness or disease, the Orphan Fraternal Benefit can continue to age 23.
2. The child also may be eligible for up to \$5,000 each year in higher educational grants. The grants are based on financial need and will not exceed a maximum of \$20,000 over a four-year period.

For a child to be eligible for these two orphan benefits, the father must have been in good standing with his council and at least one parent must have been insured under a Knights of Columbus policy with a minimum annual premium of \$300, or a permanent life insurance policy with a face amount of at least \$15,000. The child must be under 19 years of age and be insured by an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.

*This brochure does not include all of the eligibility provisions of the Order's program of fraternal benefits. Please contact your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent for these important details. Terms and conditions apply.*



# Plenty to Do in the Months Ahead

## COMMUNITY

It was great seeing everyone on the State Tour in July! I hope you are all as excited as I am for another great year of supporting our communities and offering wholesome family fun for our council, parish and local communities. One such way of offering great family fun is with the annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge! August and early September is the perfect time to hold you council competition! I ask that all councils participating in the Soccer Challenge this year complete their council competitions and have their winners turned into their District Deputies no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>, so the DDs can hold their district competitions in early to mid-October.



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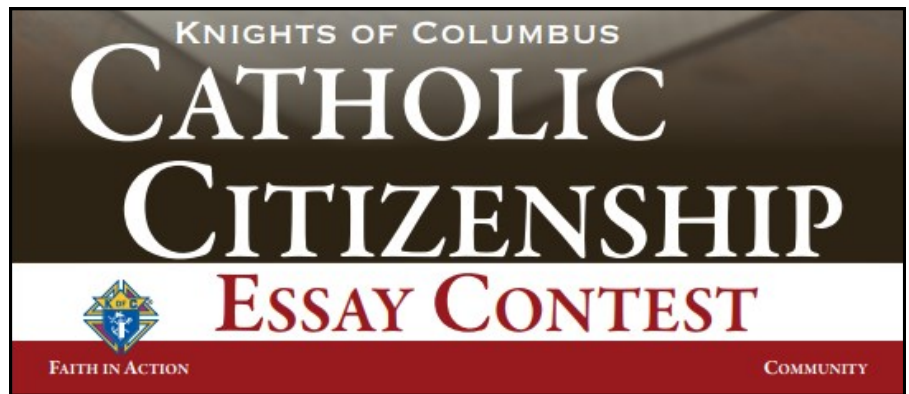


If you need help getting started, I encourage you to head over to Supreme's website to check out the Guidebook and other materials needed to run a successful soccer challenge ([www.kofc.org/soccer](http://www.kofc.org/soccer)). From there, you can review the Guidebook and download all the forms and resources you need. Don't have a soccer net/field or not enough kids? Talk to other councils in your area and hold a joint Soccer Challenge. Need some help to run the event and retrieve balls? Encourage the moms and dads of the youth to help out and be involved with a great K of C event! Just be sure to use unrelated Brother Knights as scorekeepers! Any questions, please feel free to contact me!

On a related note, with school going into session very soon, now is the time to start planning for your Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This year's theme

is *What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?* The Essay Contest is open to all kids in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Councils should submit their winning essay in each grade participating to me no later than **January 10<sup>th</sup>** for judging and submission to Supreme.

Please note: There is no district or regional essay contest. Councils should judge their submissions and forward the winner in each grade directly to the State for consideration. Rules and resources for completing a successful Catholic Citizenship Essay can be found at [www.kofc.org/essay](http://www.kofc.org/essay)



Finally, remember to report your Soccer Challenge, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, and all your council's activities, on the State Program Report (<https://kofcohio.org/program-reporting/>) each month so we can award your council points and help you with your Columbian Award Application (SP-7) in May!

All of your Program Directors are here to help you out throughout the Fraternal Year. If you ever have questions about any of your Community Programs/Activities, reach out to me at any time!

Let Us Be Worthy!

**Joe Hartle - State Community Director**



**Knights of Columbus**  
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## Do this ASAP

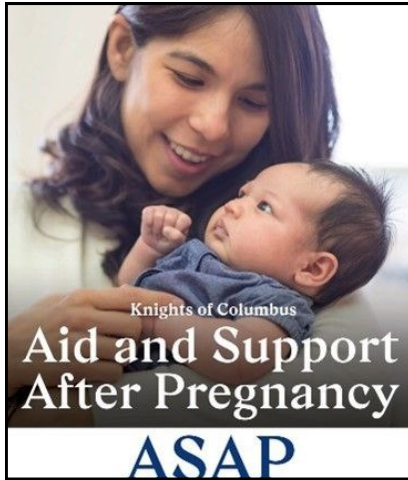


LIFE

ASAP is Supreme's **Aid and Support After Pregnancy** program. In the 2023-2024 fraternal year, Ohio Knights of Columbus contributed **\$149,465** through the ASAP program and received \$18,900 in rebates. That puts Ohio 9<sup>th</sup> in the ENTIRE order for total value donated. That amounts to 101 pregnancy centers and programs that support life receiving donations from Ohio Knights. The 101 applications puts Ohio 7<sup>th</sup> in the order for total submissions. Keep in mind, those donation totals are just the ones that asked for the Supreme rebate and does not include the councils that donated directly to their local pregnancy centers and did not ask for the rebate. That dollar value and number of applications is phenomenal.



