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From Our State Deputy

Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe how quickly the first nine months of the fraternal year have gone by. As I write this, we are just a few of days away from Easter, when we are reminded that Christ died for our sins, saved us, and in return we are called to transform and bring light to the world.

Our upcoming 127th Annual State Convention will be held the weekend of May 22-24. I am really excited that our worthy State Treasurer, Chris Sarka, was able to return the convention to the Columbus Hilton Easton, a favorite destination from days past. Convention registration can be completed on the state website, which also provides a link to book your hotel room.



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Thank you, brothers, for your hard work inviting men to join our order. Ohio is on its way to reaching the very prestigious Circle of Honor Award with the ultimate level of "Pinnacle" in sight. Dozens and dozens of struggling and successful councils throughout the state have reported surprisingly favorable results utilizing the *New Church Drive* which rolled out this fraternal year. I have had the pleasure of working a number of drives and have heard back from many men and women that the brief speech presented at the end of Mass is what helped convinced the men to join. Reach out to your state officer, diocesan growth director, district deputy, and field agent for help organizing a drive for you.

In a surprise move, Supreme enabled the submission of the Form SP-7 at the beginning of March, which is one month earlier than in the past. We have a number of councils throughout the state that have completed the program requirements for the Star Council Award already and can now report them. You can also wait for the State Council system to generate your SP-7 information for you based on your submissions to the state system.

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Finally there is no time like the present to have your Fraternal Benefit Event requirements complete. Reach out to your district deputy to coordinate with your field agent to host one for your council or district and invite your whole parish and new members to attend. When it comes to benefits I believe we have the most comprehensive catalog of options available of any fraternal benefit society.



Being a Star Council is truly an honor and remember, honor is not in itself a bad thing. Thomas Aquinas said that honor is the flag of virtue. It is a way of signaling to others something that is worth noticing. As I travel throughout our jurisdiction I am continuously impressed by the great works of our councils. We truly embrace the vision of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney every day.

May you and your family experience a blessed and joyful Easter - He is Risen.



Michael J. Felerski - State Deputy



Invite New Catholics into Cor

Brother Knights,

Easter season is upon us! As we enter the first week of April, we also begin the Holy Triduum. The Love of God for us is none more present than in this time. I thought it would be good to share that across the US the average number of converts in this year's OCIA program is up roughly 60%! Please take time to attend the Easter

Vigil at your parish and welcome these new brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is a great opportunity to invite the men to continue their faith journey by attending your council's Cor small faith group. If your parish or council doesn't have one yet, now is the best time to begin. As followers of Christ, we should always strive to know Him more closely. Cor provides men an occasion to learn and pray with other Christ-centered men. Help each other endeavor to fulfill that longing for Christ.

As Knights, we try to be better husbands, fathers, citizens, and Catholics. My council, 17113 Grand Rapids & Custar, along with Northwest Ohio Community Outreach, used our Cor group to invite renowned speaker, author, and radio host, Dr. Ray Guarendi, to speak at our parish. His talk was specifically tailored to these ideas. It was a great success with numerous couples attending. It was an opportunity for our wives to see what we do as men when we meet for Cor. I'm hopeful that this experience will increase participation in our Cor group, Men of Virtue, as well as move some new men to become Knights.

I pray that you all have a very blessed Easter season and I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention next month.

Vivat Jesus,

**Arron Mier -
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Ohio Growth Report

As you read this, March will have turned into April, and we'll be 75% of the way through Fraternal Year 25/26. Though final numbers for March were not available at the time this was written, but our achievement towards our various goals stands at:

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| 1. For Circle of Honor (currently 1932) | 77.6% |
| 2. For our State Goal (at 2100) | 71.4% |
| 3. For Pinnacle (currently 2218) | 67.6% |

These numbers place us slightly ahead on the road to Circle of Honor and well within range of both our State Goal and Pinnacle goal.

