

Voice of the Spirit

MAY 2019



Kevin Miller
State Deputy

State Deputy's Report

Brother Knights:

The end of the fraternal year is quickly upon us – and as is often the case, we begin to hurry to complete those remaining tasks to make our year a success. First and foremost, in many of our minds is working for the final big push to achieve Supreme's Star Council Award – their principal award to recognize a council's outstanding achievements for the year. To see how your council is stacking up for this year's award, here's a quick checklist:

Administrative requirements: This should be an easy one! To qualify for Star Council, councils must be up-to-date in their reporting to Supreme – notably their Service Program Personnel Report (#365), Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and be in good standing with all Supreme Council assessments (per capita, Catholic Advertising, and any supply charges).

Safe Environment: This is a bit tougher, but something we have all been especially aware of this year. To qualify for Star Council, council leadership (Grand Knights, Program Directors, Community Directors, and Family Directors) MUST be fully compliant with Supreme's safe environment

requirements. Councils should have received information from both Supreme and the State Council about their current compliance status. If your personnel has changed during the course of the fraternal year or if they have not yet been certified, there is still time ... information regarding the training can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html> or by contacting your District Deputy.

Programming – The Columbian Award: One of three awards your council needs to earn to achieve Star Council, and arguably the most critical! This award recognizes excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach. Programming excellence is the key to a council's success – it's the way we demonstrate to the world who we are and how we live out the principals of our Order. It inspires good Catholic men to join with us in faith and service, so achieving the Columbian Award is both important to your council as well as imperative in your quest for Star Council! It is so important, *regardless of your Star Council status, EVERY COUNCIL should work to qualify for this award and submit their Form SP-7 to Supreme!* This year, the "Faith in Action" program has introduced specific required programs for the Columbian ... make sure you note them in your report and if you are deficient, see if you can

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add them to your programming mix! If you have been participating in the State Program, you probably have already submitted your SP-7 ... so you're almost there! Remember, this report must be submitted to Supreme by June 30 to qualify your council for Star Council!

Insurance – The Founders’

Award: This award recognizes excellence in your council’s contribution to the growth of our top-rated and exclusive insurance program -- your council must meet or exceed its yearly insurance quota to be eligible. The most important asset to achieve the Founders’ Award is your K of C Insurance Agent ... your agent is already aware of your council’s insurance status and will work diligently to make sure you

meet the insurance requirements to achieve Star Council! Reach out to him today to see if they can be of help!

Membership – Father McGivney Award. Perhaps the biggest challenge of all -- this award recognizes excellence in your council’s membership growth. Your council must meet or exceed its yearly membership quota to be eligible for Star Council. It’s also the way Councils can attain Double Star Council (200% percent of their goal), or even Triple Star Council (300 % of their goal)! If you are close to making your membership, press hard to make that goal! Use all the tools available to you, like the online membership portal and your Admission Degree DVD to get those potential members into your council by June 30!

On behalf of the entire Ohio State Council, rest assured that we are all deeply interested in your success – if you are working to make Star Council by the end of the fraternal year on June 30, we are all at the ready to help you achieve your goal! Your state officers, directors, District Deputies, and insurance agents are all prepared to contribute to your success. I hope many of you accept this challenge and seek honor and recognition for your members and the contributions they make to our communities and our Order! I remain, with the highest regard and best wishes, In His Honor,

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Miller
State Deputy

A Message from Charity Father

Mark Siracusa, State Treasurer

Hello to all Knights of Columbus Members in the great State of OHIO. Charity Father is pleased, I have received good ticket numbers for the FIRST TURN-IN, we are 3,000 plus tickets over last year’s numbers at this time. BUT we need to continue this: sell more tickets the contest isn’t over yet, we have a little under 2 weeks yet to SELL, SELL, SELL.

I know you have probably sold tickets to reach the 1 ½ and 3 ticket per member levels; stretch for the 4, 7 and even the 10 per member levels that is where you receive the BIGGEST MONEY percentages back per ticket sold.



