

Knights of Columbus Ohio State Council



We Are Called!

State General Program Handbook 2026 – 2027 based on the “Faith in Action Guidebook”

(An overview of other state programs is included.)

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KNIGHTS IN ACTION. FAITH IN ACTION.

The Knights of Columbus offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service and put their Faith into Action. Knights of Columbus members, parishes and families have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through 32 Supreme Council-recommended programs (<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>). *Please review the Faith in Action guidebook.*



Faith
Family
Community
Life



*Please read the Letter from the State General Program Director on page 7.
Many references in this state general program handbook are from the
“Faith in Action” Guidebook, published by Supreme Council.*



A LETTER FROM THE STATE DEPUTY...

Dear Brothers of the Great Jurisdiction of Ohio,

I am filled with great anticipation for the forthcoming two fraternal years. I am confident that I have assembled an exceptional team to assist you and your council in achieving unparalleled success.

Our theme for fraternal years 2025-2027 is “We Are Called.” This profound statement encapsulates the essence of our mission. Past State Deputy John Welsh’s theme, “Called to Serve”, resonated deeply during his tenure and continues to resonate today. Cardinal Gibbons, then Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at the time of World War I, aptly remarked, “The Knights do things.” Today, we are not only called to perform corporal works of mercy but also to engage in spiritual works of mercy. This is precisely why the Cor initiative holds paramount importance within our Order.

Recent surveys indicate a resurgence of interest among young people aged 20 to 30 in the Catholic Church worldwide. This positive trend is commendable. These individuals seek to reclaim the missing spiritual dimension of their lives and embrace the teachings and traditions that the Catholic Church offers. However, they also aspire to contribute to their communities, just as we Knights have done for countless years. These men are our future brothers.

When Father McGivney established our order, his objective in addition to supporting widows and orphans, was to restore Catholic men who had strayed from our faith. This aspiration remains steadfast today, as it was during his time. The Knights of Columbus serve as the instrumental force in facilitating this restoration.

Our mission is to “empower Catholic men to live their faith - and serve their family, parish, community and country.” Our vision, guided by the principals of charity, unity and fraternity is aspiring “to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus and to extend our charitable reach as widely as possible.”

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Throughout our Ohio jurisdiction, the Knights actively engage in various council programs that profoundly impact individuals' lives, thereby fulfilling our mission and vision. Therefore:

We are Called to leave no neighbor behind, to help the needy and the outcast.

We are Called to help those with developmental disabilities to flourish in our communities and show the world that their lives matter along with those of the unborn.

We are Called to support our Priests and religious orders.

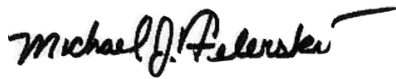
We are Called to practice Faithful Catholic Citizenship.

We are not just considered the strong right arm of the church, **We are Called** to BE the strong right arm of the church and to live in a way acceptable to Christ.

We are Called to be first in faith as in charity and to build a vision of hope for the future.

We are Called.

Vivat Jesus!


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A LETTER FROM OUR STATE CHAPLAIN...

Dear Brother Knights,

Earlier this year we witnessed an incredible piece of history being made, as Chicago-born Robert Cardinal Prevost was elected to the papacy, taking the name Pope Leo XIV. In his first homily as pope, given the morning after his election, reflecting upon the Apostle Peter he shared the following words. "Peter, in his response [to Jesus] understands both of these things: the gift of God, and the path to follow in order to allow himself to be changed by that gift." He then shifts the focus away from the historical Peter to each one of us today. "They are entrusted to us, who were chosen by Him before we were formed in our mothers' wombs (cf. Jer 1:5), reborn in the waters of Baptism... brought here and sent forth from here, so that the Gospel might be proclaimed to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15)."

Yes, my brothers. We have been given the gift of faith. **We are called** to allow that faith to truly transform us. And in turn, **we are called** to embrace the mission given to us "before we were formed in our mothers' wombs" to proclaim the Gospel to every person.

In another address, Pope Leo XIV explained his choice of name, sharing that just as Pope Leo XIII had the task of guiding the world through the challenges of the industrial revolution, he sees the need today to help guide the world through the modern-day digital revolution and the advent of artificial intelligence. In a world of virtual "friendships," deep divisions in our culture and unsurpassed levels of loneliness, isolation, and depression, what better organization is there than the Knights of Columbus to step into this breach? Living lives of authentic fraternity, unity, and charity directly address these ills of our modern, digital world. If we are simply faithful to our calling as Knights, we will be the very men Pope Leo XIV knows the Church needs today.

My brothers, **we are called**. Let us embrace that call, for the good of Ohio and the entire world.

Vivat Jesus!

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A LETTER FROM THE STATE GENERAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR...

Dear Brother Knights in Ohio:

Greetings and welcome to the Ohio State Council Program for the 2025-2027 fraternal year. This year you will find an updated guide and some changes in the state program awards. Changes were made to simplify and streamline the program. I hope you find this guide helpful. My wish is for your council to win the extremely well-deserved **Star Council Award**.

A well-rounded slate of programs not only provides retention of your current membership but also provides an extremely useful tool for recruiting new members to our Order. A strong Council Program is the best recruiting tool you have available. Make your council enticing to the men and families of your parish. As our Supreme Knight as often said, we must meet young Catholic men where they are and offer them what they need to be strong and faithful men of God.

Council programs are putting your **FAITH IN ACTION**. This guide will help you organize, improve, and increase the things your council does. And it will help you to earn the recognition that supports retention and recruitment.

The **Faith in Action** program is the umbrella for all Supreme recommended programs. Ohio supports the four main categories of **Faith, Community, Family, and Life**. Use this guide to lead you thru the programs and organize your council's activities. This manual also provides you with the info needed to receive and apply for recognition in our Ohio State Awards Program. There are several state awards possible in addition to the annual Activity awards.

All the state officers and staff are ready to help your council succeed. If you have any questions, please contact your District Deputy or any of the state staff. We will be there for you and to answer your questions to help you succeed and Be recognized as the **STAR COUNCIL** that you are.

Vivat Jesus!

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Another Message from State General Program Director Tim Mangan...

Your council's success depends on your programs. Your programs are a key to membership recruitment and retention. By having exciting programs, it keeps current members involved and active.

