

2012 State Convention

Pennies for Heaven tops \$100,000

Ohio's *Pennies for Heaven* Campaign set yet another record in the 2011-2012 fraternal year and went over the \$100,000 mark for the first time in its history.

"I am happy to announce that we exceeded our \$100,000 goal with a grand total of \$101,214," State Secretary Ken Girt, *Pennies for Heaven* chairman, told delegates and guests at the State Convention. He said 277 of Ohio's 376 councils participated in this year's campaign, with 26 councils and one chapter contributing more than \$1,000.

Leading the state in contributions was Cleveland Council 733, with \$6,200. Next came Lancaster Council 1016, with \$4,032; Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus, with \$3,552; St. Brendan Council 11208, Hilliard, with \$3,278; and Fr. Andrew Hohman Council 5253, Reynoldsburg, with \$3,200.

"I wish to thank everyone for helping us reach our goal," Girt said. "We have truly shown our concern and dedication in supporting vocations here in Ohio."

Last year, *Pennies for Heaven* set a record of \$96,339, breaking the previous record of \$81,366 that was realized in the 2009-2010 campaign.

Monies raised from *Pennies for Heaven* is given to the Vocations Director in the diocese in which it was collected. The funds are used to promote vocations and assist in the recruitment of men and women to a religious life.

Other councils contributing \$1,000 or more in this year's campaign were:

Ottawa 1757, \$2,000; Fr. William

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State convention delegates rally against assault on religious freedom



State Deputy Dave Helmstetter opens the State Convention business session. Seated are (from left) Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman, State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams and Supreme Membership Growth and Ceremonials Vice President Gary Nolan.

First-ever Chaplains' workshop *Plans are to expand on initial gathering of priests who guide Knights' spiritual needs*

Fr. John Grace, Supreme's Director of Chaplain Programs and Development, conducted the first-ever Ohio workshop for council chaplains on Friday of the State Convention weekend.

"We're just scratching the surface for what needs to be done," he said as the seminar ended in mid-afternoon. Thirteen priests serving as council chaplains, including several Former State Chaplains, participated.

The workshop was planned by Ohio's State Chaplain, Fr. Ron Williams, and State Deputy

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Ohio Knights came to the defense of religious freedom at the State Convention, held in Cincinnati on May 25-27.

Delegates unanimously passed a strongly-worded resolution denouncing recent action by the federal government and vowing to "stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful and to all Americans to join together in the great struggle to oppose this mandate and to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience.

Delegates and guests at the opening business session watched a video in which Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson implored Ohio Knights to stand up against the federal government's religious freedom assault. And conventioners heard two special guests from Supreme Council and an Auxiliary Bishop of the Cincinnati Archdiocese speak on the need for Knights to join the cause.

The issue stems from a ruling made by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of the controversial Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which calls for the mandatory sterilization, abortifacients and contraceptions coverage in virtually all private health care plans – directly in opposition to teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church.

"Now is the time to stand up and defend our Church," Anderson said in the video.

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Super Cash Bonanza Campaign raises \$693,425 for charitable purposes in Ohio

"We fell a few bucks short of our goal, but we still raised nearly \$700,000 for charitable purposes in Ohio – and that's not a bad day's work."

That was State Treasurer Bob Collins' assessment of the 2012 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign. Three hundred and thirty-nine councils sold 138,685 Super Cash Bonanza tickets, raising \$693,425 in the 14-week campaign. It ended on May 25 with a drawing for 25 cash prizes at the State Convention in Cincinnati.

Collins, who as "Special Agent #1,000,000", was chairman of the 2012 endeavor. He had set an ambitious goal of \$1,000,000 in sales. He's already looking forward to the 2012 campaign, which he will chair, and again will be looking for that aggressive \$1,000,000

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Priests who attended the first-ever Council Chaplains' Workshop. Fr. John Grace and State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams are in center.

First-ever council chaplains' workshop

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Dave Helmstetter as a means of communicating and sharing ideas on how to guide the Knights of Ohio councils spiritually. They hope to expand on the idea in the future. And it is hoped that those attending this year's workshop will help spread the lessons learned to other chaplains in their areas.

"Invite your chaplains and tell them you need them at your meetings," suggested Fr. Grace as he spoke during the convention business session. "Get your chaplains involved."

Fr. Grace, speaking in his Irish brogue, said the main concern for chaplains is Knights' faithful mission and spirituality.

"One of our biggest problems is Catholics lacking about what our faith is all about," he said. "I love the Knights. I love what they do. The Knights are involved in everything."

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Helmstetter spoke to the convention about membership. "Membership has to come from the hearts of your delegates," he said. "It has to start somewhere. Show prospective members by example. Show them what we do. We need members. We need GOOD members."

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Cincinnati Archdiocese Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer, keynote speaker at the State Deputy's Banquet, explained why he joined the Knights of Columbus.

"I wanted to play softball, he gave as the reason for joining Northside Council 1683, Cincinnati. A college graduate, he was a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and was treasurer of Northside Council before entering the seminary to study for the priesthood. He is celebrating his 1st Anniversary as an Auxiliary Bishop this year."

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Brother Knight Dick Weitzel, a member of Elyria Council 774 (Cleveland Diocese), attended his 50th State Convention this year. State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams celebrated his 43rd birthday on Saturday of convention weekend. He was serenaded twice with "Happy Birthday" – at the Saturday business session and again at the State Deputy's Banquet. The convention's Good of the Order Committee made several recommendations concerning the state convention, including a review of location and dates. The convention traditionally has been held on the Memorial Day weekend. In 2012, it will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky.

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Dave Helmstetter was elected to his second year as State Deputy. He was nominated by his son, Nathan, a delegate from St. Henry Council 2640, with seconds coming from two other sons, Gregory and Matthew, representing Father James O. Byrne Council 1592, St. Marys. The other Ohio State Council officers also were re-elected: State Secretary Ken Girt, State Treasurer Bob Collins, State Advocate Kevin Miller, and State Warden Bob Byers.

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When special guest Gary Nolan, Supreme's Vice President of Membership Growth and Ceremonials, was discussing changes made in the Third Degree ceremonial, he heaped praise on Ohio's W. Lee Brock, a veteran Third Degree team member. Lee has done his part on the Third Degree longer than anyone in the Order, Nolan said. Brock received a standing ovation from delegates and guests at the business session.