After a good quick start last July, August was soft while councils went through the process of bringing new leadership into position and learning new roles. In September, numbers began to rebound as early adopters of the Branden Chambers Process Drive (BCP) started some fledgling attempts at implementation. This was followed by a hot October, as use of the BCP really ramped up once word of its startling success began to spread, and the Fraternal Benefits Team spread the word on the positive impact it could have on Growth. November saw a better than normal number, mostly as a result of BCP plans made in the heady days of October. This was followed by our more normal soft December, as everyone worked through the Holiday season. Although within shouting distance, we missed our 50% goal by the half-way point of the Fraternal Year.

We began the 3rd Quarter with a torrid January, which, while always a productive month, set a new level for the bar. And a scorching February really set the pace with a full month of double-digit weekends. March, always one of our strongest growth months, appears to have really put on a performance and will likely set the bar even higher! Again, we can thank the BCP for these stunning results and it is, as has been said, a real game changer.

Some other points to know – as noted above, our various Supreme goals are at new, lower levels thanks to the diligence of our councils in getting e-Member prospects to Exemplifications and into their councils. Our current transfer rate stands at 59.16% of online membership, which is consistent for us. More importantly, is the fact that 80% of our new members are arriving via online membership tools!

Ohio is fortunate to have 255 councils working to grow the Order across the state. However, this also means that we have 31% of our councils not actively recruiting as of yet, an area in need of some encouragement. Additionally, our Diocese Teams are uniformly pulling together to keep our growth numbers climbing.

Our State Membership Roster growth number stands at 0.8%, once again really helped by the success of BCP Drives. Ohio continues to share the same burden others share regarding overall growth – namely the impact of the Birth/Death ratio. Our current figures are 5.5 gained per day YTD vs. 3.8 lost per day YTD (from all causes).

Our goals for the Ohio Growth Team are to get more councils to actively recruit, spread the gospel of the BCP to more councils and have them employ this with their recruiting efforts, and encourage the use of our online tools, as the future of Growth will be in the digital realm.

In conclusion, our FY25/26 Growth has been markedly affected by the adoption of the BCP Drive and by the fantastic interplay between the Fraternal Benefits Teams, headed by Jason Stass and John Spencer, and the DDs and Council leaders and council teams that have made this Fraternal Year a great one for growth in Ohio!

Thank you Ohio for all you do for the Order!

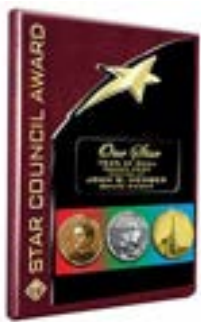
Vivat Jesus!

Mark F Kosobud - Ohio State Growth Director



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Three Months to Achieve Star

My Brother Knights,

The April Star Council Report will be issued soon. Please review your council's status and address missing reports, safe-environment, growth recruitment and fraternal benefit quotas. There are nine councils that have achieved both their Growth and Insurance quotas. Start submitting your SP7 Columbian Award Application forms. We have THREE

months left in the fraternal year to achieve Star Council.

I want to remind all councils that we will have a new award at the state convention for all grand knights whose council achieve the 2025-2026 Star Council Award by May 1, 2026.

The award will be called the "Ohio Star Council Award Recognition", or "OSCAR". Please note that receiving this "Oscar" award does not necessarily mean your council will achieve Supreme's Star Council Award as of June 30. But they should. We encourage all councils not to wait until June 30 to complete their Star Council Award requirements. Continue working on the Star Council Award NOW!

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt, PSD - State Star Council Award Director



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State Chaplain's Monthly Reflection

**Click below to access videos from a monthly series by Ohio's State Chaplain - Father John Paul Walker O.P.*

Video Series Archive:

March - Confession: How to do it Well (Part 2 of 2)

February - Why Confession (Part 1 of 2)

January - Vocation of the Laity, Part 2

December - Vocation of the Laity, Part 1

November - The Four Marks of the Church

October - What is the Church?



