



Voice of the

Spirit

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JANUARY 2019



State Deputy News and Notes

Kevin Miller

From the officers and staff of the Ohio State Council, Happy New Year! As we all know, the new year is for many of us a time of both assessment and re-commitment – an opportunity to resolve to do things like lose all those holiday pounds (and maybe a few more), work more, work less, commit more time to a special project, pray or attend Mass more – all sorts of things.

As is always the case, these resolutions are meant to improve your life and how you deal with the everyday challenges you encounter throughout the year. Change can be hard, but it gets easier if you take time to plan and be

committed. So, in addition to any of those personal resolutions you might have, I would also propose you consider these resolutions to improve your KofC Council for 2019.

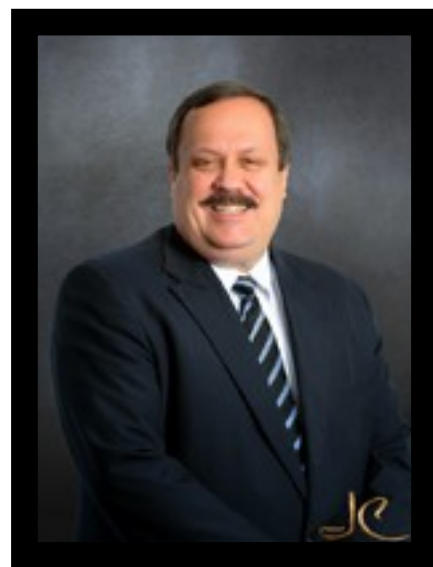
Membership: Formally resolve to commit to the growth of your Council and our Order! Have every officer and program director commit to find a new member! Promise to hold a Church Drive/Open House this Spring! Make sure your members are fully aware of new opportunities of the Online membership process! And most importantly, TALK WITH your members – let them know that they are appreciated, how much we need their help, and how they can help us find others to join our ranks! Remember, retention is nothing more than a demonstration of brotherhood – by showing the true fraternity of the Knights of Columbus, we not only keep members in our ranks,

but attract others to join us in our efforts.

Reporting: Resolve to meet or talk with your financial team (Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees) to make sure all necessary paperwork is on track. Is any report currently late? Have billings been sent? Is your retention team in place to help? Is everyone familiar with the changes to the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2019? Have you reviewed with your program directors Supreme's new program activity reporting forms? This is a great time to make sure everyone is up to speed on all those critical reports.

Supreme's Safe Environment Program: All of our leadership by now is fully aware of the new rules regarding safe environment – but make ABSOLUTELY SURE that your Council

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is in full compliance!

Supreme Star Council and State Program: Gather together your program directors to check how your program is doing and plan for any “gaps” in your programming. Are you fully integrating Supreme’s “Faith in Action” initiative into your plan? Are you meeting all the requirements for State Council Awards? Are you reporting your activities on the Ohio State Council website? Are you preparing your Columbian Award application for submission to the State Council in April? And don’t forget about those Council award winners – recognize your Council’s best and report those winners to the State Council for consideration for

Diocesan and State recognition!

Use ALL Available Resources: Make sure you utilize EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING to reach these goals! Your District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Director, state directors, and officers are all at the ready to help you be successful. In addition to our State website, Supreme’s web site is full of forms, information and other resources to assist you ... if you’re a bit “technology challenged,” seek out the more tech savvy of your Council or your District Deputy to assist. All Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries should be using Supreme’s “Officers Online” portal for intelligence, tracking, and information. Supreme’s training webinar series, which you should be receiving information about regularly, is

a great and timely resource for Council leadership. And don’t to leverage your K of C Insurance field agent and your most important resource – your Chaplain and your parish clergy – for their experience and input.

Hopefully you’ll find these resolutions helpful and they provide you with some great direction. As always, please accept my thanks for your hard work in supporting your Councils, Parishes and our great Order. Let’s all work to make 2019 a great year for the Knights of Columbus in Ohio! I remain, In His Honor,

