



Voice of the

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MARCH 2019



State Deputy News and Notes

Kevin Miller

Brother Knights:

As we now move into March, we hope that many of you are gearing up for that big membership push – March is Church/Open House time, where councils all around Ohio are thinking about reaching out to interested Catholic men and encouraging them to join our ranks.

Let's make no mistake about it: talking to candidates about joining the Knights is a sales process. We're asking men to give what may be their most precious commodity –

their time, taking away from their leisure pursuits, maybe some family time, perhaps their work or vocation – to join with us in charity and service. My membership team and our Supreme Council provides councils with all the materials and advice to conduct a successful membership campaign. In fact, as you already know, our Supreme Council has recently developed a way that interested prospects can join on their own, along with a way to communicate with interested men independent of the council or any state council. But in essence, the path to true member success, the purest way to ensure not just securing a member, but a real Knight, a contributor to the Knights' and your council mission, is through person-to-person contact.

And what should you tell these men? What makes the Knights a better fit for them as opposed to all the other Catholic organization that they could give, or already give, time to? Why should they join the Knights of Columbus? In sales parlance, this is referred to as the "unique buying proposition," the aspect of your particular product that separates you from all the rest of the competition. And the unique buying proposition for the Knights is so easy, so obvious, you might not even think of it – and it's the one aspect of the Knights you are the foremost expert on – it's YOU.

You represent the fraternal aspect of
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the Knights – a tradition of not only service, not only faith, but a BROTHERHOOD of service and faith. It's a tradition that stretches back through the decades and through the hearts of millions of brother Knights, both here and gone. It stretches all the way back to a church basement in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, to a young priest with an idea; a way that Catholic men can help others, grow their faith, and join together in pride of their Catholic heritage. It rings as true and right now as it did then.

Encourage each member of your council to talk to someone this month about joining the Knights of

Columbus. And when they do, remember to tell them this – although WHAT we do is very important, HOW we do it is equally so. Tell them to talk to members not only about our projects and tasks, but about BROTHERHOOD; how they could become part of an international fraternity of Catholic men, forging friendships that will last a lifetime.

And keep in mind that it is our obligation as Brother Knights, to both new Brothers and those that are already members of your councils, to maintain those fraternal bonds – as we have talked before, make sure to personally reach out to members and make them feel a part of our community. By regularly doing so,

you not only encourage them to actively participate in the council, but hopefully retain their membership in the Knights.

I wish you well in your membership efforts this month! Make sure to use all resources available to you– as always, your state officer, state/diocesan membership team, District Deputy, and KofC insurance agents are ready to help! Though teamwork we can bring more men into our fraternity -- thank you for your efforts! I remain, in highest regard, in His Honor,

Vivat Jesus!
Kevin Miller
State Deputy

Insurance Corner

James Valent

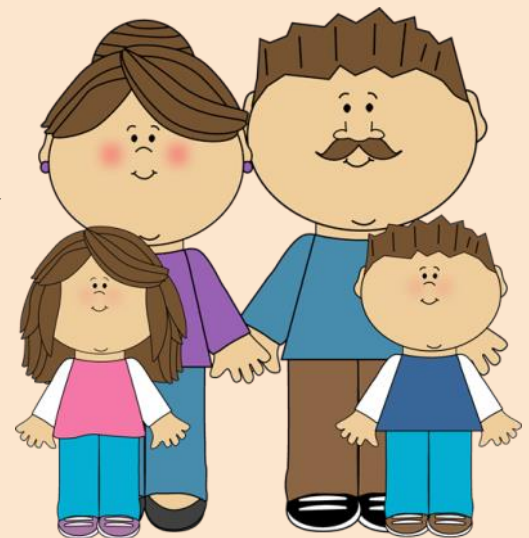
If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children

old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the



premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

Gods Blessings,
James Valent
General Agent



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Membership

Frank Iannaggi, State Membership Director

The Easter season for growth

My dear brothers in the faith, March as arrived like it has in the past and as Knights, we promote the Blitz for this month. We Knights of Columbus must not make it about the March madness nor the weather as March usually roars in like a lion, but rather we ask you to make it about rebirth and bringing new life to your council through sharing the good news and its revelation during this Lenten season by participating in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ our Savior and its evangelization.

When we share this news with our brothers, we make it our legacy to bring one new member closer to Him who is pure in love.

Forget the madness and revel in the joy of helping another in his walk with Christ, Let us commit to use the same desire, the same love and enthusiasm to share the one true faith and leave a legacy focused on recruiting new members to the Order by mentoring them to do great works in service to our church, our families and our communities.

