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From Our State Deputy

Greetings, Brother Knights of Ohio,

As I write this month's article, we come to the close of the first quarter of the fraternal year, and we are very close to reaching our Q1 growth goal set by Supreme back in June. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to growing our Order. I have no doubt we will hit the mark by the end of September, and I know you will be working hard to make October even more successful. In the new version of our "Church Drive," we ask every man to stand at the end of Mass and then ask everyone to imagine what we Catholic men could accomplish if every man standing was a Knight of Columbus. Doing this opens a lot of eyes to the potential.



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We all know how important it is for our order to grow, but let's not forget that we're also Knights of charity, the first pillar of our brotherhood. With the fall temperatures coming up, our Coats for Kids program might be our most successful one yet. Our Supreme International Community Program award-winning **St. Joseph Council 11370** is continuing their amazing work through *Off the Streets Toledo*, helping people get back on their feet. You can find information about their program by searching for it on the Supreme website or see the press release on page 4 of this newsletter. Not every charitable program our councils run will be huge or win a major award, but that does not mean they are unimportant or do not have an impact on the lives of people in their communities. Even the smallest effort can make a huge difference. Never underestimate the power of the smallest corporal works of mercy.

October is Respect Life Month, and although we lost our battle to defeat the recent state constitutional amendment, there are still things we can do to save the lives of the unborn by encouraging adoption, supporting our pregnancy centers, and praying for a change of hearts and minds about abortion. Many things can be accomplished through our ultrasound and ASAP initiatives, among others. Remember, saving lives is the highest level of a charitable act we can perform.

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I am truly excited for what the future holds for the Knights of Columbus here in Ohio, and as I travel throughout the state, I see so many great things already accomplished and have met so many incredible brother Knights who were *called* to make a difference and have. Ohio Knights are truly living Blessed Michael McGivney's vision.
Vivat Jesus!

We Are Called!

Michael J. Felerski - State Deputy



The Power to Save the World

"In Illo uno unum"

If you're wondering what that is, it is a Latin phrase that also happens to be the official motto of Pope Leo XIV. It translates into English as, "In the one Christ, we are one." The phrase is taken from one of St. Augustine's commentaries on the psalms, where he reflects on this and asks how it is that we Christians are all one? And he answers with that phrase, and goes on to speak of the scriptural image that Christ is the head and all of us are members of His body (cf. Colossians 1:18).

There is something amazing about the human body. When all of the parts are working together, a person can accomplish feats so extraordinary it almost defies logic. A properly trained person can climb Mount Everest, using just their own body strength to do it. A properly trained and prepared person can start running and not stop until they have finished a marathon.

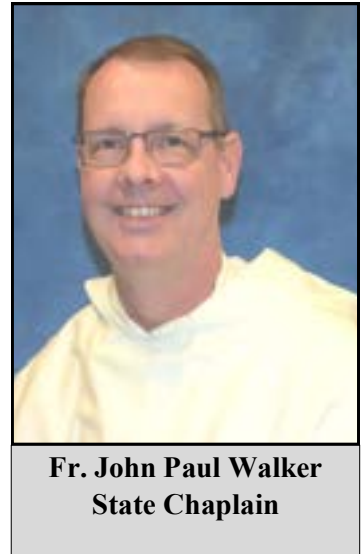
At the same time, when even a small part of the body isn't working properly or is suffering, the whole body can fall apart quickly. My little toe might, size-wise, be one of the smallest parts of my body, but if I'm walking barefoot in my room and accidentally smash it into the leg of my bed... trust me, that's enough to bring my *entire body* to a screeching halt. Or if an wasp stings me, the portion of skin that stinger pokes through is, what, less than a millimeter in size? But in an instant my entire body instinctively suffers.

As the Knights of Columbus, we too are all different parts of one body in Christ. Saint Paul teaches us, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." (1Cor 12:26). Blessed Michael McGivney knew this truth well. He challenged those first Knights to take the sufferings of their fellow Knights (and their families) as their own. We continue that legacy today as a critical aspect of how we live out our unity with one another, and at the same time, God calls us to rejoice with those rejoices, and to share in the joy when any of our brother Knights are honored in any way.

"In the one Christ, we are one." Following the example of our new pope, let us strive to be men of God, drawing always closer to Christ, so that we might live the great call to true unity with one another.