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Miller
State Deputy

Insurance Corner

Patrick Murphy, FIC

Life Insurance as a Gift

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a



new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way

to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

**Take steps to protect
your family and your
financial future.**



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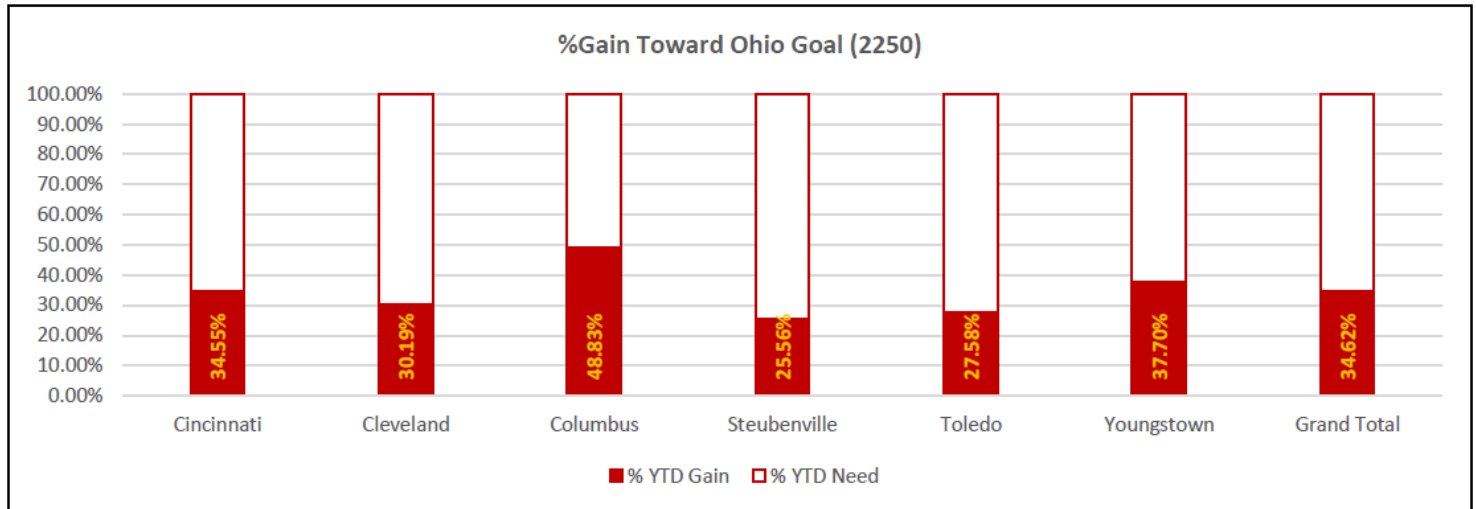
Frank Iannaggi

MEMBERSHIP

Start Date 7/1/2018
Updated On 1/4/2019

MEMBERSHIP ON 7/1: 57,046
MEMBERSHIP AS OF 01/04/2019: 56,865
DIFFERENCE: (181)

| | Cincinnati | Cleveland | Columbus | Steubenville | Toledo | Youngstown | Grand Total |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Membership 7/1 | 14,995 | 10,233 | 9,840 | 2,472 | 12,955 | 6,551 | 57,046 |
| # Active Councils | 89 | 72 | 73 | 25 | 70 | 60 | 389 |
| Membership Quota | 1,024 | 729 | 676 | 214 | 805 | 457 | 3,905 |
| Ohio Quota (2250) | 590 | 404 | 389 | 98 | 511 | 257 | 2,250 |
| YTD Gain | 204 | 122 | 190 | 25 | 141 | 97 | 779 |
| YTD Loss | 129 | 43 | 36 | 14 | 162 | 41 | 425 |
| YTD Net | 75 | 79 | 154 | 11 | -21 | 56 | 354 |
| # Active No Recruit | 26 | 24 | 24 | 18 | 26 | 31 | 149 |
| % YTD Gain | 34.55% | 30.19% | 48.83% | 25.56% | 27.58% | 37.70% | 34.62% |
| % YTD Need | 65.45% | 69.81% | 51.17% | 74.44% | 72.42% | 62.30% | 65.38% |
| % Supreme Quota | 7.32% | 10.84% | 22.78% | 5.14% | 0.00% | 12.25% | 9.07% |
| % Non-Recruiting | 29.21% | 33.33% | 32.88% | 72.00% | 37.14% | 51.67% | 38.30% |
| Target % | 51.20% | 51.20% | 51.20% | 51.20% | 51.20% | 51.20% | 51.20% |
| How Much On/Off? | -16.65% | -21.01% | -2.36% | -25.64% | -23.61% | -13.50% | -16.57% |
| Est. # Ahead/Behind | (98) | (85) | (9) | (25) | (121) | (35) | (373) |