TOP 10 COUNCILS IN TICKET SALES IN THE STATE for first turn in.

IS YOUR COUNCIL LISTED AMONG THEM, DON’T YOU WANT BRAGGING RIGHTS?? DON’T YOU WANT YOUR COUNCIL TO BE LISTED THERE?

Your Brother in Christ
Charity Father
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419-553-9552
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Council #	Tickets Sold
10936	2567
4891	2456
1757	2269
3324	1922
13608	1853
1039	1566
16376	1410
3410	1350
5253	1264
7978	1250

Membership Minute

Frank Iannaggi, State Membership Director

All in His Honor Pledge.

Here in the last 2 months of this fraternal year let us honor our State Deputy Kevin Miller by pledging to continue in our effort to recruit to sustain our council into the next fraternal year. We have run a great race until now with many councils working diligently to recruit new members. They have recruited young and old to help with their many programs in building our communities and the Order's councils.

As I write this article the Supreme Council Membership report indicates the State of Ohio has brought in 1,341 new members, losing 664 to suspensions and withdrawals leaving a net of 677 members. Although our numbers are below our expectations, we did achieve 65.4 % of our Supreme goal of 2,050. We are down from last year's number of 790 due to some carry over 118 suspension. Congratulations to 12 councils that maxed out our membership program

for this fraternal year:

1756/2158/4603/4733/10863/11216/1275/14457/14502/14995/15942/and 16706

Brothers well done, 34 councils made their Supreme quotas as of May 1 and are on the path to star council. June 30th is not that far off, and our efforts must be maintained and honed for the next fraternal year beginning July 1. We want you keep that momentum, recruit, by asking someone you always though should be a knight because he has chosen to help at many of your council activities. If you don't ask there is no intake.

Focus on continuing to build you councils during May and June and establish a running start for our next fraternal year. But one more thing I ask of you please plan to attend the 120th State Convention in the Cleveland Diocese as delegate and take an active part in the selection of new leadership for the next 12 years. Your active participation will promote your views on leadership and direction for the great jurisdiction of Ohio. In addition, you

can to do your part in selecting a strong leadership team that will aid your council. Give yourself an opportunity to mentor new leadership for your council vote them in this May and continue to mentor one another.

I must for a moment reflect on the last 10 months as your Membership Director and say that it has been a joy working with each diocesan membership director, Cincinnati William Keane, Cleveland Jim Maslach, Columbus Keith Dunnigan, Steubenville Tom Offenberger, Toledo Jim Collins, Youngstown Michael Jordan, and Retention Director, Michael Freil. A special shout out to our State Ceremonials Director, Ray Darr for promoting regularly scheduled admission degrees. Thank you for being part of the "In His Honor Team" it has truly been an honor

Below are the current Statewide statistics by diocese. 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!

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

MEMBERSHIP ON 7/1:	57,046
MEMBERSHIP AS OF 05/03/2019:	56,703
DIFFERENCE:	(343)

	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	356	242	296	37	263	147	1,341
YTD Loss	197	80	63	26	242	56	664
YTD Net	159	162	233	11	21	91	677
# Active No Recruit	17	14	18	17	14	21	101
% YTD Gain	60.29%	59.88%	76.08%	37.83%	51.45%	57.13%	59.60%
% YTD Need	39.71%	40.12%	23.92%	62.17%	48.55%	42.87%	40.40%
% Supreme Quota	15.53%	22.22%	34.47%	5.14%	2.61%	19.91%	17.34%
% Non-Recruiting	19.10%	19.44%	24.66%	68.00%	20.00%	35.00%	25.96%
Target %	83.78%	83.78%	83.78%	83.78%	83.78%	83.78%	83.78%
How Much On/Off?	-23.48%	-23.89%	-7.70%	-45.95%	-32.33%	-26.65%	-24.18%
Est. # Ahead/Behind	(139)	(97)	(30)	(45)	(165)	(69)	(544)

IHH State Programs

Rod Anderson, State General Program Director

WHAT'S NEXT?

