



State Deputy

## Supreme Council introduces new, unprecedented initiatives

By Dave Helmstetter  
State Deputy

In a historic move, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson brought the State Deputies and Membership Directors from the 11 largest jurisdictions -- this group included Ohio -- together for a Membership Growth Seminar on Jan. 12 near the Supreme Council offices in Connecticut.

At the time of the meeting, these 11 jurisdictions -- Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, Quebec, Ontario, Illinois, Michigan, California and Texas -- showed a "negative" membership growth of almost 2,200 members. Only one jurisdiction from this group reached the prestigious Circle of Honor last year, and that's a number that could diminish further unless the numbers improve this year.

The seminar was a frank assessment and discussion of where the Order stands in membership, particularly the 11 jurisdictions in attendance. More importantly, the meeting allowed each state to develop strategies and tactics to improve its membership efforts.

**Our goal in Ohio** for the next six months is a positive membership gain of at least 175 members, a figure that *we can* reach.

The Supreme Council also is dangling an attractive "carrot" for every council in

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## Ohio Knights can celebrate Year of Faith with Lenten Retreat in Columbus March 9

How is your council celebrating the Church's *Year of Faith*?

The Ohio State Council has given Ohio Knights one way to celebrate it: An unprecedented statewide *Year of Faith* Lenten Retreat. It will be held in Columbus on Saturday, March 9, for all Knights and prospective Knights.

"This important spiritual initiative is perhaps the first of its kind in the history of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio," commented State Deputy Dave Helmstetter. "We strongly encourage councils to make this retreat known to their members, and that the members take the opportunity to attend."

The "*Year of Faith Retreat*" will be held at Bishop Ready High School, Columbus. It will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude with Mass beginning at 4 p.m. There will be no cost for the retreat, although a free will offering will be available. Lunch will be provided, and reconciliation will be available.

Two Former State Chaplains will join current State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams as presenters. They are Fr. Jim Brown, from the Toledo Diocese, and Fr. Paul Hrezo, from the Steubenville Diocese. Fr. Brown served during the term of State Deputy Paul Upman; Fr. Hrezo served with State Deputy Larry Moegling.

Veteran Knights do not remember such

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With State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (center) are Lou Barber, Supreme Director of Fraternal Services (left), and State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams, who will lead the March 9 Lenten Retreat (right).

## Supreme offers councils \$9 credit for every recruit through June 30

By Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner  
State Membership Director

Supreme Council is offering new and exciting incentives to promote membership growth in Ohio and throughout the Order.

"I am pleased to announce a special program for the second half of this fraternal year," wrote Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson in a letter to all Grand Knights. "From now through June 30, 2013, each council will receive a \$9.00 credit for each new member it recruits. The council will also receive a \$9.00 credit for each of its reinstatements or reactivations of members suspended prior to Jan. 1, 2013. There is no cap on the amount a council can receive through this program.

"The credit for each council will be calculated and applied to the July 1, 2013, council bill," he continued. "As we move forward in this Year of Faith, it is my hope that these special programs will enable even more men to join us."

This incentive program offers councils the opportunity to come up with innovative ideas to inject membership enthusiasm into their councils. The money credited to councils' accounts can be used for any cause -- but should definitely be used to boost membership. Some suggestions from the Ohio State Council's Membership Team on how to use this credit are:

- **Reward Recruiters** -- Use the \$9.00 credit, or a portion of it, as a cash incentive

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## 'Thank you for your loving support'



On December 14, 2012, our entire nation was affected by the shooting of 26 persons, mostly school children, at Sandy Hook Elementary School, in Newtown, Connecticut. That tragedy was felt so closely by our own Knights of Columbus in Ohio, as one of the victims was Allison Wyatt, age 6, the granddaughter of our Ohio State Council New Council Development Director for Southern Ohio, Bill Wirtz, and his wife, Joyce. Following is Brother Wirtz' response to the support shown to his family.

My Brother Knights and families,

On behalf of the Wyatt and Wirtz families, thank you all for the loving support you've shown us since the tragic loss of our granddaughter, Allison Noelle Wyatt. While it's not likely we will ever know why the events of 14 December 2012 took place in Sandy Hook, Connecticut, we do see hope in the tremendous goodness shared with us.

When in Sandy Hook in those days immediately following the shootings, Joyce and I didn't realize the impact this event was having on the entire nation and parts of the world. Our family was wonderfully protected from the media and other outside distractions by a community attempting to allow us to start the grieving process. The outstanding members of the Connecticut State Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, and the entire communities of Sandy Hook and Newtown had wrapped their arms around the 26 families who had lost loved ones.

Subsequently, when we learned of the great nationwide outpouring of prayers, Masses and memorials for Allison and the Wyatt and Wirtz families, it had a profound effect on Joyce and me. That will be embedded and remain in our hearts forever.

The overwhelming expression of love and concern by the Knights of Columbus and their families particularly touched us. We were comforted by all levels within the Ohio Knights of Columbus, including our State Chaplain, Fr. Ron Williams; our State Deputy, Dave Helmstetter; members of his team; the Greater Dayton Chapter, and my home Council (Msgr. Gilligan 14882) at St Henry Parish in Dayton. Masses continue to be offered by our pastor, Fr. Tom Shearer, and priests around the state.

In addition, we received prayers and condolences from the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Lori; the Alabama State Council; as well as Knights from as far away as California and Florida. Finally, Council 5066 at Sacred Heart Church in Southbury (Connecticut) blessed us with a lunch following the funeral, and Council 185 in Newtown conducted a nationwide Three Hail Mary Prayer Drive. We all felt the true meaning of Charity, Unity and Fraternity from all corners of this country.

Joyce and I assure you that your prayers are being heard and your good works have had a soothing effect on our families, as it's all very comforting and exactly what we need to get us through each day.

We are forever grateful for our extended Knights of Columbus family and ask you to please continue to keep us, and our family, in your thoughts and prayers.

-- Bill and Joyce Wirtz

### Contributions encouraged to Wyatt family funds

Many Knights have asked about a way to help the Allison Wyatt family.

The family has established a memorial fund eligible to receive tax deductible contributions for charities in Allison's honor. Another fund (non-tax deductible) also has been established to provide for Allison's sister, and any assistance she will need as she works through the effects of this tragedy and to help with such future items as a college education, said State Deputy Dave Helmstetter.

