

# 2026 SUPER CASH BONANZA THE A-TEAM EDITION



## THE FUNDRAISING FORCE

If you need tickets sold, and there is no one to help,  
and if you can find them....maybe you can hire the  
**A-TEAM FOR CHARITY MISSION: \$1,000,000!**

### 2025 Super Cash Bonanza Winners List

Prize #	Description	Ticket	Full Name	Address	City	State	Council #
1	\$49,680 (\$414/Month for 10-Years)	105377	Fr. Joe Wittmer	1515 California Ave	Louisville	OH	341
2	\$18,780 (\$313/Month for 5-Years)	631764	Erin Wager	6790 Rosezita Lane	Dayton	OH	14891
3	\$12,720 (\$212/Month for 5-Years)	524307	Rose Nell	4183 Tara Way	Medina	OH	4847
4	\$4,000	529602	Doug Allen	109 Carrington Ct	Elyria	OH	774
5	\$3,000	410473	Peter Neuman	2894 Revere Dr.	Cuyahoga	OH	2362
6	\$1,500	279075	Jim Floyd	726 Meadowland Trail	Toledo	OH	5628
7	\$1,500	672830	Mary Jo Rickling	48 Cornache	Sardina	OH	10003
8	\$1,500	443154	Laura Darby	968 Oriole Ave	Akron	OH	4664
9	\$1,500	377692	Suzanne Harris	5612 St. James Rd	Waldo	OH	671
10	\$1,250	171935	Jeff Hurdley	3120 Walter Lane SW	Lancaster	OH	15447
11	\$1,250	171936	Jeff Hurdley	3120 Walter Lane SW	Lancaster	OH	15447
12	\$1,250	00673	Don Herron	1830 Hazeltwood Dr	Pataaskala	OH	4324
13	\$1,250	528032	Mark Keller	516 Harvard Ave	Elyria	OH	774
14	\$1,000	514683	Terry Murrell	32870 Sorrento Ln	Avon Lake	OH	3269
15	\$1,000	238268	Marguerite Widerka	617 Marguerite Way	Brunswick	OH	4847
16	\$1,000	320643	Gregg Sattler	27006 Shawnee	Perrysburg	OH	7978
17	\$1,000	580778	Dr. Victor Nanagas, Jr	4718 Eagles Nest Circle	Kettering	OH	14995
18	\$750	60033	Joe Berenyi	1275 Sparhawk	Akron	OH	3529
19	\$750	430710	Keith Koslowski	4438 Locust Ct	Independence	OH	3970
20	\$750	53746	Bill Christner	708 Rudolph Ave	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	2362
21	\$750	673357	Jill Mergethal	12054 W Oak Tree Rd	Brookville	IN	15533
22	\$500	358123	Frank Thome	B101 Country Rd 17	New Bavaria	OH	1757
23	\$500	114382	Kerstin Fields	3946 Deer Trail	Mineral Ridge	OH	10183
24	\$500	536032	Richard Shurnaker	762 Honey/suckle Dr	Greenville	OH	1796
25	\$500	591302	Jonelle Norman	7347 McSmith Ln	Dayton	OH	12912
26	\$500	572189	Carson Kuhn	756 Eastern Ave	Woodsfield	OH	5009

**\$1,000,000 in Ticket Sales for our Charities!**

*This booklet is intended to cover many facets and rules of the 2026 Super Ca\$h Bonanza campaign. Any questions pertaining to the campaign should be answered in this booklet. Your Diocesan State Officer or District Deputy should also be familiar with the workings of the campaign and should be able to assist you.*

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On behalf of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc., and all the recipients of your generosity, **THANK YOU** for you participation in the

**2026 SUPER CASH BONANZA**

**Charity Campaign.**

**Christopher M. Sarka**

State Treasurer, Super Cash Bonanza Chairman

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.  
State Chaplain

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Past State Deputy

Lawrence A. Moegling  
Past State Deputy

Paul J. Upman  
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David A. Helmstetter  
Past State Deputy