Super Cash Bonanza Campaign surpasses \$100,000

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Spikerman 671, \$1,897; Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4603, \$1,619; St. St. Michaels 14445, \$1,425; Msgr. Kuenle 5239, \$1,332; St. Francis of Assisi 14504, \$1,306; Leo 937, \$1,300; St. Anthony of Padua 9788, \$1,300; Our Lady of Charity 14406, \$1,246; Immaculate Heart of Mary 13517, \$1,155; St. Andrew 11275, \$1,150; St. Hilary 14551, \$1,051; Sacred Heart 14671, \$1,009; St. Elizabeth 11193, \$1,007; Bellefontaine 1782, \$1,002; St. Lukes 910, \$1,000; Westerville 5776, \$1,000; New Albany 10941, \$1,000; Josephinum 15009, \$1,000; Garfield Heights 4130, \$1,000; St. Michael's 3382, \$1,000.

Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign

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in sales.

North Olmsted Council 4731 (Cleveland Diocese) led Ohio in total tickets sold, with 3,422. Runner-up was Our Lady of Peace 4243, St. Clairsville, with 2,993, while Garfield 4130 was third with 2,807. In tickets sold per member, St. Marys Council 11150, Oxford, was tops with 28.75, followed by Fr. Maruskin 10936, Stow, with 15.70, and Holy Family 15056, Parma, with 15.42.

Winner of the top prize -- \$49,680 (\$414 a month for 10 years) – was James Schlitz, of Montrose, Colo. Drawing the winning ticket was Tiffany Grimes, wife of North Ridgeville Council 7970 Knight Dale Grimes.



State Deputy Dave Helmstetter looks on as State Treasurer Bob Collins, chairman of the 2012 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign, checks the winning ticket.

2012 Super Cash Bonanza Winners List

1.	\$49,680	James Schlitz.....	Montrose, Colorado
2.	\$18,780	Raymond Halliwell Sr.....	Wakeman, Ohio
3.	\$12,720	Fr. John Keehner.....	Youngstown, Ohio
4.	\$4,000	Bob Ritman.....	Sidney, Ohio
5.	\$3,000	Janie Wymer.....	Berea, Ohio
6-9.	\$1,500	Paula Batty.....	Carrollton, Ohio
		Frances Berg.....	Dayton, Ohio
		Terry Jopko.....	Thomasville, North Carolina
		Jerry McCord.....	Gastor, Indiana
10-13.	\$1,250	Elsa Gutierrez.....	Olmsted Twp., Ohio
		Walt Sadowski.....	Toronto, Ohio
		Marguerite Stolarik.....	Byesville, Ohio
		Jack Huey.....	Yellow Springs, Ohio
14-17.	\$1,000	Jim Wilson.....	Malibu, California
		Fred Pilla.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
		Martin Janoco.....	Mentor, Ohio
		Morgan Meadows.....	Moscow, Ohio
18-21.	\$750	Bob Beckstedt.....	Celina, Ohio
		Zachary Miller.....	Galloway, Ohio
		Mathew Lirot.....	Bryan, Ohio
		Diana Seger.....	Minster, Ohio
22-25.	\$500	Lisa Wilson.....	Celina, Ohio
		Nereida Daiz.....	Cleveland, Ohio
		Richard Donnelly.....	Piqua, Ohio
		Andrew Reiter.....	Brunswick, Ohio

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State Deputy Dave Helmstetter and his wife, Cinda (center), with Supreme Director of Chaplain Programs & Development Fr. John Grace (left) and Supreme Vice President/Membership Growth & Ceremonials Gary Nolan.

State convention delegates rally against assault on religious freedom

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“You and I are the leaders. We have a critical role.”

“We’ve got to start paying attention,” said special guest Gary Nolan, Supreme Vice President of Membership Growth and Ceremonials. “We are under attack. You heard the Supreme Knight’s call to arms. We are going to reclaim the Catholic Church in the United States of America. We must put our faith on our sleeves.”

“Each one of us has a chance to influence someone else,” added Cincinnati Archdiocese Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer, who was keynote speaker at the State Deputy’s Banquet.

“How can we make a difference?” he asked.

“Pray,” he answered. “Pray for our President. Pray for the head of the HHS. Pray for all of our legislators. Pray that the mandate be repealed.”

“Yes, we must stand up; we must be counted,” added special guest Fr. John Grace, Supreme Director of Chaplain Programs and Development. “We’ve got to rethink who we are. It’s a serious issue. We’re under serious attack. The future of the Catholic Church in the United States could be in the hands of the Knights of Columbus. We need to know what we believe and why we believe it. We must understand what our faith is all about.”

The resolution approved by convention delegates denounces the government action and calls for the Knights of Columbus to “steadfastly support the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States” “stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful, and to all Americans, to join together in the great struggle to oppose this mandate and to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience” and “that we call upon President Obama to rescind this mandate which is a clear and direct violation of our religious liberty rights”.

In his annual letter to those attending the state convention, Supreme Knight Anderson noted that “membership growth must be a perennial concern for every state council, since as membership increases, so too does our ability to render ever-greater charitable and volunteer service to our communities and the Catholic Church.

“At your state convention, I hope that every local council will commit to recruiting at least one member each month,” he wrote.

State Deputy Dave Helmstetter and State Membership Director Ken Gardner reviewed Ohio’s 2011-2012 fraternal year membership efforts, noting that as of May 15, the intake gain stood at 69%, with 1,715 new members, and overall the net gain stood at 915, or 55% of the state’s membership quota. However, the total gain or loss after considering deaths and suspensions stood at a negative 311.

“When you look at these numbers and the trend over the last few years, it becomes vital – critical – that each Knight and his council fully embrace the theme of recruiting 365 days a year,” said Helmstetter. “One of the biggest gaps in Ohio is the almost 100 councils that did not bring in a new member.”

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Before distributing nearly 700 awards to councils and individuals for their achievements during the 2011-2012 fraternal year, State General Program Director Larry (The Dynamo) Drosch reported that 248 councils participated in the general program, with 37 councils maxing it. A total of 5,291 activities were reported, with 282,000 points earned.

Helmstetter introduced a large number of family members present at the State Deputy’s Banquet, and summed up the weekend of conventioning by saying, “The family is very important to us. Go back to your councils and be ambassadors. Take up His Cross for Charity in Unity with Fraternity.”