Any council, assembly or individual member may make a direct contribution to these funds:

Allison Wyatt Memorial Fund: Please make your check payable to Allison Wyatt Memorial Fund, and mail it to Steve DeMartino, c/o TransAct Technologies, Inc., One Hamden Center, 2319 Whitney Ave., Suite 3B, Hamden, CT 06518.

Funds for Allison's sister – please make your check payable to Ben Wyatt, Custodian, and mail to Steve DeMartino, c/o TransAct Technologies, Inc., One Hamden Center, 2319 Whitney Ave. Suite 3B, Hamden, CT 06518.

The Ohio State Council and the Ohio Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation each have made contributions of \$500 to the Allison Wyatt Memorial Fund.



### Toledo Diocese Knights host Seminarian Social

The second annual Seminarian Social was held at Our Lady of the Pines in Fremont Ohio. This is a night of total socialization with the seminarians and priests of the Toledo Diocese, spearheaded by State Family Director Mark Pickard and the councils of the Toledo Chapter. The evening consists of great conversation and good food. This event is to allow the seminarians of the diocese to get to know the members of the Knights of Columbus, and vice versa. Bishop Robert Donnelly was in attendance at this year's event, plus 25 priests and all the seminarians.

## Read & Raise magazine subscriptions will be a continuing K of C program

Interest has continued to be high among Ohio councils participating in the *Read&Raise* Catholic magazine subscription program initiated by the State Council last October.

DD-18 Michael Thomas is coordinator of the program. He explained it in detail at the District Deputies Meeting in January.

There are several objectives, he said:

- To increase our Catholic literacy.
- To spread the faith.
- To receive the Word of God.
- To raise funds for your council.

"We are working with America's top Catholic publishers," he said. "There's something in it for everybody. This is going to be a continuing program."

Through *Read&Raise*, council members can select subscriptions from a list of Catholic publications. From the subscription, the council keeps 20% and the Ohio State Council keeps 20% of the cost. Giving an example, Thomas said that if a council sells 100 subscriptions, its profit would be \$670.

"Work with your parish to sell subscriptions," he suggests. "Get the pastor to allow you to make pulpit announcements, have information published in the parish bulletin."

No publisher will offer a price as low as is being offered through the Knights of Columbus, Thomas said.

Read & Raise is a web-based program at [readandraise.org](http://readandraise.org). Simply click on the SHOP tag, make choices, designate your council, and place the order.

For further information, contact DD Thomas at Email: [michaelthomas@aol.com](mailto:michaelthomas@aol.com); Tel: (937) 866-4280, or visit the Read & Raise website, [readandraise.org](http://readandraise.org).

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## Supreme issues unprecedented initiatives

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Ohio to recruit new or former members. Recently, Grand Knights and District Deputies received information on an unprecedented incentive program that should gain their attention. As I like to say, now **it's time to make the Supreme Council pay!** Here are the details:

- \$9.00 per member recruited council credit between Jan. 1 and June 30.
- \$9.00 per member reactivated council credit between Jan. 1 and June 30 for those suspended prior to Dec. 31, 2012.
- New councils have per capita and assessments waived in first year.
- Advertisements promoting the March 16-17 Church Drive will be placed in diocese newspapers for February and March.

With the many incentives already in State Membership Director Ken Gardner's membership plan, recruiting new or former members can be financially attractive. Brush up on your incentives – contact Ken or go to the state council website <http://www.kofcoho.org/CrusaderMembershipIncentives.html> – if you need more specifics. Remember, any council showing a positive 50 on intake receives at least \$1,000 from the Ohio State Council. That's an example of what's out there in Ohio for councils that go to work in membership.

Looking for a place to start? We also have tools to jump start your efforts. The membership team, including your District Deputy, received a list of more than 22,000 former members in Ohio, and a second list of inactive insurance members (over 4,000) for your council's use. Grand Knights, Membership Directors and District Deputies should review this list as soon as possible. Our general insurance agents have pledged their support in your campaign and will help you achieve Star Council status.

Specifically, we are asking councils and districts to do the following:

- **Week of February 10-17:** hold a First Degree in honor of our State Chaplain, Fr. Ron Williams, your Chapter Chaplain or Council Chaplain.
- **Weekend of March 16-18:** hold a Church Drive in honor of Founders Day with a follow up First Degree. All Ohio councils need to participate this weekend; advertising will appear in your diocese newspaper supporting this effort.

Also, take advantage of Ohio's growing Squires program. Remember to sign up the older Squires who are eligible to be Knights. The State Council will pay their first year of dues. Simply submit the name, dues amount and degree date to me.

There are several other efforts under way to help your council. We initiated a district membership training program with Supreme Council Membership and Program Consultant Dannie Harris. Brother Harris, a Past State Deputy from Kentucky, will be visiting designated districts the week of Jan. 21 and will visit others the week of Feb. 18. More training programs will be forthcoming from our membership team in the coming weeks using the State Council's new Webex capabilities.

Two other reminders: stay proactive on retention. It's important for a council to make personal contact. Form 1845s must be processed PROPERLY. Copies should go to the District Deputy and the State Deputy.

Recently, a memo was sent to all financial secretaries encouraging them to send Form 100s in as soon as possible following the completion of a First Degree. Financial Secretaries **cannot** hold Form 100s once a member receives his First Degree.

In closing, there have been and are many positive efforts by Ohio Knights. We stand among the Order's Top 10 in charitable giving. Our New Council Development and Squires programs rank among the best in the Order. It only makes sense for us to recruit more new members to continue the great charitable works we do as Knights in Ohio.

## Year of Faith Lenten Retreat on March 9

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a retreat ever being held in Ohio, although there have been statewide First Degrees.

Helmstetter suggests that councils form car pools to transport their members to the retreat. Councils are asked to provide the number of their members who plan to attend to State Church Activities Director Bob Walsh by March 3 (so that proper amount of food for lunch will be on hand) at 3668 W. 133<sup>rd</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44111-3402; email [rewalsh731@aol.com](mailto:rewalsh731@aol.com), or telephone (216) 671-2929.

Helmstetter explained that the Ohio State Council has started a diocesan chaplains program with a goal of improving chaplain involvement in K of C councils, and this retreat is part of that program.

"This retreat would make a great spiritual activity for our councils, a way to celebrate the **Year of Faith** as Knights of Columbus," he said.

Bishop Ready High School is located at 707 Salisbury Rd., Columbus.



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Worthy Grand Knights,

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson directly asked Ohio Knights to increase their membership efforts over the next five-plus months. That's the message given to me during an unprecedented meeting with State Deputies and Membership Directors from the Order's 11 largest jurisdictions in Connecticut on January 12. In simple terms, our goal for January – June 2013 is positive membership growth.

