



State Deputy

**The convention:
review deadlines,
plan to attend**

By Dave Helmstetter
State Deputy

By the time, you read this story, the 114th annual State Convention will be just a little more than a month away. And, all Grand Knights should have received at least their First Call packet from State Secretary Ken Girt.

As State Deputy, it's important for me to stress that this information remains important in the operation of the Ohio State Council. I urge Grand Knights to carefully review the mailing's contents and act promptly in responding to the deadlines listed. Delegates should be selected following the rules outlined in the convention mailing.

I also would like to bring to your attention, the hotel reservation deadline. The site of the convention, the Kalahari Resort & Spa near Sandusky features a water park and lots of fun for your families. But to receive the attractive convention rate (\$118 nightly) to the hotel, you must make reservations by **Wednesday, May 1**. State Treasurer and Convention Chairman Bob Collins emphasizes that there are "no exceptions." So, please heed his advice and reserve your rooms as soon as possible by calling the hotel reservations desk at 419-433-7200 or 877-525-2427.

Another important reminder for

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2013 State Convention – A family affair
It'll be at a new location, with plenty of activities for everyone

**Take Up
His Cross**
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There will be a different atmosphere this year for those attending the Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council in late May.

"This is a family event," stresses State Treasurer Bob Collins, general chairman of the 2013 convention. "Bring your children. Bring your grandchildren. There will be something to do for everyone."

The 2013 State Convention will be held at the Kalahari Resort and Spa, a complex that features a giant waterpark in Sandusky, which is in the center of Ohio's Lake Erie fund land that includes Cedar Point.

"The kids will love the waterpark," Collins continued. "Everything about the Kalahari is first class, including the convention facilities. And after the convention families can spend a day at the other area attractions, including Cedar

Point." Traditionally, the convention has rotated between the cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. This year Collins decided to make a change, hoping

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Super Cash Bonanza Campaign

We're going for \$1 million in ticket sales, and we can do it!



Bob (Agent #1000000 Collins)

"We're going for a million dollars for charity, and with the help of every Knights of Columbus council in Ohio, we can achieve it."

Making that bold statement was State Treasurer Bob (Secret Agent #1,000,000) Collins as he introduced the 2013 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign to council representatives in each of the six Ohio dioceses.

It's true that he also set a \$1 million goal for the 2011 campaign but did not achieve it. But, he said, "that was a warm-up for this year's campaign. This time around, the bugs have been worked out and Knights all over the State of Ohio have a clear understanding of the need to raise \$1 million for our charitable work."

Ohio Knights haven't reached the \$1 million mark in ticket sales since 1987. Collins, along with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter and Past State Deputies Dennis Shonebarger and Larry Moegling, toured Ohio during two weekends in February, speaking to council representatives in the six dioceses about different facets of the campaign.

"Knights were enthusiastic at every program that we gave," Collins said. "They were

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Membership training

New web conferencing program is introduced

By Ken Gardner, State Membership Director

The Ohio State Council has a new tool to take membership training right to individual councils in the comfort of their own home. The tool is called Zoho Meeting, a type of web conferencing program used by businesses to bring people together for meetings and discussions even though they are physically separated by many miles.