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Think of all that babies that had formula, diapers, clothes, a warm snow suit, or a warm blanket because of your council's donation. How many mothers didn't cry at night because you eased their burden? The pro-choice crowd likes to say we pro-lifers care about babies until they are born. Well, donation totals like this should shut them up. Your work matters more than you know. Where else are the pro-life centers in Ohio going to get \$150,000?

When making donations to your local pro-life pregnancy center, make it at least \$500 and submit the cancelled check with the Supreme application (<https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/asap.html>) for the Supreme rebate. Remember, the rebate amount goes directly back to the pregnancy support center adding to your donation. Let's get those donations over \$160,000 in 2024-2025.

Vivat Jesus!

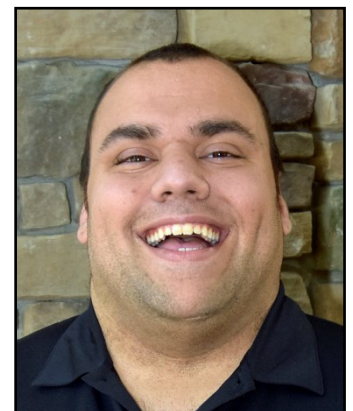
**Stewart Vetter - State Life Director**

## Your August 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 [kofcohio.org](http://kofcohio.org) and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

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# Around the State



Knights from Archbishop Elder Council #1195 in Cincinnati prepare a grilled chicken dinner for the priests and novices of the Dominican order that staff St. Gertrude Parish. This is an annual summer tradition the council calls **“Feed the Dominicans”** - a group of Knights man the grill, while others bring side dishes and desserts from home. This year we fed a total of 18 religious who live in community at the parish; nearly all of whom are members of the Order!

Pictured at left (L to R): John Leventis, David Ball, Larry Ball, Head Chef John Mullan, Duane Eschmeyer, Phil Motz, Jim Hook

Pictured at right (L to R): Head Chef John Mullan, John Leventis, David Ball, Larry Ball, Phil Motz, Duane Eschmeyer



On Monday evening July 1st, Christ Our Savior Knights of Columbus Council 4471 held its annual installation of officers complete with member’s wives and guests in attendance. A pot luck dinner was held immediately afterwards where some of the Knights, along with their wives, brought some of their favorite recipes and desserts.

**Front Row:** Treasurer - Jerry Dreier; 3 Yr. Trustee - Lee Ewsichek; Inside Guard - Frank Rubino, Warden - Joe Wilkos; Grand Knight - Ernie Ciarniello Jr.; Outside Guard - Bill Higham and Chaplain - Fr. Joe Blasko.

**Back Row:** Recorder - Bob Sepesy, Financial Secretary - Rich Zoldak, 1 Year Trustee - Bob Granchie; 2 Year Trustee - Steve Bartos and Chancellor - Rich Burns. (Not pictured are Deputy Grand Knight Jeff Janci and Chaplain Deacon John Terranova)

# Around the State



Members of Council 4471, Christ Our Savior Parish, Struthers, wished their Chaplain, Fr. Joe Blasko, a very happy and enjoyable 83rd birthday celebration. The cake was delicious!



At the National Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis are from left: Br. Kevin Cush, O. de M. (GK of Holy Family Council 13428 in Columbus), Cody Evaristo (Deputy GK of Council 13428), Chris Dodson (State District Deputy Director, Richard D'Auteuil (FS of Westerville Council 5776 in Westerville), Fr. Daniel Bowen, O. de M. (Chaplain of Council 13428), Mike Brown (GK of St. Michael the Archangel Council 15458 in Canton), and Eric Yang (front) (DD-36 and Columbus Growth Coordinator)

Brother Kevin, Cody (aspirant), and Father Daniel belong to the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy (Mercedarian Friars <https://www.orderofmercy.org/>). Brother Kevin and Cody are seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum.



State Deputy Jeff Kiliany presents the Former District Deputy pin to Marshall Meyers at the Columbus DD.Appreciation Dinner on 7-31-2024.