God bless,

Fr. John Paul - State Chaplain



**Fr. John Paul Walker
State Chaplain**

Click [here](#) to view the 3rd YouTube video. *Sunday Mass in the Early Church* (September) that is part of a monthly series by Ohio's State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus - **Father John Paul Walker O.P.*

Growth Team Ohio

Fall Brings New Opportunities

The first quarter of Fraternal Year 25/26 is in the history books, and soon we'll know how we did inviting Catholic men in Ohio to come and join us in our work. We've had a strong quarter, and all the dioceses have shown good growth (with some showing great growth).

As we start in to the second quarter, one of the first big items on every council's list should be to get those newly invited men to an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The sooner you do this, the sooner these new men become engaged in the spiritual life of your councils. Take advantage of the energy they bring that wells up from the sudden freedom they now enjoy by (finally) making the decision to join the Knights of Columbus!

Remember, the new Exemplification is best presented by Brother Knights from your council – showing that you truly desire your candidates to join you in your work! In your parish church is the best place, but it is fine if you do it in your “hall” as well. The overriding point is to do it soon, so that your candidates do not slip away from you!

And there are still many Chapter and District Teams available to both do exemplifications as well as helping to teach your council team how to do the new degree. Make use of them! The more teams we have to do the exemplification, the more opportunities we can create to bring those candidates into full Knighthood!



Don't overlook the Supreme Online Degree. While doing the exemplification live is the best way to present it, there will always be candidates with difficult schedules that make it hard for them to attend a live degree. Don't let that delay their accension to full Knighthood! Arranging a “watch party” with these candidates is a simple and effective way to get them through their degree!

Above all, keep on inviting! Our work isn't over, and we still have a journey ahead to try and fulfill our quest to reach 2,100 new men here in the Great State of Ohio. Set your council goals for the month, communicate them to your fellow brothers, then go out and start inviting. Invite non-Knight men to your Fraternal Benefits Nights and your COR activities, and be ready to encourage them to join us!

Remember – Inviting is a mindset, not a date!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Kosobud - State Growth Chairman



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2,100 New Knights

For Now and for Our Future

60 Star Councils



Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight's Awards Session Held on Eve of 143rd Supreme Convention

Washington, D.C. — The Knights of Columbus welcomed more than 1,900 Knights and their families, members of the Catholic hierarchy and special guests from 10 countries to its 143rd Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C. at the Supreme Knight's Award Session. The annual awards session recognizes individual Knights, councils, assemblies and jurisdictions throughout the world who have faithfully carried out the mission of the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. These honorees exemplify how Knights live their faith in service to their family, parish, community and country through charitable outreach, fraternal leadership, membership growth and retention, and insurance sales and service.

Guests at the Supreme Knight's Awards Session also enjoyed a performance by The Vigil Project, a nonprofit apostolate founded in 2016 by a community of music artists with a common vision to restore excellence in Catholic music and to invite Catholics into a deep encounter with God through music. With a focus on music for devotional prayer and serving at the parish level, The Vigil Project has released ten studio albums to-date, toured to hundreds of parishes across the US and Europe, and will soon be releasing a first-of-its-kind documentary film series called Meaning of Music.

In addition, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly presented the Annual International Program Awards. The Annual International Program Awards competition recognizes councils that conduct an outstanding program in each of the Faith in Action program categories: faith, family, community and life. The first-place winners and a brief description of their activity can be found below:

Community Programs

Off the Streets Toledo - St. Joseph Council 11370, Maumee, Ohio

St. Joseph Council 11370 founded Off the Streets Toledo in 2021 to help both individuals and families move from homelessness to stable housing. Since its launch, more than 1,000 men, women and children have moved into safe, dignified homes thanks to the council's efforts.

Council members meet with those in need, provide security deposits, manage warehouse inventory, deliver furniture, appliances, and other material needs, pray with recipients and offer them a Bible and crucifix as a sign of faith and encouragement - more than 175 crucifixes hang on the walls of participating families thanks to this effort. In addition, the council hosts fundraising activities to provide ongoing support to the initiative. In 2024, the council contributed \$10,000 toward the purchase of a new delivery truck, allocated \$5,000 for operational expenses and donated \$1,000 for 20 microwaves for families. **Council 11370's** efforts through Off the Streets Toledo restore the hope and dignity of those who have endured hardship and bring them closer to Christ.