A Resolution In Defense of Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, The Catholic Church teaches that the right to religious freedom is based upon the inherent dignity of the human person, which is known through both reason and divine revelation; and

Whereas, The right to religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Religious freedom means that all persons are to be free from coercion in matters of belief and conscience, and that no person should be forced to act in a manner contrary to his or her own beliefs or conscience; and

WHEREAS, During his visit to the United States in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that it should never be necessary to deny God in order to enjoy our rights and that it is inconceivable that believers should have to suppress their faith in order to be active citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Church consistently teaches that religious freedom is an inalienable right which should be recognized in the governing laws of each country in such a way that it is acknowledged as a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS, Religious freedom is not a benefit that a government confers out of a sense of mere tolerance and that can be removed, but rather it is an inalienable right, rooted in the transcendent dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, Religious freedom is at the very heart of human rights because it encompasses freedom of speech, assembly and conscience, which together form the basis of civil society and respect for the individual; and

WHEREAS, On Aug. 1, 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued preliminary regulations pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that require all Americans to subsidize health insurance plans that provide full coverage for sterilization and contraception, including abortifacients such as “morning after” pills; and

WHEREAS, These abortion-inducing drugs attack a developing unborn child either before or after implantation in the mother’s womb; and

WHEREAS, On Jan. 20, 2012, the Obama administration finalized this mandate and announced that non-profit religious institutions, including the Catholic Church, would have one year to comply with the rule, and that no exemption would be granted for Catholic hospitals, dioceses, charities, social service agencies, schools, colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, The mandate also forces private Catholic employers and businesses -- such as the Knights of Columbus -- to provide all employees with insurance coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization; and

WHEREAS, On Feb. 10, 2012, the Obama administration offered to religious organizations a so-called “accommodation” which did not change the mandate and was quickly rejected by the U.S. bishops because Catholic organizations and individuals would still be forced to violate their religious convictions; and

WHEREAS, One of the rationales for this mandate -- that abortifacients, contraceptives and sterilization are less expensive than childbirth -- lays the groundwork for the government to one day mandate that all health insurance plans include abortion; and

WHEREAS, This mandate sets a dangerous precedent and represents one of the most serious intrusions on religious freedom in our lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, In a recent meeting with bishops from the United States, Pope Benedict XVI expressed concern over “certain attempts being made to limit that most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we will never waver in our efforts to defend religious freedom as an inherent right of all Americans; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That as American citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will steadfastly support the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful and to all Americans to join together in the great struggle to oppose this mandate and to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon President Obama to rescind this mandate which is a clear and direct violation of our religious liberty rights; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that will protect the constitutional right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion in health care and all other matters; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we will remain steadfast in our opposition to any future governmental action or policy that forces Catholic institutions and individuals to violate our most deeply held moral and religious convictions; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That our struggle for religious freedom at this decisive moment in our nation’s history is not only for our sake, but for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all future generations, so that they too may know a country that is “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”.

2011-2012 Fraternal year general program awards presented at the State Convention

HONOREES OF THE YEAR

Knight of the Year

Statewide

Joseph Maroon, MacGahan Council 1065
Cincinnati Archdiocese

Carvel Steinke, St. Malachy Council 5128
Cleveland Diocese

Robert Powell, Akron Council 547
Columbus Diocese

Joseph Maroon, MacGahan Council 1065
Steubenville Diocese

Bernard Dyar, St. John of Beverly Council 4617
Toledo Diocese

Doug Sallows, Mother Teresa Council 14344
Youngstown Diocese

Leonard Schell, Canton Council 341

Chaplain of the Year

Statewide

Fr. James Brown, St. Jude 3904
Cincinnati Archdiocese

Fr. Thomas Schmidt, St. Francis of Assisi 14504
Cleveland Diocese

Fr. Joseph Brankatelli, Holy Family 15056
Columbus Diocese

Fr. F. Richard Snoke, St. Lukes 910
Steubenville Diocese

Msgr. Michael Campbell, Marietta 478
Toledo Diocese

Fr. James Brown, St. Jude 3904
Youngstown Diocese

Fr. Robert Edwards, Leetonia 1569

Religious of the Year

Statewide

Fr. Matthew Albright, Canton 341
Cincinnati Archdiocese

Fr. Eric Bowman, Beaver Creek 7981
Cleveland Diocese

Rev. Mr. William Yoho, Immaculate Heart 13517
Columbus Diocese

Sr. Barbara Rose Kolesar, Msgr. Gilligan 14282
Steubenville Diocese

Sr. Tina Petrick, Ray McKowen 1362
Toledo Diocese

Sr. Evelyn Gearhart, St. John Newmann 11828
Youngstown Diocese

Fr. Matthew Albright, Canton 341

Family of the Year

Statewide

Mike & Terry Hudgins, Medina 4168
Cincinnati Archdiocese

Scott & Lisa Aufderhaar, Wapakoneta 1272
Cleveland Diocese

Mike & Terry Hudgins, Medina 4168
Columbus Diocese

Leo & Teresa Mickley, St. Lukes 910
Steubenville Diocese

James & Diane Gottfried, Marietta 478
Toledo Diocese

David & Janis Bartos, Holy Trinity 15043
Youngstown Diocese

Luigi & Mary Leittieri, St. Peters 5173

Lady of the Year

Statewide

Donna Darr, St. Patrick 14155
Cincinnati Archdiocese

Ann Marie Burns, Maria-Joseph 4022
Cleveland Diocese

Dawn Hosick, St. Hilary 14551
Columbus Diocese

Kathleen Houck, Westerville 5776
Steubenville Diocese

Marsha Phillipson, Msgr. Dooley 4361
Toledo Diocese

Donna Darr, St. Patrick 14155
Youngstown Diocese

Darlene Catzacher, Massillon 554

Volunteer of the Year

Statewide

Sara Freeman, Immaculate Heart 472
Cincinnati Archdiocese

James Hunter, St. Michael 3382
Cleveland Diocese

Deborah Dosen, Our Lady of Charity 14406
Columbus Diocese

Sean Morrissey, New Albany 10941
Steubenville Diocese

Sara Freeman, Immaculate Heart 472
Toledo Diocese

Stephen Majer, St. Jerome 11450
Youngstown Diocese

James Griffin, Canton 341

Blue Coat of the Year

Statewide

Dennis Kancler, Our Lady of Charity 14406
Cincinnati Archdiocese

Christopher MacMurdo, Harrison 2633
Cleveland Diocese

Dennis Kancler, Our Lady of Charity 14406
Columbus Diocese

John Bokros, Westerville 5776
Steubenville Diocese

Kenneth Anderson, Msgr. Dooley 4361
Toledo Diocese

Robert Boyer, St. Jude 3904
Youngstown Diocese

Scott Winkhart, Msgr. Boeff 5582

Youth of the Year

Statewide

Justin Turkowski, Canton 341
Cincinnati Archdiocese

Jessica Gruhot, Fr. Schumacher 1801
Cleveland Diocese

Abbey Vogel, North Ridgeville 7970
Columbus Diocese

Devani Adam, St. Lukes 910
Steubenville Diocese

Andrew Duska, Msgr. Dooley 4361
Toledo Diocese

Warren Sass, St. Jerome 11450
Youngstown Diocese

Justin Turowski, Canton 341

GENERAL PROGRAM AWARDS

Dynamic Program Award

Given to councils showing the largest point increase over 2010-2011 in the General Program. The top council in each diocese is recognized:

Cinn: Wapakoneta 1272.

