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From Our State Deputy

Brother Knights,

There are few things I enjoy more than the weather getting warmer as we enter into the fourth quarter of the fraternal year. It is the time when I, as State Deputy, see the Columbian Award applications (SP-7) being submitted. It is heartwarming to read about so many impactful programs which councils here in Ohio have run in support of our communities. As State Deputy I also have the privilege of some insider knowledge of the upcoming winners of state level awards, which will be presented at the 2026 State Convention being held in Columbus May 22-24. At least one in particular has the potential to be another Supreme International Award winner this year.



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Year after year Ohio proves that we are realizing through our actions Blessed Michael McGivney's vision of serving our communities in line with our Catholic values. Pride of what we accomplish is not a bad thing, pride is a good thing in the proper context. We know that there are still some people who believe that all the Knights of Columbus do is "drink beer and play cards". Why do they believe that? It is often because they are not aware that we put our ***Faith into Action*** each and every day with our programs. This is why recognition through awards is important. Every active council in the state has the opportunity to achieve a state or Supreme Council award. Missed the state submission deadline? Don't worry, you can still submit the Columbian Award application (SP-7) to Supreme. Need help? Contact your District Deputy or anyone on the state team for assistance completing the form including your Field Agent.

As we close out the fraternal year, there will be an online FBE (Fraternal Benefit Event) ***Invest with Integrity*** on Tuesday May 19th at 8:00 PM. Make sure to advertise this to

not only your council members but your ENTIRE parish. Some councils are already setting up "watch parties" for the broadcast. The link to register is: kocaa.com/InvestWithIntegrity.

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Finally, time is running out for councils to be Office of Youth Protection compliant. Your Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director need to take and complete the Safe Environment Program. If one of these is missing, the process for the brother Knight in that position can be restarted by resubmitting your council's Form 185 (for GK) or Form 365 for the other positions. This will send an email link to that brother Knight to take the course. Supreme's Office of Youth Protection is also available to answer questions. For more information visit: kojc.org/resources/safe-environment-program/



Has your council reached or will reach your growth goal? Has your council learned about the benefits of being a Knight through FBE participation? Have you satisfied the OYP requirements? Do you serve your community through your programs and submit them via the Columbian Award application? If you have, then you are a Star Council! Let's let the world know, when "We Are Called", we answer the call.

Blessed Michael McGivney, ora pro nobis.

Michael J. Felerski - State Deputy

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Knights of Columbus
Ohio State Council

Michael Felerski, State Deputy



April 29, 2026

Worthy Grand Knight,

As we are preparing for our upcoming 127th Annual Ohio State Convention, I would like to take a moment to explain the importance of reserving your accommodation within the designated host hotel, Hilton Columbus at Easton.

When an organization such as the Knights of Columbus plans a convention, it enters into a contractual agreement with the hotel that is structured around a minimum number of reserved room nights, commonly referred to as a "room block." This commitment is not arbitrary; it is a key financial mechanism that allows our organization to secure meeting space and essential services at a significantly reduced cost.

Hotels offset the expense of providing meeting rooms, audio/visual support, staffing, and various amenities by relying on revenue generated from guest room bookings. When the agreed-upon room block is fulfilled, the hotel effectively subsidizes these spaces and services. However, if attendees choose to stay outside the host hotel, the organization risks falling short of its contractual commitment. This can result in substantial financial penalties or the loss of negotiated concessions, ultimately increasing the overall cost of hosting the event.

Additionally, staying at the host hotel enhances the overall convention experience. It promotes greater accessibility to sessions and events, encourages fellowship among attendees, and strengthens the sense of community that is central to our gathering.

We strongly encourage all attendees to support the convention by booking within the designated hotel. Your cooperation plays a critical role in making this event both successful and financially responsible. If you are one of many who have reserved a room outside the Hilton Columbus Easton, please help us maintain a successful weekend of fraternity by cancelling those reservations and booking through our group room block: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/cmhchhf-954-c7c9e381-91a1-49bf-8cce-ee6378ff4051/>

Thank you for your understanding and continued support!

Fraternally,

Christopher Sarka
State Treasurer & Convention Chairman

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Ohio Growth Report

From the Desk of Grandpa Peddigrew



A mid-state council once renowned for being one of the state's leaders in growth appeared to be taking some time off, as they seemed to have lost their push. Concerned that there were problems, the relevant Diocesan Growth Coordinator checked with the appropriate District Deputy who revealed that, in fact, the council had indeed decided to take a rest from recruiting and growth activities. To be honest, the council said they had so many new men, they didn't know what to do with them.