Star Council Award Update

Since I have added a few new categories to the monthly Star Council Status Report, I have created a new legend of the various titles or terms used for the categories. Please read the revised legend of terms that will be included with the October Star Council Report that will be distributed soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

And please continue to work on the Star Council criteria. Don't wait until late in the fraternal year.

Thanks for all you do for the Order here in Ohio.

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Plenty of Opportunities This Month

Worthy Brother Knights of the Great State of Ohio,

October is a busy month, not just for growth, but for service programs as well. First, we have the State March for Life coming up on Friday, October 3rd in Columbus under Life. Second, October is Respect Life Month. The first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday. Also, October is the month of the rosary! Consider holding the Rosary Program in October under Faith. We have the Soccer Challenge taking place for both the district and regional levels under Community. Of course, plan to hold your Council Church Drives in October as well under Growth. So, I think now that October has arrived, business has picked up!

The Matching Funds Program is currently running. Remember, councils must participate in the Matching Funds Program as part of the "We Are Called" State General Program contest. For every council that participates in the Matching Funds Program, they will be awarded 25 points as an administrative activity. So, don't forget to support this worthwhile program!

Programs and Cor; Councils can use existing faith programs during their implementation of Cor. Holy Hour, Into the Breach, Rosary, and Spiritual Reflection programs can all be adapted to use while running Cor. Resources for these programs can be found in the programs section of kofo.org. You can also consider inviting Cor participants to Faith in Action programs as part of its "fraternity" component.

Lastly, one last reminder about my program incentives. For every council that completes their 185's, 365's, 1st Semi-Annual Audit pays their State Per Capita, reports 4 programs in the Faith in Action portion of the general program, brings in 2+ new members and participates in their 1st fraternal benefits night, then that council will be entered into a drawing for a custom roll up retractable banner! 3 councils will be drawn, and the deadline is to have all these things completed on November 1, 2025.

Fraternally,

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Maximize Your Council's Points With Details

Family

Worthy Brother Knights of the Great State of Ohio,

The Summer has passed us by, and we are about to begin our Fall activities in our Councils. There are still lots of Family Activities that you can report on. Some of you perhaps are still having, or recently had a Parish/Council Family Picnic. Do not forget to report on that, include any pics of the picnic with your families that may have been taken.

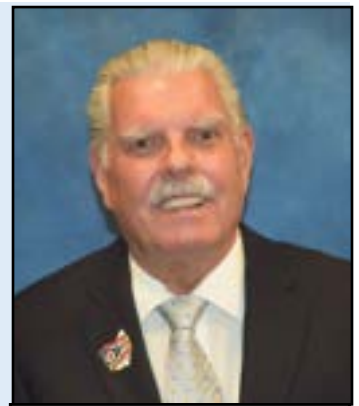
Many of you have sent in your Family activity reports in the past 2 months. Some of them were great and made notable, however, there are 14 different councils that have reports that I have reviewed that submitted information for an event, but there was not enough information to reward you the points.

I WANT ALL COUNCILS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR FAMILY PROGRAM POINTS!

In my directors notes, I asked you to send back to me more information about your event. An example of what is needed would be: How many families were in attendance, how many Knights were there and participated, and how many meals were served to families. Please reply back with the additional information, and I will reward your council with the points. Try to include as much information as you can, including any pictures that were taken. This also pertains to your Family of the Month. Include as much information and any pictures that you can. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I will gladly assist you.

Vivat Jesus !!

Michael Freil - State Family Director



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Making a Difference

Brothers,

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops observes the month of October as "Respect Life Month" to promote a culture of life support for pregnant women and families. There is no better time for councils to plan and host a Life Program or two. Feel free to join with other councils for a larger event.

Life

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know that the Ohio March for Life is this Friday, Oct. 3, in front of the State House in Columbus. The Knights are being asked to assist by being marshals for the march. It's still not too late to plan a carpool and join us in Columbus. To get more information and register, go to marchforlife.org. It may not be as big as the national march in Washington, but the drive is easier, and the temperature will be a lot warmer!

If you would like to participate in a march but it's too difficult for you to get out of work on a Friday, Geneva-Madison Council is planning a March on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00-12:30. Gather at Assumption Church Hall, 30 Lockwood St., Geneva. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Columbus and hearing how your council is honoring Respect Life Month.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Incorvati - State Life Director



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Respect
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Out in Our Communities

Throughout the current fraternal year, I have graded reports for the following community activities. These initiatives reflect ongoing commitment to service, fellowship, and support for local needs.