February was the month in which 20 councils attained their membership goals at 100% to 375%. Job well done. Congratulations to these councils and their leaders:

16706-150/16571-100/16373-250/16164-200/15901-100/11369-100/11216-130/10820-200/10765-120/5297-111/5009-125/4733-100/3970-100/3777-118/3698-116/2362-128/1198-121/576-137

However, there is work to be done, nearly 400 council have not attained that goal. In fact, there are 200 councils that have zero percentage growth, which means either no recruiting or recruited and offset by suspension and withdrawals in this fraternal year.

As we race through March and the many Lenten activities let us feverishly seek out our brothers in the faith so that the Order and your Councils can endure time, thus fulfilling your legacy and the growth of church, the one True Holy Roman Catholic Church. Also, it is important to especially reach out to the new converts to our faith. This is often a

time difficult for them for they may be losing family and friends due to their love for our faith. Let us welcome them with open arms and the love of Christ.

My hope and prayers are for your success on your individual drives and open houses. I am certain that by now you should be familiar with all the resources cited below:

MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES:

Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual (#10237)/10 Keys to Membership Recruiting Success (#10233)/Why You Should Become a Knight (#10100)/Twenty-Four Hours Can Change Your Life #10099)/A Charity that Evangelizes (#4976)/College Council Promotional Flyer (#4606)/These Men They Call Knights (#937)/Videos, such as The Power of One

On the next page, are the current Statewide statistics by diocese through 3/5/2019. We can, with your help achieve all the goals set for this fraternal year, simply because, all that we do, we do IN HIS HONOR!

SWING INTO SPRING

Recruit 5 or more members between February 1 and March 31, and you'll receive a Knights of Columbus Louisville Slugger miniature bat!

Insurance territories only

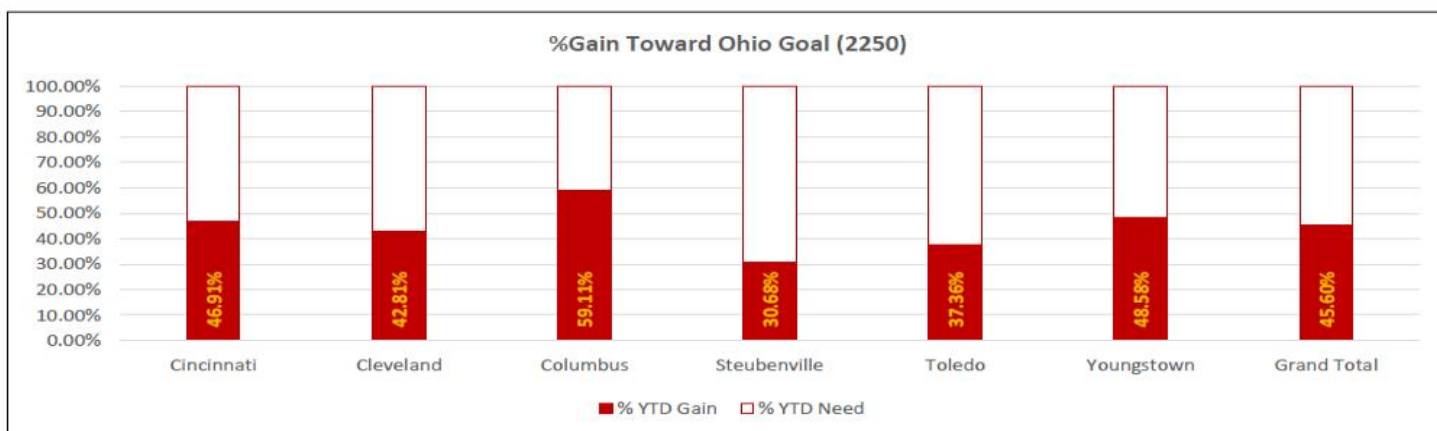


MEMBERSHIP

Start Date 7/1/2018
Updated On 3/5/2019

MEMBERSHIP ON 7/1: 57,046
MEMBERSHIP AS OF 03/05/2019: 56,734
DIFFERENCE: (312)

	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	277	173	230	30	191	125	1,026
YTD Loss	175	66	52	19	183	45	540
YTD Net	102	107	178	11	8	80	486
# Active No Recruit	21	17	20	17	19	28	122
% YTD Gain	46.91%	42.81%	59.11%	30.68%	37.36%	48.58%	45.60%
% YTD Need	53.09%	57.19%	40.89%	69.32%	62.64%	51.42%	54.40%
% Supreme Quota	9.96%	14.68%	26.33%	5.14%	0.99%	17.51%	12.45%
% Non-Recruiting	23.60%	23.61%	27.40%	68.00%	27.14%	46.67%	31.36%
Target %	67.62%	67.62%	67.62%	67.62%	67.62%	67.62%	67.62%
How Much On/Off?	-20.71%	-24.81%	-8.51%	-36.95%	-30.26%	-19.05%	-22.02%
Est. # Ahead/Behind	(122)	(100)	(33)	(36)	(155)	(49)	(496)