Plan your whole year's programs in **ONE** Meeting in **ONE** night. Set a goal to hold this meeting by the first week of August. (Suggestion: Place every activity in the Fraternal Planner sent by Supreme and include it at each meeting on your meeting agenda).

When you work with the individual programs, and you have a question; please communicate with the State Director of that program category. Each State Program Director oversees his respective program category and is best equipped to answer any questions from that program category. If you cannot get in touch with someone in a timely fashion, please feel free to contact the State Program Director.

Remember, **if you're not having fun, you're doing something wrong**. You will be working hard to perform programs that will affect the lives of all the people in your Family, Parish, Council, and Community. Your first obligation is to your family. Be sure the wives and kids participate in every council program. You are a volunteer for the Knights of Columbus and the State Council deeply appreciates your commitment to your Faith, Family, Council, and Community.

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We Are Called! ~ The “800 Point” State General Program

✓ ***The Faith in Action program areas (Faith, Family, Community & Life) each require 4 (four) activities for 100 points:***

- 1 Faith in Action minimum, 3 maximum or up to 2 Non-Featured (Council Choice) activities ~ as listed in this handbook or the Supreme guidebook
- 1 Honoree of the Year submission ~ as listed in the individualized program area below

✓ ***The (Membership) Growth program requires completing the activities listed below for 200 points leading to council membership growth.***

✓ ***The Administrative program requires completing the (eight) activities listed below for 200 points:***

FAITH – Complete 4 Activities (100 points)

Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 Other Faith Activities	25 points each
Honoree of the Year: <i>Chaplain/ Spiritual Advisor</i>	25 points

FAMILY - Complete 4 Activities (100 points)

Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 Other Family Activities	25 points each
Honoree of the Year: <i>Family</i>	25 points

COMMUNITY - Complete 4 Activities (100 points)

Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 Other Community Activities	25 points each
Honoree of the Year: <i>Youth</i>	25 points

LIFE - Complete 4 Activities (100 points)

Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 Other Life Activities	25 points each
Honoree of the Year: <i>Knight</i>	25 points

GROWTH - New Members and Activities (200 points)

Growth Drive and Recruit a Member	25 points
Any Council Choice Activity Involving Life, Family, Community or Faith But Must Recruit One New member	25 points
In-Person Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (Degree)	25 points
Reach 75% of Supreme Founders’ Award	25 points
Supreme Council Percentage Growth of New Members (on May 1)	1 – 100+ points

ADMINISTRATIVE - Complete 8 Activities (200 points)

185 Report of Officers for Term	25 points
365 Report of Program Director for the Term	25 points
Pay State Per Capita	25 points
1295 Annual Audit Report	25 points
Register Council EFF Director	25 points
1728 Annual Fraternal Survey	25 points
Youth Compliance	25 points
Columbia Award SP-7 Application Form	25 points

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Please review the individual program areas on the following pages of the handbook.

6 Steps to Max the State General Program

Step # 1	Max the FAITH Activities Program
Step # 2	Max the FAMILY Activities Program
Step # 3	Max the COMMUNITY Activities Program
Step # 4	Max the LIFE Activities Program
Step # 5	Max the GROWTH Activities Program
Step # 6	Max the Administrative Program Requirements

Program Tiebreakers

Councils that complete all the required Steps of the State General Program will be in the running for the top state honors. The tiebreaker rules shown below will be used to position those councils that max the ***We Are Called!*** State General Program by completing all program activities, earning 800 points.

Tiebreaker # 1: *Highest Percent gain in Growth for the Fraternal Year*

Tiebreaker # 2: *Participation of Councils: Football Frenzy, Matching Funds, Super Cash Bonanza, and/or Support Our Seminarians*

Council Division Levels

The state general program division levels are established so that all councils can competitively participate in the state program. Divisions are determined by the number of members in each council as of the May 1 Supreme Council roster report. The general program will have **5 (five)** divisions.

Division # 1:	171 and over Members
Division # 2:	111 to 170 Members
Division # 3:	82 to 110 Members
Division # 4:	51 to 81 Members
Division # 5:	Up to 50 Members

Reporting Guidelines

*The guidelines are outlined to let every council participate in the state general program. All program activities may be conducted within the period of **July 1st through April 15th** to qualify for program points.*

State, Division, & Diocesan Awards

Councils have the chance to earn a variety of awards based upon their performance in the ***We Are Called!*** State General Program. Councils that complete the following list of requirements will receive their awards at the 2026 or 2027 Ohio State Council Convention. There will be 3 (three) award levels.

The Superior Award

- √ Max out the State General Program to earn at least **800 program points**.
- √ Includes Supreme Membership Goal as of **May 1 (100 points)**

The Excellence Award

- √ Earn at least **700 program points**.
- √ Achieve at least 50 Percent (**50 points**) Supreme Membership Goal as of **May 1**.

The Glorious Award

- √ Earn at least **600 program points**.
- √ Achieve at least 10 Percent (**10 points**) Supreme Membership Goal as of **May 1**.

The Elite Award

Top Overall Statewide Awards

The **Top 10 (ten) councils** statewide regardless of division size will receive an award for their standing in the State General Program contest. The Tiebreaker rules will also be used to determine the overall council standings.

Eligible councils shall have earned **800 program points including Supreme Membership Goal** as of **May 1**.

Division Awards (5 Awards, 1 in each Division)

One council in each of the 5 Divisions (based on size of council) will be presented with the **OHIO COUNCIL OF DISTINCTION AWARD**. This will be the council in each division based on its standing at the conclusion of the state general program and the total number of points achieved and the tiebreakers.

Eligible councils shall have earned at least **600 program points** and achieved at least 10 percent (10 points) **Supreme Membership Goal** as of **May 1**.

Supreme Council Awards

An award will be given to the council regardless of division for the **Best Overall Statewide Activity**. *There will be 24 diocesan and 4 (four) state awards for Best Overall Activity.*

Recipients of these awards will have their activity forwarded to Supreme Council for consideration at the Supreme Convention. The 4 program areas of the Supreme Council awards are Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Please use Supreme State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form (#STSP)--one entry form should be completed for each program category.

Honorees of the Year ***Six Diocesan Awards - One State Award***

One award will be given to an outstanding individual in each of the 6 dioceses for each of the following categories: Chaplain, Family, Youth and Knight.