- Helping Hands: Councils contributing their time and effort to assist those in need, offering direct support to vulnerable individuals and families.

Community

- Habitat for Humanity: Members participated in building and improving homes, helping to provide safe, affordable housing for community members.
- Bright Futures: Initiatives focused on supporting youth, education, and future leaders within the community.
- Celebrating Catholic Heritage: Councils organized and took part in events that honor and promote the rich traditions and values of the Catholic faith.
- Parish Festivals: Active participation in parish festivals fostered community spirit and helped raise funds for parish needs.
- Adopt a Highway: Members worked together to clean and maintain local roadways, demonstrating care for the environment and public spaces.

Through these activities, we have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in our communities.

Our dedication to service not only addresses immediate needs but strengthens community bonds and demonstrates our values of charity, unity, and fraternity. I look forward to seeing the efforts your councils continue to do in order to make our communities better.



In closing, I want to congratulate State Coats for Kids Coordinator Greg Singlar for achieving record council participation this year. His efforts, along with those of the participating councils, will help thousands of children. I am confident we can do even better next year.

Vivat Jesus!

Matt Smith - State Community Director



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Nov. 15 Matching Funds Deadline Looms

My Brother Knights,

October is here and the Matching Funds Program is well underway. Please send your donations and Matching Funds form to State Advocate at:

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The Matching Funds campaign benefits Religious Education within your diocese. The first \$25,000 donated is matched by the Ohio Charity Foundation. Believe it or not, *there is still some matched money available as of October 1st*, so please get your checks sent in ASAP. Questions? Email Tony at: tonyoffenberger@gmail.com

Thanks and God bless you!

Tony Offenberger - State Advocate



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We Are Called: Strengthening Catholic Men in Faith, Brotherhood, and Service

Month Four: **Prayer and Sacramental Life – Men of Faith and Action**

Brothers, welcome to Month Four.

Faith

If this is your first time joining us: you are not behind. You are right on time. Your next move is a single word: **Yes**. Courage is often just that: one faithful *yes* repeated every day.

You're stepping into a brotherhood of thousands of men across Ohio rediscovering what it means to be Catholic, masculine, and fully alive. The foundation is strong, but now we come to the source of our strength: **Prayer and Sacraments**.

Because no matter how hard you train your will or sharpen your discipline, you cannot live the life of faith on your own power. You were not designed to. You were made to live in union with Christ. That is forged and deepened through **Prayer, Sacraments, and Scripture**. Discipline is not a funeral for masculine faith; it's a **revival**. Not noise. Not outrage. **Holiness**.

Too many men are trying to live spiritual lives without prayer.

Too many fathers want their kids to love the Church while neglecting the Eucharist themselves.

Too many men are spiritually starving because they haven't been taught to feed their souls.

Until you realize prayer is the most important thing, you will never have time for it.

Prayer is not optional. The sacraments are not symbolic.

This month, we train to be **men of faith and action**. Men whose strength is sacramental, whose courage is joyful, whose leadership is rooted in **adoration, confession, and Scripture**.

Brothers, our souls are at stake. So is the eternal future of our families. We cannot lead if we are not fed. We cannot guide our families to Heaven unless we are walking towards it ourselves.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." — **Joshua 24:15**

"But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:6

Be still. Make an inner room in your heart and keep an appointment with God. From this hidden place, act.

You don't need a monastery to live a life of prayer. You need a plan, humility, and perseverance.

The Spiritual life is simple and exacting: **silence, solitude, stillness, and simplicity** ordered toward one thing: to live with God.

A man cannot give what he does not have. If your soul is unfed, your leadership will be noise and effort without grace. The world is loud; the Cross is steady.

The sacraments are not outdated rituals. They are **living encounters with Christ**.

Mass is not an obligation—it's a **Spiritual Banquet**.

Confession is not a burden—it's a **battlefield medic**.

The Eucharist is **food for men who must love to the end**.

Confession is a **power wash for the soul**.

"Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil." — **St. John Vianney**

Let the Cross be your still point. Let the silence be your soil. Let your hidden prayer become the root of visible fruit. Prayer is not complicated. It's not just for priests or nuns. Prayer is talking and listening to God. It's showing up each day and saying:

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Here I am, Lord. I want to know You. Help me love You.