To back up the Supreme Knight's charge, from now until June 30, 2013, each council will receive a \$9.00 credit for each new member recruited. Councils will also receive a \$9 credit for each reinstatement or reactivation of ANY SUSPENDED MEMBER prior to January 1, 2013. The credit for each council will be calculated and applied to the July 1, 2013 council bill. **You can make Supreme Council pay with each new member recruited by your council!**

**What else can you do?**

- Week of February 10-17 – **Hold a First Degree** in honor of our STATE Chaplain, your Chapter Chaplain or Council Chaplain.
- Weekend of March 16-18 – **Hold a Church Drive** in honor of Founders Day with a follow up First Degree. All Ohio councils need to participate; advertising will appear in your diocese newspaper supporting this effort.
- Week of April 8 – 14 – **Hold a First Degree** in honor of your State Officer.
- Ask your General or Field Agent for a **list of former members or inactive insurance members**. Your District Deputy also has this list. Review the list and see about any reactivations or reinstatements.
- For all councils with **Squires Circles**, remember to sign up the older Squires who are eligible to be Knights. The State Council will pay their first year of dues. Simply, submit the name, dues amount and degree date to the State Deputy.
- Take advantage of **ANY AND ALL membership training** programs taking place in your districts.
- **STAY PROACTIVE ON RETENTIONS. Make personal contact.** Make sure your council processes Form 1845s properly. Copies must go to the District Deputy and THE State Deputy.
- Process all **Form 100s** as soon as possible. Financial secretaries **cannot** hold Form 100s once a member receives his First Degree.

There HAVE BEEN AND ARE many positive efforts by Ohio Knights. We stand among the Order's top 10 in charitable giving. Our new council development and Squires programs rank among the best in the Order. LOGICALLY, we need more AND NEW members to continue the great charitable works we do as Knights in Ohio.

Fraternally,

Dave Helmstetter  
State Deputy

## Supreme offers councils \$9 credit

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for members of your council who recruit a new member between now and July 1.

- **Reward New Members** -- Use the \$9.00 credit to waive the Initiation Fee for new members, or give them a reduction for their first year's dues.
- **Council Apparel Giveaway** -- Buy council T-shirts or ball caps to give to recruiters or new members as an incentive.
- **Donation to Charity** -- Use the \$9.00 credit to make a donation to Right to Life, a local food bank, or another charity in the name of the new members or recruiters.
- **Social Program Discount** -- A knight who recruits a new member is given a coupon for \$9.00 off the next council function, such as a dinner, party, or picnic.

You get the idea. Use this program to get your council fired up to recruit! The suggestions above are just that. If you have another idea, go for it! Think outside the box and come up with a great idea to use this cash.

The most important thing to remember is that this credit should be used to promote membership growth; not to let it just sit in your council account.

I would like to hear about how your council will use this special program. Give me a short report at [kpgardner@fuse.net](mailto:kpgardner@fuse.net).

## State basketball tourney set for April 6-7

The 2013 Ohio Knights of Columbus State Basketball Tournament will be held April 6-7 at the Worthington Community Center (Columbus Diocese). Entry forms were mailed to councils in January, according to Richard Siefker, State Basketball Director.

Councils can form a district team or sponsor more than one team as long as entry requirements are met, Siefker said.

"Councils should use this activity to recruit younger members to their council," he suggests.

For further information, contact Siefker at 13768 Rd. K, Ottawa, OH 45875; tel: (419) 538-6804.

## Columbus area Knight may be oldest in Order

The following is based on information provided to the Buckeye Bulletin by Tim Puet, a writer for the Columbus Diocese newspaper, the Catholic Times. Puet is a member of Fr. Hohman Council 5253, Reynoldsburg.

Ohio may be the home of the oldest Brother Knight in the Order.

Charlie Barcio, at age 108, is perhaps the oldest living member of the Knights of Columbus – although the Supreme Office in New Haven, Conn., has been unable to determine with certainty whether that's true. He moved last July into an assisted-living community in Blacklick, Ohio, a small community in the Columbus Metropolitan Area, coming here from California. His second wife, Dorie, 85, lives with her son and daughter-in-law in Blacklick. His first wife, Winnie, died in 1969.

Barcio was born March 22, 1904, in Erie, Pa., and lived there until moving to Florida in 1972. The Barcios stayed in Victorville, Calif., after Dorie suffered a stroke while visiting a son and his family there last year. They celebrated Barcio's birthday there earlier this year, then decided to move to the Columbus area so he could receive the care he needs and she could be close to her daughter.

It was a former Ohio Knight, Steve Siesel (who several years ago moved from the Toledo Diocese to Florida), who



Charlie Barcio

informed the Buckeye Bulletin that Barcio was a member of K of C Council 6624 in St. Cloud, Fla., and had moved to Ohio. And according to Knights of Columbus member W. Lee Brock, Barcio attended a K of C meeting at Fr. Andrew Hohman Council 5253, Reynoldsburg. He also attends Masses at St. Pius Church in Reynoldsburg.

During his lifetime, Barcio has worked as an electrician, a mechanic, an auto dealer, a fire chief, a sailor, a first aid instructor, a musician, a broadcaster and a maintenance man. He's remained a faithful Catholic, attending Mass regularly and helping the various parishes in a variety of ways. He's been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1948, and a Fourth Degree Sir Knight since 1951.

"It's just a great organization for any Catholic man, and I'm happy to be involved in it," he was quoted as saying in the Catholic Times. "I've been about everything except a Grand Knight."

Asked what made him decide to join the Knights, Barcio said, "Somebody in Erie asked me. That's all it took."

### Knights of Columbus Insurance

#### Sometimes it's easy

#### to overlook the simplest of things

By James Valent, FICF, General Agent

State Insurance Liaison

Take the beneficiaries on your Life Insurance or Annuity contracts. If your contract was applied for, and issued, several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the contract proceeds when you die. If you bought the contract when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse or your children.

Most people list a **primary beneficiary** – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive contract proceeds at death. But we also encourage the naming of a **contingent beneficiary** – an alternate person designated to receive contract proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

We routinely call all of our members for annual review appointments. One of the matters that we'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, we can **complete and witness the signatures** on the paperwork during that appointment.

Don't let your loved ones be "**surprised**" when they are not receiving what was thought to be there to care for their financial needs when you are gone.