An overall state award honoree will be chosen from each category. Each of the state award winners will receive 1 complimentary room for Saturday night at the state convention and 2 state convention banquet tickets. *There will be 24 diocesan and 4 state awards for the Honorees of the Year.*

State Officer of the Year Award

The **State Officer of the Year** will be presented to the State Officer whose diocese has the highest percentage of active council participation in the state general program and the highest percentage growth. *There will be 1 (one) state officer designated as the award recipient.*

Charles Riesbeck Memorial Award

This award will be presented during the State Council Tour for the following:

- The council with the highest new membership intake in the state during the fraternal year regardless of Division. *1 (One) Award.*
- The council with the highest total percentage increase in membership growth in the state during the fraternal year regardless of Division. *1 (One) Award.*

Faith in Action – Competition Levels

Programs that have competitions like Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Free Throw Championship, Soccer Challenge, and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, etc. follow Supreme Council dates and guidelines. Competitions begin at the local council followed by the district, regional (diocesan) and state levels.

√ Local council winners are turned into the District Deputy who conducts a district-level competition.

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- √ District Level winners are submitted for regional or diocesan competitions. If applicable and available, the Diocesan District Deputy Director will conduct the competition at that level.
- √ A state director and/or the state officer of the diocese will conduct the final levels of competition. If applicable, the top state selections are forwarded to Supreme Council for international awards.

ELECTRONIC REPORTING

The state general program is viewable on the Ohio State Council website for review and reference. It is in .pdf format so all or some of its contents can be readily downloaded and printed. ***The Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus website address is www.kofcoho.org.***

All reporting is to be completed online. Snail mail is only permitted for the Honorees of the Year, but all other reporting is to be completed online unless advised otherwise.

Please go to the Ohio State Council website as listed above. From the homepage, please click on “FOR MEMBERS” then “COUNCIL PROGRAM REPORTING” to find the link to submit your activity reports. For a Membership category, “Enter Activity” page, select your council and fill in your contact information. After selecting appropriate membership program activity, enter detailed information to be submitted to the state membership director and click “Submit.” At that point, the report has been successfully submitted.

After submission, the state director will review and approve the report by the 15th day of the month. Upon approval, the council’s points will appear on its council scoreboard. The reporting portal will close on April 15 (at midnight). At that time the state general program competition officially ends.

No log-in password is necessary to report programs. This new reporting method utilizes features to make the procedure simple and easy. All reporting should be completed online. If more documentation is needed (especially for the Honorees of the Year), please email the additional information to the appropriate state director.

Special notice: Reports are to be entered as completed or **MONTHLY** as applicable. The portal will close for this year’s submissions for the state general program competition on April 15.

If applicable or necessary, reports can also be submitted to Supreme Council, following instructions for Fraternal Programs Report Form # 10784.

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Please report all programs in a timely manner.

REPORT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Report/Activity	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
Form # 185 Report Of Officers Chosen	1											
Form # 365 Service Program Personnel Report	1											
Order Soccer Challenge Kit	1											
Form # 1295 Semi-Annual Council Audit Report		15										
State Per Capita Payment due		31										
Online Reporting Due Dates if choosing to report to Supreme #10784	31	31	30	31	30	31	31	28	30	15		
Supreme Per Capita Payment Due				10						10		
Order Free Throw Kit, FT- KIT					1							
OSC Matching Funds Report					15							
Form # 1728 Annual Survey Of Fraternal Activity							31					
Free Throw Participation Rpt. Use # 10784							31					
Form # 1295 Semi-Annual Council Audit Report due								15				
OSC Support Our Seminarians Report										1		
OSC Knight of the Year										1		
Family of the Year # 10680										1		
OSC Chaplain of the Year										1		
OSC Youth of the Year										1		
State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form # STSP										1		
Online Program Reporting Closed										15		
Measure Up Check / Form to State Warden											1	
Columbian Award Application, Form # SP7												30
RSVP Refund/Plaque Application Form # 2683												30
Annual Report Round Table, Form # 2629												30



FAITH ACTIVITY PROGRAM

To “MAX” the Faith Program, the council needs to complete 4 (four) activities for a total of 100 points.

√ **Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 other Faith Activities.....25 points each**

Please submit the Faith Activities program form with appropriate documentation and, if requested, describe the activity and attendance. Possibilities include the following:

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
Into the Breach
Spiritual Reflection
Holy Hour
¡ Viva Cristo Rey!
Imitating Saint Juan Diego
Pilgrim Icon Program
Rosary Program
Sacramental Gifts

For information on the Faith in Action activities, please refer to the ***Faith in Action Guidebook, pages 3 - 21.***

A Non-Featured Program is used to report on a **Faith** activity that the council planned, promoted, and executed that does not fit any of the Supreme programs or activities. Any activity that nurtured or supported our faith should qualify. To earn credit for this activity, identify and report on how the elective supported the council faith program.

√ **Honoree of the Year: Chaplain/ Spiritual Advisor.....25 points**

Please submit the **Chaplain or Spiritual Advisor (Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister with a Religious Order) Recognition** activity with appropriate documentation by April 1. Complete and submit the council's Honoree of the Year by using the form found on page 39 of this handbook. Additional documents may accompany a council's nomination.

Faith Program Suggestions

In addition to the Supreme Programs there are other ideas for council programs

- Establish a perpetual Eucharistic Adoration program in your parish
- Conduct an outreach program to non-Catholics or those Catholics that have fallen away
- Become involved in the RCIA program
- Adopt a parish in a third-world country
- Sponsor a church international day, highlighting the diversity of the church
- Sponsor a parish history day: have parishioners bring in various articles to share with the parish
- Sponsor a program to assist in transportation of the handicapped and/or elderly to mass and other church activities
- Assist scouting programs to work on religious awards
- Adopt a catholic school program
- Sponsor a parish picnic
- Have a parish clean-up day

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FAMILY ACTIVITY PROGRAM

To “MAX” the Family Program, the council needs to complete 4 (four) activities for a total of 100 points.

√ **Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 other Family Activities.....25 points each**

Please submit the Family Activities program form with appropriate documentation and, if requested, describe the activity and attendance. Possibilities include the following:

Food for Families
Family of the Month / Year
Consecration to the Holy Family
Family Prayer Night
Remembering our Faithful Departed
Quinceañera Support
Keep Christ in Christmas
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
Build-a-Bed

For information on the Faith in Action activities, please refer to the ***Faith in Action Guidebook, pages 3 - 21.***

A Non-Featured Program is used to report on a **Family** activity that the council planned, promoted, and executed that does not fit any of the Supreme programs or activities. Any activity that nurtured or supported our faith should qualify. To earn credit for this activity, identify and report on how the elective supported the council family program.