Kenneth J. Girt  
Past State Deputy

Robert F. Collins, Jr  
Past State Deputy

Kevin P. Miller  
Past State Deputy

Robert E. Byers  
Past State Deputy

Mark A. Siracusa  
Past State Deputy

Council Super Ca\$h Bonanza Campaign Checklist	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Attend a Ticket Distribution Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribute Tickets to Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use PARTNERING to Increase Ticket Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>MARCH</b>	
Promote and Encourage Ticket Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>APRIL</b>	
Collect all sold tickets for FIRST PHASE	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIRST PHASE TURN-IN: April 1, 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue to promote ticket sales	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>MAY</b>	
Final "PUSH" for Sales. Collect all tickets sold.	<input type="checkbox"/>
FINAL PHASE TURN-IN: May 15, 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drawing: May 23, 2026, at 9:30AM, Columbus Hilton at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, Ohio, 43219	<input type="checkbox"/>
2026 Super Ca\$h Bonanza Campaign Schedule	
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan your ticket distribution system (personal delivery or mail campaign).</li> <li>Make arrangements for "Partnering" with organizations in your community.</li> <li>Have two (2) council members attend the Diocesan Ticket Distribution Meeting</li> <li>Sales Begin; Sell—Sell—Sell!</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor and Promote Ticket Sales</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect and Ship First Phase Batch of tickets so they are received by State Treasurer</li> <li>Final PUSH on Sales—Utilize Partnering</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final PUSH on Sales</li> <li>Collect and Ship FINAL Batch of Tickets so they are received by State Treasurer</li> <li>Attend Drawing at Columbus Hilton at Easton on May 23, 2026</li> <li>Winners List Emailed to Councils and Posted on State Website and Facebook pages by May 25, 2026</li> </ul>

Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 2026 Super Ca\$h Bonanza Charity Campaign! We are excited to embark on another year of impactful fundraising that directly supports the charitable missions of your local council and the Ohio Charity Foundation.

This campaign is more than a fundraiser—it's a call to action! Every \$5 ticket sold not only contributes to our shared goal of raising \$1,000,000 for charity but also empowers your council to make a tangible difference in your community. Of each ticket sold, \$2.40 is retained by your council to support local charitable initiatives. Councils that exceed our rebate thresholds may receive up to \$4.50 per ticket—an incredible opportunity to amplify your impact.

We strongly encourage you to **set ambitious goals** and **mobilize your entire council**. Your leadership and enthusiasm are vital to the success of this campaign. Please review the enclosed campaign guide and begin planning your strategy today.

One of the most effective ways to expand your reach is through **strategic partnerships**. We urge you to collaborate with other non-profits, parish ministries, and community organizations. Invite them to sell tickets on your council's behalf and share a portion of the proceeds to support their own charitable missions. This approach not only increases your sales and rebate potential this also strengthens community bonds and multiplies the good we can do together.

Many of our past winners purchased tickets through partnering organizations proof that this model works. Let's build on that success and make 2026 our most impactful year yet. Thank you for your continued dedication to charity, unity, and fraternity. Together, we can once again reach and **exceed** our goal of **\$1,000,000** in charitable support.

Fraternally,



**Christopher Sarka**  
 2026 SCB Chairman, State Treasurer  
 Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus



## Super Ca\$h Bonanza Campaign Approach

The Grand Knight and the Council Super Ca\$h Bonanza Chairman are responsible for the Super Ca\$h Bonanza Raffle. The Chairman is expected to take care of the day-to-day scheduling of events and supervision of the campaign. The Chairman is responsible for tracking sales and collections. Several approaches to this very important fundraiser have been proven successful for many years.

**Mail Campaign:** A letter from the Grand Knight and the Super Ca\$h Bonanza Chairman accompanies up to 10 tickets sent to each member. Details of the mission are provided so that the member knows the particulars of how to sell and where and when to turn in suggested slogan for a mail campaign.

**Personal Delivery:** In this case, a ticket distribution is controlled by Team Captains. Depending on the size of your council's membership, Captains may be assigned workers who actually deliver tickets to each member. In small councils, Team Captains may also make deliveries. Captains are responsible for checking on deliveries, on members receiving tickets to ensure sales, and picking up of sold or delivered as directed.

**Partnering:** If your council needs a boost in sales, consider partnering with local organizations or church groups to sell tickets through their contacts. Consider partnering with more than one organization. Provide them with a portion of the \$2.40 instant rebate for all tickets sold by their members. Your council will benefit from the additional sales and potentially achieve high rebate incentives.

**Follow-Up:** Whether your council uses a mail campaign or personal delivery, there must be frequent and organized follow-ups by mail, phone, email, and council newsletter to make sure the tickets are being sold and not sitting idle. Tickets and money must be collected, counted, sorted, and mailed to the State Treasurer before deadlines of the first and final phases of the campaign.