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Updated On	Values	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Columbus	Steubenville	Toledo	Youngstown	Grand Total
2/5/2019	YTD Gain	244	154	204	26	172	108	908
	YTD Loss	160	50	50	19	178	44	501
	YTD Net	84	104	154	7	(6)	64	407
3/5/2019	YTD Gain	277	173	230	30	191	125	1,026
	YTD Loss	175	66	52	19	183	45	540
	YTD Net	102	107	178	11	8	80	486
Difference	YTD Gain	33	19	26	4	19	17	118
	YTD Loss	15	16	2	0	5	1	39
	YTD Net	18	3	24	4	14	16	79





Monthly Leaderboard Update July 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019

Councils				Districts				Recruiters			
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 The top Grand Knight in each jurisdiction of the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) will be entered into a raffle for 5 trips to New Haven for him and his spouse. The # 1 Grand Knight is awarded a trip to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.				July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 The top District Deputy in each jurisdiction of the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) will be entered into a raffle for 5 trips to New Haven for him and his spouse. The # 1 District Deputy is awarded a trip to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.				July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 The top 10 Recruiters and their spouses of the Insurance Territories will receive a complimentary trip to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota and will sit at the Supreme Knight's Reserved Tables during the State Dinner. The top recruiter will receive the Top Recruiter Plaque during the Awards Session.			
TOP 25 GRAND KNIGHTS				TOP 25 DISTRICT DEPUTIES				TOP 25 RECRUITERS			
State	Council	Grand Knight	%	State	District	District Deputy	%	State	Council	Name	Recruited
IL	12173	DENNIS P. FITZGERALD	855%	MD	14	WILLIAM A. CASTILLO-VALLENAS	533%	IL	12173	DENNIS P. FITZGERALD	50
NJ	1910	DONALD L. OLBRICH SR.	600%	CA	152	RUDY J. MARISCAL	417%	TX	11862	THOMAS E. STELMAR SR.	41
CA	17037	ROBERT S. MARTINEZ	425%	IL	14	KENNETH G. CUPRISIN	321%	CA	13403	JOSE A. MAGANA	38
NC	16839	ROBERT W. BRETON	425%	NH	18	JAMES J. PREISENDORFER	269%	TN	7447	DONALD F. CASTILLO	36
WI	17035	JUAN C. ESCOBAR	425%	TX	112	ALBERTO CASTRO	265%	MN	397	DAVID L. DUPAUL	35
FL	13654	GUSTAVO T. NAVARRO	400%	FL	78	REINALDO TRUJILLO	260%	DC	11302	OTTO E. HECK	32
IL	2782	ZACHARY R. SCURRY	400%	CA	125	NICHOLAS A. EWELL	252%	PR	5950	LUIS A. MERCADO-PACHECO	28
TX	16796	GILBERTO P. DURAN	400%	CA	54	RUDY D. CRUZ	247%	SK	5949	AGNEL A. GEORGE	27
SD	15457	RICHARD A. DRAWDY (FS)	380%	NC	32	JAMES R. TAYLOR	227%	IL	12173	MICHAEL L. BONO	26
AZ	17036	GARY J. KLUTHE	375%	CA	101	JOSE A. MAGANA	200%	LA	9623	MICHAEL A. ABBATE SR.	26
MO	8970	JOHN T. OXLEY	350%	ON	115	WILLIAM F. HARRISON	187%	HI	16002	CICERO T. SEISDEDOS	23
PR	5950	GREIGHTON F. TORRES-RODRIGUEZ	350%	ON	114	DAVID C. PETERS	180%	AB	15871	NOBLE AUGUSTINE	22
TN	7447	DONALD F. CASTILLO	336%	IL	11	VINCENT P. MENO	179%	DC	9542	NATHAN J. LEDOUX	21
AZ	14804	ISMAEL U. SALGADO (FS)	325%	VA	26	LARRY F. PIONK	175%	PA	4032	REV. DANIEL R. SWEENEY	21
CA	15750	ERNESTO M. ZAMBRANO	325%	ON	97	DAVID G. BAKER	169%	OH	15905	WILLI R. MEYER	20
DC	16773	TIMOTHY M. SACCOCCIA	325%	DC	6	CHRISTIAAN A. VAN NISPEN	167%	AZ	8305	ALBERT G. USTASZEWSKI	19
MN	5202	BEN M. BORASH	325%	NC	17	TIMOTHY G. KELLEY	162%	IL	2782	PAUL E. MONTADOR	19
UT	7961	ANDREW AIRRIESS	325%	HI	3	ROLANDO JUANILLO	161%	OH	5063	REV. MICHAEL A. MIKSTAY	19
CA	2454	MARK E. WATERS (FS)	300%	ON	63	BARCLAY G. KOEN-BUTT	159%	ON	17070	WILLIAM F. HARRISON	19
CO	8200	KYLE R. GERICKE	300%	UT	6	JERRY W. ANGUS	158%	OR	15263	YOUNG T. TRAN	19
MN	16408	SAMUEL E. MUELLER	300%	IN	26	GEORGE P. KNEZEVICH	156%	PA	17178	THOMAS H. GOUGHNOUR JR.	19
NC	16889	STEVE G. TASSINARI	300%	ID	14	ROMEL G. REYNA	150%	WA	809	MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER	19
PR	13291	ANTONIO ORTIZ-RAMOS	300%	TX	37	RUDEN R. ELIZONDO	150%	NH	428	KEPLER PEDRO PADILLA	17
SEVERAL COUNCILS AT			275%	CA	126	JESSE E. GONZALEZ	142%	NJ	4969	REV. CARLOS H. AGUIRRE	17
				IN	10	RICHARD E. BURMEISTER	142%	ON	17065	EARDLEY H. ADAMS	17
								TX	8157	JOHN A. GOZA	17