Take the time to meet with you Knights of Columbus Agent. He looks forward to meeting with each of you.

### Pro-Life

## K of C councils are providing scores of Pro-Life activities throughout Ohio

By Gary Anderson

State Pro-Life Activities Director

January has been a pivotal month in the pro-life movement.

First and foremost was the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Several Knights of Columbus councils and a myriad of individual Brother Knights and their families embarked on trips to Washington D.C. for the *March for Life*, this year held on Friday, Jan. 25, due to a conflict with the presidential inauguration. A host of other councils sponsored and/or attended local rallies to coincide with the March.

But the purpose of this article is to highlight a few of the outstanding Pro-Life activities that have taken place thus far in this fraternal year.

*St. Jude Council #5801* (Gahanna, Columbus Diocese) sponsored an extraordinary multi-week program beginning in June that proved quite effective in assisting St. Matthew parish in defending religious freedom and by serving as Pro-Life advocates for the parish. In response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Fortnight for Religious Freedom, the council conducted five consecutive weekend events to collect letters to legislators and political leaders to combat the federal HHS Mandate.

Each weekend, council members volunteered one hour after each of the five scheduled weekend Masses. There were four volunteers for each shift, totaling 20 man hours per weekend and 100 hours overall. The program involved everything from writing and copying the letters, organizing and collecting signatures, and finally, the counting and delivery of the letters. Letters were hand delivered on July 3 to local senators and representatives while letters were mailed directly to President Obama. An impressive 45% of council members were involved in this activity.

A total of 1,885 letters were delivered as a result of the program. They sent a strong message of solidarity in protecting precious First Amendment rights to religious freedom, while displaying the council's untiring dedication to Pro-Life advocacy.

*Saint Michael Council #3382* in Sharonville (Cincinnati Archdiocese) jointly sponsored an evening of prayerful reflection on "Scripture and Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" on Sept. 24 at St. Michael parish. The presentation consisted of a video from the USCCB entitled, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship". Facilitators led six breakout groups in discussions on topics covered in the video.

Also reviewed was Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr's letter to pastors outlining appropriate and inappropriate political activities within the parish. The archbishop's message emphasized that as elections were nearing, Catholics are often inundated with polarizing political rhetoric. But faithful Catholics are admonished that they are Catholics before they are members of political parties. The program was very well received and attended by 47 parishioners, including 12 council members and five members' wives.

*Fairborn Council #3724* (Cincinnati Archdiocese) held its annual Hog Roast benefitting the Family and Youth Initiative (FYI) of Greene and Clark Counties on Oct. 6. The organization's sole mission is to preserve the life of the unborn child. One Brother Knight cooked the hog while a host of brothers manned the kitchen for an evening for a very worthy cause. As part of the festivities, an auction was held after dinner. There were more than 200 attendees, and the council raised \$5,000 for FYI.

The above activities are merely a sampling of the scores of Pro-Life events held each year throughout Ohio.

### 4 Squires Circles formed, reactivated in December

Four new Squires Circles were instituted in Ohio during the month of December. They include:

- Circle 5626, St. Patrick's School, sponsored by Fr. William Howard Bishop Council 3873, Troy.
- Circle 5627, Holy Angels School, sponsored by Archbishop Alter Assembly 1776.
- Circle 5628, Msgr. Robert Von Kaenel, sponsored by Archbishop Alter Assembly 1776.
- Circle 959, Precious Blood, reactivated by Archbishop McNicholas Council 3344, Piqua.

All four are located in the Cincinnati Archdiocese.



*Diocesan religious education directors with the Ohio State Council officers: (back row, from left) State Deputy Dave Helmstetter; State Advocate Kevin Miller; Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman; State Secretary Ken Girt; State Treasurer Bob Collins; State Warden Bob Byers; (front row, from left), Ken Gleason, Cincinnati Archdiocese; Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, Columbus Diocese; David McCutchen, Toledo Diocese; Barbara Walko, Youngstown Diocese; W. Christopher Hoag, Cleveland Diocese; Paul Ward, Steubenville Diocese.*

## \$62,238 in Matching Funds is distributed to diocesan religious education directors

A total of \$62,238 was distributed to diocesan religious education directors at the Mid-Year District Deputies Meeting in Columbus, completing the Matching Funds program for 2012.

A total of 213 of Ohio's 369 K of C councils – 58% participation -- contributed \$37,235 to the campaign. The Ohio Charity Foundation matched \$25,000 of that amount.

The Columbus Diocese councils, before their funds were matched, contributed the highest amount -- \$8,140 -- with Toledo Diocese councils not far behind at \$8,094.

Religious education directors from all six of Ohio's dioceses were at the District Deputies Meeting to accept checks. All funds collected in a particular diocese went to the vocations director of that diocese, including funds that were matched. The six, and funds they received, included:

- Cincinnati Diocese: Kenneth Gleason, \$11,969.
- Cleveland Diocese: William Christopher Hoag, \$11,315.
- Columbus Diocese: Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, \$14,525.
- Steubenville Diocese: Paul Ward, \$3,275.
- Toledo Diocese: David McCutchen, \$13,339.
- Youngstown Diocese: Barbara Walko, \$7,815.

Mitred Archpriest John S. Kachuba, of the Byzantine Eparchy of Parma, could not attend. It was given \$1,500.

The funds are used to support the many agencies, programs and schools throughout Ohio that provide religious educational services to the parishes and schools of each diocese.

"We have demonstrated our continuing support of religious education," said State Advocate Kevin Miller, 2012 Matching Funds Campaign chairman. "The spirit of Columbianism is again alive in Ohio!"

"I would like to especially congratulate the councils that put in the extra effort to achieve a significant increase in their donation this year," Miller continued.

## Councils, assemblies asked to contribute toward K of C Military Scholarship Fund

The Archdiocese for the Military Services has received \$200,000 from the Knights of Columbus to create a new fund that will offer scholarships to educate future Catholic military chaplains. It is the first of five payments of \$200,000 to be given by the Knights for the purpose of scholarships.

The \$200,000 comes from contributions from Knights of Columbus in each United States jurisdiction. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has asked that each U.S. jurisdiction – councils, assemblies, individuals -- contribute at least \$4,000 per year for five years to build the fund.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, created by Pope John Paul II in 1985, is the only archdiocese in the United States that does not have geographical boundaries. It serves Catholics in the U.S. armed forces, military academies and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, as well as those working in civilian jobs for the U.S. government overseas.