Somewhat astonished, the DGC himself visited the council and discussed the issue with the council leadership. Sure enough, the council did feel that they had more than enough new men and that further recruiting would only increase this problem!

The solution to this dilemma fell into place shortly afterwards when several members, including a couple of officers, left the council for various reasons. The DGC and the DD were able to show the council leaders that unexpected changes could not be anticipated, and a council can go from feast to famine in a very short period of time. Additionally, with the wide variety of Faith In Action programs, as well as the *COR* initiative, in fact there were multiple opportunities to engage any number of men.

The DGC and the DD also engaged the council Field Agent to help the council realize that membership is not just about the council's roster count, but about the larger picture of everyone working together to offer the gift of knight-hood and all that it offers, to every Catholic man.

"Grandpa Peddigrew Says..."

This here story 'minds me of a nearby state that decided one year they's only going to stock one species of fish in their lakes. Only what they thought they needed. Ta save money, of course.

Yes siree – the outcome a that thought was pretty obvious! Fust off, the big fish'n darby 'o the Spring took out most of the stocked fish. Then, as the stress on the remaining stocks grew, the quality sank like a submarine with screen doors! The fact that there were no spread to the fish species meant that once the main stocks were down, there was nothin to support anything else. The natural fish stocks also started to take a beat'n as fishermen, used to the quality of this state's lakes, aggressively went after whatever they's could find! Finally, nature took her toll as the summer turned out to be a purty cool'n, limiting the natural stocks reproduction.

The end result was a once great fish'n state with tons 'o rules and limits that made it no fun to fish. Don't think even today they's come too far yet.

The lesson here, both for fish'n and fur them councils of you'n is the same. Ya got to keep add'n them new members! Ya need the variety and ya need the talents that everyone 'o them bring to keep yer lake, or your council, thrive'n! If you limit yerself either to one type or only so many, one 'o these days you'll wake up and find your fish'n is just that – a hole with nuthin in it! Same fer yer council – when problems arise, ya may not have the depth of stocks to overcome it! This add'n stocks is something ya gotta do all the time! So find the guy, get him the right tools to join, and be sure to follow through *with* him until he's firmly in yer net!

Jist 'member what 'ole Grampa Peddigrew says. Know what yer look'n for and where ta find it. Use the right offer and be sure you know yours from everybody else's. Put it where the fish are likely to be. Use them barriers to yer advantage – include'n keep others away from yer offer! And when ya got'm on the hook – just remember, the job ain't done till he's in your net, or council, and not one moment before!

Y'u'll do okay. Keep yer line wet and yer reel dry!

See you feller's out on the lake!

G. J. Peddigrew

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:

April - The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (Part 1 of 2)

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



**Fr. John Paul Walker, OP
State Chaplain**



Check Your Council's Status

My Brother Knights,

The May 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. Start submitting your SP-7 Columbian Award Application forms. We have TWO months left in the fraternal year to achieve Star Council Awards.

Our State Deputy has been informed that the Fraternal Benefit Events credits and Safe Environment Certifications are rather few in number for our state with the short time left until June 30. Please contact your Insurance Representative to get necessary FBE scheduled. And contact supreme Office of Youth Protection if your you need assistance in getting required certification for your officers and directors. Don't miss out on Star Council!

See you at the convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt, PSD - State Star Council Award Director



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2026-2027 State Per Capita Invoice Information

The state per capita bill is sent to local councils by the State Secretary annually in July. Article V Section A of the Ohio State Council By-Laws states:

For the purpose of defraying the expenses and obligations of the State Council, there shall be levied against, and annually collected from all Ohio Councils, except College Councils whose membership is comprised of a majority of full-time college students, a per capita assessment based on the number of members of the respective council as of the first day of May of the current year, as shown by the records of the Supreme Secretary. The State Secretary shall obtain from the Supreme Secretary and present to the State Council meeting a report showing the number of members of each council as of said date.

The per capita assessment for inactive insurance members will be levied at an amount less than that of an active insurance member and when added with the Supreme Council per capita and Catholic Advertising assessments may not exceed but may equal that of the Supreme Council Inactive Insurance Member Rebate.

Membership data that is used to generate the annual per capita invoice is, as stated above, downloaded from the Supreme website on May 1st at 11:00 AM. Randomly, that report is compared against the Supreme Council invoice received by the Financial Secretary to ensure that membership data is consistent and true.