<p><b>Super Sellers 7 Rebate</b>                  The Super Sellers 7 Rebate will be given to councils that sell <b>seven (7) or more tickets per member during the entire campaign</b>. An extra 40 cents per ticket will be paid for each ticket sold providing the requirements of the First Phase are met. Attendance at the February Ticket Distribution Meeting is required to receive this rebate.</p>	<b>\$0.40 / Ticket Sold</b>
<p><b>Super Sellers 10 Rebate</b>                  The Super Sellers 10 Rebate will be given to councils that sell <b>ten (10) or more tickets per member during the entire campaign</b>. An extra 40 cents per ticket will be paid for each ticket sold providing the requirements of the First Phase are met. Attendance at the February Ticket Distribution Meeting is required to receive this rebate.</p>	<b>\$0.40 / Ticket Sold</b>

## Official Winners List

An official winners list will be emailed to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, and State Staff by Monday, May 25, 2026. Lists will not be mailed to councils via USPS. Councils are permitted to reproduce the winners list. A copy of the winners list will be posted on the Ohio State Council's website at [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org) and on the Ohio State Council's Facebook page.

## IF YOU NEED MORE TICKETS!

Please do not run out of tickets and lose potential sales. If your supply is running low, please contact one of the following:

1. Diocesan State Officer and/or Designee
2. State Treasurer

**Christopher Sarka, State Treasurer**  
**Phone/Text: 614-546-6357**  
**Email: [c\\_sarka@hotmail.com](mailto:c_sarka@hotmail.com)**

Contact to make arrangements for the tickets to be delivered or shipped to you.

<p><b>First Phase Rebate</b> The First Phase of the Charity Campaign will end on <b>Wednesday, April 1, 2026</b>. A council must sell and submit to the State Treasurer a minimum of one and one-half (1½) tickets per member by April 1, 2026 to qualify for the rebate.</p>	<p>\$0.60 / Ticket Sold</p> <p>First Phase Only</p>
<p><b>BONUS First Phase Rebate</b> By attending the <b>February Ticket Distribution Meeting</b>, each council can obtain an additional <b>bonus rebate of 20 cents per ticket</b> for all tickets sold during the First Phase, <b>provided a minimum of one and one-half (1½) tickets per member were sold during the First Phase.</b></p>	<p>\$0.20 / Ticket Sold</p> <p>First Phase Only</p>
<p><b>Second Phase Rebate</b> A council <b>must sell one and one-half (1½) tickets per member in the First Phase</b> and <b>must sell a total of three (3) tickets per member during the entire campaign</b>, and remit to the State Treasurer. He must receive your tickets by May 15, 2026 to qualify for the <b>Second Phase Rebate.</b></p>	<p>\$0.50 / Ticket Sold</p> <p>Second Phase Only</p>
<p><b>BONUS Second Phase Rebate</b> By attending the <b>February Ticket Distribution Meeting</b>, each council can obtain an additional <b>bonus rebate of 20 cents per ticket</b> for all tickets sold during the Second Phase, <b>provided a minimum of three (3) tickets per member were sold during the entire campaign.</b></p>	<p>\$0.20 / Ticket Sold</p> <p>Second Phase Only</p>
<p><b>Super Special Achievement Rebate</b> The <b>Super Special Achievement Rebate</b> will be given to all councils who qualify for the <b>First Phase Rebate</b> and sell <b>four (4) or more tickets per member over the entire campaign</b>. The <b>Achievement Rebate</b> will be <b>40 cents per ticket on all tickets sold and remitted during the First Phase only.</b></p>	<p>\$0.40 / Ticket Sold</p> <p>First Phase Only</p>

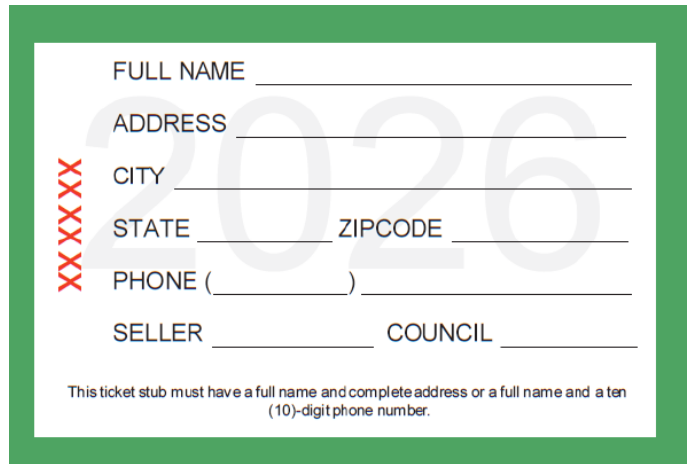
## The Seven Steps for a “Ca\$h Bonanza” Success!