Clev: Lorain 637.

Colb: Fr. Sheldon Kelly 11224.

Steu: St. John of Beverly 4617.

Tole: Napoleon 1344.

Youn: St. Joseph-Austintown 13977.

Best Patriotic Award

Statewide

Our Lady of the Light 14891, Kettering

Cinn: Our Lady of the Light 14891.

Clev: Brunswick 4847.

Colb: Immaculate Heart 5899.

Steu: Immaculate Heart of Mary 472.

Tole: St. Patrick of Heatherdowns 14155.

Youn: Reagan/E. Palestine 1890.

Best Newsletter Award

Statewide

Mother Teresa 14344, Oregon

Div. 1: Prince of Peace 14111.

Div. 2: Mother Teresa 14344.

Div. 3: St. Francis 14504.

Div. 4: St. Brendan 11208.

Div. 5: Norwalk 626.

Best Special Interest Story

Statewide

Fr. Maruskin 10936, Stow

Best Website Award

Statewide

Fr. Ragan 3269, Avon

Div. 1: Holy Trinity/Zoar 13081.

Div. 2: St. Edward the Confessor 10876.

Div. 3: St. Joseph of the Three Rivers 11550.

Div. 4: St. Hilary 14551.

Div. 5: Fr. Ragan 3269.

Bronze Cross Award

Gilmore 310, Canton 341, Immaculate Heart of Mary 472, Marietta 478, Msgr. Dury 505, Akron 547, Massillon 554, Lorain 637, Rosecrans 885, Fr. Butler 968, Msgr. Lang 1039, Delaware 1056, MacGahan 1065, Wapakoneta 1272, Napoleon 1344, Leetonia 1569, Niles 1681, Fr. Schumacher 1801, Oak Harbor 1944, Dover 1973, Fr. Kunkler 2158, Fr. Souv 2423, Harrison 2633, West Park 2790, Sacred Heart 2850, West Toledo 3122, Msgr. Gerdes 3123, Fr. Anthony 3213, Fr. Ragan 3269, Fort Recovery 3324, Fr. O'Donoghue 3369, Mother Seton 3376, South Akron 3410, Fairborn 3724, Fr. O'Connor 3730, Marian 3754, Campbell Marian 3813, Madonna 3891, St. Jude 3904, Maria-Joseph 4022, Ascension 4324, Msgr. Dooley 4361, North Olmsted 4731, Don Bosco 4801, St. Malachy 5128, Holy Cross 5139, St. Peter 5173, Msgr. Kuenle 5239, Fr. Hannan 5297, Wickliffe 5405, Fr. Bedell 5559, Msgr. Boeff 5582, Pieta 5583, LaSalle 5621, Fr. Muehle 5669, Westerville 5778, Immaculate Heart 5899, North Ridgeville 7970, Perrysburg 7978, Beaver Creek 7981, Fr. Roettele 8115, St. Anthony of Padua 9788, Fr. Wenzel 10003, St. Jude 10183, St. Leonard 10215, St. Joan of Arc 10765, Fr. Kempf 10820, St. Brigid of Kildare 10863, St. Elizabeth 11193, St. Brendan 11208, St. Peter 11216,

Fr. Borrano 11369, St. Michael 11445, St. Jerome 11450, St. John Newmann 11828, SS Cosmas & Damian 11831, Fr. Venglarik 11915, St. Leonard 12641, Immaculate Heart of Mary 13517, LaSagrada Familia/San Miguel 13640, St. Paul 13874, St. Joseph/Austintown 13977, St. Peter the Apostle 13984, St. Anthony 14093, St. Aloysius-Shandon 14094, Prince of Peace 14111, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns 14155, St. Sebastian 14255, Our Lady of Peace 14282, St. Christopher 14342, Our Lady of Charity 14406, St. James 14491, St. Martin of Tours 14769, Msgr. Gilligan 14882, Our Lady of Light 14891, St. Charles 14995, Holy Family 15056.

Silver Cross Award

Lancaster 1016, Ray McKowen 1362, Ottawa 1757, Coldwater 1991, Harrison 2633, Bishop McFadden 3777, Garfield 4130, Medina 4168, Vermilion 4539, St. John of Beverly 4617, Brunswick 4847, Fr. Hohman 5253, Geneva-Madison 5286, Marysville 5534, St. Francis of Assisi 10792, Fr. Maruskin 10836, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187, St. Andrew 11275, Fr. Mentrup 14400, St. Francis of Assisi 14504.

Gold Cross Award

Geauga 3304, St. Michael 3382, Mantua 3766, Westerville 5776, Holy Trinity 6373, New Albany 10941, Miraculous Medal 11188, St. Patrick 11207, Fr. Kelly 11224, St. Joseph of the Three Rivers 11550, Joseph Cardinal Bernadin 12359, Fr. Aufderheide 12912, St. John the Evangelist 13608, Mother Teresa 14344, Blessed John XXIII 14502, St. Hilary 14551, Holy Trinity Assumption 15043.

Top Division Awards

Div. 1: Holy Trinity Assumption 15043, 1; St. Anthony 14093, 2; St. Leonard 12641, 3.

Div. 2: Mother Teresa 14344, 1; Fr. Kelly 11224, 2; Fr. Aufderheide 12912, 3.

Div. 3: Geauga 3304, 1; St. Patrick 11207, 2; Blessed John XXIII, 3.

Div. 4: St. Hilary 14551, 1; New Albany 10941, 2; Medina 4168, 3.

Div. 5: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187, 1; St. John of Beverly 4617, 2; Ottawa 1757, 3.

Best Church Activity

Statewide: St. Hilary 14551, Akron

Div. 1: St. Aloysius-Shandon 14094.

Div. 2: Our Lady of Charity 14406.

Div. 3: Fr. John Wenzel 10003.

Div. 4: St. Hilary 14551.

Div. 5: Lancaster 1016.

Best Vocation Activity

Statewide: Msgr. Gerdes 3123, Amelia

Div. 1: St. Paul 13874.

Div. 2: Our Lady of the Light 14891.