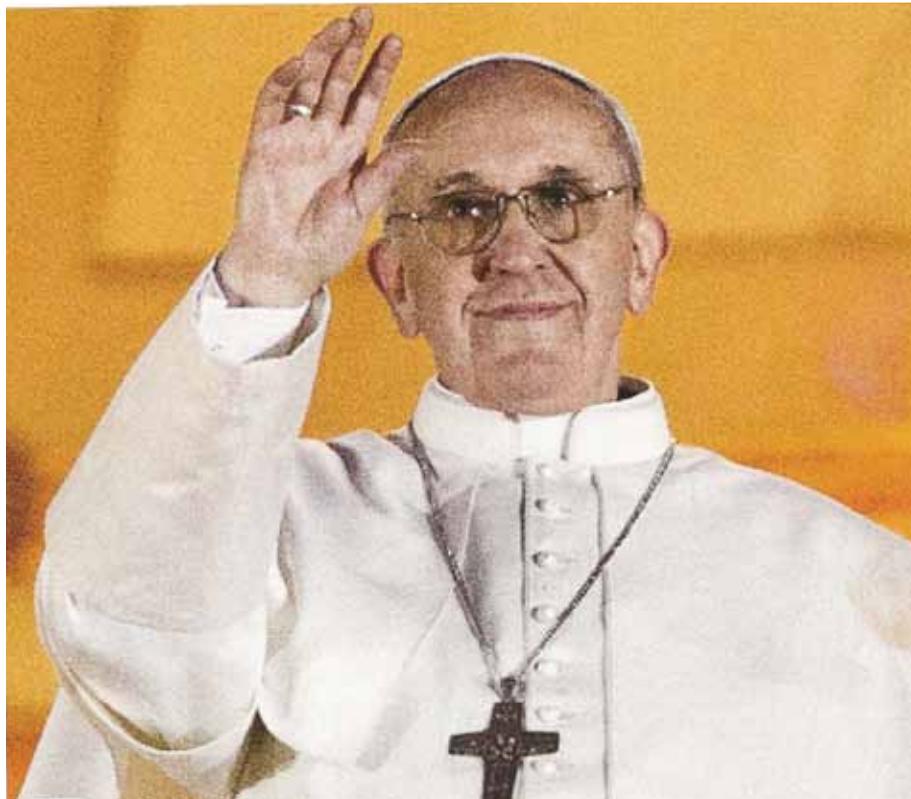
The program is very simple to use, All you need is a PC with internet, an email account, and a telephone. After requesting to join the meeting with a simple email to the presenter, the individual will receive a meeting invite from the host website. He will also receive a call-in number to connect to the audio portion of the meeting over a telephone.

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Pope Francis comes from humble beginnings

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born on Dec. 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, one of five children of Italian immigrants. After entering the seminary of Villa Devoto, Buenos Aires, he joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) on March 11, 1958. He was ordained on Dec. 13, 1969.

After several years of teaching, Fr. Bergoglio served as Provincial for Argentina for the Society of Jesus from 1973-1979 before going to Germany to finish his doctoral dissertation. In 1992, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires. His episcopal motto was *Miserando atque eligendo* (lowly, and yet chosen).

Bishop Bergoglio succeeded Cardinal Quarracino as Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998, and was created Cardinal by Blessed John Paul II in February, 2001. As both Bishop and Cardinal, Bergoglio was known for his humility, intellect and commitment to the poor. He opted to live in a small apartment rather than the bishop's residence, and gave up the limousine provided him in favor of public transportation.

Cardinal Bergoglio participated in the conclave of April 18-19, 2005, which elected Pope Benedict XVI. In 2005, he was elected president of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina. On Feb. 23, 2013, he was named a member of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

In addition to being the first pontiff to take the name of Francis, Pope Francis also is the first member of the Society of Jesus to be elected pope, the first pope born in the Americas, and the first non-European pope in more than 1,200 years.

Vast majority of Catholics say Pope Benedict changed he Church , the world and their lives

Just a week after his retirement took effect, a new Knights of Columbus-Marist poll found that American Catholics give high marks to Pope Benedict XVI.

More than three quarters of Catholics (77%) have a very positive or positive impression of Pope Benedict XVI's years as pope. American Catholics have very positive views on Pope Benedict's impact on their lives, the direction of the Church, and the moral direction of the world.

Nearly 7 in 10 Catholics (68%) say Pope Benedict had a "very positive" or "positive" impact on their life. Additionally, 70% of Catholics believe he had a "very positive" or "positive" impact on the direction of the Catholic Church. About two thirds of Catholics (65%) said he had a "very positive" or "positive" impact on the moral direction of the world. Pope Benedict's use of Twitter was also very popular among Catholics. Two-thirds of Catholics said they "liked the idea" of the pope using Twitter to communicate.

Overall, nearly 7 in 10 Catholics have a very favorable or favorable view of Pope Benedict XVI.

"The data indicates clearly that American Catholics have a deep respect for Pope Benedict XVI and a great appreciation for his pontificate," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "That so many felt he had a positive impact on their lives, their Church and their world speaks volumes to the good that he was able to do as pope."

Anderson believes the election of Pope Francis will change the lives of many Christians

Just as Pope John Paul II influenced many in Poland, the rise of an Argentinian to the papacy is set to dramatically change the lives of many Christians, according to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

"I think it offers the same kind of a potential for a great renewal of Catholicism and Christianity all throughout the Western Hemisphere," he said in an interview following the election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, as pope. The 76-year-old Jesuit priest, a humble man by all accounts, took the name Francis after the famous 13th-century saint of Assisi.