- Organize:** Plan your ticket distribution to your members, by mail or personal delivery.
- Attend Ticket Distribution Meeting:** If two (2) members of your council picked up the campaign books, shipping forms, and tickets at your scheduled diocesan meeting, you have already achieved a potential rebate incentive.
- Council Ticket Distribution:** Get the tickets to your council members and encourage them to help fund your local charities. Mailing tickets to all members gets everyone involved. **Let them know how the charity funds are spent.** Provide an “Organizations Supported” list!
- Advertise “Super Ca\$h for Charity”:** Use your council’s newsletter, website, social media, local church bulletins, pulpit announcements, and community newspapers. Continue to remind council members to sell their tickets. Again, remind them how your council uses these charitable funds.
- First Phase Turn-In:** Verify all first phase tickets sold, complete the shipping form, and remit **ONE (1) check** to the **Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus**. Send the tickets, form, and check to the **State Treasurer** by **April 1, 2026**. the check should be equal to **\$2.60** for each of the tickets sold and turned-in.
- Partnering:** Increase your council’s sales and rebates by partnering with local organizations or church groups to sell tickets through their contacts. Provide them with a portion of the \$2.40 instant rebate for all tickets sold by their members.
- Second Phase Turn-in:** Verify all second phase tickets sold, complete the shipping form, and remit **ONE (1) check** to the **Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus**. Send the tickets, form, and check to the **State Treasurer** by **May 15, 2026**. the check should be equal to \$2.60 for each of the tickets sold and turned-in.

*“I pity the fool who does not sell tickets”*



## The Ticket Stub



FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SELLER \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

This ticket stub must have a full name and complete address or a full name and a ten (10)-digit phone number.

## Rules for a Valid Ticket

1. A ticket must have a **FULL** name and complete address **OR** full name and a **TEN (10)** digit phone number.
2. The name must be an individual, not a parish, organizations, business, council, assembly, squire circle, chapter, or any other **Knights of Columbus** organization.
3. A sponsor name is not required on any ticket.
4. **Nothing can be added or altered on a ticket after it has been submitted to the Charity Foundation for the drawing, regardless of reason.**
5. The ticket submitted must be a: **2026 GREEN-BORDERED TICKET.**



Each ticket will be checked to see that it conforms with the above rules prior to being entered into the drawing. These rules comply with the Ohio State Attorney General's regulations and requirements and must be adhered to so as not to jeopardize the drawing.

## Quotas for Rebates

The quotas are established for each council on the basis of its total membership as of May 1, 2025 furnished to the Ohio State Council by Supreme Council on its Membership Status Summary Report.

**These quotas reflect total membership which includes Inactive Insurance members. Council quotas will be furnished at the February Diocesan Distribution Meeting.**

**The membership figures shall be deemed correct and acceptable unless an application for adjustment is made in writing to the State Treasurer prior to March 1, 2026.** Application for adjustment must state an adequate basis, such as factual error in the report. The suspension, death, or transfer of one (1) or more members, since the date of the report, will not be considered as adequate reason.

## 2026 Charity Rebates

<p><b>Basic Council Rebate</b> Council's basic earning for each ticket sold during the entire campaign.</p>	<p><b>\$2.40 / Ticket Sold</b></p>
<p><b>Ticket Distribution Meeting Attendance Rebate</b> To earn this rebate, two (2) members of the council must attend a <b>Diocesan Ticket Distribution Meeting</b> in February to hear campaign particulars and pick up the Super Ca\$h tickets. This one (1) hour presentation will provide information, instructions, and incentives on the 2025 Charity Drawing. Attendance at this meeting will increase your rebate earnings during the First and Second Turn-Ins.</p> <p><b>No exceptions:</b> Two (2) members of each council must sign in (No DDs or State Directors, unless they are the council's campaign chairman).</p>	<p><b>\$0.10 / Ticket Sold</b></p> <p><b>First &amp; Second Phase Total</b></p>

## First Phase Information

To qualify for any rebates during the campaign, your council must sell, and remit to the State Treasurer, one and one-half (1½) tickets per member, in the First Phase. Contact your council's ticket campaign leaders and captains to be sure all tickets sold are turned in. Only completed tickets are to be shipped in the First Phase Turn-In.

**Shipments for the First Phase Turn-In must be received by the State Treasurer by April 1, 2026.**

## Second Phase Information

Councils should arrange to have their Second/Final Phase tickets shipped to the State Treasurer soon enough so that they will arrive on or before **Friday, May 15, 2026**. This will ensure their inclusion in the final drawing to be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, after Mass at the 2026 Ohio State Convention.