√ **Honoree of the Year: Family of the Year.....25 points**

Please submit the **Family of the Year Recognition** activity with appropriate documentation by April 1. Complete and submit the council's Family of the Year by using the form found on page 40 of this handbook. Additional documents may accompany the council's nomination.

Family Program Suggestions

In addition to the Supreme Programs there are other ideas for council programs

- Plan an annual marriage vow renewal program
- Reach out to families and children of divorced or single parents and include them in your activities
- Maintain contact with, or provide assistance to, widows and dependent children
- Host a family picnic with a potluck meal and fun contests included
- Plan for a Family Movie Night, show a family friendly film, possibly with Catholic or Christian values
- Coordinate a visit to the zoo or museum
- Partner Family Week with Holy Hour and expose children to the mystery and beauty of the Blessed Sacrament
- Attend a local sporting event like a baseball, basketball, football or hockey game
- Host a Family Social Event such as an ice cream social, pizza night or a game night
- Honor Family of the Month/Year at a banquet

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY PROGRAM

***To “MAX” the Community Program,
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activities for a total of 100 points.***

√ Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 other Community Activities.....25 points each

Please submit the Community Activities program form with appropriate documentation and, if requested, describe the activity and attendance. Possibilities include the following:

Coats for Kids
Global Wheelchair Mission
Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage
Bright Futures
Disaster Preparedness
Free Throw Competition
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Soccer/Hockey Challenge
Helping Hands

For information on the Faith in Action activities, please refer to the ***Faith in Action Guidebook, pages 3 - 21.***

A Non-Featured Program is used to report on a **Community** activity that the council planned, promoted, and executed that does not fit any of the Supreme programs or activities. To earn credit for this activity, identify and report on how the elective supported the council community program.

√ **Honoree of the Year: Youth of the Year.....25 points**

Please submit the **Youth of the Year Recognition** activity with appropriate documentation by April 1. Complete and submit the council's Youth of the Year by using the form found on page 41 of this handbook. Additional documents may accompany a council's nomination.

While we want to encourage consideration of this award to the children / grandchildren of members, **this is not a requirement.** We want to recognize outstanding youth who demonstrate active involvement in their community, reflecting good Christian principles. Nominations will be judged on the contributions to their church, their community, their family, and their country.

Community Program Suggestions

In addition to the Supreme Programs there are other ideas for council programs

- Sponsor a community fundraiser to support relief efforts in areas in need
- Sponsor and staff a clothing drive in your parish and/or community
- Conduct a special recognition program for your local police, fire, or military personnel
- Participate with another civic or fraternal organization in a fraternal activity
- Participate in a "Adopt A Highway" program
- Serve those who served by volunteering at a local VA facility
- Promote world day of peace-9/11

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LIFE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

To “MAX” the Life Program, the council needs to complete 4 (four) activities for a total of 100 points.

√ **Complete 1 Faith in Action and 2 other Life Activities.....25 points each**

Please submit the Life Activities program form with appropriate documentation and, if requested, describe the activity and attendance. Possibilities include the following:

March for Life
Special Olympics
Ultrasound Initiative
Aid and Support After Pregnancy (also referred to as ASAP)
Gospel of Life
Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe
Christian Refugee Relief
Silver Rose Prayer Service
Mass for People with Special Needs

For information on the Faith in Action activities, please refer to the ***Faith in Action Guidebook, pages 3 - 21.***

A Non-Featured Program is used to report on a Culture of Life activity that the council planned, promoted, and executed that does not fit any of the Supreme programs or activities. Any activity that nurtured or supported our faith should qualify. To earn credit for this activity, identify and report on how the elective supported the council Culture of Life program.

√ **Honoree of the Year: Knight of the Year.....25 points**

Every council in the Order and in the State of Ohio has members that exhibit Columbianism for their Church and Community. From these men, your council will select its most deserving Brother Knight and present him with the honored award of the Knight of Columbus, namely the Knight of the Year.

Please submit the **Knight of the Year Recognition** activity with appropriate documentation by April 1. Complete and submit the council's Knight of the Year by using the form found on page 42 of this handbook. Additional documents may accompany the council's nomination.

Life Program Suggestions

In addition to the Supreme Programs there are other ideas for council programs

- Erect a memorial to children killed through abortion
- Bring meals or Communion to the Homebound or sick
- Send a representative to a local or national Right to Life March
- Participate in a program for battered wives or abused children
- Sponsor an evening of information on the current status of the Culture of Life issue for the Parish Life Teen program with representative from local right to life groups
- Have a special information session on adoption at your parish. Appoint a member to coordinate things between the Church, prospective parents and an adoption agency

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2026-2027 GROWTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

✓ **Complete 1 (One) Growth Drive and Recruit a Member.....25 points**

- Your council **MUST** grow your council by at least **one new member**, for any growth drive.
- Submit on your online report the new member name and membership number and the date of his Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree.
- The new member must show up on the Supreme Council Membership Report:
More information about Delta Church Drives can be found in the OSC Growth Handbook.

✓ **Complete 1 (One) Council Choice Activity Involving Life, Family Community, or Faith but Must Result in 1(one) New Member.....25 points**

- Your council must hold any life, family, community or faith activity that brings in at least **one new member..**
- Submit on your online report the new member name and membership number and the date of his Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree.
- The new member must show up on the Supreme Council Membership Report:
More information about Delta Church Drives can be found in the OSC Growth Handbook.

√ **Complete 1 (One) In-Person Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (Degree).....25 points**

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree

Our current Exemplification is a combined degree designed to convey our lessons effectively in under an hour. It is tailored to involve our priests as well as families, friends, and fellow parishioners. Ideally it will be performed in the Church itself but can be performed in a Parish or Council Hall. The new degree requires a smaller team with much shorter speaking parts. It exemplifies the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in a quicker, no nonsense way. At the conclusion, candidates become Third Degree members. Whether presented from memory or read from a script, the degree must be professionally presented. We want every council in Ohio to have an Exemplification team of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

To earn credit for this activity, submit the online report for Exemplification:

- Your council **MUST** grow your council by at least **one new member**, for Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity held live and in person by the council team.
- Submit on your online report the new member's name and membership number and the date of his Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree.