Div. 3: Msgr. Gerdes 3123.

Div. 4: St. Michael 3382.

Div. 5: St. John of Beverly 4617.

Best Community Activity

Statewide: Brunswick Council 4847

Div. 1: Holy Trinity Assumption 15043.

Div. 2: Our Lady of Charity 14406.

Div. 3: Joseph Cardinal Bernadin 12359.

Div. 4: Brunswick 4847.

Div. 5: Archbishop Purcell 2798.

Best Council Activity

Statewide: Fr. Maruskin 10936, Stow

Div. 1: Fr. John Kempf 10820.

Div. 2: Our Lady of the Light 14891.

Div. 3: Fr. Maruskin 10936.

Div. 4: Msgr. Joseph Dooley 4361.

Div. 5: Harrison 2633.

Best Family Activity

Statewide: Defiance 1039

Div. 1: Holy Trinity Assumption 15043.

Div. 2: Our Lady of Peace 14282.

Div. 3: Sacred Heart 2850.

Div. 4: Beaver Creek 7981.

Div. 5: Defiance 1039.

Best Pro-Life Activity

Statewide: Fr. Martin Gilligan 14882

Div. 1: Holy Family 15056.

Div. 2: Fr. Martin Gilligan 14882.

Div. 3: St. James 2299.

Div. 4: Perrysburg 7978.

Div. 5: Archbishop Purcell 2798.

Best Youth Activity

Statewide: St. Patrick 11207, Columbus

Div. 1: SS Cosmas & Damian 11831.

Div. 2: Miraculous Medal 11188.

Div. 3: St. Patrick 11207.

Div. 4: St. Andrew of Padua 9788.

Div. 5: Father Ragan 3269.

Best Membership Activity

Statewide: North Olmsted 4731.

Div. 1: Holy Trinity Assumption 15043.

Div. 2: Mother Teresa 14344.

Div. 3: St. Columban 13812.

Div. 4: Westerville 5776.

Div. 5: North Olmsted 4731.

Best Public Relations Activity

Statewide: Our Lady of Peace 4243, St. Clairsville

Div. 1: Sacred Heart 14671.

Div. 2: St. Joseph 12772.

Div. 3: Geauga 3304.

Div. 4: Our Lady of Peace 4243.

Div. 5: West Toledo 3122.

Best Squires Activity

Statewide: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187, Pickerington.

Div. 1: St. Anthony 14093.

Div. 2: Fr. John Roettele 8115.

Div. 3: St. Francis of Assisi 14504.

Div. 4: St. Lukes 910.

Div. 5: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187.

Dynamic Administrative Award

Given to councils completing seven administrative activities. There were 232 recipients. Winning councils were listed in the State Convention Program Book.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Crossbearers Crusade Winners

January-March Incentive Program

Richard Wilcox, 10183; Todd Thobe, 12772; Tom Lauber, 12912; Michael Freil, 14504; DD-53 Tony Offenberger; DD-58 David Lewis; DD-36 Robert Clum Jr.

Drawing - Councils Recruiting 5+ Members

South Akron 3410

Drawing - Councils Holding 1st Degrees

Westerville 5776

Supreme Quota by May 1

Councils 721, 1056, 1195, 1405, 1569, 1597, 1664, 3304, 3382, 3529, 3698, 3766, 5128, 5139, 5776, 6373, 10820, 10863, 10941, 11188, 11207, 11224, 11445, 11550, 12224, 12359, 12772, 12912, 12939, 13608, 13614, 13640, 14054, 14111, 14282, 14342, 14344, 14416, 14502, 14551, 14563, 14769, 15009, 15023, 15043, 15056, 15

By David A. Helmstetter

State Deputy

As State Deputy, it's an honor and privilege to provide this Report of the State Deputy. It feels unusual not to have two longstanding stalwarts of our Order in Ohio with us: Past State Deputies Bob Sears and Bob Wilhelm, who passed away during this fraternal year. These two men were tremendous influences to all of us and their colorful and inspiring personalities are missed. But I am confident they are watching over us today. May they rest in peace.

Thanks goes to our team of State Officers: Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman, State Secretary Ken Girt, State Treasurer Bob Collins, State Advocate Kevin Miller and the new kid on the block, State Warden Bob Byers. This group of officers has provided countless hours of work and effort in running the Ohio State Council and working for the betterment of Columbianism in Ohio. We are fortunate to have such dedicated officers in our jurisdiction.

I also want to thank Fr. Ron Williams, our State Chaplain. Fr. Ron has brought enthusiasm and energy to the Ohio State Council. He has invested a considerable amount of his time as State Chaplain, attending the Supreme Convention, the Mid-Year District Deputies' Meeting, the Summer Tour Programs and many other meetings and activities. His promotion of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Marian program has helped this devotion get off to a great start. His guidance allowed us to conduct our first ever Chaplain's Training Seminar this weekend. Next year, we anticipate taking a few more steps in promoting the council chaplain efforts in Ohio. I also consider Fr. Ron a close friend and confidant. Most of all, I respect his vocation as a priest. Thank you, Fr. Ron.

As I look back over the fraternal year, we faced many challenges and enjoyed many successes. I am proud of the efforts made by those who embraced our theme, *Take Up His Cross ... For Charity ... In Unity ... With Fraternity*.

The *Take Up His Cross* program draws upon our call as Knights of Columbus to be strong leaders in the Catholic community. The general program focuses on the principles of our Order: Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and our call to service for our Church, parishes and communities.

You could say our program had a "dynamic" twist this year. Nicknamed *The Dynamo* from his days as Membership Director, Larry Droesch, our State General Program Director, put his heart and soul into making our programs successful. Larry and his fellow directors and chairmen have spent considerable time implementing a

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state program where councils were able to report activities online through our website. Virtually, all of this year's programs were reported electronically.

Again, thanks to Larry and the reporting directors and chairmen for their efforts on the part of the Take Up His Cross state general program. Larry and his team worked patiently through any issues and the end result is a service program that is one of the best – if not, the best – in the Order.

Congratulations go to the 37 councils that MAXED the program, as well as to the 248 councils that participated. Larry's Reporting Directors included State Church Director Bob Walsh, State Community Director Mark Siracusa, State Council Director Joe Mackos, State Family Director Mark Pickard, State Youth Director Jeff Kiliany, State Pro-Life Director Gary Anderson.

It's important to recognize during this fraternal year that Pro-Life was added as a reporting program with a full complement of activities available for councils to report. Pro-Life Director Gary Anderson did excellent work with this program and also in communicating the issues facing us in pro-life today.