**Shipments containing checks for the Second/Final Phase Turn-In must be received by the State Treasurer on or before Friday, May 15, 2026.**

**Don't Risk Being Late; Ship On Time!**

**NOTE:** This "Final Turn-In" date is critical considering shipping time, validation, and handling necessary before the Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> drawing, after opening Mass during the 2026 Ohio State Convention.

## Campaign Rules for "Ca\$h Bonanza"

**Council's Basic Share of Ticket Sales:** Of the \$5.00 value per ticket, the council will retain \$2.40 as its basic share, remitting \$2.60 per ticket when making a first and second phase ticket shipment to the State Treasurer.

**Sales Outside the State of Ohio:** It is, of course, permissible for our members to sell tickets outside of Ohio as long as every ticket sold brings the full donation of \$5.00. There

are no rebates or refunds to others outside Ohio. It is strictly illegal and violates the rules of the Order for councils to make deals with any organization outside the State of Ohio. The Supreme Knight has ruled that if our Ohio tickets are found in other states on deals, steps will be taken to halt the Ohio Charity Campaign. This would be a disaster for charity programs, your council, and every council in Ohio. Therefore, you are requested to strictly observe this rule.

**Caution:** Each council must individually turn in tickets sold. It is not permitted for councils to combine sales in order to realize higher rebates.

**Which Councils May Not Participate:** No council under suspension by the Supreme Council or failure to pay Ohio State Council Per Capita will be permitted to take part in the Ohio Charity Campaign.

**Important Information Regarding the United States Mail:** The United States Mail, UPS, or other private mail carriers may be used to ship tickets to the State Treasurer or to members of your council. The U.S. Postal regulations allow for mailing of Charity Raffle Tickets provided that all net profits are used for charitable purposes. Tickets are to be mailed with First Class postage. Use of the U.S. Mail to ship charity tickets may require proof to the Postal Service that all profits from the Charity Campaign have, in fact, gone to charity, the first principle of our Order.

**More Rules?!**

**"I don't know, I have intermittent memory loss!" – Murdock**

## Payment for Tickets

A check, in payment for the tickets, must be for the exact amount of **\$2.60 for each ticket sold.**

**\*\*\* PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!!! \*\*\***

The State Treasurer cannot accept ticket stubs for processing unless a check for full payment is received.

Please make checks payable to:

## OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council checks should contain two (2) signatures. Both for the first and final phases, mailings must be shipped to the State Treasurer's address below. Please send one (1) check, a completed shipping form, all sold ticket stubs, and mail in a durable strength envelope or carton to:

**Chris Sarka, State Treasurer  
7239 Winterbek Ave  
New Albany, OH 43054-9097**

**You can create a  
Super Ca\$h Bonanza!**

***We raised over \$1 Million for  
council charities last 2 years and  
we can do it again this year!***

## Ticket Returns and Shipments

**All Turns-Ins are by Mail:**  
Both the first and final phase turn-in shipments are to be shipped to the State Treasurer's home.

**Preparing a Ticket Shipment:**  
Two (2) shipping forms are included in your Charity Campaign packet. One (1) form is to be used for each turn-in to the State Treasurer. The top section of the form is to be filled out completely by the council.



A copy of the shipping form is also provided at [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org). If necessary, you may copy and use one of the forms; or contact **Chris Sarka** by phone/text at **614-546-6357** or via email at [c\\_sarka@hotmail.com](mailto:c_sarka@hotmail.com) to have a PDF form sent to you.

Please **rubber band ticket stubs in packs of 50, oriented in the same direction**, to facilitate handling and ticket verification. Mail the shipping form with your tickets. If available, provide an email address.

Please use durable-strength envelope or carton material to avoid damage during ticket shipment. Placing the bundled tickets into a plastic, zip-lock bag will help keep the tickets dry.

### Shipping Guidelines

1. The ticket stubs, shipping form, and council check should be sent in the same package.
2. Rubber band ticket stubs in packs of 50, oriented in the same direction, to facilitate handling and verification.
3. If there is no shipping form available, please make a copy of the form found at [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org). Two (2) shipping forms are included in the campaign packet or contact **Chris Sarka** by phone/text at 614-546-6357 or via email at [c\\_sarka@hotmail.com](mailto:c_sarka@hotmail.com) requesting a shipping form. A PDF form will be returned to you.