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|------------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Updated On | Values | Cincinnati | Cleveland | Columbus | Steubenville | Toledo | Youngstown | Grand Total |
| 12/5/2018 | YTD Gain | 182 | 96 | 161 | 21 | 116 | 86 | 662 |
| | YTD Loss | 110 | 40 | 34 | 14 | 153 | 36 | 387 |
| | YTD Net | 72 | 56 | 127 | 7 | (37) | 50 | 275 |
| 1/4/2019 | YTD Gain | 204 | 122 | 190 | 25 | 141 | 97 | 779 |
| | YTD Loss | 129 | 43 | 36 | 14 | 162 | 41 | 425 |
| | YTD Net | 75 | 79 | 154 | 11 | (21) | 56 | 354 |
| Difference | YTD Gain | 22 | 26 | 29 | 4 | 25 | 11 | 117 |
| | YTD Loss | 19 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 38 |
| | YTD Net | 3 | 23 | 27 | 4 | 16 | 6 | 79 |

General Programs

Rod Anderson, State General Program Director

HAPPY 2019!

Yes, it is a New Year and I wish a very happy and productive one for all of the Ohio Councils and all of their members! But it is time to get your Councils into high gear as there are only 3 and a half months to go in the Ohio **IN HIS HONOR** State Program, which ends April 15! So there is still time, though not a lot, to achieve recognition for your Council and your members for all the great work accomplished this fraternal year. But the key to providing recognition for the Council and your members is simply your Council's participation In His Honor, and providing a record of that participation by submitting simple, easy-to-do reports and a few forms to the State Program Directors.

The Program was redesigned for 2018-2019 with the goal of simplifying the Program and reducing the number of

requirements necessary to max the State Program. And the Program allows Councils to choose most of the Activities they will do and report for the Program. But the Grand Knight and the Council Program Director need to insure the timely reporting of the Council's Activities on the State website at <http://www.kofcoho.org>. If you have any difficulty or need help with entering Program Activity Reports, ask for help from your **District** Deputy. If he can't resolve all your issues with entering the Reports or submitting forms, contact the State Website Director, Bob Gilliland at bobgkofc@gmail.com.

Please remember, though, that the deadline is April 15 for ALL Council Activity Reports and Forms and most payments to the State Council. Any of these Reports, Forms or Payments submitted AFTER the due dates likely will not be considered for the State Program and State Awards. So PLEASE make sure that your Council meets all of deadlines and due dates. I and the Program Directors and State Officers want to see your Council get credit for all



of your good work this year.

Do you want to attract new members? Do what is necessary to gain recognition for your Council and members. That recognition in the Knights, your Parish and your Council through your Council Program Activities reported to the State Council will garner Awards and recognition for your Council and members. Program and Activities, and public recognition attracts men to your Council. Therefore, always remember

Community

Robert Walsh

We are now in the fourth reporting period, are you getting your reports in on the State website? Many Councils have already submitted three Council Choice Programs, the two mandatory ones will be coming up fast. The first one is Volunteer of the Year and Bluecoat of the Year. These nominations are due by April 1st. The second one is the Super Cash Bonanza ticket sales. Look for the ticket distribution in February.

There is a new SP7 form this year, make sure you use this form when filling out your Columbian Award application. Don't forget about the mandatory program for each reporting category. For the Community Program it is "Helping Hands". To fulfill the requirements you need to aid the needy in your community by what you think is needed. By running or working at a soup kitchen, repairing a facility of a local service organization, or something unique in your area.

My family and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Save Our Seminararians

Ed Olenhouse

"OUR SEMINARIANS AND YOU"

Aside from your immediate family, few times in life do we have the opportunity to say, 'I helped mold an individual'.

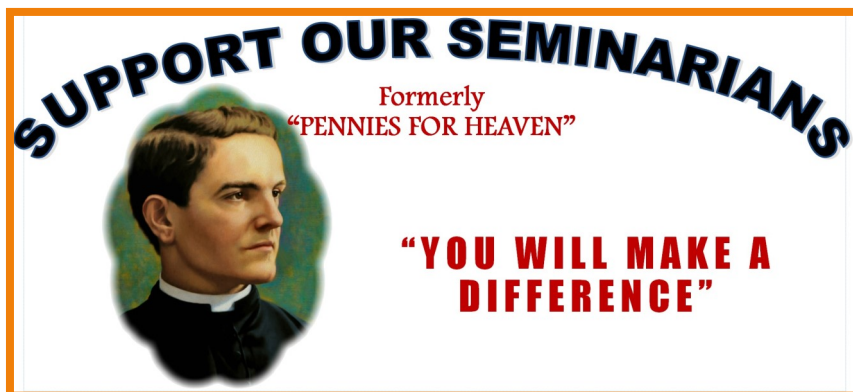
Perhaps we don't teach a seminarian, we should inspire, and pray for them. DO YOU?