Our age needs bold men who example publicly what they prayed privately. Men Who Live.

- **Daily Surrender:** A simple, constant “*Here I am, Lord.*” Decisions flowed from prayer, not popularity.
- **Scripture First:** Immersed in the Word: reading, studying, even sharing a daily verse to strengthen others.
- **Study with Humility:** Always learning: Bible, classics, the saints, because discipleship thinks as well as loves.
- **Courage with Charity:** Inviting opponents to honest dialogue. No contempt. Truth without rage.
- **Family as Vocation:** Loving spouse and children first; “*family first.*” Leadership begins at home.
- **Altar-Call Heart:** Not just commentary, but invitation—*repent, believe, come to Jesus now.*
- **Armor of God:** Seeing life as spiritual battle; choosing faith over fear (Eph 6).

Suffering Transformed: Hardship didn’t mute the mission; it **amplified** it. The seed falls and bears much fruit (Jn 12:24).

Imitate Christ: **pray first, love first, speak truth with kindness, and invite people to Jesus.** Let your public courage be the overflow of your private holiness.

Our age needs men who can **speak the truth in love** (Eph 4:15). Debate without contempt. Defend the faith without defensiveness (1 Pet 3:15). We do not curse the darkness; we **bear the light**. We don’t rage at opponents; we **pray for them** and engage them with clarity and respect.

Family is your first mission field. Your Family will learn the Eucharist from your example more than your speeches.

Lead on your knees: blessing your home, praying before meals, ending the day with Scripture and simple prayer.

This month, we build a **rule of life** that anchors everything else, this is not extra. **This is oxygen.**

Daily

- **Morning prayer (15 minutes):** sit with God, read a Gospel passage, speak to Him, rest in silence. End with the Our Father.
- **Nightly examen (5 minutes):** Thank God, review your day, repent one sin, note one grace, make a resolve.
- **Aspirations at work:** “Jesus, I trust in You.” “Father, I am yours.”

Scripture habit: share one verse with a brother: build others up as you are being built.

Weekly

- **Sunday Mass:** heart of your week.
- **One weekday Mass or Holy Hour.**

Act of witness: one small, visible act for Christ (invite, encourage, defend, serve).

Monthly

- **Confession — mark it on your calendar.** *Especially* if it’s been a while
- **20–30 pages of spiritual reading.**

Family holy time: Rosary, Scripture, or Adoration together.

Ongoing

- **Scripture track:** Gospel of Luke, one chapter per day.
- Guard interior silence:** commute without earbuds; short tech fasts; a daily three-minute stillness.

Write it down. Name your time and place. Keep the appointment with God.

Live boldly, love mercifully, and let your daily *yes* plant seeds that outlive you.

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Men, greatness is not loud. **It is faithful.**
Keep your appointment with God every day.
Keep Sunday holy without compromise.
Go to Confession every month.
Open the Scriptures and let them read you.
Lead your family not by speeches but by your **knees on the floor.**
Build an inner room
Let silence sanctify your strength.
Let hidden prayer shape public leadership.
From that quiet place, **act.**
Your wife will feel the change.
Your children will learn the way.
Your parish will grow strong.
And you will become what you were made to be:
a Catholic man **rooted in Christ**, steady in the storm, **carrying others home.**
The Cross is steady while the world turns.

We Are Called. We Are Equipped. This is Month Four.

Next Month: Month Five — *Healing and Mercy: Facing Our Wounds with Courage*

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Crum - State Faith Director



Know Your Policies and Their Benefits and Limitations

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits? Do yours? Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.” One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow tax-deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency. Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness. No one expects a devastating diagnosis, but if it happens, you’ll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately — while you and your family need it. One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for! The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses. In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It’s a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible. Set up time to meet with me or your field agent, and we’ll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs. Thank you!



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Jason Staas - State Insurance Liaison



Pray Together as a Council, Family, and Parish

Worthy Brother Knights,

October is a special month. First, October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary being October 7th. Second, it is Ohio March for Life on October 3rd in Columbus. Both events give us an opportunity to be Men of Faith.

Please take advantage and participate, if you are able.