State	Council	Name	Recruited
IL	12173	DENNIS P. FITZGERALD	13
MI	2739	TIMOTHY W. WALLACE	8
WA	3611	EVAN B. SCHWAB	8
DC	11302	MR OTTO E. HECK	7
TX	8298	RUBEN DE LEON	7
TX	11293	DAVID L. BANOWETZ	7
IL	868	WILLIAM B. COATES	6
MI	788	JAY G. COREY	6
NY	5983	ANTHONY R. SCUDERI	6
TX	3077	JOHN G. HINOJOSA	6
TX	14512	GLENN P. FRICK	6
AL	3568	ANDRE PATTERSON	5
CA	12887	WILLIE DOUGLAS	5
IL	3582	JOHN F. CHESNA	5
IA	15336	DEACON FRANCIS N. CHAN	5
KY	10725	ANTHONY B. CECIL	5
PA	10502	THOMAS S. SZELTNER	5
TX	2618	ALAN W. CROSBY	5
TX	11937	ERMINIO N. LALLI	5

SWING INTO SPRING RESULTS

19 members qualified for a Louisville Slugger KofC Miniature Bat in February (see chart to left)! Swing into Spring continues through the end of March, when that month's qualifiers will also be announced.

In my first few months since taking over as the State Online Membership Coordinator, I have been doing my level best to work through the issues plaguing the effective execution of the program here in Ohio. Your patience is much appreciated as we do our best to smooth things out.

A few items of great importance stand out that I would like to briefly address here: 1) The Online Process, 2) Prospecting Landing Pages, and 3) Seminarian Program

The Online Process: When a gentleman joins the Order online, he becomes an Associate member with all the rights and privileges of knighthood with the exception of voting. He then shows up as an Unassigned member on Officers Online/Member Management, only visible to a handful of state officers and membership directors. I am also notified. Within a few days, the new member receives a welcome email from me, telling them that they should be contacted by a local council shortly to discuss formally joining the council. In cases where the new member has identified the council in which he is interested, I state that a representative of that council will be in touch soon.

If the new member does identify a council, I will immediately assign him to that council, at which time his membership will show up on the council's page on Member Management, under the Prospects tab. When a council is not identified, but the council is an obvious choice—such as when there is a council at his parish—I will also go ahead and assign him to that council. When there is no obvious choice, or there are multiple possibilities, I will contact the respective District Deputy and/or Diocesan District Deputy Coordinator for his advice on the best fit for the new member. I will then assign him to that council.

Currently, we have a significant disconnect once new online members have been assigned. It is essential that grand knights or financial secretaries check the Prospects tab regularly, hopefully on a weekly or bi-weekly basis at a minimum, to see if any new Assigned members have shown up. Yes, many of the 70 Assigned members we currently are holding go way back, as early as the first quarter of 2018, but that issue should diminish over time. Once a new Assigned member appears on the Prospect tab, it is imperative that a council representative contact him to discuss joining the council.

Upon taking his First Degree, the grand knight or financial secretary must go back to the Prospects tab on Membership Management, insert the date the First Degree was taken, then formally transfer the gentleman to the council. Or, a Form 100 can be sent in. Do one or the other, but not both!