The Ohio State Council charges \$6.50 per member for each council with rebates for:

- Inactive Insurance Members (as noted in the By-Laws quoted above)
- Honorary Life
- Disabled/Exempt Members

If the council sold Football Crazz tickets in the previous year and reached a quota level, those credit rebates will be applied.

Invoices will be sent via email to the Financial Secretary of record in June with a due date of August 31, 2026. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via voice/text at 440-785-9838 or email at kofcjk@gmail.com.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Maslach - State Secretary



2100 New Knights

For Now and for Our Future

60 Star Councils



Support for Cor Continues to Grow!

Brother Knights,

As we prepare to close out the fraternal year, I want to express my sincere gratitude. I just received a report from the Supreme Office. This report shows that there are 177 councils participating in Cor. This number is huge, nearly 50% of councils in the

state. Of those councils, only 86 have submitted their Council EFF Director. If your council has not, you can do so [HERE](#). The goal was 100 Directors signed up, so we are almost there with a little less than two months left! We can do it!

For those of you who would like to see what a Diocesan Cor Event would look like, please consider attending the Men's Day of Formation in the Diocese of Youngstown. This is a one-day event on May 16. It is no cost; however, you must register to help ensure we have enough meals. It will culminate in Mass celebrated by Bishop David Bonnar. I have included the flier that has a QR code to sign up.



Arron Mier
Evangelization & Faith
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MEN'S DAY OF FORMATION

A Day of Renewal and Spiritual Growth for Men

WHEN:
Saturday, May 16th
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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Holy Family Parish |
2729 Center Rd, Poland, Ohio

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Lunch Provided
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with Bishop David J. Bonnar

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Or EMAIL:
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Cor

I look forward to seeing you all at the State Convention!

Vivat Jesus,

Arron Mier -

Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation

State Merchandise Site Reopening

The State Merchandise website will be reopened May 1st 2026 and stay opened till the end of July. Come and check-out the link below, click on [State Merchandise](#), and browse the sight. New State Pin for State Deputy Mike Felerski will be available on tour and the website on July 1st!!

Thanks,

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Matt Stapleton - State Merch Guy!

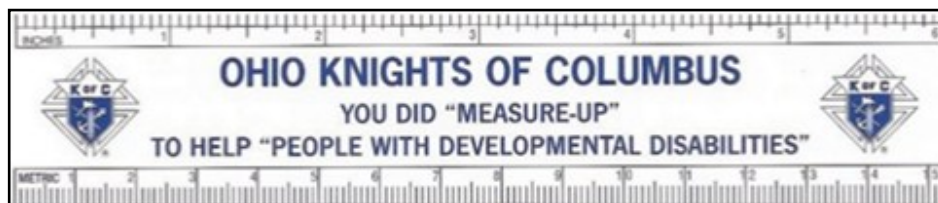
How Does Your Council “Measure-Up”?

Are you ready to shake your can and measure up? Our annual Measure Up Campaign kicked off April 1. Measure Up is an opportunity for your council to fundraise to support Special Olympics of Ohio and your local developmental disability service agencies. In the spirit of being better with Vetter, the state liability insurance has been extended to May 1 – September 14, 2026. Please see the Measure Up program book for more information about insurance. Measure Up is Ohio’s flagship charity program. As such, I’m asking councils to fundraise to achieve a 10% increase over last year’s total. The goal is 10% more than last year, but the truth is every dollar helps. If your council has not participated in a while, send what you can, even if it’s just \$50. Participation is more important than amount. Are you searching for ideas on how to fundraise? Go to kofcoho.org. Under Programs find Measure-Up to check out some great fundraising ideas from the Measure Up program book. Please have your checks and grant forms turned in by November 15, 2026. Be safe and fundraise well.



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M. Stewart Vetter - State Warden



Think Ahead to Next Year, but Finish This Year First

Worthy Brother Knights of the Great State of Ohio,

I would like to thank all the councils that participated in the “We Are Called” State General Program. Even though the State Program Contest

is closed, we still have two more months to go this fraternal year. Two more months to recruit and get the SP-7 done. Councils still have until the end of June to work on their programs, work on their Fraternal Benefit Events and qualify for the Founders Award, and of course, meet or exceed their Supreme Membership numbers and qualify for the McGivney Award. **DON’T STOP!** Keep working to achieve all that you can for the Knights and Catholic men in your parish and community.