In addition, we should help them with their expenses outside of the classroom. DO YOU?

"SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" is the way. As KNIGHTS, this is a known opportunity and each of us are aware of it. ARE YOU?

If you are not, call me? 614-777-4244? Email at: eehouse@yahoo.com

God bless each of you and our Seminararians.



Family

Tom Buehner

If you sent your Matching Funds in to our State Advocate, Jeff Kiliany, **please don't forget to also submit your activity report to me on the State Website** to get credit for it toward the State Program.

I hope you are thinking about your Family of the Year. This is a chance to recognize, at the State level, a Family that goes above and beyond and truly stands out within your council and/or parish. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of submitting a nomination that provides enough information to make your Family of the Year nomination stand out from all the others that get submitted to me. Please take the time to make the nomination special and consider submitting more information than just the one-page form in the General Program Manual. Please send your nominations to me by April 1, 2019.

This is a mandatory activity for the State Program, and I want you to be able to max out the State Program!
If your Council is participating in the **Food for Families** Supreme Family



Program, please send me a copy of the *Food for Families Refund and Plaque Application* (#10057) that you send in to Supreme. Doing this will max out your

Family Council Choice activities for the State Program!

Finally, please consider the Supreme Family program, **Good Friday Family Promotion**. This aims to educate families and create more involvement around Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. As Knights of Columbus, we have an opportunity to set a great example by attending Good Friday services with our families and by working with our pastors to encourage parishioner involvement at these liturgies. Visit the following web site for more information: <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/good-friday-family-promotion.html>

Please remember to take the time to submit your activities on the State website and reach out to me with any questions!

Council

Tim Mangan

Brother Knights, Happy New Year! Can you believe 2019 is here! Which means we are half way through the fraternal year. Six months down, six months to go! You only have six months left to achieve Star Council! Is your council on track on achieving Star Council? Are you at 50% or better in meeting your Supreme Membership Quota? Are you at 50% or better in meeting your Supreme Insurance Quota? Did your council turn in the Service Program 365 Form by August 1, 2018? Is your council working on the Fraternal Survey 1728 Form, due by January 31, 2019? Is your council in compliance with the Safe Environmental Program? Is your council in good standing with Supreme? Has your council been working on your SP-7, Columbian Award Application Form? These are ALL requirements for Star Council!

Speaking of the SP-7, [Columbian Award Application](#), a copy of that form is due to me by April 15, 2019! This is one of my mandatory activities to max out the council program activities portion of the state general program. I know the form isn't due until June 30, 2019 but keep

two things in mind. First, there's no penalty for turning the form in early. Second, this will be the first time the new version of the SP-7 Form will be turned into Supreme under the new Faith In Action service program model! So, if Supreme rejects the form for whatever reason, you still have plenty of time to resubmit it. So, start thinking about your SP-7, Columbian Award Application now!

Also, have you been thinking about or working on your Knight of the Year? This is my other mandatory activity! It is due to me by April 1, 2019! As is Lady of the Year! Also due to me by April 1, 2019! Lady of the Year is not mandatory but encourage to submit! If your council has a lady to nominate, please do so! I would like to see more councils recognize a lady for all she does to support the council, community and church she belongs to. Remember, supporting documentation is encourage with these write ups!



Once you have submitted your Knight of the Year, go online and fill out the online submission form found on the state website. Just put in the description box "Knight of the Year has been submitted to the State Council Director". That's it! That's all you have to say! Remember, the online submission form is how you get credit for your Knight of the Year and the nomination form is what nominates a nominee of the year. So, please fill out both forms!

Any questions don't hesitate to ask!