But this is not happening in a great many cases, brothers. Assigned members are just sitting in limbo, not being contacted and processed by councils. These are new members delivered on a silver platter guys, so I urgently request that your council develop the habit of checking the Prospects tab regularly and reaching out to these new members.

Prospecting Landing Pages:

Membership recruiting has now moved into the 21st century! Call it a digital prospect card, to be used at council events such as open houses, fish fries, pancake breakfasts, etc. Your council can have a custom URL created by Supreme in just a few days. Council members can open up the PLP on any smart device such as a phone, tablet, laptop, etc., and use it to sign up gentlemen who are interested in learning about the Order, but maybe not ready to join. The form asks only their name and email

address. Once the information is submitted, the gentleman will receive an automated, custom email from the council that includes a link to join online if he so chooses. He will continue to receive weekly emails, keeping him updated on what is happening with the council and Order. This drip e-mail campaign is an invaluable tool for nurturing and cultivating new members over time. The emails are hand crafted to give the prospective member more information about who the Knights are and what we do. Finally, it allows the online membership team to track the prospective members to better understand the content prospective members are interested in and clicking on.

The Prospecting Landing Pages are proven, effective, and very easy to use. The council will periodically receive a copy of all contacts enrolled via its custom PLP. For more information on the Prospecting Landing Pages and how to order one for your council, see *A New Tool for Recruitment in the Digital Age* on Page 4 of Knightline by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Seminarian Program: Membership in the Order is free for all seminarians who join online by using the promo code SEM18. After joining online, they have the opportunity to join a council. Seminarians who do join online using the promo code may maintain their free membership for as long as they remain in seminary, by simply attesting to their continued enrollment at the time of their membership renewal. The process takes place entirely online. If a seminarian is ordained to the priesthood, he is granted honorary life membership and continues to be exempt from dues. Important note: this program is for online memberships only.

General Programs

Rod Anderson, State General Program Director

State General Program and Supreme Faith In Action

As Ohio Councils are submitting their January/February Activity Reports and getting ready for the March Church Drives and Membership Blitz Activities, it is important to keep the Supreme Faith In Action activities in mind. All of the Supreme Faith In Action activities are in fact, reportable as State Program Activities as well. And most of the State Program Activities can be reported on the NEW Supreme SP-7 Columbian Award Application for the Faith In Action program.

In fact, it is important to focus on the Supreme Faith In Action Programs and the Form SP-7 as submitting it to Supreme is indeed one of the Mandatory Activities under the State Council Program.

It is important also to recognize that the new Faith In Action Programs and

activities are mostly the same as the former Surge With Service Supreme Program just reconfigured into 4 Program titles instead of 7, and a few new suggested activities as well as one mandatory activity in each of the 4 Programs.

So, keep reporting your Council's charitable, fraternal and service activities on the State website under the applicable State Programs. And apply them to the Supreme Faith In Action program categories as they apply. And make sure that you fill out the NEW Columbian Award application, Form SP-7, and submit a copy and report the same under the State Council Program.

Don't forget that Founder's Day is March 29. Wouldn't it be great if you signed up all your Council's Brother Knights as members of the Father McGivney Guild to support his canonization! How about using the prayer for his canonization to close

the Council Meeting this month? I personally have experienced the powerful intercession of Father McGivney and highly recommend the Prayer for his intercession and canonization. Activities such as these in celebration of Founder's Day certainly are acceptable activities to report for the State General Program.

March is also the last month in the State General Program, with April 15 being the LAST DAY for submission of Council Activity Reports. So, make sure your Council gets all the reports submitted in time to receive full credit in Ohio for all your great activities for this year. Of course, Councils still have until the end of June to complete requirements for the Star Council Award.

And always remember that the State In His Honor programs and service will help you recruit new Knights, and ***"If you build it, they will come!"***

Youth

Stewart Vetter

Do you smell that?

The panicked end of the year rush! The push during the last 6 weeks of the program year to verify everything got reported and report everything else. It's not too late to report those late summer activities or the kid's Christmas party. I'd rather see late reports than no reports at all.

Youth of the year nominations are due soon. Your write up should highlight what they have done this year to make them stand out. Don't feel like you need to write in the boxes on the form. Type up all the things that make that young person outstanding and put the form from the book on top with "see attached" in the boxes"

The Squires met at Seton parish in Pickerington on February 2 to dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge during the State Dodgeball Tournament. The winners earned their first place because the competition was stiff. We welcomed 2 new Squires to the order before attending Mass together. At the end of the tournament, the winners took on the counselors. It was not pretty.