I’m sure by now you have heard that Supreme is now accepting the **SP-7** (Columbian Award application). This is a requirement for Star Council. Remember, one of the benefits of reporting on the state website is that your SP-7 will be generated for you and e-mailed to the Grand Knight. If you have completed all the State requirements, then your SP-7 will be complete. All you have to do is print it out, sign it, scan it back to your computer, and send it off to Supreme.

May is the election of Officers. A good way to learn the chair is to become the Program Director for the council. Consider helping your new officers by volunteering to be a director. Remember to submit your **Form #185** (Report of Council Officers) and **Form #365** (Service Program Personnel Report).

I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention. Come and enjoy the Friday Night Party and remember our fallen brothers at Mass on Saturday.

Fraternally,

Tim Mangan - State General Program Director



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Charity is “Job One”!

The Knights of Columbus, renowned for their dedication to faith, service, and philanthropy, have achieved an extraordinary milestone in their charitable works across Ohio. In recent years, councils throughout the state have reported record participation and fundraising, leading to a high level of charitable activity in the organization’s history. This surge in generosity has made a significant difference in neighborhoods large and small, reinforcing the Knights’ reputation as a pillar of community

strength.

One of the Knights of Columbus’ primary missions is to assist families in need. Councils throughout Ohio have organized countless food drives, clothing collections, and emergency relief efforts to support individuals facing hardship. These initiatives have provided essential resources to local food banks, shelters, and outreach programs, ensuring that vulnerable populations receive the help they need. The Knights’ ability to mobilize volunteers and resources quickly has become a lifeline for communities, especially during times of crisis.



Education and youth empowerment are central to Knights of Columbus charitable works. Councils regularly sponsor scholarship programs, school supply donations, and mentorship opportunities for students. By collaborating with local schools and youth organizations, Ohio Knights helped foster academic achievement and personal growth. Knights of Columbus councils have also made significant contributions to health and wellness across Ohio. Councils organize blood drives, health screenings, and fundraising events for medical research. These activities enhance public health and provide critical support to hospitals and healthcare providers. In addition, some Ohio Knights councils have partnered with organizations to promote mental health awareness and provide resources for

those struggling with mental health challenges, demonstrating their commitment to holistic community care.

Beyond direct charitable giving, Knights of Columbus councils fostered unity and resilience within Ohio communities. Their councils were instrumental in organizing local events, supporting parish activities, and facilitating disaster response efforts. Through these actions, they strengthen social bonds and encourage civic engagement. The Knights’ unwavering commitment to service, not only addresses immediate needs, but also inspires others to give back, amplifying their positive impact throughout the state.

As charitable works reach all-time highs, Knights of Columbus councils in Ohio continue to set the standard for community involvement and generosity. Their dedication ensures that communities remain strong, connected, and prepared to face challenges together. With ongoing support and innovation, Ohio Knights will undoubtedly continue to shape Ohio’s future, making it a better place for all.

Matt Smith - State Community Director



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Faith

Christ-Centered: Building Life on the Cornerstone

Most men do not reject Jesus Christ outright. They do something more subtle: they reduce Him.

They make Him useful, but not supreme. They admire Him, but do not fully obey Him. They call Him Savior but hesitate to receive Him as King.

That is divided discipleship, and a man cannot be half-surrendered to Christ and expect to become whole.

All formation must be placed under one foundation: Jesus Christ. A man cannot build on anything less than Christ and expect the house to stand forever. Without Christ, formation becomes self-improvement with religious language. Discipline turns inward. Healing becomes self-focused. Mission becomes ambition. Christ becomes an accessory instead of the cornerstone.

Christ must be the center, not near the center, but at the center. He is not merely a Sunday obligation, a moral example, or an emergency contact. He is the Lord. Remove Him, and the structure eventually cracks. Build on Him, and even suffering can become strength.



A Catholic man is not first defined by what he does, owns, achieves, or overcomes. He is a man who belongs to Jesus Christ: created through Him, redeemed by Him, sustained by Him, and sent by Him. His identity is received. His mission is entrusted. His strength flows from union with the Lord.

This is the great reversal. The world says, "Create your identity." Christ says, "Receive your sonship." The world says, "Be your own master." Christ says, "Follow Me." The world says, "Save your life." Christ says, "Lose your life, and you will find it."

Everything the world sells as freedom eventually becomes slavery. Everything Christ commands as surrender becomes freedom. This is a retreat of the heart, a return to the center before moving outward. Before a man is sent, he must be anchored. Before he acts for Christ, he must abide in Christ. Before he leads publicly, he must kneel privately.