As it pertains to Cor in your council or parish, the Holy Rosary is a great opportunity to pray as a group and really focus on the intentions of the group. It also presents an opportunity for men to lead the Rosary at home, providing an example to our wives and children of what faith leadership looks like.



There is a booklet available from Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Services (CIS) called "A Scriptural Rosary for the Family" (#319) that can be ordered. This might be something that can be handed out in your parish on behalf of the Knights. At any rate, it is a great option to use if you are just starting out with Cor.

On a more general note, Ohio has seen a significant increase in participation in Cor. We currently have 54 councils that have submitted a Council Cor Director to Supreme on Form #EFF-C. That means we are over halfway to the goal of 100 councils participating by the end of the fraternal year. Speaking specifically to all District Deputies, if you can help one new council in your district start Cor, the goal will be more than achieved.

Don't forget that there is a Diocesan Coordinator in each Diocese as well as myself, the Clergy Liaison, Fr. Adam Hertzfeld, the State Chaplain, Fr. John Paul Walker, and all the State Officers that are available to assist each and every one of you to start a successful Cor group in your parish. Please reach out to any of us.

Vivat Jesus!

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Effective Officers Know Their Roles

Brothers,

It's easy to try and do everything yourself, but a truly effective Grand Knight knows how to delegate. Don't hog all the work – empower your officers to step up and make a real impact, beyond just filling a spot on the Form 185. This series will dive into each officer's role and give you actionable ideas to get them engaged.

Part 1: The Chancellor - Engaging and Strengthening Our Membership

The Chancellor's core mission is to build a stronger, more connected council. It's more than just reading Form 100s or leading

admission committees. We need to actively ensure every member feels heard and truly welcome. Here are some fresh ideas for your Chancellor:

- **Care for the Sick & Distressed:** Have your Chancellor reach out to homebound or hospitalized members with phone calls and "get-well" cards. Keep the council updated on their well-being during monthly meetings.
- **Maintain a Prayer List:** No one should be forgotten. Your Chancellor can keep an updated prayer list each month and include it in the council's newsletter.
- **"Chancellor's Call" Program:** Encourage a monthly personal phone call to members who haven't been to meetings recently. A simple "Hey, we've missed you. Is everything okay?" can make a huge difference.
- **Host "Low-Stakes" Social Events:** Organize purely fun, no-business gatherings. Think trivia nights, a council BBQ, a fishing trip, or even a "Bourbon and BBQ" day. These are fantastic opportunities for members to invite friends who might be interested in joining. If Bourbon is involved, don't forget to invite your District Deputy Director!

By empowering your Chancellor and other officers in these ways, you're not just delegating tasks, you're building a more vibrant, connected, and impactful council. Let's work together to make our councils truly thrive!

Vivat Jesus!

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Coats for Kids Update

Worthy Brother Knights of Ohio,

Thank you to all the councils that participated in the Coats for Kids program! The State of Ohio raised enough to 536 cases of coats. Plus 536 for free from Supreme. **Grand total of 1,072 cases of Coats for Kids!**

We are still finalizing the locations for distribution. An email from me to the State will follow.

Thank you again for keeping kids warm this winter!

Vivat Jesus!

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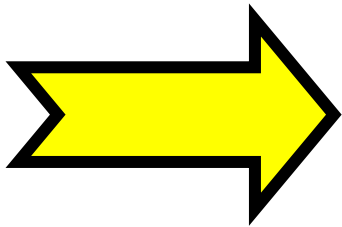


BENEFITING YOUR COUNCIL'S PROGRAMS & EXPENSES!

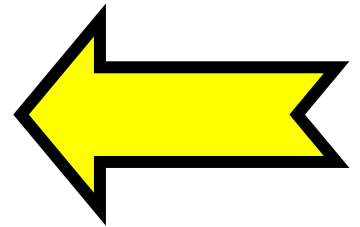
To ensure that FBS tickets sold will be included for the entire 10-week slate of games; tickets need to be received by November 1, 2025.**

**Late tickets may be sent in after November 1, 2025 and they will be eligible for cash prizes for the remaining weeks of the football program

WHO WANTS TO RAISE PER CAPITA TAX THIS YEAR?



NOBODY!!