√ **Reach 75% of Supreme Founder's Award.....25 points**

Fraternal Benefits Event

The Founders' Award recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and financial products. A number equal to 10% of Associate members on July 1 council roster must meet individually with a field agent for a financial review. Minimum 5/ Maximum 15 To qualify, meetings must be with new or associate members. Online members do NOT qualify!!!!

*Grand Knight submit the Meet with Member/Agent Form #11077
to the general agent using the Supreme Website*

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√ **Attain Council Growth Percentage.....1-100 points**

Council Growth Percentage

Your council **MUST** experience positive membership growth by the May 1 Star Council report. Points will be awarded based on the council's percentage of growth from that report.

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2026-2027 Star Council Award Program

Supreme Council has made the Star Council Award a requirement for a state deputy to achieve Circle of Honor for 2026-2027 fraternal year. The exact Star Council Award quota will vary each year, but it still remains an important achievement for a council. Every aspect of an active council is part of the criteria for this award.

Criteria for the 2026-2027 Star Council Award.

- 1. 2026-2027 McGivney Award Requirements:** The McGivney Award recognizes council excellence in membership growth.
 - Attain 6% intake growth based on July 1st council membership
 - Minimum 5 / Maximum 15
- 2. 2026-2027 Founders' Award Requirements:** The Founders' Award recognizes council excellence in the promotion of our insurance and financial products.
 - A number equal to 10% of Associate members on the July 1 council roster must meet individually with a field agent for a financial review

- Minimum 5 / Maximum 15
- To qualify, meetings must be with new or associate members

3. 2026-2027 Columbian Award Requirements: The Columbian Award recognizes council excellence in programs and activities aligned with the vision of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and the mission of the Knights of Columbus. To earn the award, councils must complete all the following requirements.

Requirement 1

- Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP (dollars or item value), Food for Families (dollars or 1,000 lbs. of food), RSVP, or Coats for Kids.

Requirement 2

- Complete 4 Faith in Action programs, one in each of the following categories: Faith, Family, Community, Life.
- You cannot claim program already submitted for requirement 1.
- To qualify as Faith in Action programs, the council must run programs similar to those described in the Faith in Action Program Guidebook.

Requirement 3 *(Must complete either Option A or Option B)*

Option A

- Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity and one to support your parish or community.
- These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs.
- You cannot claim programs already submitted for requirements 1 and 2.

Option B

- Conducting Cor satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement. To qualify, councils must offer Cor gatherings that feature prayer, formation, and fraternity at least twelve occasions during the fraternal year to all men of the parish.
- For additional information on Cor and its structure, visit kofc.org/cor

and/or view the Cor Startup Videos, Cor Startup Guide and the Cor Reference Guide.

- If you choose this option, you must include the name and email address of your council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director on the new SP7.

4. 2026-2027 Administration Requirements

- Be in good standing with Supreme Council (pay assessments)
- Safe Environment compliant (Same four council officers)
- Submit Form #185 (officers)
- Submit Form #365 (directors)
- Submit Form #1728 (annual survey)
- Submit Form #1295 (Annual Audit) (New)

I will continue to issue a status report early each month for all councils. It is imperative that we have the grand knight's email address for the Star Council Status Report as well as all communication from the Ohio State Council.

For questions on the Star Council Report, feel free to contact me anytime by phone or by email (see below).

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K OF C SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM



PROTECTING THOSE WE SERVE

As Knights of Columbus, we recognize that all Catholics, including Brother Knights, share a responsibility to protect children and vulnerable persons served in and by the Catholic Church. Like the Church, the Knights of Columbus is committed to the protection of children and other vulnerable persons. As Catholic men, Brother Knights live out their fatherhood, irrespective of whether they have children of their own, when we serve those entrusted to our care. In the words of our Supreme Knight: “Protecting our children is the sacred duty of every Knight.”

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Under Faith in Action, certain state and council officers/directors are required to take safe environment training and may also be required to provide authorization for a background check.

If members in certain roles are not compliant within 30 days of notification, they are subject to removal from those roles.

Email addresses are now required when completing the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) for the program, community, and family director roles. Praesidium, the Order's safe environment partner, will

email grand knights, program, family, and community directors assigned usernames and passwords to complete the training. They will also email family and community directors a personalized link to provide background check authorization. The Knights of Columbus covers all costs associated with these requirements.

Email notifications are unique to each recipient and cannot be forwarded or used by any other member. The time-sensitive notifications require the recipient to complete training and background check authorization within 30 days of receipt.

Safe Environment Program Training and Background Check Requirements

ROLES	TRAINING	BACKGROUND CHECK	OFFICERS ONLINE – REPORTS
State Council			
State Deputy	✓		✓
State Advocate	✓		✓
State Program Director	✓		✓
State Youth Director	✓	✓	✓
State Family Director	✓	✓	✓
State Community Director	✓	✓	✓
State Squire Chairman	✓	✓	✓
Subordinate Council			
Grand Knight	✓		✓
Faithful Navigator	✓		
Program Director	✓		✓
Family Director	✓	✓	
Community Director	✓	✓	
Chief Counselor	✓	✓	
Adult Counselor	✓	✓	

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Officers Online Access

Members in a role permitted access to Officers Online will be emailed an invitation code once the Supreme Council receives the appropriate form from the state council, local council, or assembly indicating the election or appointment, and records this information. If you do not receive an invitation code within a reasonable time, click "Account Assistant" on the sign in page and follow the instructions.

If you previously held a role with access to Officers Online, you do not need a new invitation code. Your access will automatically be reactivated once the appropriate form is submitted.

If you do not remember your log on credentials, click "Account Assistant" or "Password Reset" on the sign in page and follow the instructions. If additional assistance is required contact our Customer Service Department at 800-380-9995, option 2 and provide your membership number and role.