Anderson compared the recent election to Blessed John Paul II's election in 1978 that brought hope to Eastern Europeans in the midst of the Cold War.

"Thirty-five years later now," he said, "we have a Pope coming from Latin America, from the Americas, and I'm sure in the United States so many millions of Hispanic Catholics are looking now to Pope Francis as someone who will really change their lives for the better, too."

Since 1882, the Knights of Columbus has made it their mission to offer assistance to people throughout the Americas and abroad according to their founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. They also have been prominent in promoting Blessed John Paul II's idea of uniting North and South as "a single entity with a Christian heritage and a Christian future," as Anderson put it.

Anderson said the Knights are enthused that this concept is well engrained in the experience of the Buenos Aires-born pope.

"Pope Francis speaks directly to that, is a product of that," said Anderson. "His entire ministry has been that and so we're going to be strongly united with him in moving this forward."

Anderson believes the Knights' work of better uniting members of the Catholic Church in the Americas has been given a major boost with the election of a Latin American pope.

"I think the next step will be to bring this reflection more closely into North America and into the entire Western Hemisphere, that we can begin to do the work, not just speak about the potential but begin the actualization of the potential."

For the Knights, said the Supreme Knight, "it's going to be a very important pontificate."

As for their specific work at this point, he concluded, "we need to take our part and cooperate with so many others in the Church's reality, build the Church like the Lord said to Francis and I think we're going to see Him say the same thing to Pope Francis."

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Most Rev. Leonard Blair



Logan T. Ludwig

Supreme Treasurer to speak at banquet; Toledo Bishop to celebrate Sunday Mass

Supreme Council Treasurer Logan T. Ludwig will be a special guest at the 114th Ohio State Convention and will be the main speaker at the Saturday night State Deputy's Banquet.

And Most Rev. Leonard Blair, Bishop of the Toledo Diocese, will be the main celebrant at the Sunday morning Mass, with other priests in attendance as co-celebrants.

Ludwig, a Past State Deputy of the Illinois jurisdiction, was elected to the Supreme Board of Directors in 2007 and named Supreme Treasurer in 2011. As Treasurer, he manages the Supreme Council finances, provides executive oversight for the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven and the Blessed John Paul II Shrine in Washington D.C. He holds a PhD from St. Louis University and was Associate Provost for the Health Sciences Division of Loyola University prior to moving to New Haven.

Bishop Blair, raised in Detroit, Mich., was ordained in 1976 and served as vicar general and chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit. He taught theology at Sacred Heart Seminary, where he was dean of studies as well. He also served as pastor of St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit in 1999 and was named Bishop of the Toledo Diocese in 2003.

2013 State Convention -- A Family Affair

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that more families will attend. It will be held during the Memorial Day Weekend of May 24-26.

"Now is the time for councils to make their convention plans," said Collins. "It's time to elect your delegates (each council can have two delegates). And it's time to encourage other members of your council to attend our convention. Tell them what a fun weekend it can be for the entire family."

He also means that those planning to attend, including delegates, should make their room reservations at the Kalahari as soon as possible. Reservation deadline is May 1. The Knights of Columbus convention rate is \$118.00 (plus taxes) per night.

According to rules of the Order, each council is authorized to have two delegates. One is to be the Grand Knight; the other elected from among the council's Past Grand Knights. If there are no Past Grand Knights available to attend, any Third Degree member in good standing is eligible to be elected. The council also should elect two alternates from among Third Degree members. The Ohio State Council will pay per diem and mileage for the delegates who attend.

"The success of the work of the Order in Ohio and your council depends on your council's full participation," emphasizes Collins.

The First Official Call, which includes all pertinent information about the convention, will be mailed to Grand Knights and other state council personnel on March 15.

Collins emphasizes that the official delegate registration form, contained in the First Call material, "IS the single most important document for your review." It must be completed and sent to Registration Chairman Richard Royle.

This year's convention will follow the traditional format: the Annual Msgr. Krispinsky Golf Outing, A Night at the Races party and Final Drawing of the 2013 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign on Friday; the Memorial Mass, Awards and Business sessions, caucus sessions and State Deputy's Banquet on Saturday; and the Mass, Business sessions, election of 2013-2014 state officers and men's and women's luncheons on Sunday.