FUND CRAZR FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES TICKET SALES BENEFITS

1. COUNCILS TO EARN REBATES
2. COUNCILS EARN PER CAPITA CREDIT
3. CONTINUE WITH NO INCREASE IN STATE PER CAPITA
4. PROVIDES A LITTLE EXTRA EXCITEMENT
WATCHING THE WEEKLY NFL GAMES

JOIN THE "500" CLUB

If your council sells 500 tickets or reaches their quota at the 500% level then each ticket that council sold will receive an additional \$1.00 in rebates.

35,960 tickets SOLD is our GOAL!!

Time is Running Out!



Around the Buckeye State



On Sunday, August 24th, **Fairborn K of C Council 3724** once again hosted a welcome back picnic for students at Wright State University. Following Mass at St John Bosco Chapel on the WSU Campus, more than 150 people lined up for hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and all the fixings!

A great day of beautiful weather and fellowship was had by all. Thanks to all the hard working Knights who participated in this event!



On August 31st **Christ Our Savior K of C Council 4471** held their annual Family Picnic Day at the Struthers Mau-the Park pavilion. A gorgeous sunny day greeted the participants as members, wives, guests and grandchildren enjoyed an array of great food, desserts and side dishes.

Around the Buckeye State



Saint Joseph Marblehead Ohio, Council 12224, recently donated \$11,000.00 to the parish Accessibility Project. This project will provide greater access to the parish campus for the parishioners and the many summer visitors who come to the church enjoying many activities in the area with the parish, including boating, camping, swimming and fishing on Lake Erie. The council sold raffle tickets for the first prize of two electric bikes, a second prize of a three-wheel pedal bike and third prize for a gift certificate for a local restaurant. The council was extremely appreciative of the generosity of the parish and the many others who purchased the tickets to support a worthy cause for the entire parish community. Pictured is the Council presentation to Father Joseph Syzbka, Pastor of Saint Joseph.



Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359 in Cincinnati held their annual Awards Recognition Dinner in August. Among the recipients was Marge English – wife of PGK Ed English – who was awarded Woman of the Year for her role in supporting council activities and parish programs. Presenting the award to her are GK Frank Simms and PGK Steve Yards. In attendance were parish family priests Fr. Tom Kriedler (Council Chaplain), Fr. Tom King, and Fr. Aaron Hess.

Around the Buckeye State



Members of **Columbian Martyrs Assembly 2380**, **St. Joan of Arc Council 10765**, **St. Peter Council 11216**, and **San Pedro Council 18195** participated in Mass at Powell St. Joan of Arc that was followed by a 2.5-mile Eucharistic Procession from St. Joan of Arc to Columbus St. Peter. After Benediction, the parishioners gathered in the St. Peter McEwan Center gym for a Multicultural Festival where everyone enjoyed delicacies and performances from various cultures. Pictured (right) are Sir Knights Tom Prem, Eric Yang (Faithful Navigator), and Mike Natarian, who served in the Honor Guard for the Mass and Eucharistic Procession. Members of **Councils 10765, 11216, and 18195** participated in the Eucharistic Procession (left) by carrying the canopy, leading the praying of the Holy Rosary, serving as security, and providing water to the faithful.



At their annual steak fry, held on August 25th at St. Anthony Church in Canton, **Monsignor Edward P. Graham Assembly 828** presented Sir Knight Trevor Meyer the Sir Knight of the Year Award for his work with flood victims in the Carolinas following Hurricane Helene, providing water, solar panels to recharge cell phones and medical care. Pictured at left are Ohio District One Master Brandon Robinson, Assembly 828 Faithful Navigator Chris Dodson, and Sir Knight Trevor Meyer.

Around the Buckeye State



Sean Weirich, from **Council 5139**, presents the Charity portion of the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at a recent exemplification.

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359 in Anderson Township (Cincinnati) served over 200 meals of Hot Dogs and Hamburgers to backstretch workers at Belterra Racetrack in Cincinnati on August 30. In partnership with the racetrack Chaplaincy, they have served the workers on Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day for the last 10 years.



Around the Buckeye State



On Friday, Sept. 26, His Excellency, Archbishop Michael Woost, was on hand at the Womankind Prenatal and Maternal Care Center in Garfield Heights to bless the center's staff and the new ultrasound machine presented by the K of C.

St. Ladislav Council 16373 and **St. Bernadette Council 16376** from Westlake, **Garfield Heights Council 4130**, and **The Valley Council 4893** from Solon partnered on this project with the generous support of Donna and Tom Goebel.

Well done, brother knights!