Applications by Roles	Role Description										
	Officers Online	Officers Desk Reference	Office of Youth Protection	Home Corporations	Member Management	Member Billing	By Laws Online	Knights Gear	Supplies Online	Prospect Tab	Candidate Tab
Jurisdiction/ State											
State Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Secretary	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Treasurer	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Advocate	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Warden	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Immediate PSD	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Executive Secretary	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Membership Dir	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Program Dir	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Round Table Chair	X		X	X				X	X		
Council Reactivation Chair	X		X	X				X	X		
Council Retention Chair	X		X	X				X	X		
Member Retention Chair	X		X	X				X	X		
Insurance Promo Chair	X		X	X				X	X		
NCD Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Ceremonial Chair	X		X	X				X	X		
Hispanic Council Growth Coord	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Chair	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Add Membership Roles	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Coord	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Trainer	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
4th Degree / Provincial											
Vice Supreme Master	X	X	X	X				X	X		
District Master	X	X	X	X				X	X		
District											
District Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Council											
Grand Knight	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Financial Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Advocate	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		
Deputy Grand Knight	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Treasurer	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Membership Dir	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Assembly											
Faithful Navigator	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Faithful Comptroller	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Faithful Admiral	X		X	X			X	X	X		
Faithful Pilot	X		X	X			X	X	X		
Faithful Purser	X	X	X	X				X	X		

Program Forms

Reference Guide

	Program Name	Form #	Form Name	Due Date	Notes
GENERAL COUNCIL FORMS	All Program Reporting (unless specified below)	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	30-Jun	Online Form Council → Supreme Submission by any Knight For any and all program activity
	Columbian Award	SP-7	Columbian Award Application	30-Jun	Council → Supreme Council Submission by Grand Knight
	Service Program Award	STSP	Service Program Award Entry Form	Check with Jurisdiction	Council → State Council Submission by Grand Knight
FAITH	RSVP	2863	RSVP Refund Application	30-Jun	Council → Supreme Council Submission by Council Officer
	Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Holy Hour Into the Breach Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts Spiritual Reflection Pilgrim Icon Program RSVP	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	30-Jun	Online Form Council → Supreme Submission by any Knight For any and all program activity
FAMILY	Family of the Month	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	15th of the following month	Council → Supreme Submission by any Knight Replaces Form #10668
	Family of the Year	10680	Family of the Year Form	Check with Jurisdiction	Council → State Council Submission by Grand Knight
	Food for Families	10057	Food for Families Refund Application	30-Jun	Council → Supreme Council Submission by Council Officer
	Keep Christ in Christmas	5025	KCIC Poster Contest Entry Form	Check with Jurisdiction	Council → State Council Submission by Grand Knight
	Consecration to the Holy Family Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Family Week Good Friday Family Promotion Food for Families	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	30-Jun	Online Form Council → Supreme Submission by any Knight For any and all program activity
COMMUNITY	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	4208	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Entry Form	Check with Jurisdiction	Council → State Council Submission by Council Officer
	Free Throw Championship	1598	Free Throw Challenge Score Sheet	Check with Jurisdiction	Council → State Council Submission by Council Officer
	Soccer Challenge	4578	Soccer Challenge Score Sheet	Check with Jurisdiction	Council → State Council Submission by Council Officer
	Hockey Challenge	10854	Hockey Challenge Score Sheet	Check with Jurisdiction	Council → State Council Submission by Council Officer
	Global Wheelchair Mission Coats for Kids Habitat for Humanity Helping Hands Disaster Preparedness Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Free Throw Championship Soccer Challenge Hockey Challenge Leave No Neighbor Behind	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	30-Jun	Online Form Council → Supreme Submission by any Knight For any and all program activity



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	Program Name	Form #	Form Name	Due Date	Notes
LIFE	Christian Refugee Relief March for Life Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life Pregnancy Center Support Silver Rose Ultrasound Program	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	30-Jun	Online Form Council → Supreme Submission by any Knight For any and all program activity
	Special Olympics	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	31-Jan	Online Form Council → Supreme Submission by Grand Knight Replaces Form #4584
	Ultrasound Program	10716	Ultrasound Application	As Needed	Council → Supreme Council Submission by Council Officer
	Ultrasound Program	10715	Ultrasound Diocesan Evaluation Form	As Needed	Council → Supreme Council Submission by Council Officer
STATE COUNCIL FORMS	Service Program Award Winners	SPA	Service Program Award Winners	1-Jun	State Council → Supreme Council Submission by State Deputy Include: 4 winning STSP forms
	Special Olympics	10784	Fraternal Programs Report Form	31-Jan	Online Form State Council → Supreme Council Submission by any State Officer Replaces Form #4584
	Keep Christ in Christmas	5025	KCIC Poster Contest Entry Form	28-Feb	State Council → Supreme Council Submission by State Deputy 12 per state (2 per age group)
	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	4208	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Entry Form	15-Feb	State Council → Supreme Council Submission by State Deputy 12 per state (2 per age group)
	Free Throw Championship	1598	Free Throw Challenge Score Sheet	7-May	State Council → Supreme Council Submission by State Deputy 12 per state (2 per age group)
	Soccer Challenge	4578	Soccer Challenge Score Sheet	15-Feb	State Council → Supreme Council Submission by State Deputy 12 per state (2 per age group)
All Program Report Forms not mentioned have been removed. Submission is not required. Forms Include: Removed Forms: #5023 KCIC Poster Contest Participation Form #4216 Catholic Citizenship Essay Content Participation Form #4567 Soccer Challenge Participation Form #FT-1 Free Throw Participation Form #10071 Global Wheelchair Mission Report Form #10675 Coats for Kids Report Form #10729 Habitat for Humanity Report Form #4584 Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report #10697 March for Life Form #10668 Family of the Month Form #10092 Habitat for Humanity Partnership Profile Report #10243 Family Rosary (Rosary Program) Form					

The Cor Gathering

"Evangelization and Formation for the Men of Your Parish"

Cor is a faith-based initiative of the Supreme Council to form and strengthen Knights and the Catholic men of the parish in faith and virtue. Each Cor meeting does this by strengthening relationships with Jesus Christ and one another, through the three Key Elements of Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. The word ‘cor’ is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity all begin with the heart and direct the heart in relationship to God and each other in true charity.

The goals of each Cor gathering are to provide the opportunity for Catholic men:

- to encounter Christ
- to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood
- to share their faith, as brothers, and bring souls to Jesus Christ.

Every council is invited to hold Cor at least once a month, in addition to the monthly council meeting.