Ohio councils and assemblies are asked to contribute to the fund. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus, with the words "Military Scholarship" written in the Memo area. They should be sent to Vice Supreme Master George Dann, 5086 N. Belsay Rd., Flint, MI 48606.

## Importance of membership growth is discussed at District Deputies Meeting

Membership was on the minds of State and Supreme leaders at the Mid-Year District Deputies Meeting held in Columbus on Jan. 4-6. Ohio has been lagging in membership growth in the recent past, and the leadership wants to turn that around.

A special guest at the District Deputies Meeting was a representative of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson – Lou Barber, the Order's Director of Fraternal Services.

"It's important that we grow membership," he emphasized. "Growth is important to increase our visibility and service to our communities and parishes.

And he said he had a plan for membership growth in Ohio.

"To have a plan, you need a team," he said. "You've got a good team. Now we've got to get everybody involved.

"Use your programs," he continued. "Include your parish, your community. You have more than 2 million registered Catholics in Ohio. There are about 700,000 Catholic men out there.

"Hold First Degrees every month in your district," he told the District Deputies. "Work with your ceremonial teams to schedule Second and Third Degrees. Let the Insurance Agents help you. They know how to recruit. Think about Star Councils and Star Districts.

"Each district must recruit 22 members over the next six months. I think you can do it."

Barber also announced that State Deputy Dave Helmstetter and State Membership Director Ken Gardner would meet with Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson on the weekend following the District Deputies Meeting.

Helmstetter cited some membership statistics for this fraternal year, some of them positive, but he reported that "157 councils still haven't brought in a new member".

"Every council in your district should be active and every member of the council should be active," he told the District Deputies. He said 213 Ohio councils were active in membership during the first half of the fraternal year.

Positives, he said, include five new councils that have been started this fraternal year, and one reactivated council.

"Encourage your council members to recruit," he said to the District Deputies. "Stress the basics of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism.

"We're at only 11.4% of our Supreme Membership Quota right now," he continued. "It's a long way to go. But it's doable."



### District Deputies honored for Star Districts

*Five District Deputies were honored at the District Deputies Meeting for having Star Districts. They are with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (left) – DD-42 Cristino Damo and his wife, of Columbus; DD-10 Terry Trumpey and his wife, of Cincinnati; DD-45 Richard D'Auteuil, of Westerville; DD-46 Terry Fitzpatrick, of Delaware; DD-58 Davis Lewis, of Bowling Green.*

## Remember Pennies for Heaven

Don't forget the *Pennies for Heaven* Campaign. Be sure to "Pass the Jug" at council meetings and have it available at social functions, says State Secretary Ken Girt, 2013 *Pennies for Heaven* chairman.

Pennies for Heaven is the Ohio State Council's fundraiser to raise funds for the promotion of vocations. Funds raised in a diocese annually is given to the vocations director of that diocese.

All funds raised for this fraternal year's program should be turned in by April 30. They should be forwarded to: Ken Girt, 6433 Lutz Ave. N.W., Massillon, OH 44646.

# THINK

**One Member – Per Council – Per Month**

## 2012 Football Sweepstakes winners list

The 2012 Ohio Knights of Columbus Football Sweepstakes program included 10 weeks of play between National Football League teams. The weekly winners are (name, council, diocese, amount won):

### Week 1

**High Scores:** Roger Darr, Council 1175, Toledo, \$400; Keith Tong, Council 11450, Toledo, \$200; Peter Bizjak, Council 3304, Cleveland, \$100; Gary Minadeo, Council 5405, Cleveland, \$80; John Schroeder, Council 14155, Toledo, \$60; Anthony Petrone, Council 2362, Cleveland, \$30; Frank Flecksteiner, Council 1417, Cleveland, \$30.

**Low Scores:** Mike Baranowski, Council 7978, Toledo, \$80; Dale Schroeder, Council 5669, Toledo, \$20.

### Week 2

**High Scores:** Bob Hotopp, Council 15533, Cincinnati, \$400; Jerry Richardson, Council 14882, Cincinnati, \$200; Jean Cannon, Council 11831, Cleveland, \$100; Nichole Masar, Council 14959, Youngstown, \$80; Niki Seymour, Council 10936, Toledo, \$40; Debra Shirley, Council 1664, Columbus, \$40; Keith Moravcik, Council 5776, Cleveland, \$40.

**Low Scores:** Steve Bolyos, Council 637, Cleveland, \$80; Bob Boecke, Council 3724, Cincinnati, \$10; Adam Hoizel, Council 13984, Cleveland, \$10; Terry Trushel, Council 4590, Steubenville, \$10.

### Week 3

**High Scores:** Igor Frank, Council 3304, Cleveland, \$400; Jeanette Crock, Council 10936, Cleveland, \$200; James Dillon, Council 14882, Cincinnati, \$90; Paul Beargie, Council 2643, Cleveland, \$90; Michael Liptak, Council 15312, Youngstown, \$60; Justin Schultz, Council 15533, Cincinnati, \$30; Todd Iribek, Council 14504, Cincinnati, \$30.

**Low Scores:** Sophie Dansack, Council 11370, Toledo, \$80; Sue Karhoff, Council 5669, Toledo, \$20.

### Week 4

**High Scores:** Ron Kline, Council 13601, Cleveland, \$300; Krystyna Chisholm, Council 15533, Cincinnati, \$300; Mark Ruminski, Council 3164, Cleveland, \$100; Bill Mattingly, Council 8115, Cincinnati, \$80; Herbert Jestel, Council 2530, Youngstown, \$50; James Zimnicki, Council 3698, Cincinnati, \$50; Brenda Brown, Council 1175, Toledo, \$20.

**Low Scores:** Joe Hey, Council 14995, Cincinnati, \$33.33; Bob Miller, Council 1610, Cincinnati, \$33.33; Joe Achtner, Council 12772, Columbus, \$33.33.

### Week 5

**High Scores:** James Baker, Council 5506, Cleveland, \$300; Jerry Snelling, Council 2898, Columbus, \$300; Tony Watroba, Council 14416, Cleveland, \$80; Francia Banaag, Council 5534, Columbus, \$80; Tom McClurg, Council 5129, Cincinnati, \$80; Jamie Thomas, Council 3376, Cincinnati, \$40; Tony Gammieri, Council 4664, Cleveland, \$10; Jim Morris, Council 5628, Toledo, \$10; Ron Komorowski, Council 4361, Steubenville, \$10; Daniel Maag, Council 9788, Toledo, \$10; Phyllis Perz, Council 3269, Cleveland, \$10; Larry Puchajda Sr., Council 2790, Cleveland, \$10.