March is a busy month for the State Circle. March 16-17 is the State Lenten Retreat in Logan. This retreat is always impactful for the Squires and the adults. I encourage everyone to attend. It's time for the Ohio Squires to partake in their own March Madness. March 23-24 is the State Basketball Tournament in Danville. These events are good opportunities for any Squire interested in running for state officer to begin his campaign. Counselors will be receiving the call to Squires



Convention soon. It's June 7-9 at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. The Squires State Officers look forward to seeing lots of Squires there.

Church

Mike Nau

The Church program consists of two mandatory programs. They are: 1-Chaplain of the Year or Religious of the Year, 2-SOS with final turn-in post marked not later than April 15. Then the Council can submit 3 choices. These 3 choices are any program that helps the priest or the Church community.

Please keep in mind that for the reporting of activities, they all need to be in the April 15, 2018. Don't forget to send me the report for the Chaplain or Religious of the year. If you just send the Activity Number 1 report to

me. You will receive the 20 points. However, that person will not be included in the contest for the person of the Year. To date only 9 councils have submitted someone for this Activity. I hope that the Councils take the time to let their Chaplain know that they are doing a great job and thanks them for their hard work.

The SOS program is not going so well. To date only 19 Councils have submitted reports for this Activity. I hope that many more Councils have participated but have not taking the time to fill out the report.

The RSVP program is gaining speed, as many councils have submitted

reports that show several dollars going to help our seminarians. During this Holiday season please remember to help the seminarians with prayers as well as financial help. What better way to show that the Knights care then to help young men with expenses. Please make sure that you take the time to report of the great work that your council does to help those in need.

Hope all had a great Christmas and I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Please take time to report your Church Activities to me. It doesn't take long.

Mike Nau, State Church Director

Community

Robert Walsh

With just a little over a month and a half to the end of the STATE Program year there are deadlines due. They are the two MANDATORY ACTIVITIES. The first being Bluecoat of The Year or Volunteer of year these are due by April 1st. You can send your nominations by US Mail, or Email at rewalsh731@aol.com. Also if you have an activity that you think is worth consideration for a State award please send it to me. I will be looking forward to your submission. They need to be reported by April 15th.

The second reminder is report your Super Cash Bonanza participation by April 15th.

Just a reminder about the Mandatory Activity when reporting for Columbian Award on the SP-7 form. The Helping Hands Program. This program is designed to recognize the important work many Councils already do to take care of the most disadvantaged members of our Community. To qualify for this award many Councils already work in soup kitchens by running or serving the clients. Help repair a facilities of a local service organization. Or do something unique to help those in need.

Thank you for all the hard work you do for "In his Honor"

Save Our Seminarians

Ed Olenhouse

"DID YOU"

Have you did anything to support your seminarians?

Please consider stepping up? Our seminarians are our churches future.

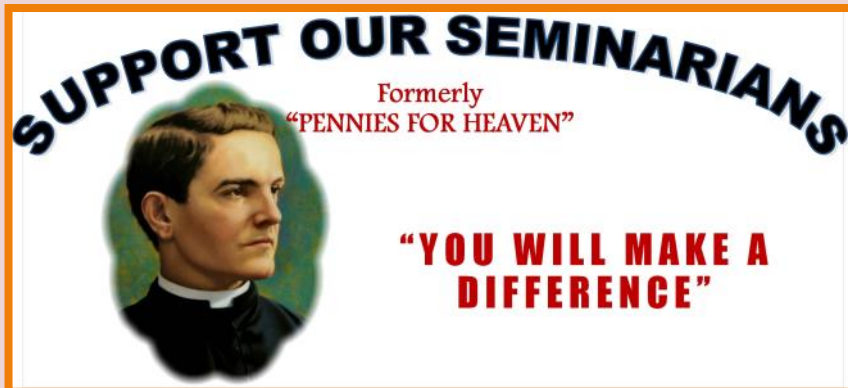
As a council, this is required as part of the Church Program. The form is due April 1, 2019.

As an individual CATHOLIC. YOU must know how important it is to provide the "out of classroom" expense coverage these young need.

Examples: gasoline for their car, car repairs, tires for the car. dental needs, doctor needs, RX, laptop updates and repairs, an occasional break away from study, a movie? Consider what you need or your children? You probably have insurance. Many seminarians do not have coverage. In most diocese, seminarians are not permitted to work or hold an outside job.

PLEASE step up?

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Family

Tom Buehner

Family of the Year Nominations

Please submit formal nominations for *Family of the Year* to me by April 1, 2019. 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. Please submit a nomination that provides enough information to make your *Family of the Year* stand out from all the others that get submitted to me. Take the time to make the nomination special and consider submitting more information than just the one-page form in the General Program Manual. This is a mandatory activity for the State Program, and I want you to be able to max out the State Program!