Fr. John Paul Walker, OP

2100 New Knights
For Now and for Our Future
60 Star Councils



It's Crunch Time for Council Activity Reporting

Worthy Brother Knights of the Great State of Ohio,

I would like to congratulate the following councils for qualifying for my "Second Half" incentive of the fraternal year! They are the following

Councils: 341, 478, 546, 1195, 2362, 3724, 3730, 3970, 5286, 5582, 7981, 10876, 10936, 11208, 11665, 13608, 14502, and 14551. These councils had ALL Administrative Requirements completed, reported 8 Programs in the FIA portion of the general program contest, brought in at least 4 new members, and participated in at least 2 Fraternal Benefits Night Events by March 1st. These councils will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 Amazon Gift Card. 3 Councils will be drawn and the drawing will take place at the State Convention in May. Great job to these councils and good luck during the drawing!



Tim Mangan
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OK, it's crunch time! When you get this today, April 1st, you will have until midnight to get your nominees of the year winners submitted to the state directors. The next important deadline is April 15th. That is the last day of the reporting period. At midnight, our Worthy Webmaster will be turning off the website! This means if you are doing programs in May or June, you must report them before **April 15th!**

If you want to submit an activity that you feel is worthy of being recognized as the "Best Activity in the State," please submit all supporting documentation in PDF as well. Make sure these write-ups are beautifully written! Let the state director know ALL the details! Make these write-ups stand out! The better the write-ups are, the better your council has in being selected! The deadline for the "Best Activity in the State" is also due **by April 15th.**

Next, there are two more programs that must be completed for your council to be a Star Council and max out the State Program Contest. First, be sure to have completed two Fraternal Benefits nights. Councils that have under one hundred members need ten eligible members in

attendance (This is the total for both Fraternal Benefits Nights. Example five one night and five the second night.) Councils with over one hundred members must have at least fourteen eligible members attend (Example 7 the first night and seven the second night.)

Lastly, the final program that councils need to do is make sure that they are Youth Compliant. You can see this on Past State Deputy Ken Girt's Star Council report and on the state website. If your Youth Compliance is approved, then you are in good shape! If your Youth Compliance is rejected, then feel free to reach out to me and I will be more than happy to help you find out which director is Not compliant so you can get this taken care of! Youth Compliance is found under the Administrative Activities and is a mandatory requirement to max out the "We Are Called State Program Contest!"

May you ALL have a very Blessed Easter!

Fraternally,
Tim Mangan - State General Program Director





Community

join me in cele-

Congratulations to Our 2026 State Champions

I am thrilled to announce and congratulate the outstanding young athletes who have emerged as this year's State Free Throw Winners. Their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship serve as inspiration to all, and we are proud to recognize their achievements within our community. Please

brating the following champions:

Girls	Name	Council	Diocese
9 year old	Jillian Bright	5429	Columbus
10 year old	Brielle Vorst	2238	Toledo
11 year old	Cameron McNeilan	1756	Cincinnati
12 year old	Parker Reynolds	1362	Toledo
13 year old	Makayla Barga	1756	Cincinnati
14 year old	Sabrina Evans	11801	Youngstown
Boys	Name	Council	Diocese
9 year old	Kamden Blatch	10183	Youngstown
10 year old	Charlie Siefker	1757	Toledo
11 year old	Aiden Callahan	7970	Cleveland
12 year old	Joey Kessinger	5776	Columbus
13 year old	Kellen Shepherd	8185	Cincinnati
14 year old	Joseph Nagel	10003	Cincinnati



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FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to all winners for their hard work and commitment. These remarkable accomplishments not only highlight individual talent, but also the supportive spirit of their councils and dioceses. Thank you to all participants, and brother Knights who made this event possible.

As March comes to a close and April approaches, the excitement of spring fills our communities. The arrival of Peter Cottontail signals the start of Easter celebrations, and we look forward to seeing families and children gather for Community Easter Egg hunts. These events are more than just fun—they are wonderful opportunities to bring people together and positively impact the youth in our neighborhoods. I encourage everyone to participate, volunteer, or simply enjoy the festivities.