**Low Scores:** Melissa Craven, Council 3304, Cleveland, \$80; Brian Pearson, Council 3904, Toledo, \$20.

### Week 6

**High Scores:** John McAvoy Council 6373, Toledo, \$300; Brian Rohr, Council 11037, Youngstown, \$300; Joseph Mills, Council 2790, Cleveland, \$100; Phil Oravec, Council 2643, Cleveland, \$80; David Walton, Council 847, Columbus, \$60; Bob Martin, Council 1175, Toledo, \$40; Marcus Ruiz, Council 4169, Toledo, \$20.

**Low Scores:** Emanuel Staruaggi, Council 472, Steubenville, \$33.33; Charles Giametta, Council 5253, Columbus, \$33.33; Terry Freudeman, Council 10936, Cleveland, \$33.33.

### Week 7

**High Scores:** DeAnn Bopp, Council 3873, Cincinnati, \$400; Zachary Schenkel, Council 15533, Cincinnati, \$200; Diane Cirtus, Council 13977, Youngstown, \$100; Allen Sheffield, Council 3724, Cincinnati, \$70; Mary Ann Tushar, Council 4731, Cleveland, \$70; Bernard Dyar, Council 4617, Steubenville, \$40; William Gerity, Council 13984, Cleveland, \$20.

**Low Scores:** Jason Tabb, Council 14344, Toledo, \$80; Sylvia Kifus, Council 4801, Cleveland, \$10; Alma Gutierrez, Council 15036, Toledo, \$10.

### Week 8

**High Scores:** Rob Fitch Jr., Council 1341, Columbus, \$300; Chris Mallon, Council 14093, Columbus, \$300; Anthony Velasen, Council 3930, Youngstown, \$90; Nick Andall, Council 472, Steubenville, \$90; Matt Schafer, Council 14959, Youngstown, \$20; Patty Speiker, Council 14155, Toledo, \$20; Wally Ronsky, Council 2790, Cleveland, \$20; James Eversole, Council 14891, Cincinnati, \$20; Greg Boyer, Council 5628, Toledo, \$20; Annette Hilaman, Council 13706, Columbus, \$20.

**Low Scores:** James Griffith, Council 478, Steubenville, \$80; Gary Stephan, Council 5286, Steubenville, \$20.

### Week 9

**High Scores:** Phillip Martin, Council 1405, Steubenville, \$400; Todd Shining, Council 885, Toledo, \$200; Pat Riley, Council 637, Cleveland, \$100; Tyler Walls, Council 13466, Youngstown, \$80; Phillip Ropp, Council 14155, Toledo, \$60; John Webner, Council 14882, Cincinnati, \$20; Tom Ginn, Council 15533, Cincinnati, \$20; Dennis Rielhman, Council 15533, Cincinnati, \$20.

**Low Scores:** Eric Sutton, Council 4169, Toledo, \$80; John Schroeder, Council 14155, Toledo, \$20.

### Week 10

**High Scores:** Laura Lee VonLehmd, Council 957, Toledo, \$300; Sandy Oxner, Council 3724, Cincinnati, \$300; Carol Kensill, Council 10272, Cincinnati, \$90; Steve Alexander, Council 14344, Toledo, \$90; John Lonsway, Council 15036, Toledo, \$50; Nick Frank, Council 13874, Cincinnati, \$50; John Gooch, Council 2187, Steubenville, \$20.

**Low Scores:** Deb Blankenship, Council 5669, Toledo, \$80; Jeff Shanowner, Council 15458, Youngstown, \$20.

## 2013 Ohio Campout set July 26-28 at the Mercer County Fairgrounds

The 2013 Ohio Knights of Columbus State Family Campout will be held July 26-28 at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina (Cincinnati Archdiocese).

It will be a fun-filled weekend, promises Rick Say, 2013 campout chairman.

“We are trying to build up our Ohio State K of C function back to what it was several years ago,” he said. The campout will be hosted by Van Wert Council 6034, assisted by Ray McKowen Council 1362, Delphos; Wapakoneta Council 1272, and Celina Council 1800.

Say describes the Mercer County Fairgrounds as having flat, spacious, grassy sites with electric and water service; activities in an air-conditioned recreational building; swimming available at a city pool adjacent to the fairgrounds; firewood available for a donation, and golf carts allowed (with proof of insurance and valid driver’s license).

The schedule on Thursday will feature a tour of Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics and Carthagen. A golf outing will be held on Friday at the Deerfield Golf Course. Children and adult games will be conducted on Saturday, with Mass at 4 p.m. There will be entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights. Sunday will include the annual meeting and awarding of door prizes.

“Not a camper?” said Say. “Just contact us for area lodgings and come join the fun!”

### Registration Form

## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio K of C State Family Campout Mercer County Fairgrounds, 1001 W. Market St., Celina July 26, 27, 28, 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Family members staying in camper:

No. Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: Under 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13-18 \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests staying in camper (\$8.00 per person per day) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper type (circle): Motor Home Pop-up Tent

Trailer/5<sup>th</sup> Wheel: Length \_\_\_\_\_ Slide outs \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to camp with Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Camper’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts: \$8.00 Child: XSmall \_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 Adult: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

XXL \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.00: XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXXL \_\_\_\_\_

Rates: Fri/Sat weekend camping (includes evening meals). \$55.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Overnight Guests: Number \_\_\_\_\_ . At \$8.00 per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Nights: Number \_\_\_\_\_ . At \$25.00 per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. non-camper meals/activities: Number \_\_\_\_\_ . \$8 per guest \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf Outing (18 holes w/cart). \$35.00 per player \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts (total from above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **2013 Ohio K of C Family Campout**. Remit before June 20, 2013.

Late registration after June 20 – cannot guarantee a site near your council.

For further information, contact Rick Say, 2013 Ohio K of C Family Campout Chairman,

Home: (419) 238-3708, Cell: (419) 203-2493, or Email: [campout2013@gmail.com](mailto:campout2013@gmail.com).

Mail registration and check to: **Rick Say, 10290 McConahay Rd., Van Wert, OH 45891.**

Ohio State Council Website: [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)

# Recruiting

## *The right response to a negative answer*

By Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner  
State Membership Director

How many times have you asked a man to join the Knights of Columbus, only to receive a negative answer in response? If you are truly looking for the treasure of new members for your council, I am sure this response has happened more than once.