Well, the Councils have submitted all their State IN HIS HONOR program activities reports. And they have sent in their Support Our Seminarians money and forms. First turn-ins of Super Cash Bonanza charity tickets are completed. And Councils have sent in their Convention registrations for their delegates and alternates and made their travel plans to meet with their Brother Knights from all around Ohio at the State Convention.



So, “What’s next?” As I said in my article this time last year,

“...while the State General Program for this year is concluded, there is still work to be done. Councils still have until the end of June to work on their Programs and submit their Columbian Award Application, Form SP-7, to Supreme as the first requirement for Star Council honors. And May and June still offer plenty of time for recruiting new members and meeting, or exceeding the Supreme membership and insurance quotas for the fraternal year for the Fr. McGivney and Founders Awards.”

Yes, Brother Knights, the fraternal year is *not* over yet! We all still have plenty of time to practice our Order’s principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism! Measure up and charity ticket sales can still make a difference. And we can still exhibit our unity by redoubling our efforts to work together to meet our Council goals. And what better way to demonstrate our fraternity than inviting our Catholic neighbors and friends to join our Order? May culminates with Memorial Day to practice our patriotism by participating in Memorial Day observances and events.

All of these programs, in furtherance of our principles and ideals can lead the way to achieving recognition from Supreme as Star Council. This is what is meant by the phrase I have encouraged all to take to heart these last two years:

“If you build it, they will come!”

Youth

Stewart Vetter, State Youth Director

A little charity father reminded me that I was remiss in reporting the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest state winners. My apologies to all. Congratulations to the winners:

Age 5-7	Addyson King	Council 1494
Age 8-10	Aaliyah Spangler	Council 1494
Age 11-14	Luke Bronsor	Council 2423

Besides the most exciting 2 minutes in sports, May is known for something else. Not May crowning, though that’s a good one. IT’S CONVENTION TIME!!! Grab your council shirt, a nice suit, and your best gal and come celebrate a successful program year. This is the best time of year to network with other councils, get ideas for future activities, and be re-inspired by the work and brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio. Not to mention we are electing and state warden...again. We seem to do that a lot lately. It means more hospitality suites. Try out the regional favorites from Cleveland while you meet the candidates and evaluate the best brother Knight for the job. If all else fails, the insurance guys are serving ice cream. Make sure you see the Squires Friday night because they are raffling off a \$300 gift card to Kalahari. You could pay for your convention trip, plan another weekend getaway, or send your wife for some pampering in the spa (can you say brownie points?).

It’s always a good time and I look forward to seeing you there.

Council

Tim Mangan, State Council Program Director

Brother Knights, I can't believe it's May already, and the state convention is just around the corner. Where does the time go? As we get ready for this year's state convention, I would like to thank ALL councils who participated in this year's "In His Honor" State Program. Thank you for reporting to us your activities. You did a great job with your write ups. You also did a great job with your knight and lady of the year nominations as well. I enjoyed reading them all!

I would also like to thank those councils who submitted to me a copy of

their SP-7 Columbian Award Application. For those councils who have not yet fill out their SP-7 Columbian Award Application, you still have time to do so as the form is due by June 30th. However, make sure when you fill out the form, you list the 4 mandatory required programs, Spiritual Reflection Program, Consecration to the Holy Family Program, Helping Hands Program and Novena for Life Program. Most councils listed these on their forms while some councils didn't. Also, make sure the form is completed! I saw a couple of incomplete forms as well. Remember, this is a new version of the form that you are filling out and submitting for the first time ever! Make sure you fill it out correctly before you submitted it to Supreme.