Youth

Stewart Vetter

The beginning of a new calendar year brings out diets and workout plans and hopes for smaller pants. Not for me but for some people. It also brings out the basketballs for council level Free Throw Championship. Just a few reminders:

- 9, 10, and 11 year olds can shoot from a 12 foot line.
- ONLY the 14 year old boys use the larger “Men’s” ball to coincide with OHSA rules. Every other age and sex use the smaller “Women’s” ball.
- At least two members certified with K of C Youth Protection, one of whom has the background check, MUST be present for the entire competition. This is to protect the adults as much as it protects the kids.

- If your event is on diocese property, diocese rules over rule K of C rules. Your pastor or principal can help you understand those requirements.
- I strongly recommend you have 1 scorer, 1 line watcher, and 2 rebounders, if possible.
- Verify the score sheets are complete and legible before forwarding the winners to your district deputy.

After a slow December from the state circle prospective, we are ramping up for a strong close to the fraternal year. Council sponsored circles are reminded to fill out their fraternal surveys and audits and send them to Supreme. This is a great activity for church based circles too because it creates accountability and teaches checks and balance.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 10 – Squires state reports are due on the website
- Jan 30 – Fraternal Survey due to Supreme
- Feb 2 – Dodgeball tournament – Pickerington
- Feb 10 - Squires state reports are due on the website
- March 10 - Squires state reports are due on the website
- March 16 – State Lenten Retreat – Logan
- March 23 – Basketball Tournament – Danville
- April 10 - Squires state reports are due on the website
- May 10 - Squires state reports are due on the website & Of The Years due
- June 7-9 – Squires State Convention – Ashland University – Ashland, OH

2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program

A Higher Purpose

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Prayer Program. As the new Marian image is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon for a prayer service at their parish.

Overview

The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus’ Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

Visit: <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/faith/marian-icon-prayer.html#/> for more information.

District Deputies; Your should be receiving the icons in September for distribution per the table.

| Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Traveling Icon 2018-2020 | | | | | |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ASSIGNED DATE ON OR BEFORE | YEAR | ICON 1 DD # | ICON 2 DD # | ICON 3 DD # | ICON 4 DD # |
| 1-Oct | 2018 | 57 | 61 | 39 | 71 |
| 1-Nov | | 58 | 59 | 42 | 28 |
| 1-Dec | | 65 | 60 | 46 | 27 |
| 7-Jan | 2019 | 64 | 67 | 37 | 26 |
| 1-Feb | | 3 | 62 | 72 | 75 |
| 1-Mar | | 1 | 66 | 73 | 29 |
| 1-Apr | | 2 | 68 | 32 | 74 |
| 1-May* | | 5 | 63 | 30 | 79 |
| 1-Jun | | 4 | 69 | 31 | 82 |
| 1-Jul | | 6 | 70 | 18 | 78 |
| 1-Aug | | 7 | 48 | 21 | 81 |
| 1-Sep | | 8 | 49 | 36 | 80 |
| 1-Oct | | 17 | 50 | 19 | 77 |
| 1-Nov | | 13 | 45 | 25 | 76 |
| 1-Dec | | 9 | 47 | 24 | 51 |
| 6-Jan | 2020 | 10 | 44 | 23 | 52 |
| 6-Feb | | 11 | 43 | 22 | 53 |
| 6-Mar | | 12 | 41 | 34 | 54 |
| 6-Apr | | 15/16 | 38 | 20 | 55 |
| 4-May* | | 14 | 40 | 33 | 56 |

Knights of Columbus

Saint Joan of Arc Council 15905 and Sacred Heart Council 2850

Pilgrimage to Washington DC March for Life

January 17, 18, 19 2019

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

The trip costs \$250, which is due December 15, 2018.

Cost includes bus trip, 2 night stay in hotel, and 2 breakfasts, double occupancy per room (rooms have 2 king beds). All other meals are on your own.

Are you willing to share a room with 1 other person? Yes _____ No _____

Name of person you would like to share room: _____

If not, one will be assigned.

A room by your self is available for an additional cost of \$100.

The trip will consist of a visit to the Basilica, the March, a tour of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, and sightseeing around the national mall.

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus 2850 and turn in to parish office (St. Joan of Arc).

If you have questions please contact Andy Keil (419-350-6965) or andykeil@email.com.