Somewhere in our State Convention Report Booklet there's a short report tucked away from Dick Siefker, our State Basketball Chairman. Dick resides in Ottawa (Toledo Diocese). He has done an excellent job running our annual basketball tournament over the years. You might wonder why I mention this in my State Deputy's Report. Well, I think there's an important message in Dick's report.

When Dick surveyed the teams, he learned that 12 new members participated in the tournament. In fact, one team was comprised of all new members. The point

is this: an activity was provided and the activity attracted new members. This is a simple concept: well executed and planned programs make your council more visible and appealing to new members. To replenish their basketball rosters, Brother Knights involved in the activity went out and asked someone to join our Order. Take this to the larger scale, we as Knights need to replenish our membership rosters to do the good work needed in our parishes and communities. We need to actively seek new men into our Order and, most of all, ask them to join!

This year our membership campaign was called *The Great Ohio Membership Crusade*. State Membership Director Ken Gardner, alias Ohio Jones, developed a membership program boosted by ideas and incentives such as the Crossbearer's Crusade. We experienced many membership ups and downs, but Ken was constantly looking for ways to motivate councils to recruit new members. At the time of this writing, Ohio Jones was starting a new council in his home parish.

As of May 15, Ohio's intake gain stood at 69%, with 1,715 new members. Overall, our net gain stood at 915, or 55% of our goal. Unfortunately, our net/net (total gain or loss after deaths and suspensions) stood at a negative 311. When you look at these numbers and the trend over the last few years, it becomes vital – critical – that each Knight and his council fully embrace the theme of recruiting 365 days a year. We -- and I mean all of us -- need to actively seek good Catholic men to our Order. One of the biggest gaps in Ohio is the almost 100 Ohio councils that did not bring in a new member. We will work hard next fraternal year focusing on lowering this number, but we need YOUR help in having every council active.

There are reasons for optimism. New council potential in Ohio remains strong. Under the capable guidance of New Council Director Gabriel Minton, five new councils were instituted and four more councils are in the works. The list of possible new councils grows as pastors realize the value of a Knights of Columbus council in their parish. And, our continual support of vocations over the years through RSVP and Pennies for Heaven programs enhances our position with pastors.

But it's extremely important that each district deputy and diocese works new council development. We must bring this potential into reality!

And, I want to emphasize again that no council should be left behind. The New Council Development plan can easily be used by existing councils in membership recruitment. In today's world, you have to go into your parishes with a plan and work membership. Rarely will members come to you!

Retention remains vital as well. As of May 15, we have experienced 559 suspensions and a serious increase in withdrawals with 241. This has kept our two membership retention directors, Jim Klatte and Michael Saine, busy behind the scenes in trying to retain members to our Order. Jim handles retention for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Columbus and Steubenville dioceses, while Michael works the Toledo, Cleveland and Youngstown dioceses.

Growing our Squires program remains a priority. As of May 1, Ohio had 28 circles and 447 squires. I am confident that you will see more growth in the future. State Squires Director Marty Schumacher has developed a team of diocesan personnel to guide the State Squires program. This, along with the support of State Father Prior Fr. F. Richard Snoke, has placed the Squires program with a solid foundation for the future growth.

One of the biggest changes experienced this fraternal year involved ceremonials. State Ceremonial Director Ed Ponder and I attended a ceremonial workshop in Dallas, Texas, last year and were introduced to the new Third Degree ceremonial. It's one of the biggest changes we'll experience in our lifetimes as Knights, and so far the new degree has been well-received. Thanks to Ed's persistence and leadership, we now have five Third Degree teams certified with the new ceremonial, and the goal is to have at least one team in each diocese. In the future, there's even better news. Additional teams from Cincinnati, Steubenville, Youngstown and Toledo should soon be certified. All of these ceremonialists should be commended for their work. Since July 1, our teams have conducted 30 degrees.

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In addition, this past fraternal year, we added two First Degree teams and one Second Degree team.

During this past year, another important initiative involved training. We have made a conscious effort to incorporate training programs for District Deputies and officers throughout the state. For example, State Training Coordinator Terry Cooney provided training sessions during January and June District Deputy meetings, educating District Deputies and other diocesan personnel on available training programs both at the State and Supreme Council levels. Also, Financial Secretary Training Consultant Craig Modrzynski of the Supreme Council visited Ohio to conduct four training sessions. Craig's presentations were viewed by more than 160 financial secretaries. In the future, Ohio will also hope to grow its own financial training program as we develop trainers in each diocese.

Supreme Council Membership and Program Consultant Dannie Harris, a Past State Deputy from Kentucky, also has played a part in Ohio's training effort. Brother Harris visited five of six dioceses during the past fraternal year, providing membership training and introducing the "mentoring" concept to many councils.

Also, at this year's convention, the first state-wide Chaplains Training Seminar took place. Supreme Council Director of Chaplain Programs and Services Fr. John Grace and State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams conducted a seminar touching on the 10 steps of being a successful chaplain.

Another organizational change this year came in our Veterans program. Now under the direction of the Fourth Degree, our VA leaders report to the Hennepin Province VA director, an appointed position by the Vice Supreme Master.

Since State Patriotic Chairman Ray Darr also serves as provincial VA director, this transition has worked well. Again, I marvel at the dedication of our VA people. It is important to recognize those who work with the veterans: Anthony Roark, Cincinnati; Stanley Kowal, Cleveland and Youngstown; Carl Kroskey, Columbus; Randall O'Connell, Dayton; Bernard Dyer, Steubenville, and Joseph McPeck, Toledo. I salute these men for their outstanding efforts.

Another major initiative took place with the Military Chaplain Scholarship program, an effort to increase the number of chaplains serving in the military dioceses. Ohio is challenged to raise \$4,000 annually for five years. Once the "word" got out, our goal was realized in about four months. This

on-going commitment needs contributions from our councils and assemblies for us to reach our goal.

Support for these initiatives was always forthcoming from the Fourth Degree leadership namely: Vice Supreme Master George Dann (a Past State Deputy from Michigan) and our Ohio masters, George Bodaljo, Richard Tabler and Charles Giametta. Thank you, worthy Masters, for your assistance this year.

Of course, charity is our first principle, and Ohio Knights are extremely generous. For example, look at our five major state-wide programs:

Matching Funds for Religious Education – Under the leadership of State Advocate Kevin Miller, contributions from local councils exceeded \$44,000. The six diocesan religious education departments are provided monetary assistance through this program.