April is also the perfect time to begin preparations for our parish festivals. These annual gatherings are cherished traditions, offering fellowship, entertainment, and a chance for our parishes to shine. Whether you're helping organize a booth, planning activities, or attending with family and friends, your involvement makes a difference. Let's work together to ensure these festivals are memorable and inclusive for all.

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It's hard to believe that this fraternal year is nearly complete. As we look back, we recognize the many achievements and moments of togetherness that have enriched our councils and communities. From athletic competitions like the Free Throw event to community celebrations and festivals, each activity reflects the values of unity, service, and faith that guide us. Let's continue to build on this success, supporting one another and striving to make an even greater impact in the coming year.

Once again, congratulations to our State Free Throw Winners, and thank you to everyone who contributes to the vibrancy of your community. Here's to a joyful April filled with celebration, preparation, and continued fellowship!

Vivat Jesus!!

Matt Smith - State Community Director

2026 State Free Throw Championships



State Deputy, Mike Felerski, contemplating a return to the NBA



2026 State Free Throw Championships



Team Cincinnati



Team Cleveland



Team Columbus



Team Steubenville



Team Toledo



Team Youngstown

2026 State Free Throw Championships





Life

The Clock is Ticking

Brothers,

Just another reminder, **April 1** is the deadline for Knight of the Year. There will be no nominations accepted after that. The remainder of the program reports are **due April 15**. If you are planning a program that you traditionally hold in the final portion of the fraternal year, you may report them in advance. When doing so, please include some numbers that you have had in the past. For example, "We usually collect over \$1,000 for our collection over Mother's Day".

Many of you have been talking about the incentive that Supreme introduced for February and March, **Join/ASAP**. \$250 extra is a lot of free money that they want to be sure that they are going to take advantage of. I wanted to give you an update.

According to Supreme, **as of March 25**, Ohio has 52 councils that added at least 3 new members, the required amount for the incentive. Keep in mind, if you have had an exemplification since then, your council will not be included in these numbers. Of the 52, only 11 councils have been approved by Supreme for ASAP. Those councils are: **#310, #1991, #2299, #3324, #4539, #4617, #10936, #14400, #14834, #14891, and #15573**. Great Job!

If you are one of the 42 that haven't been approved yet, hopefully, those forms will soon be submitted. Possibly, you're just waiting for Supreme to finalize them. Even though you have until the end of the fraternal year, please don't wait until the last minute. Hopefully, we can get 100% ASAP participation for those that qualified for the growth portion of the incentive.

Thanks for all you do,

Mike Incorvati - Life Director



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So Nobody Goes Hungry

Worthy Brother Knights of the Great State of Ohio.

I want to wish You and Your Families a Happy & Blessed Easter.

With the Easter Season upon us, I encourage each of your councils to participate in the Food for Families Program. Ensure that your local food pantries are stocked and ready for the Easter holiday. For every \$100 or 500 lbs. of food donated, your council will receive a refund of \$100 or \$500 maximum. Let's ensure that **No One Goes Hungry** this Easter in your community. Don't forget to fill out the Family Program for Food for Families, and get that report into me **NO LATER** than April 10, so that I can ensure that your council receives credit.