How we respond to that negative answer is a very important part of recruiting. One of the best pieces of advice I have ever received when told how to recruit was “never ask a question the gentleman can say ‘no’ to”.

Don’t ask the question, “Do you want to join the Knights of Columbus?”

Rather, ask, “How would you like to be a better Catholic gentleman?” Or, “Would your family like to spend more time with other Catholic families?”

The following are some negative answers you may receive when recruiting, and some responses you can give. They may not work every time, but they will increase your chance of getting a gentleman interested in the Knights.

### ANSWER:

“I don’t have the time to join”.

### RESPONSE:

- 1) “The Knights can help you manage your valuable time while putting your faith into practice.”
- 2) “All we are asking for is 24 hours a year of your time. This is only two hours a month.”
  - “Six hours a year on one or more council sponsored Church, community, council, family, pro-life or youth projects of his choosing.”
  - “Four hours a year attending four council meetings (if well-run and interesting, he might even come back for more).”
  - “Four hours a year enjoying (with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.”
  - “Four hours a year volunteering at the council’s annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities, the Knights of Columbus New International Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, K of C Soccer Challenge, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest or similar event.”
  - “Four hours a year attending, with his family, two corporate Communion or council prayer services at his parish.”
  - “Two hours a year reading the council bulletin, council Web site and the Supreme Council Website.”

### ANSWER:

“I thought all the Knights do is play cards and drink beer”.

### RESPONSE:

- 1) “While fraternal programs are part of the knights, we actually put our faith into practice through our council sponsored Church, community, council, family, pro-life or youth projects.”
- 2) “Some people may think that, but in 2011, the Knights of Columbus around the world donated over \$158 million and 70 million hours of volunteer time to charity. Locally, our council ...” (*explain your council’s charitable works in your community and parish*).

### ANSWER:

“Of all the organizations I can join, why should I join the Knights of Columbus?”.

### RESPONSE:

“As a Knight you can choose the projects that you wish to be involved in within your own community. What is more, the Order is dedicated to family life and the many benefits it offers. From insurance to scholarships to service and social activities and programs, all are open to the whole family.”

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[www.twitter.com/kofcoho](http://www.twitter.com/kofcoho)

## Ohio State Council Membership as of January 15, 2013

Diocese	Quota	Year to Date Gain	Year to Date Loss	Net	Percent of Quota	Needed
Cincinnati	457	182	139	+43	9.4%	414
Cleveland	321	175	223	-48	-15.0%	369
Columbus	282	176	114	+62	22.0%	220
Steubenville	79	81	34	+47	59.5%	32
Toledo	417	190	150	+40	9.6%	377
Youngstown	213	81	34	+47	22.1%	166
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>+191</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>1,578</b>

## Upcoming membership programs

The Ohio State Council has planned the following incentive programs for its State Membership Activities:

- Week of Feb. 10-17: Hold a First Degree in honor of our state chaplain, council chaplains and chapter chaplains. All councils that hold a First Degree during this period in honor of a chaplain should submit a Form 450C to State Membership Director Ken Gardner at [kpgardner@fuse.net](mailto:kpgardner@fuse.net). The councils will be entered in a drawing for \$200.
- Weekend of March 16-18: Hold a Church Drive in Honor of Founders Day. Serve coffee and donuts; set up a display with information about your council; have plenty of membership material available; be prepared to recruit one-on-one. Councils that hold a Church Drive on March 16-18 and report it to State Membership Director Ken Gardner via email will be placed in a drawing for \$200.
- Week of April 8-14: Hold First Degrees in Honor of State Officers. Show your diocesan officer you appreciate all that he does for the Order; invite him to the degree. Councils holding such a degree should submit a Form 450C to State Membership Director Ken Gardner via email will be placed in a drawing for \$200.

*Please note that the incentives listed above require reporting via email to State Membership Director Ken Gardner at [kpgardner@fuse.net](mailto:kpgardner@fuse.net).*

## Membership Incentive Program winners

Winners of the Special August Fr. McGivney Degree Incentive program drawings are:

**District Deputy Award** -- For having at least one council in his district hold a Fr. McGivney First Degree in August and for having at least two councils in his district bring in new members: DD-31 Thomas Alexander won all hotel expenses paid at the 2013 Mid-Year District Deputies’ Meeting, plus \$100.

**Council Award** -- For holding a Fr. McGivney First Degree during August and bringing in at least three new members at that degree: Fr. Andrew H. Hohman Council 5353, Reynoldsburg, won \$300.

**Recruiter** -- For recruiting new member :John Strazisar, recruiter James Vogley, of Council 15458, won \$100.

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Winners of the First Quarter Membership Incentive program drawings:

**District Deputy Award** -- For having 100% of the active councils in their district submit a Membership Plan by the Sept. 30 deadline, 14 District Deputies received \$50 cash: DD-3 Ted Borchers, DD-10 Jerry Trumpey, DD-15 Michael Wolbers, DD-18 Michael Thomas, DD-20 John Brown, DD-36 Robert Clum Jr., DD-37 James Colegrove, DD-47 Keith Dunnigan, DD-48 Donald Hall, DD-53 Tony Offenberger, DD-56 James Collins, DD-59 David Lewis, DD-62 Daniel Maag, and DD-77 Michael Jordan.

**Council Award** -- The 160 councils that submitted a Membership Plan by the Sept. 30 deadline were placed in a drawing for \$200 each. The three winners are Gilmour Council 310, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 11187, St. Agatha Council 11311

**Recruiter** -- The names of 215 Brother Knights who recruited a new member that showed up on the Supreme Council Monthly Membership Report for July, August, and September were placed in a drawing for \$100 each. The three winners are Ronald Ginnetti, of Council 1641; Michael Vara, of Council 14714; and William McPherson, of Council 14769.

Winners of Second Quarter drawings are:

**Dennis Baluh** recruited Douglas Baluh for Elyria Council 774, Cleveland Diocese, and won the drawing for \$200.

**St. James Council 2299**, Logan (Columbus Diocese) brought in at least three members in the Second Quarter and won the drawing for \$100.

DD-8 Michael Freil had at least 75% of his councils recruit a member in the Second Quarter and won the drawing for \$200.

**Northside Council 1683**, Cincinnati Diocese, held a degree in honor of Most. Rev. Joseph Binzer and won the drawing for \$200.

## Now is the time to start planning for the 2013 Measure-Up Campaign

Get ready to Measure Up!