The question is not simply, "Am I a better Man?" The deeper question is: **Is Jesus Christ truly King of my life?** Many men give Christ access to parts of life while keeping authority for themselves. They want Christ involved but not enthroned. They want His help, but not His command. They want His comfort, but not His crown. This is why every man must examine the structure of his life. Does my life show that Christ is first? Does my private conduct match my public faith? Does my daily pattern reveal trust, surrender, and obedience?

Jesus gives the image clearly: two houses, the same storm, two foundations. The storm is not the crisis. The foundation is. Storms do not create foundations; they expose them. If Christ is not the cornerstone, something else is and whatever that thing is, it is too weak to carry the soul. There is no other God but Jesus Christ. There is no other Judge before whom every man must stand. There is no other Way, no other Truth, and no other Life. A man cannot escape Him, hide from Him, deceive Him, or build against Him and expect to prosper. Every false throne will fall. Every hidden compromise will come into the light.

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This is not meant to crush a man. It is meant to wake him up. The mercy of Jesus is infinite, and His authority is total. He does not ask for a corner of the heart. He claims the whole man. Surrender to Christ is not the loss of manhood. It is the beginning of it. A Christ-centered man is not weak. He is integrated. He has stopped lying to himself. He has stopped asking the world to tell him who he is. He has stopped negotiating with sin. He has chosen his King, and once Christ is King, everything is reordered. No part of life remains neutral. No hidden room remains locked. No lesser loyalty gets the final word. Christ does not enter a man's life as decoration. He enters as Lord.

A concrete act of surrender can help make this real. A parish may gather the men for a holy hour or evening of recollection centered on Christ's kingship. Place them before Jesus in the Eucharist. Begin with praise. Offer a short reflection on building life upon the Rock. Then allow real silence; silence long enough for a man to stop hiding behind noise, productivity, and excuses. In that silence, every man should ask: **Lord, where have I kept You in the margins?**

Some men may realize they have treated Christ as an emergency contact rather than King. Some may see that ambition has displaced prayer. Some may recognize that bitterness still rules their interior life. This is not shame. This is surrender. Men may be invited to kneel before the altar and pray silently, "Jesus, I entrust my life to You." The evening may conclude with Benediction and a shared consecration: "Lord Jesus, You are my King. I surrender my whole life to You. Rule in me. Lead me. Send me. I am Yours." This should not be theatrical. It should be serious: a man placing his life under authority.

In small groups, men can review their journey honestly. Each man can name one grace received and one area still needing conversion. The response should be gratitude, not performance. Not "the program worked," but "Christ has been at work." But gratitude must become decision. He should not confuse inspiration with conversion or brotherhood with discipleship. The goal is not to become a religiously improved version of the old man. The goal is to become new in Christ.

A man should not say Christ is the center, while refusing to change the structure of his life. If Christ is King, the whole life should bear witness. The calendar should show it. The home should show it. The private life should show it. Each man should also make a personal consecration. What matters is not the form alone, but the truth of the offering: everything he is tempted to control, hide, or fear losing must be placed under Christ. That is not defeat. That is consecration.

Married men should pray with their wives and ask, "Is Christ truly at the center of our marriage?" A functional home is not enough. A moral home is not enough. The home must belong to Christ. Fathers should ask whether their children see them pray. A kneeling father teaches without speaking. A father who confesses his need for mercy shows strength. A father who leads his family toward God gives his children a map of reality.

Single men should not treat this as something "for later." The single man is also called to deep friendship with Christ. Solitude either becomes isolation or intimacy. Choose intimacy with the Lord. It is a way of saying, "Lord, nothing is hidden. Nothing is outside Your mercy. Nothing is outside Your authority."

The most dangerous man to the kingdom of darkness is not the loudest, richest, strongest, or most admired. It is the man with nothing left to hide from Jesus Christ. He who says, "Lord, nothing is hidden. Nothing is outside Your mercy. Nothing is outside Your authority." He cannot be easily bought, seduced, or intimidated. He already belongs to a

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King. Modern culture tells men to define themselves by what they achieve, consume, or display. Christ reveals something deeper. He shows man what man is meant to be. The perfect man is not the self-made man. The perfect man is Jesus Christ.