Food for Families

Knights of Columbus councils have traditionally participated in the almsgiving of Lent with *40 Cans for Lent* campaigns. This can allow you to participate in the *Food for*

Families Supreme Family Program.

If you do so, please remember to 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! Checkout <http://www.kofc.org/food> for more details on the program!

Pray as a Family During Lent

Lent is here! Have you thought about how you and your council will make the most of this season to help continue to build the domestic church? Family Prayer Night is a way to encourage prayer within the home. Supreme has great information on their web site, complete with Action Steps, Guides, and Resources to put on this program within your councils and parishes. This is a great way to come together in prayer to strengthen the bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families! Check out <http://www.kofc.org/prayernight> for all of the details on the program!

Good Friday Family Promotion

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!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Buehner
State Family Director

Council

Tim Mangan

Brother Knights, we are now in the final reporting period. You have until April 15th to get your council program activities turned in. Even if the activity doesn't take place until May or June, you can still report it as an upcoming activity and get credit for it. One council has already done this. If your council still needs to report a council choice program activity, keep in minds those activities your council will be doing from April 15 to June 30th this fraternal year!

Also, don't forget to submit to me your best council program choice activity by April 15th as well. If there's a council program activity that your council did this fraternal year and you think it's worthy of recognition, please submit a write up to me. Supporting documentation is

welcomed and encouraged with your write up.

Speaking of write ups, Knight of the Year nominations are now starting to come in. Remember, you have until April 1st to get both Knight of the Year and Lady of the Year turned in to me. Just like with any write up, supporting documentation makes the nomination better and helps increased the odds of your nominee getting recognition. I have yet to receive any Lady of the Year nominations! I hope your council is working on a Lady of the Year! Please nominate a Lady of the Year! Every council has a lady that is worth being nominated!

Also, a copy of your SP-7, Columbian Award Application is due to me by April 15th! This is your second mandatory activity to max out your council program activities. When you submit a copy of this form to supreme, state and you district

deputy, I do NOT get a copy of it! You need to submit a copy of the SP-7 to me to get credit! You can either upload it when you submit your online submission report, or you can mail a copy of it to me or e-mail a copy of it to me at tim@tdltool.com. However, you do it, I need a copy of the form so I can give you credit for this activity! Any questions, please ask!

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Mangan
State Council Director

Culture of Life

Brett Gissel

A reminder on the Life activity of the year. If your council has a Life activity that you want to have considered as the Life activity of the year, please add detail to your report to the State Council. Without detail of the great efforts your council did, we have no idea how your activity stands out among other similar activities across the state.

Looking for ideas to complete your Life activities for the In His Honor State Program and the Columbian Award? Here are some ideas.

Novena For Life – The [Novena For Life](#) is the only required Life activity for Supreme Council's Columbian Award. Although a council needs at least four Life activities on their [Columbian Award application \(New Form SP-7\)](#), this novena is the one activity that is required to be done. How to hold one of these novenas is in the material linked.

Ultrasound Machine Initiative – The [Ultrasound Machine Initiative](#)

has provided over 1,000 ultrasound machines to pregnancy centers over the last 10 years. These machines help women see the child in their womb and choose life. While costly, many councils can work together to provide these life saving machines.

Diaper Drive – As we see some states moving to legalize late term abortions and beyond, we need to show our support for Life to help make abortion unthinkable. By providing diapers and other needed items (consult with the pregnancy center to find out what they need), we help those considering an abortion see that they have support through these centers. By holding a drive in our parishes, we share this need with our parish communities and raise awareness to how we can help.

40 Days For Life – Participation in [40 Days For Life](#) is a great way to show your witness to defending life near a clinic providing abortions. As you are near the clinic, your prayers may help those coming as patients, the children they carry inside them, and even for a change of heart of

those working there. Check the link to help find a location where a 40 Days For Life campaign is going on now. Prayer and fasting during these 40 days with an end to abortion as the intent is also a way to participate in this program, even if members cannot stand vigil in front of a clinic.

Special Olympics – Volunteering with [Special Olympics](#) is new to the Life program. Although it had been part of the Surge With Service program from Supreme, it was not under the (Culture Of) Life category then. If your council submits a report for the volunteer effort with Special Olympics under Life in the State Program, it will be considered as a Council Choice activity in Life. For local contact information to volunteer, please go to [Special Olympics Ohio through this link](#).

Keep up the good work. Let your joy and actions shine as an example of the Culture Of Life.

[Brett Gissel](#)

State Culture Of Life Director
Ohio State Council

Do You Measure-Up?