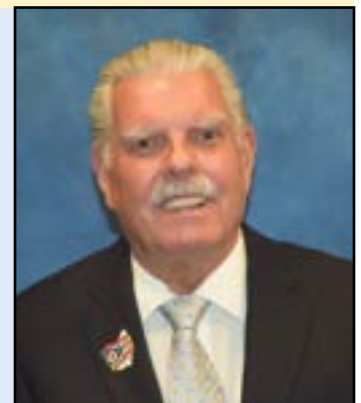
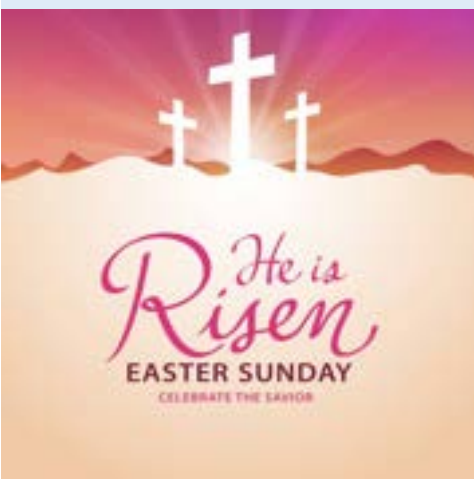
HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES !!

Vivat Jesus !!

Michael Freil - State Family Director



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Charity and Service: The Strength of Mercy

Faith

There is a kind of faith that stays private, tidy, and untouched by other people's pain. Christ did not call men to that kind of faith. He called men into mission. He called us outward, onward toward need, toward responsibility, toward service, toward sacrifice. The Christian life was never meant to be a spectator sport. It is meant to move. It is meant to carry weight. It is meant to become visible in the way a man treats the weak, the lonely, the sick, the poor, and the forgotten.

That is why mercy matters so much. Mercy is not decoration on the Christian life. It is one of its clearest signs. Jesus did not say the blessed man is the one with the strongest opinions, the sharpest arguments, or the best religious appearances. He said, "Blessed are the merciful." He did not leave mercy vague, either. He named it with action: feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick, caring for the prisoner, showing up for those the world would rather pass by. In other words, mercy is not a feeling. Mercy is love that takes shape. This is not sentimental language. It is his example, and that matters because many men tend to confuse belief with obedience. They know how to agree with what is true. They know how to admire what is good, but the Gospel does not stop at admiration. It presses us toward action.

A man can say he believes and still never act for anybody other than himself. He can speak about faith and still avoid addressing the wounds of the world. He can call himself spiritual while keeping his calendar, comfort, and attention entirely for himself. St. James in Scripture calls out that illusion and refuses to let it stand. Living faith becomes visible. It becomes practical. It begins to serve. The Catholic faith has always insisted that love must become visible. It is not enough to agree with the truth. Truth must become action. Faith must become service. Prayer must become charity. Belief must become love with hands.

This is one reason charity stands at the heart of Christian faith. The Church does not exist only to speak about God. She exists to make the love of God visible in the world. Blessed Michael McGivney did not ask men merely to gather, talk, or debate. He formed men to protect families, support widows and orphans, strengthen parishes, and put service behind the Church's love. Charity was not an accessory. It is the mission made public.

That is still true now. Mercy is not an extra for unusually generous people. It is part of Christian discipleship, and mercy should not be mistaken for weakness. Mercy is strength under control. It is power directed toward love. It is love that is willing to be action. It takes strength to enter another person's pain without turning away. It takes strength to stay present when a room is heavy, when a need is messy, when a burden is inconvenient, when there is no applause waiting at the end. Weak men protect comfort. Strong men protect people.

That strength is needed everywhere. It is needed in young men who are learning that manhood is not self-absorption, but responsibility. It is needed in husbands who must lead with steadiness and tenderness. It is needed in fathers who are teaching their children what love looks like in practice. It is needed in single men who are tempted to live only for themselves. It is needed in older

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men whose wisdom and presence can become shelter for others, and for the man who feels tired, bruised, ashamed, distracted, or far from God, mercy still has a place for him too. He does not need to have everything together before he begins. He needs one honest step.