Measure Up for the Citizens with Developmental Disabilities – Chaired by then State Warden Kevin Miller, the 2011 Measure Up campaign raised more than \$385,000 for friends with developmental disabilities. It has been said before that this program is one of the greatest "boasts" we have in the Knights. Thank you, councils for your support of this great program. Good luck to State Warden Bob Byers, who is chairing the 2012 program recently completed.

Pennies for Heaven – Under the direction of State Secretary Ken Girt, we reached the \$100,000 figure in supporting vocations. Continue to pass the jug and our next goal should be \$125,000. The money goes directly to the diocesan vocations programs.

As this report went to the printer, the **2012 Super Cash Bonanza** is well underway and concluded at the Friday Night Party. State Treasurer Bob "Super Cash" Collins has put his special touch to the program even though he needed a hat, trench coat, a badge and sunglasses to do it. Of course, Tickets Galore may have had a major role in all of it. The Super Cash Bonanza provides monies for local and state council charities.

The **Football Frenzy** fund-raising program again brought in much needed revenue for many councils. Because of the pro football strike, the program featured college teams this year. This program enables the state council and local councils to raise money for general operating funds. We thank Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein for chairing the program for us. This is a program that all councils should work.

Regarding fiscal responsibility, the Ohio State Council continues to use four

accounts. They are the following:

General Checking – This is funded primarily by per capita payments and serves as the primary account for the State Council.

Fundraising – This account is funded by proceeds from the Football Frenzy program.

Savings – This account holds funds (hopefully) for a higher rate of interest during the financial peaks of our fiscal year.

Measure Up – This account is funded by the 20% state portion of the Measure Up collections. This account provides the dollars used to pay expenses and make additional donations related to the Measure Up campaign. In addition, funds are also set aside for future Measure Up ruler purchases. During the past year, we spent approximately \$30,000 on ruler purchases, which should last us for about three years.

All of these accounts are in good financial condition with no outstanding debt.

At this convention, delegates assigned to the Audit Committee review in detail the report of our auditors, Fleming, Brockschmidt and Durkin of Cincinnati. The committee's task is to verify the process and extent of record keeping, the checks and balances in place, and to review the auditors report in detail. As one would expect, the audit by our CPA firm is very thorough.

Two years ago, the Ohio State Council began using the accrual system of accounting through the use of a software program called Quick Books Pro. Deposits, check writing and account transfers take place using this program. With the elimination of the Executive Secretary's position several years ago, the role of the State Secretary has become critical in the process. State Secretary Ken Girt has done an admirable job of learning the system and maintaining our financial records. Ken's work saves the Ohio State Council considerable dollars over the course of a fiscal year. Overall, the Ohio State Council remains in good financial condition.

The Ohio State Council website capabilities continue to grow, and during this past fraternal year a new website design was introduced. State Website Director Jerry Lowery and State Programmer/Designer Brett Baxter are responsible for these improvements, which are specifically detailed in their reports. During this past year, we had more than 100,000 visits to our main page and more than 130,000 visits after reaching the main page. Jerry also handles the Audio/Visual responsibilities for our meetings. His work in this area also saves the Ohio State Council considerable dollars over the course of a fraternal year.

We also introduced Social Media to our communications efforts this fraternal year. Administrative Assistant and Communications Specialist Mike Felerski did an outstanding job in rolling out Twitter and Facebook programs. The Twitter program has 35 followers and Facebook has 115 fans.

Mike was also instrumental in developing an electronic newsletter called **Leaderline**. Directed at council and district leadership, pertinent and timely information on administrative requirements, programs and membership is conveyed monthly. Many councils share this document with their membership. In addition to Mike, special thanks to Executive Assistant Dan Tebbe for electronically distributing the document and for all his efforts at managing our electronic distribution network.

As editor, Harding Christ continues to deliver one of the finest fraternal organization publications in the country with the **Buckeye Bulletin**. Harding's work is exceptional and his ability to develop strong, rich content remains vital for us to tell the story of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio.

It's also good to note that we have a full compliment of General Insurance Agents in Ohio. I also want to thank State Insurance Liaison General Agent James Valent for his enthusiasm and energy in promoting our insurance program. General agents serving Ohio are the following: James Valent, Jeff Hearty, Paul Goldsmith Jr., Ed Ponder and Andrew McMahon.

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In conclusion, there are a few other important people I would like to recognize in the operation of the Ohio State Council. District Deputy Director Steve Mangan, his team of District Deputy Coordinators and all District Deputies: thanks for your efforts this year.

The **Take Up His Cross** Staff: Dan Tebbe, Executive Assistant; Jim Deime, Chief of Staff; Mike Felerski, Administrative Assistant & District Deputy Coordinator; LaVern Fortkamp, Administrative Assistant; Terry Cooney, Administrative Assistant and State Training Coordinator; Pat Iacovone, Special Advisor, and Dave Schmidt, my Special Warden, who was tasked with keeping many people happy. Thank you for your support.

Most of all, I want to thank my family for understanding the challenges of living in a State Deputy household. And to my wife, Cinda, your patience and understanding amazes me. You are special.

And to all my Brother Knights, thank you for this opportunity to serve our Order in this prestigious way.



Representatives of Ohio's top councils, with State General Program Director Larry Drosch (center). They are (from left), New Albany Council 10941 (Fifth Place); Holy Trinity Council 6373, Bowling Green (Fourth Place); Drosch; St. Hilary Council 14551, Fairlawn (Second Place), and River East-Mother Teresa Council 14344, Oregon (First Place). Absent: Fr. Sheldon Kelly Council 11224, West Jefferson (Third Place).

Toledo Diocese council honored as No. 1 in Ohio for 2011-2012 fraternal year

River East - Mother Teresa Council 14344, one of the newest councils in the Ohio jurisdiction, is Ohio's No. 1 Council for the 2011-2012 fraternal year. The award was presented at the State Deputy's Banquet of the State Convention. The council, located in the Toledo Diocese, has approximately 100 members.

The complete list of Ohio's Top Ten Councils are:

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| 1. Mother Teresa 14344 | Oregon | Toledo |
| 2. St. Hilary Council 14551 | Fairlawn | Cleveland |
| 3. Fr. Sheldon Kelly Council 11224 | West Jefferson | Columbus |
| 4. Holy Trinity Council 6373 | Bowling Green | Toledo |
| 5. New Albany Council 10941 | New Albany | Columbus |
| 6. St. Joseph of the 3 Rivers Council 11550 | North Bend | Cincinnati |
| 7. Joseph Cardinal Bernadin Council 12359 | Cincinnati | Cincinnati |
| 8. Mantua Council 3766 | Mantua | Youngstown |
| 9. Miraculous Medal Council 11188 | Columbus | Columbus |
| 10. St. Michael Council 3382 | Sharonville | Cincinnati |



Representatives of Ohio's Top Ten Councils which finished sixth place through 10th place. They are (from left) St Michael Council 3382, Sharonville (Tenth Place); Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus (Ninth Place); Mantua Council 3766, Mantua (Eighth Place); Joseph Cardinal Bernadin Council 12359, Cincinnati (Seventh Place), and St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council 11550, North Bend (Sixth Place).