- **Who can attend Cor?** Cor is open for any man in the parish.
- **How often should we meet?** Cor should be held at least monthly, but they can be held more often, such as weekly. Adoption of Cor is optional for every council.
- **How long should a Cor gathering be?** Each Cor gathering should last ideally 60 - 90 minutes.
- **What do you do?** Cor consists of the following Key Elements: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. Cor Gatherings should be simple. (See Cor meeting examples below for content ideas.)
- **What time of day should Co be held?** Whatever time of day best serves the men of the parish.
- **Is this a Supreme initiative?** Yes, and each jurisdiction is encouraged to promote it with their councils.
- **What if my parish already has a men’s group?** Great! The Cor should not cause competition or conflict. Consider using Cor resources to strengthen and grow the existing group.

- **Should my pastor/chaplain be involved?** Any formation provided at the parish needs the pastor's approval. The pastor/chaplain should be involved in planning and invited to each meeting.

Three Key Elements

✓ **Prayer:** Prayer is the “lifting of our minds and hearts to God.” Through prayer we strengthen our relationship with God as disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ and grow in our knowledge of Him. Shared time in prayer will help men focus their minds and hearts on God, strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and keep God at the center of all they are and do. (*Examples: Rosary, Lectio Divina, Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy*)

✓ **Formation:** The aim of Catholic formation is to be like Christ, taking on his character and virtue, life of prayer, and his mission. The Cor Meeting brings men together to sharpen each other in friendship and fraternity. This formation should include time hearing, studying, and applying the truths of the Catholic faith to daily life. (*Examples: Faith-inspired talks by clergy or others, reading a spiritual reflection, Into the Breach Video Series, Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, Bible Study, small group discussion*)

✓ **Fraternity:** The Cor Meeting brings men together as a band of brothers to strengthen each other in friendship and fraternity. The aim of fraternal time should be to create an enjoyable environment that strengthens true friendships. (*Examples: Social events, BBQ, bonfire, intentional conversation, and shared meals i.e. donuts and coffee or pizza and beverages.*)

Example of a Cor Structure Meeting

While all three of the key elements must be present in each Cor meeting, the ratio may change depending on the needs of your men. Each meeting welcomes newcomers, begins in prayer, centers on the main content of the key elements, encourages attendance and participation in council meetings and programs, shares the next Cor Meeting time, and closes in prayer.

Cor - Fraternity Centered (60 min.)

- 1. Fraternity:** Pizza (or donuts and coffee if in AM)
- 2. Formation:** 15 min. faith-inspired talk by Chaplain
- 3. Prayer:** Request intentions and pray Rosary

Cor - Formation Centered (90 min.)

- 1. Formation:** *Into the Breach* Video & Discussion
- 2. Prayer:** 30 min. of Eucharistic Adoration
- 3. Fraternity:** Sharing a meal

Leadership Roles

- ✓ **Grand Knight:** Adoption of Cor should only add minimal work to the Grand Knight. He is encouraged to survey all council members and then appoint and empower a Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) to own all aspects of this “meeting”. The Grand Knights is not required to attend nor does he have an official role in the meeting itself. He is expected to continue to foster good will, collaboration, and communication with the pastor, ensuring that Cor and its function supports his pastoral plan and ministry and the needs of the parish. To that end, he is encouraged to bring the Director of EFF into any appropriate and corresponding meetings.
- ✓ **Council Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation:** Appointed by the Grand Knight, he will facilitate the planning, structure, and hosting of all Cor meetings. He is encouraged to build an EFF team that will help shoulder these meeting responsibilities, especially if meeting more frequently. He will ensure that each meeting is adequately prepared for, space reserved, timing and content communicated, and excellently run. Along with the Grand Knight, the Director of EFF should coordinate and communicate with any existing parish ministries, particularly men’s ministries in such a way that fosters collaboration and a hybrid experience achieving the aims and goals of both groups. The Council Director is supported by the State Director of EFF and Team.
- ✓ **Pastor/Chaplain:** The pastor must give his permission for Cor to be held at the parish. He is primarily responsible for the formation of the souls in his parish and therefore should be consulted and involved. He should be made aware of the scheduled meetings and their content focus with a standing invitation to lead prayer and to speak to the men as he so desires.

Gathering Structure and Frequency

Every council is invited to hold Cor meeting at least once a month, in addition to the monthly council meeting.

- **Will this replace the Council Meeting?** No. The Council Meeting has it’s own clear function and purpose, as does Cor. Both exist to support the life and function of the council.
- **How does this impact the other council meetings?** After implementing Cor, the council will most likely have three monthly events: Officers Planning Meeting, Council Meeting, and Cor. Attendance to these meetings may vary over time. It is important to communicate the purpose, function, and value of these

meetings and when they are necessary for members to attend. Additionally, Cor should inspire men to more actively participate in the leadership and organization of the council.

- **Can Cor be a part of the Council Meeting?** We highly encourage that Cor have a time of it's own so proper attention can be given to all respective meetings. Separately structured time allows for a full and focused schedule for each. A report should be offered during the Council Meeting by the Director of EFF to ensure a clear connection between both meetings.
- **Should we meet more than monthly?** Increased frequency is encouraged. Meeting once a month is good, but may not be frequent enough to have the full desired impact. The frequency of Cor should be primarily determined by the availability of the men of the council and parish who have committed to attend with consideration to council leadership and the pastor.

Programs and Council Activities

- **Is Cor a Faith in Action program?** No, Cor is not a program. However, the structure of the Cor Meeting allows for the incorporation of various Faith in Action programs, such as Holy Hour, Rosary, Into the Breach, etc.
- **How will this impact the council?** Cor is intended to help all Knights maintain the purpose of their Knighthood and foundation of their Catholic faith at the forefront of their mind. Father McGivney intended the council to be a means of forming and strengthening the faith of our members so it impacts and directs all that they do. Every program and event that the council offers will benefit from Cor. Knights will be emboldened and enlivened through the prayer, formation, and fraternity of the meeting to more intentionally engage in the function and goals of council programs and events.

More suggestions and ideas can be found on the Supreme website at www.kofc.org.

***For additional help and support,
please contact State Faith Formation Director Arron Mier.***

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Chaplain or Spiritual Advisor of the Year

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DUE APRIL 1

Enter online at <https://kofc-ohio.web.app/> “State Activity”

Council #:	Diocese:
Council Name:	Nom. Parish:
Nominee:	Address:
Address:	Pastor’s Name:
City/Zip:	Phone:
Phone:	Email:
Email:	
Occupation:	Spouse:

Church Activities:

Interaction with K of C:

Community Activities:

Reasons for Nomination:

Submitted by:

Phone:

Email:

Family of the Year

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DUE APRIL 1

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Form #10680 Supreme <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/faith-in-action-program-forms.html>

Council Number and Name:

A. Personal Data

Member's Name:

Membership #:

Wife's Name:

Children/Ages:

Children/Ages:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Parish:

Address:

Pastor:

Phone:

B. Knights of Columbus Data

Family nominated by Council # in , Ohio

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus?