No man is disqualified from mercy. In every season of life, mercy has a form just for him. For some, it will look like mentoring a younger man, helping at a pantry, visiting a nursing home, or volunteering where the need is obvious. For others, it will look like driving a neighbor to an appointment, repairing what an elderly parishioner cannot fix alone, bringing a meal to a struggling family, or checking on the man everyone else has stopped noticing. Sometimes it looks even smaller, and no less real: stacking chairs after an event, cleaning up what no one else wants to clean, staying late, arriving early, making the call you have been putting off, forgiving a wrong you have kept alive in your mind, or listening long enough for a forgotten person to feel human again. That is often where real mercy begins, not in dramatic moments, but in ordinary interruptions.



That matters, because many men quietly assume they are in the wrong season to serve. They think, “Maybe later. When work settles down. When life is less complicated. When I feel stronger.” But love rarely arrives at a convenient hour.

And there is another truth worth saying clearly: mercy must stay pure. Service is not branding. Charity is not performance. The poor are not props. Some acts of mercy are visible. Others are hidden. Both matter. Some of the best acts of mercy are hidden, unnoticed, and unthanked. That hiddenness matters, because it purifies the heart. It teaches a man to do what is right because it is right, not because it is seen. At the same time, visible service is not always vanity. When men serve publicly with humility and joy, they remind a cynical world that the Gospel is not just something Christians say; it is something Christians do. Hidden service forms the heart. Visible service can awaken a community. The issue is not visibility. The issue is motive.

So, what should a man do with all this? He should begin. Not someday. Not when life calms down. Not when he feels more ready. **Now**.

The mission territory is not somewhere far, far away. It is already in our own backyards: the shelter, the parish, the hospital, the nursing home, the crisis pregnancy center, the pantry, the neighborhood, the home of the shut-in, the family under strain, the recovering addict, the lonely veteran, the single mother, the refugee rebuilding life, the parishioner whose house is falling apart, the neighbor nobody checks on. The mission is nearby. It has a street name. It has a front door. It has a face.

It is not about becoming impressive. It is about becoming available to service with a mission. That is how mercy becomes a habit instead of a mood. And something happens to a man when mercy becomes part of his life. His heart gets stronger. His vision clears. His excuses lose their grip. His children learn what strength is for. His home grows steadier. His parish is strengthened by his presence. His neighborhood becomes less cold, and the faith he professes begins to look solid, believable, and alive. This is how men are built: not by endless talk, but by repeated acts of responsibility, sacrifice, and love.

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The world does not need more detached observers of suffering. It needs men of mercy.

Men who will notice.

Men who will move.

Men who will carry.

Men who will serve without applause.

Men who will do what is right when it is inconvenient.

Men whose lives make the love of Christ easier to recognize.

That is how charity stops being an idea and becomes a culture.

That is how faith becomes flesh.

That is how a man grows strong.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Crum - State Faith Director



Next Month: Christ-Centered: Building Life on the Cornerstone

Supreme Council Scholarship Applications Available March 5 - April 15

Applications are now available for Knights of Columbus scholarships from Supreme. The deadline to apply online is April 15th. **All sons and daughters of members graduating from high school (spring 2026) are eligible** and are available for under graduates, graduates, and seminarians.

For more information, visit kofc.org/scholarships.

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Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Council Meeting Message for Agents

Brothers,

Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full.

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation. This includes more than insurance. We also offer annuities with guaranteed retirement income as well as mutual funds from our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time.

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights has products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

I imagine many of you joined the Knights because you want to give back, and for many of you, that includes charitable giving. Did you know that a donor-advised fund can be a tax-efficient strategy for charitable giving? Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, an independent 501(c)(3) charity helps donors align their giving with their faith, and you don't need to be a member of the Knights to open an account.

Finally, consider investments. If you're seeking competitive returns without compromising on Catholic moral principles, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) can help. KoCAA screens companies for compliance with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines, so you never have to wonder if your investments conflict with your morals. Investing with KoCAA is also open to all, regardless of whether you're a Knight.

Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at www.kofc.org/calculator. With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs. Then, we can help you find the right coverage. No matter where you are on your financial journey, we're here to help. Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs.

Thank you!

Jason Staas - State Insurance Liaison



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FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO FORTUNE 1000.