Ohio boasts five new K of C councils

Five new councils have been formed in Ohio thus far this fraternal year, with other possibilities still being investigated, according to New Council Development Director Gabriel Minton. The five are:

- Holy Name of Jesus Council 15330, Trenton (Cincinnati Archdiocese).
- Our Lady of Carroll Council 15401, Carrollton (Steubenville Diocese).
- St. Teresa Council 15424, Covington (Cincinnati Archdiocese).
- St. Mark Council 15447, Lancaster (Columbus Diocese).
- St. Michael the Archangel Council 15458, Canton (Youngstown Diocese).

Delegates elected to 2012 Supreme Convention

Ohio delegates to the 2012 Supreme Convention, which will be held in Anaheim, Calif., on Aug. 7-9, were elected in Area Caucuses held during the State Convention. They include:

Area 1	Delegate:	Frank Butwin <i>Perrysburg</i>	Alternate:	Deacon Andy McMahon <i>Van Wert</i>
Area 2	Delegate:	Daniel Weir <i>New Washington</i>	Alternate:	Stewart Vetter <i>Bellevue</i>
Area 3 -	Delegate:	Thomas Peterson <i>Cleveland</i>	Alternate:	John Hannon <i>Euclid</i>
Area 4 -	Delegate:	James Sieber <i>Canton</i>	Alternate:	Norman Budd <i>Navarre</i>
Area 5 -	Delegate:	Tim Mangan <i>Xenia</i>	Alternate:	Bill Wirtz <i>Dayton</i>
Area 6 -	Delegate:	Dwayne Lord <i>Marysville</i>	Alternate:	George Durbin <i>Danville</i>
Area 7 -	Delegate:	Joseph Solomon <i>Toronto</i>	Alternate:	Shawn Zarych <i>Mingo Junction</i>
Area 8 -	Delegate:	Jonathan Pearson <i>Fairfax</i>	Alternate:	Andrew Nichols <i>Cincinnati</i>

The eight will join State Deputy-elect Dave Helmstetter and Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman, who are automatic delegates.



Msgr. Krispinsky Golf Outing

Forty-five golfers participated in the Annual Msgr. Joseph Krispinsky Golf Outing, a part of the State Convention weekend, with the foursome of Mike Rogers, Paul Kobacich, Bo Stevenson and Tom Hartong, from St. Joseph-Randolph Council Council 2039, with 9 under par, winning the title for the second consecutive year.



Buckeye Award

State Advocate Kevin Miller (right), with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, accepts the Buckeye Award on behalf of the Columbus Diocese. The award is given to the state officer whose diocese had the most participation and highest percentage of new members for the fraternal year.



Kirwin Award: Mark Mandel

Field Agent Mark Mandel (right), with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, received the Kirwin Award, emblematic of the top-producing agent in Ohio. Mandel is associated with the James Valent Agency.



Religious of the Year

State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams (center), and State Church Director Bob Walsh, with Religious of the Year Fr. Matthew Albright (left), of Girard (Youngstown Diocese). He was nominated by Canton Council 341. Fr. Albright is a teacher at Warren J.F.K. High School, and assists with the Youngstown Diocese Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family.



Blue Coat of the Year

State Community Activities Director Mark Siracusa, with Blue Coat of the Year Dennis Kancier. He's been a police officer in the Brecksville Police Department (Cleveland Diocese) for 38 years, and chief for the past 21 years. In the past he has served with the Brecksville Fire Department, Kent State University Police Department, and as a Cleveland Metro Parks Ranger. He was nominated by Our Lady of Charity Council 14406, at Assumption Parish in Broadview Heights, where Dennis is a parishioner.



District Deputy of the Year

District Deputy-58 David Lewis (right), with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, was honored as District Deputy for the 2011-2012 fraternal year. He is from the Toledo Diocese.

General Program Honorees of the Year

Title	Name	Council	City
Knight of Year	Joseph Maroon	MacGahan 1065	Colb
Chaplain of Year	Fr. James Brown	St. Jude 3904	Tole
Religious of Year	Fr. Matthew Albright	Canton 341	Youn
Family of Year	Michael & Terry Hudgins	Medina 4168	Clev
Volunteer of Year	Sara Freeman	Immaculate Heart 472	Steu
Lady of Year	Donna Darr	St. Patrick 14155	Tole
Blue Coat of Year	Dennis Kancier	Our Lady of Charity 14406	Clev
Youth of Year	Justin Turowski	Canton 341	Youn



Knight of the Year

Knight of the Year Joseph Maroon, with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (left), and State Council Activities Director Joe Mackos (right). Joseph is a member of MacGahan Council 1065, New Lexington (Columbus Diocese), which nominated him for the honor.



Chaplain of the Year

Chaplain of the Year Fr. James Brown (2nd from left), a Former State Chaplain, is with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (left); State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams, and State Church Activities Director Robert Walsh. Fr. Brown is celebrating his 40th Anniversary as a priest. He is pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Toledo Diocese), and is Chaplain of St. Jude Council 3904, Toledo, which nominated him for the honor.



Family of the Year

Mike and Terry Hudgins and their son, Sean, form the Family of the Year. Mike and Terry are active parishioners at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Medina (Cleveland Diocese), and he is a member of Medina Council 4168, which nominated the family for the honor. They are with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (left), and State Family Activities Director Mark Pickard (right).



Lady of the Year

State Family Activities Director Mark Pickard (right), with Lady of the Year Donna Darr; wife of State Patriotic Chairman Ray Darr. She was nominated by St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Council 14155, Toledo, where she is an active parishioner.



Youth of the Year

Canton Timken High School senior Justin Turowski was honored as Youth of the Year. He is with State Youth Activities Director Jeff Kiliany. Justin, a member of St. Joseph Parish in Canton (Youngstown Diocese), was nominated by Canton Council 341.



Volunteer of the Year

Sara Freeman, of Streetsboro (Youngstown Diocese). She was nominated by Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 472, Wintersville (Steubenville Diocese), where her father, the late Ernest Freeman, a former State Ceremonials Director, was a member. She is with State Community Activities Director Mark Siracusa.