Even though the State General Program has come to an end, the fraternal year has not! You should be well on your way on achieving Star Council. We are down to the final 2 months of the fraternal year. You still have time to meet both your membership quotas and insurance quotas as well as get your Columbian Award Application submitted. Now is the time to finish the fraternal year off strong! Now is the time to look and double check and make sure you have meet ALL your requirements for Star Council! Good luck on becoming a Star Council!

Vivat Jesus!

Family

Tom Buehner, State Family Program Director

Family of the Year Nominations

Thank you to all of the councils that submitted nominations for Family of the Year. It was very challenging to choose each of the diocesan winners and ultimately the overall winner. We have some incredible families that our councils chose to recognize. It was great to read about all of them.

Family Fully Alive

As I've said in the past, your council plays a crucial role in building the domestic church. Family Fully Alive is a way to help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives, year-round. This

program is outlined by Supreme and offers monthly themes, reflections, meditations, and activities. This program can be started at any time of the year, so why not now? Check out <http://www.kofc.org/familyfullyalive> for all of the details on the program!

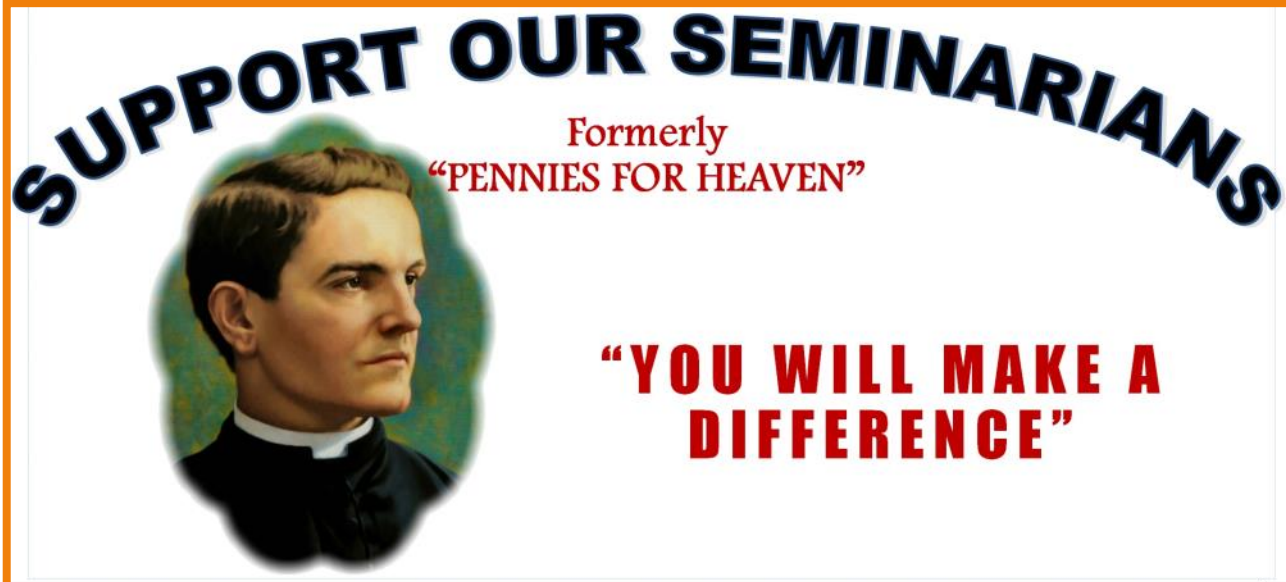
Thank you

Thank you to everyone that submitted reports of your Family activities this year. Keep up the great work and continue to remember to provide activities that families can participate in. It is our duty as Knights of Columbus to help Build up the Domestic Church and support families. We can do this by offering activities for families to practice, share, and deepen their Catholic Faith.

And thank you to all of the State

Officers, State Directors, and District Deputies throughout the state. Your friendship, guidance, and support throughout the year has been comforting.

Vivat Jesus!



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 its tour from the Great White North, through the Midwest and on to Washington DC.

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!



Ohio State Council
Knights of Columbus
Silver Rose Tour 2019

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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				