Mike Felerski, StateWarden and Program Chairman

Brother Knights of Ohio, I need your help! Every brother Knight in the great Jurisdiction of Ohio plays an important role each year in the success of our Premier Charity Program: the Measure Up Campaign. I hope you had the opportunity to participate in the "Gimme Five" promotion by giving an additional \$5 on top of your dues payment. However, the good news is that if you haven't, you can still participate and get your "Gimme Five" sticker for your Traveling Card! Just tell your Financial Secretary your want to 'Give Five for Measure Up' and he will gladly accept your cash or check and provide you with a "Gimme Five" sticker which makes you a part of Ohio's "Gimme 5 Measure-Up Club"!

This year our collection program will run over the weekends of April 26, 27 & 28 and May 3, 4 & 5. The program booklets, forms, and additional information is available on our very own KofCOhio.org website. Just look for the "Measure Up" link on the left side of the homepage and click on it. This will take you to the Measure-Up web page with everything you need to download. You can also find the Measure-Up Apron order form.

This year during the State Tour I asked you to "Think Different" about how you can support the 2019 Measure-Up if you can no longer shake your can in front of your previous establishment. This fraternal year I have heard from many of you on how you started collecting in front of several smaller local businesses rather than one big business. Other councils have hosted special fundraiser events for Measure-Up, and some councils have placed collection containers in local businesses. Thank you for all you've collected in the past and what you will collect this year. Supporting our citizens with developmental disabilities through our council's Measure-Up programs truly brings together our three principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and makes a real difference in the lives of our special population.

The Silver Rose Returns to Ohio in 2019

Mike Felerski, State Warden and Program Chairman

Brother Knights of Ohio, the Silver Rose will be returning to Ohio this coming April as part of it's tour from the Great White North, through the Midwest and on to Washington DC. From the sample press release provided by Supreme: *"The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a real, live one – was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York and then to Texas where it was taken across the border into Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe."*

"In 2001, when Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, expanded the Silver Rose Program, he commented:

"Through [the Silver Rose Program] we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the [Knights of Columbus], but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

The Silver Rose Program allows us to share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life through this meaningful pilgrimage. It demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States, and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.



Steps to take:

- Councils, District Deputies, and DD Coordinators visit: www.kofc.org/silverrose to find the resources necessary to put on a successful program.

- DD Coordinators: Work with your District Deputies and your diocesan officer and councils to put together a schedule of locations and schedule transportation. This year we will have the support of **Ohio Knights on Bikes** in transporting the Rose which will begin in the Cleveland Diocese. There will be more information on this as locations and schedules come together.

- Councils or District Deputies: Use the included schedule to record the locations where the Silver Rose was hosted and how many were in attendance during the Mass or Prayer Service. Include this with the Rose as it travels and email that information to State Warden Mike Felerski.

Your State Officers thank you for all your support in making the Silver Rose program such a success throughout Ohio in the past, and in the upcoming month of April!



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Date	[Arch]Diocese	Tour Day	Viewing Location	Attendance
Transfer from Ontario State Council to Ohio State Council				
Tuesday, April 2			Transfer to Cleveland Diocese	
Wednesday, April 3	Cleveland	1		
Thursday, April 4	Cleveland	2		
Friday, April 5	Cleveland	3		
Saturday, April 6	Cleveland	4		
Sunday, April 7			Transfer to Youngstown Diocese	
Monday, April 8	Youngstown	5		
Tuesday, April 9	Youngstown	6		
Wednesday, April 10	Youngstown	7		
Thursday, April 11			Transfer to Steubenville Diocese	
Friday, April 12	Steubenville	8		
Saturday, April 13	Steubenville	9		
Sunday, April 14	Steubenville	10		
Monday, April 15			Transfer to Columbus	
Tuesday, April 16	Columbus	11		
Wednesday, April 17	Columbus	12		
Thursday, April 18	Columbus	13		
Friday, April 19	Columbus	14	GOOD FRIDAY	
Saturday, April 20	Columbus	15	HOLY SATURDAY	
Sunday, April 21	Columbus	16	EASTER	
Monday, April 22			Transfer to Cincinnati Archdiocese	
Tuesday, April 23	Cincinnati	17		
Wednesday, April 24	Cincinnati	18		
Thursday, April 25	Cincinnati	19		
Friday, April 26	Cincinnati	20		
Saturday, April 27			Transfer to Toledo Diocese	
Sunday, April 28	Toledo	21		
Monday, April 29	Toledo	22		
Tuesday, April 30	Toledo	23		
Wednesday, May 1	Toledo	24		
Thursday, May 2 - Transfer from Ohio State Council to Michigan State Council				