Catholic masculinity is not nostalgia, dominance, toughness, or aesthetics. It is conformity to Christ. Christ is strong without cruelty, tender without weakness, obedient without passivity. He is the measure. To be a Catholic man is to be remade in Him. That is why the Eucharist must be central. The Eucharist is not a symbol. It is Christ Himself: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. A Christ-centered life becomes Eucharistic by necessity. If a man says Christ is the center, he must go where Christ is most concretely present.

Formation is not the finish line. It is preparation for mission. Interior union must become outward mission. But outward mission without inward union becomes activism. The Catholic man goes forth from Christ, with Christ, and for Christ. To know, love and serve God in this life and in the next. Do not wait until life slows down. Do not wait until temptation gets easier. Do not wait until you feel holy. Christ is not waiting to become Lord after life becomes convenient. He is Lord now. The only question is whether your life tells the truth. Place everything before Him. Let Him rule what you fear losing. Let Him touch what you are tired of hiding. Let Him command what you want to control.

You are not called to drift. You are not called to dabble. You are not called to decorate your life with faith. You are called to belong entirely to Jesus Christ. Christ, be our center in all things. Be the foundation beneath our feet. Be the King of our homes. Be the Lord of our work. Be the mercy over our past. Be the strength for our mission. We are Yours. Christ is the cornerstone. Christ is the King. Christ is the Judge. Christ is the Savior. Christ is the Way. Build on Him, and the house will stand.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Crum - State Faith Director

Next Month: Month 12: Year-One Recap





Life

Don't Delay on Submitting Reports

Brothers,

First, I would like to thank the 100 councils that submitted their Knight of the Year nominations. With so many qualified nominations, it made selecting the state and diocesan and winners a difficult process. Those winners will be announced in a few weeks at the state convention. I'm sure each council has or will honor all 100 of these worthy brothers in a respectable way.

As I mentioned in the previous month's article, Supreme is running a Join/ASAP incentive. As of Supreme's last report in early April, Ohio had 58 councils qualify in the "Join" portion with 3 or more new members in February and March! However, only 12 of those councils have qualified for the \$250 bonus for the pregnancy center. That leaves 46 councils that are missing out on the \$350 match from Supreme for their first \$500.

Supreme is expected to update the numbers in the first week of May, so I will send out an email blast with a list of who has qualified and who still needs the ASAP submitted. I realize that many councils are planning to have collections around Mother's Day. This is a very appropriate time for the pregnancy center collections, however being towards the end of the year puts a rush on the ASAP paperwork. Try not to put it off longer than early June.

Even though we are thankful for our parents throughout the year, we pay special attention to our mothers this Mother's Day, both living and those who have passed. May we be grateful for all the sacrifices they gave over the years on our behalf and the love they have shared.

Vivat Jesus!

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2026 Final Four Sweepstakes Winners

First Weekend

Rank	Name	Location	Council	Ticket #	Points	Prize
1	Maureen B. McCarty	Toledo - Toledo	3904	2589	763	\$50.00
1	Joseph Fonagy	Brookfield - Youngstown	13260	13350	756	\$50.00
1	Kim Caito	Mason - Cincinnati	10272	12920	755	\$50.00
1	Robert E Walsh	Cleveland - Cleveland	2643	20759	750	\$50.00
1	John Schuckmann	Liberty Township - Cincinnati	13608	8782	749	\$50.00
1	Daniel Whetstone	Hilliard - Columbus	2939	14746	749	\$50.00
1	Greg Kuhlman	Ottawa - Toledo	1757	12331	748	\$50.00
1	Rosalie Varley	Northville - Youngstown	11915	14139	747	\$50.00
1	Jay Korte	Celina - Cincinnati	1800	1385	747	\$50.00
1	Rob Malone	Maumee - Toledo	15905	14693	746	\$50.00
1	Barry Kluener	Cincinnati - Cincinnati	16706	1247	746	\$50.00
1	Howard Robinson	Portsmouth - Columbus	741	19389	746	\$50.00
1	Gerald Richardson	Dayton - Cincinnati	14882	3731	745	\$50.00
1	Paul Fayad	Delaware - Columbus	1056	11966	743	\$50.00
1	William Christner	Cuyahoga Falls - Cleveland	2362	11255	742	\$50.00
1	Sydney Jamieson Jr.	Grove City - Columbus	11445	836	740	\$50.00
1	John Boal	Wadsworth - Cleveland	14111	13156	740	\$50.00
1	Dennis L Shroyer	Wapakoneta - Cincinnati	1272	18239	739	\$50.00
1	Joe Fletcher	Dayton - Cincinnati	STATE	8905	737	\$50.00
1	Ed Shuman	Canal Fulton - Youngstown	11037	19179	737	\$50.00
1	Kristin Helle	Girard - Youngstown	2935	3370	736	\$50.00
1	Stu Anglum	Pittsburgh - Columbus	2898	7123	735	\$50.00
1	Bob Lariccia	Poland - Youngstown	15573	3053	735	\$50.00
1	Daniel Krey	Beavercreek - Cincinnati	7981	3103	735	\$50.00