Positions (Offices/program directorships/chairmanships/committee assignments) held:

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus:

C. Family Involvement

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Community:

Explain why this family was chosen as the model family in Ohio. Why does this family deserve the distinction of being names Knights of Columbus Family of the Year?

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Youth of the Year

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DUE APRIL 1

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Council #:	Diocese:
Council Name:	Nom. Parish:
Nominee:	Address:
Address:	Pastor’s Name:
City/Zip:	Phone:
Phone:	Email:
Email:	
Parents:	

Church Activities:

Interaction with K of C:

Community Activities:

Reasons for Nomination:

Submitted by:

Phone:

Email:

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Knight of the Year

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DUE APRIL 1

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Council #:	Diocese:
Council Name:	Nom. Parish:
Nominee:	Address:
Address:	Pastor’s Name:
City/Zip:	Phone:
Phone:	Email:
Email:	
Occupation:	Spouse:

Church Activities:

Interaction with K of C:

Community Activities:

Reasons for Nomination:

Submitted by:

Phone:

Email:

STATE OFFICERS & STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

The state officers of the Ohio State Council also serve as chairs of statewide programs during the fraternal year. The individual programs are listed with their respective chairs and an overview and timeline for each. (These programs are also detailed on the state website at www.kofcoho.org.)

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MATCHING FUNDS
(for Religious Education)

September 1 – November 15

<https://kofcoho.org/programs/matching-funds>

Matching Funds Campaign combines the power of local Council fundraising with support from the Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council, to strengthen Catholic Education efforts in every Catholic school, in every religious program, and in every RCIA program of your diocese.

All contributions from your council and participating councils from your diocese, as well as any amounts matched, go to the Religious Education Department of your Diocese.

The Matching Funds Campaign runs from September 1 through November 15. Donations received within those dates are matched until the Ohio Charity Foundation match of \$25,000 is exhausted.

For more information, please contact State Advocate Tony Offenberger.

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S.O.S. ~ SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS
(for vocations to the priesthood)

Ongoing throughout the fraternal year – July 1 to April 15

<https://kofcoho.org/programs/sos/>

Originally called Pennies for Heaven, this program has evolved to necessary dollars for heaven--funds that are needed now more than ever due to our shortage of men studying for the priesthood. The S. O. S. program collects annually and its proceeds are presented to the vocations director in each Ohio diocese. These funds are used to support and our seminarians in monetary ways (such as gas cards, tuition assistance, etc.,) as well as for other religious vocations.

All monies collected in a particular diocese go to the vocations department in that diocese. That is, the total collected in your diocese is presented to your diocesan vocation office in July at the summer TOUR meeting.

Please pass the jug at ALL council meetings and activities!

The first turn in is December 15, 2025, and the final turn in is April 15, 2026.

For more information, please contact IPSD Jeff Kiliany.

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SUPER CASH BONANZA
(for local, diocesan, and state charities)

Roadshow Tickets Distribution in February to
The Second Phase Final Turn-In in May

<https://kofcoho.org/programs/super-cash-bonanza/>

Super Cash Bonanza is the Ohio State Council's annual Charity Campaign. The income from the Charity Campaign provides a significant amount of funding for our many charitable donations that are given to our church, school systems and community projects. The campaign is funded through our ticket sales – so member knights are encouraged to help support their council and sell or purchase their tickets. There are over \$108,000 worth of prizes to be awarded.

Council rebates can be used for its charitable purposes. Tickets sell for \$5 each, with the council receiving the base rebate of \$2.40 per ticket plus any special rebates based on attendance at the February distribution meetings and total amount of tickets sold during the First Phase and Second Phase of the campaign. The ticket drawing takes place at the state convention in May.

The proceeds are used to help support:

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| • Diocesan Vocation Programs | • Catholic High School |
| • Diocesan Seminarians | Education |
| • Our Veterans | • Diocesan and State Charities |
| • Diocesan Religious Education | • Our Priests and Bishops |

I look forward to the opportunity to break through the Million Dollar Barrier and help all of you with your charity needs. Stay tuned.

For more information, please contact State Treasurer Chris Sarka.

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MEASURE UP
(for programs that focus on Developmental Disabilities)

April & May

<https://kofcoho.org/programs/measure-up/>

How do you Measure Up? When this question is asked for a donation to support program for those with developmental disabilities, the donor is offered a ruler in exchange. The ruler is used to measure the willingness and efforts of brother knights and their councils with Measure Up, our “flagship” charity. How will the Knights in Ohio “Measure Up” in the next two years?

The answer lies in our dedication and planning (as outlined in the following activities):

- ✓ **Gimme Five** – Financial Secretaries solicit \$5 added to members’ dues payments.
- ✓ **Local Business Campaign** – Soliciting businesses in a mailing campaign or community activity
- ✓ **Council Fundraiser** – Working a fundraiser specifically for Measure Up in the spring
- ✓ **Street Collections** – Soliciting (with approval) funds from the general public at merchant locations or sidewalk stands or stops

Please remember that this is an opportunity to provide people with developmental disabilities more resources to live a happy life. As ***We Are Called!*** is our theme for the next two years, I suggest that the theme is very fitting for the Measure Up campaign.

For more information, please contact State Warden Stew Vetter.

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WRITING COUNCIL CHECKS ***(for State Programs)***

Throughout the fraternal year all council leaders may need to write checks to the Ohio State Council. The following list will hopefully assist in sending checks to the appropriate locations and programs—efficiently and accurately.

Please make all checks payable to the **Ohio State Council / Knights of Columbus**. *Thank you!*

Matching Funds

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S.O.S. Support Our Seminarians

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The following should be used for Football Sweepstakes and Final Four Basketball Sweepstakes fundraising activities:

<https://kofcoho.org/programs/football-sweepstakes/>
<https://kofcoho.org/basketball-crazr/>

Please make all checks payable to the **Ohio State Council / K of C Fundraising**. *Thank you!*

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