In 1882, protecting Catholic families was at the forefront of Father Michael J. McGivney's thinking when he founded the Knights of Columbus. Today, his vision carries us to a place on the *Fortune* 1000 list.

With more than \$90 billion of insurance in force protecting members and their families, the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest ratings for strength and security. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.

While the times have changed, our mission to keep Catholic families safe never will.



Around the Buckeye State



At left and below: 4th Degree Color Corps process in Historic St. Patrick Church in Toledo for the parish's feast day Mass on Sunday, March 15th.



Sixteen new knights from Walsh University in North Canton received their Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Saturday, March 21st. With another 6 joining online and some transfers from neighboring councils, **Walsh University Council 13289** is on its way toward reactivation after many years as a dormant council.

Around the Buckeye State



Above left: Master of Ceremonies for the 75th Anniversary celebration of **St. Michael Council 3382**, council treasurer Paul Asbrock, delivers his remarks.



Above right: The council recognized PGK Don Beeber, here with his daughter, Joan, on his 93rd birthday.



Pictured at right, District Deputy James Bond (left) and State Deputy Mike Fellerski (right) present a certificate from Supreme Council to Grand Knight Les Shawver on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of **St. Michael Council 3382**.



Members of **St. Michael Council 3382** in Sharonville, gathered to celebrate the council's 75th anniversary. The council was founded on January 21, 1951.

Around the Buckeye State



St. Peter Council 11216 hosted a Mass for People with Special Needs on Sunday, March 22 at Columbus St. Peter. Individuals with physical, emotional, mental, or cognitive needs, and their families and companions, attended the inclusive liturgy. A sign-language interpreter was available during the Mass and missalettes in Braille were also available. After the Mass, all were invited to a reception hosted by the council (top picture).

Members of the council (standing in the back row: John Harp, Ray Joos, Tom Prem, Ben Pezzot, Dino Pezzot, Marty Mostyn, and Louis Kennedy; seated in the front row: Sam Curry and Eric Yang) served as greeters, ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Mass, and welcomed guests at the reception (bottom picture).



Fairborn Council 3724, lead by PGK Russell Milliron, assisted with the annual Scouting for Food drive. Over 50 scouts collected over 2,600 pounds of food for the Fairborn St Vincent de Paul food pantry. Their efforts will have a lasting impact on the most vulnerable for months to come. Thanks to the Scouts, SVDP team, and Fairborn Knights for working on this most impactful event.

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A large crowd was on hand in Defiance for the 2026 Super Cash Bonanza Roadshow with plenty of enthusiasm and information on another year's goal of surpassing \$1,000,000 in sales. The A-Team is off and running to help all councils achieve their goals and bring home plenty of money for CHARITY!



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Fairborn Council 3723 teamed up with Mary, Help of Christians Church for their semiannual blood drive on March 14. Blood Drive Chairman, PGK Grant Kempf thanked the 19 heroes who donated the gift of life.



Fairborn Council 3724 held its annual Men's Retreat on March 21st. Inspirational talks were given by Pastor and Fairborn Council Chaplain, Father Jason Bedel, Deacon Max Roadruck, and Michael Barclay, Associate Director of Evangelization. The topic was St Michael the Archangel. The retreat included breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation, Rosary, Mass, and a visit to our own St Michael the Archangel statue, donated by the Fairborn Knights. Thanks to GK Tom Pitstick and PGK Don Shepherd for hosting.



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Worthy State Deputy Mike Felerski was among 2,300 men who attended the 29th Annual Catholic Men's Conference held on Saturday, February 28 at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. Pictured at left, the State Deputy is pictured with (standing) Sawyer Thompson of St. Catharine of Sienna, and Columbus Diocese seminarians Andrew Nouanesengsy and Mark Jewett (kneeling) on either side of District Deputy 36 Eric Yang,



Pictured above are Sir Knights of Ohio District 3 who served in the Honor Guard for the closing Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus.