If a person under the age of 18 wishes to attend, he/she must do so with a responsible adult and a permission slip

Signature _____ Date _____



**Licking
COUNTY
Right to
Life**

OFFICIAL AFFILIATE OF
**Ohio
Right to
Life**
promoting life

2019 March for Life

Departure: Thurs. 1/17 at 9pm
From: St. Edwards in Granville
Return: Early Sat. morning

Tickets: \$70/Person

Scholarships available on request

Family Friendly Trek - All Ages & Faiths Welcome

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Contact: Paul Gassman 740-334-8898 scoutmaster4life@gmail.com

Includes: Chartered bus ride to Washington, DC,
Rally on Washington Mall,
March to US Capitol,
Pizza after march

Sponsored by:

Licking County Right to Life & St. Ed's Knights of Columbus #10876

Knights of Columbus #4847
 March for Life - Washington, DC
 Book your seats today!
 Friday, January 18, 2019
 Adults: \$45 / Students: \$30



- As you will be traveling overnight each way on the bus, you should bring a pillow & blanket for the bus.
- We will attend the Closing Mass of the Vigil for Life celebration at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (7:30 AM Mass).
- The Basilica has a wonderful gift shop; upper and lower churches; and beautiful mosaics, statues and other artwork; we will allow some time for shopping and photos.
- The March for Life Rally begins at 12 Noon (Washington Monument Park) and the March to the Supreme Court begins about 1:00 PM and goes to about 3:00 PM.
- The bus will leave Washington, DC at 3:30 PM and will arrive at St. Ambrose early Saturday morning, approx. 1:00 AM.
- There will be a couple rest stops each way, including a stop near Breezewood, PA, each way, to change drivers.
- We will be stopping for breakfast on the way to Washington, DC and dinner on the way home. These meals are at your own expense.
- Make sure you have cash or debit/credit cards for food/beverages, and any souvenirs.
- Wear comfortable, shoes or boots, as you will be on foot from the time we are dropped off near the Rally (Washington Monument Park) until we return to the bus after the March.
- Check the Washington, DC weather as we get closer! Dress appropriately and dress in layers, as it will likely be cold in DC at the end of January.
- Your purchase includes a seat on the bus and a box lunch provided by the Brunswick Knights of Columbus.
- More information from the March for Life organization can be seen at <http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2019/>



March for Life - Washington, DC Bus Trip Registration and Payment Form

*Please print, complete, and return with your payment. If paying online by credit card, return this form after booking.
 (If you are a teen, traveling with your parish Youth Ministry, see your Youth Minister for the necessary permission slips.)*

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
(Please provide number for the cell phone being taken on the trip)

| If attendee is a minor (under 18 years of age) | |
|--|-------|
| Parent/Guardian Name: | _____ |
| Parent/Guardian Email: | _____ |
| Parent/Guardian Phone: | _____ |

Parish: _____

Group (check one if applicable):

☐ Pro-Life ☐ St. Ambrose FIAT ☐ St. Albert the Great Youth Ministry
☐ K of C Council # _____ ☐ St. Ambrose Confirmation Retreat _____

Cost: (check one) Adult \$45 _____ Student \$30 _____

**Check, Cash, or Credit Cards accepted. Make checks payable to:
 Knights of Columbus #4847**

- Payment Options: (circle one)
- #1 Mail Check: (do not send cash)
 Knights of Columbus #4847, PO Box 634, Brunswick, OH 44212
 - #2 Pay in Person:
 Check or Cash payments may be dropped off at the St. Ambrose Parish Life Center (main desk).
 - #3 Credit Card Payment - Please mail or drop off this form after booking online.
 - Go to Knights of Columbus website at www.KofC4847.org
 - Look for the March for Life announcement shown below and click the link to pay by credit card. (\$1.50 processing fee applies).
 - "Click HERE to Purchase Your Seat for the March for Life 2019 Bus Trip!"
 - #4 St. Ambrose Confirmation Candidate (Do not send payment)

RTL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC



**Rally with March
Down Constitution Ave
January 18, 2019**

Bus leaves from Ragan Hall parking lot
Located at 1783 Moore Rd, Avon (next to B.J.'s)

January 17, 2019 8pm

**Return to same location by midnight January 18
Mass at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception, Rally at the
National Mall and March to the Supreme Court Building**

\$95.00/adult

Discount tickets \$35.00/student (H.S. or College)

**Reservations requested by December 29
50% deposit and balance paid on Jan. 15**

**Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Fr. Ragan Council 3269**



For more information and advanced sale tickets call
Greg 440-865-5883, Jack 440-327-2961 or Gerry 440-477-5507