That's the message from State Warden Bob Byers, who is chairman of the 2013 Ohio State Council Measure-Up Campaign.

It's coming soon, he says, so it's time to start planning. Goal for the 2013 campaign is \$450,000, and to have at least 75% of Ohio's councils involved.

Measure-Up is our Knights of Columbus' flagship charity, just as the Shriners supporting their special hospitals for children with burns or spinal injuries, or the Lions Club which support the blind, and the Moose which funds its "Mooseheart" hospitals for children. Measure-Up provides financial assistance for agencies which help our citizens with developmental disabilities.

This year's campaign dates are April 25-27 and May 2-4.

Byers encourages participation in four major fundraising areas of the campaign:

- **Gimme Five Campaign**, which asks all members to give \$5.00 (or more) to the campaign when paying their annual dues.
- **Local Business Campaign**, whereby area businesses are contacted – generally through a mailing – asking them for a financial contribution.
- **Council Fundraiser**, whereby additional funds can be raised by the council for Measure-Up.
- **The Traditional Street Collection**. This is the most familiar and easy way to raise funds – wearing those bright yellow and red aprons while standing in front of businesses seeking donations from the general public – and giving a Measure-Up ruler to those who contribute. Now is the time to contact your local merchants to get permission to collect in front of their establishment – and now is the time to solicit the help of council members to put on those aprons and help collect.

Byers said a number of achievement awards will be presented to councils based on the following:

- Highest total dollars collected by a council.
- Highest total dollars collected per member by a council.
- Highest total dollars collected by a council in each division (there are five divisions in Ohio, based number of council members).
- All councils collecting a 25% increase over their 2012 collection total.

"Please encourage your council members to help the Knights of Columbus across Ohio to Measure Up in 2013," Byers emphasizes.

## 2012 Measure-Up Campaign raises \$408,000

More than \$408,000 was raised in the 2012 Measure-Up Campaign to support more than 300 agencies, programs and schools throughout Ohio that assist our citizens with developmental disabilities.

In his final report of the 2012 campaign, State Warden Bob Byers, the Ohio State Council's Measure-Up chairman, summarized that "We Knights have again demonstrated our continuing support of this flagship charity." A total of 266 Ohio councils participated in the campaign.

"I would like to especially congratulate the councils that increased their previous donations," he added. "There were 69 councils that had a 25% increase over their 2011 donations, and another 19 councils that supported the program this year while not participating in 2011.

"Together, with all contributing councils, the Ohio Measure-Up Campaign remains a special program that all Brother Knights and their families should be proud of across the great State of Ohio."

Councils in the Cincinnati Archdiocese were tops in collecting in 2012, with \$109,508. Fifty-eight councils participated. The Columbus Diocese councils had the second-highest collections with \$106,859. Others included the Cleveland Diocese, with \$83,653; Toledo Diocese, with \$55,112; Youngstown Diocese, with \$40,459; and Steubenville Diocese, with \$13,162.

## Dechant honored with Gaudium et Spes Award

Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant has received the Order's 2012 highest honor, the *Gaudium et Spes* Award, which was established by Dechant in 1992 with Mother Teresa as its first recipient.

The award is named for the Second Vatican Council's Apostolic Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Dechant is the award's 10<sup>th</sup> honoree. Dechant said he would be donating the \$100,000 honorarium attached to the award to a Knights of Columbus scholarship fund for seminarians.



Bob (Special Agent #1,000,000) Collins (center), with the women – wives of the Ohio State Council officers -- in the cast of his skit used to promote the 2013 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign (from left), Linda Collins, Rish Miller, Cinda Helmstetter, Linda Girt, Peg Byers, Lee Upman.

## Super Cash Bonanza Campaign kicks off with diocesan 'Road Shows' in February

"Our mission is a mission of charity. Working together as a team, we have the ability to raise over \$1 million for charitable purposes throughout the State of Ohio."

State Treasurer Bob Collins, who as chairman of the 2013 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign doubles as "Special Agent #1,000,000, used those words in correspondence to Grand Knights to describe what the campaign is all about.

"This mission of charity is to maximize all resources to raise every dollar possible for council and diocesan charity programs," he said.

He doesn't expect councils to carry out the mission alone. Rather, he suggests finding resources in the community to assist in raising these charitable dollars. It's called *partnering*.

"We need to have a plan formulated so that when our mission officially begins these resources and organizations will maximize our efforts," he said.

Collins is looking for the names of the "special agents" that will chair Ohio councils' 2013 Super Cash Bonanza Campaign. And he wants to know details of how councils expect to maximize the sale of charity tickets.

"Who will you partner with?" he's asking councils. "Who will you join forces with to be our allies in charity? And what price will you offer them to assist you in selling the charity tickets?"

By partnering, Collins suggests that councils contact such entities as the local parish school or community organizations to help sell tickets – and giving the school or organization an incentive to partner.

The Ohio State Council is offering more than \$108,000 in 20 cash prizes for the campaign. The Super Cash Bonanza tickets are \$5.00 each.

At the District Deputies Meeting in Columbus in January, Collins produced a skit to promote the campaign at the Saturday night dinner. In the cast were the wives of the Ohio State Council officers: Linda Collins, Tish Miller, Cinda Helmstetter, Linda Girt, Peg Byers, Lee Upman.

The official Super Cash Bonanza "Road Shows", whereby Collins and his team will tour the state kicking off the campaign at eight locations in the six dioceses, are scheduled for the weekends of Feb. 15-17 and Feb. 22-23 according to the following schedule. Councils can receive an extra rebate by having two members attend a session.

- Friday, Feb. 15, Toledo Diocese: Tiffin Council 608, 49 E. Perry St., Tiffin, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 16, Toledo Diocese: Msgr. Lang Council 1039, 111 Elliott Rd., Defiance, 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 16, Cincinnati Diocese: Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912 (St. Christopher Church), 435 E. National Rd., Vandalia, 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 16, Cincinnati Diocese: St. Michael's Council 3382 (St. Michael's Church), 11144 Spinner Ave., Sharonville, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 17, Columbus Diocese: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 11187, 600 Hill Rd., Pickerington, 2 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 22, Steubenville Diocese: Our Lady of Peace Council 4243, 466 National Rd., St. Clairsville, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 23, Youngstown Diocese: St. Joseph-Randolph Council 2039, 2697 Waterloo Rd., Randolph, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 23, Cleveland Diocese: Garfield Council 4130, 10806 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, 1 p.m.