Second Weekend

Rank	Name	Location	Council	Ticket #	Points	Prize
1	Aaron Gonya	Port Clinton - Toledo	1750	16895	1369	\$100.00
1	Sophie Mantenga	East Lansing, MI - Columbus	505	10118	1369	\$100.00
1	Scott Burnett	Xenia - Cincinnati	1801	13648	1360	\$100.00
1	Sue Rawlings	Wellsville - Youngstown	507	1668	1360	\$100.00
1	Anthony Bisconti	Poland - Youngstown	11915	11016	1360	\$100.00
1	Virgil Wendling	Massillon - Youngstown	820	14483	1351	\$100.00
1	Mike & Fran Scheller	Grantham, NH - Cincinnati	2927	17322	1351	\$100.00
1	Wesley Payne	Winchester - Cincinnati	16348	296	1351	\$100.00
1	John Boal	Wadsworth - Cleveland	14111	13156	1344	\$100.00
1	Sydney Jamieson Jr.	Grove City - Columbus	11445	836	1344	\$100.00
1	Frank Radovanic	Cleveland - Cleveland	2803	1648	1329	\$100.00
1	Nancy Matteo	N. Royalton - Cleveland	15614	10182	1328	\$100.00
1	Dean Axe	St. Marys - Cincinnati	1592	177	1322	\$100.00
1	Dennis L Shroyer	Wapakoneta - Cincinnati	1272	18239	1317	\$100.00
1	Thomas Link	Fort Recovery - Cincinnati	3324	3786	1313	\$100.00
1	Steven A Coppock	Tipp City - Cincinnati	341	7989	1313	\$100.00
1	Denny Hackett	West Chester - Cincinnati	13608	1020	1305	\$100.00
1	Andrew J Kelly	Plain City - Columbus	5776	3124	1300	\$100.00

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And the Winners are...



Final Weekend

Rank	Name	Location	Council	Ticket #	Points	Prize
1	Wesley Payne	Winchester - Cincinnati	16348	296	1780	\$537.50
1	Virgil Wendling	Massillon - Youngstown	820	14483	1780	\$537.50
3	Anthony Bisconti	Poland - Youngstown	11915	11016	1727	\$362.50
3	Sue Rawlings	Wellsville - Youngstown	507	1668	1727	\$362.50
5	Frank Radovanic	Cleveland - Cleveland	2803	1648	1696	\$250.00
6	Thomas Link	Fort Recovery - Cincinnati	3324	3786	1680	\$200.00
7	Mike and Fran Scheller	Grantham, NH - Cincinnati	2927	17322	1646	\$175.00
8	Keith Crispino	Follansbee, WV - Steubenville	4361	10343	1633	\$150.00
9	Michael Boff	Defiance - Toledo	1039	15113	1628	\$125.00
10	Tom Viertlbeck	Whitehouse - Toledo	11370	19942	1622	\$50.00
10	Steven Kinzer	Cincinnati - Cincinnati	16706	3219	1622	\$50.00
-1	Kevin Koesters	Columbus - Columbus	11207	1218	357	\$100.00
-1	Brandon Schneider	Pickerington - Columbus	11187	20209	357	\$100.00



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Take the Next Step to Financial Literacy

Brothers,

It's official! We have launched *Guard, Grow, Give* — a compelling 30-minute video program designed to help Catholic families:

- **Guard** their loved ones from financial risk
- **Grow** their resources responsibly for the future
- **Give** generously in ways that reflect their faith

Rooted in the founding vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, this program connects financial stewardship with our Catholic calling to care for our families and serve others.

This plug and play program is designed to be used as an FBE, at council meetings, during pre-cana classes, and more. Find all of the support materials that you need to host a session on the supply store: **Marketing -> Featured Items -> Guard.Grow.Give. Financial Literacy**

Ready to host a screening? Get access to the full video by reaching out to jason.staas@kofc.org with your request.

Visit www.kofc.org/GGG to watch the trailer.

Thank you!

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Around the Buckeye State



North Canton **Bishop McFadden Council #3777** raised and are contributing \$2,200 for the purchase of 30 classroom medical kits for St Paul Catholic School. Along with supporting additional safety and security. Their fundraising event was multi-faceted and raised significant awareness to the Faith activities pursued by their Council.

Pictured from left to right: SPS Director of Technology, Kevin McCauley - Council Program Director, Andrew Richards - SPS Principal, Fr. Simon Mino - St Paul Parochial Vicar, Tim Frank - Council Grand Knight, SPS Director of Admissions, Eric Sergeuk - Council Advocate, Joe Ryan - Council Deputy Grand Knight, and SPS School Safety Officer



Five men were exemplified with the degrees of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on April 27th at St. Margaret of York Parish in Loveland by the District 15 Degree Team. 4 men joined **St. Margaret of York Council #13429**, and one man joined **Archbishop Elder Council #1195**. Current members of SMOY Council stand in the back. Deacon Mike Muse – a member of SMOY Council capably serves in the role of Chaplain for the District 15 Degree Team. Welcome to the Knights, brothers!

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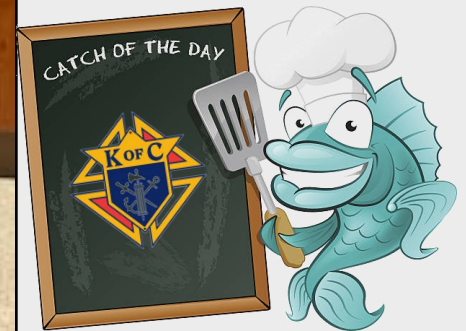


Each year at the ROTC Awards presentation the **Cincinnati Chapter** has had the honor of presenting a sabre sword to a cadet in the advanced course of ROTC that best personifies the attributes of officership and service to the Army. In addition, this cadet has honored the Army values of honor, integrity, courage, loyalty, respect, selfless service, and duty.

The photo above includes Russ Wernke (Chapter VP), State Deputy Mike Felerski, cadet Joel LaCoste, Thomas Hahn (Chapter President), Gene Cordier (Past Chapter President and ROTC alumni) Chapter President Tom Hahn presented this year's award to Cadet Joel LaCoste (below).



Around the Buckeye State



Salve Regina Council #14834 in Cincinnati had another successful Fish Fry at St. Mary's Church in Hyde Park. State Deputy Mike Felerski and Lady Heather were in attendance; Mike says it is one of the Top 3 Fish Fry's in Cincinnati! Making it happen were the following council members (and one son).....Back row: Matt Gockerman, Bryan Skirvin & his son Brody, Patrick Fallon, Zach Higgins, Lew Lainhart, and Deacon Chris Bergman; Front row: Charles Miller, Mike Keefe, Greg Albanese, Joe Kletz, Scott Stubbins.



Ohio District One and District Master Brandon Robinson welcomed 26 new Sir Knights to the 4th Degree on Saturday, April 25th at St. Patrick Church in Leetonia. The new exemplification class honoree was Immediate Past State Deputy Jeff Kilianny at his home parish and council.

Around the Buckeye State



Fairborn Council 3724 closed out the monthly Parish Breakfast for this spring, with a record crowd enjoying all of the great food and fellowship. Thanks to the dozens of Brother Knights under the leadership of PGK Frank Minnick and of course our outstanding pastry chef, PGK Russell Milliron. See everyone in the fall!



Fairborn Council 3724 was well represented at The National Museum of the US Air Force as it celebrated the National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Two of Fairborn Council's many veterans were on hand to share their time and riveting stories. Thank you to PGK Larry Bogemann and Brother Harry Yarwick and all the veterans.

Around the Buckeye State



A recent Saturday morning , **Fairborn Council 3724** Brother Percy Gros was spotted cleaning and spraying a protective coating on the St Francis of Assisi statue. Brothers John Snow and Terry McCann provided the muscle to move the statue to its rightful place in the St Francis garden.



Fairborn Council 3724 hosted area K of C Council's for a Fraternal Benefit event. Brother Rob Hernandez FA made the long drive to give a very informative talk on the various policies offered by K of C insurance. Thanks to DD Jeremy Begines for helping make this possible.



Fairborn Council 3724 once again provided a meatless soup and bread lunch for enthusiastic young people at the Wright State University Campus Ministries. Thanks to PGK Milliron, GK Pitstick, Brothers Edwards & Gros and FA Santos for all your help. Breaking bread with all these enthusiastic young people is truly a Blessing.