114th ANNUAL OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Schedule of Activities

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- 8:00 a.m. 14th Annual Msgr. Joseph A. Krispinski Memorial Golf
Thunderbird South Golf Course, Huron
- 11 a.m. Mass – Mangrove Room
- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Registration – Ironwood Room
(Convention Meeting Rooms Level)
- 3:00 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting - Guava Room
Resolutions Committee Meeting - Wisteria Room
Diocesan Chaplains Meeting – Mangrove Room
- 4:00 p.m. Membership Open Information Seminars – Portia Room
- 6:30 p.m. Doors Open for Friday Night Party - Kalahari Ballroom
- 7:00 p.m. 2009 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Raffle Drawing
Kalahari Ballroom A - H
- 8:10 p.m. Friday Night Party: "Brother Al's A Night at the Races"
- 10 p.m. - Midnight All Hospitality Rooms Open.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary -- Kalahari Ballroom A - H
- 8 a.m. Memorial Mass -- Kalahari Ballroom A - H
- 9 a.m. - Noon Eucharistic Adoration Chapel -- Suite 1435
- 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Convention Registration -- Ironwood Room
- 9:30 a.m. Awards Session -- Kalahari Ballroom A - H
- 11:30 a.m. Standing Committee Meetings
Elections & Tellers -- Ebony Boardroom
Annual Minutes -- Empress Boardroom
Good of the Order -- Acacia Room
Assistant Wardens -- Kalahari Ballroom
Credentials -- Crown Palm Room
- 1 p.m. Business Meeting -- Kalahari Ballroom C - F
(Delegates please be seated in the front of Ballroom)
- 4 p.m. Area Caucus Meetings (See Convention Book for assigned area)
- 6:30 p.m. Doors Open for State Deputy's Banquet
- 7 p.m. State Deputy's Banquet -- Kalahari Ballroom A - H
- 10 p.m.-Midnight All Hospitality Rooms Open

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary -- Kalahari Ballroom A - H
- 8:30 a.m. Mass -- Kalahari Ballroom A - H
- 10 a.m. - Noon Eucharistic Adoration Chapel - Suite 1435
- 10:15 a.m. Business session - Kalahari Ballroom C, D, E, & F
(Delegates please be seated in the front of Ballroom)
- 12:00 Noon Ladies Luncheon -- Nile & Orange Rooms
- 12:30 p.m. Men's Luncheon -- Kalahari Ballroom A, B, G, & H
- 1:15 p.m. to close Business session resumes **if necessary** -- Kalahari Ballroom

Convention Activities

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel – Our Blessed Lord, reserved in the Tabernacle, will be available for Eucharistic Adoration on both Saturday and Sunday. Please take some time to visit with our Lord in the Chapel, located on the first floor in Suite 1435.

Msgr. Krispinsky Memorial Golf Outing – This 14th Annual outing will be played at Thunderbird South Golf Course in Huron on Friday. The outing is open to all members, ladies and non-members. It will begin with a shotgun start at 8:28 a.m. Entry deadline is May 10. For information, contact Chairman David Nunez at (419) 706-7188.

Brother Al's A Night at the Races – It's the Friday Night Party of the convention, with doors open at 6:30 p.m. and races starting at 8:10 p.m. Sponsor a horse event, sponsor a race event. Prizes for sponsored winners. For information, contact Bob Walsh at (216) 671-2929, Email rewalsh731@aol.com.

Columbian Squires' Food Drive – Each delegate and guest is asked to bring two items of boxed or can non-perishable food; paper products (toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels); or hand or laundry soap. All will be donated to a local Catholic food pantry from the Ohio Squires. The collection point will be in the registration area.



The Hornback children, with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, are (clockwise, from top) Nathanael, Noah, Kathleen, Ben, Emily.

Cincinnati Diocese children earn K of C awards

The children in a Cincinnati Diocese family certainly have benefitted from Ohio State Council scholarship and essay contest activities.

Five children of the Chris and Gina Hornback family have received Ohio Knights of Columbus awards – three are recipients of Ohio State Council Catholic high school scholarships and two have won essay contests from St. Lawrence Council 14545 in Cincinnati. The latest was Nathanael, a senior at Cincinnati Elder High School, who was presented with a scholarship this year. The others are:

Emily – A scholarship recipient at Cincinnati's Seton High School in 2008 and again in 2010. She currently is a junior at Thomas More College, studying biology.

Kathleen – A scholarship recipient a Seton High School in 2010. She is a sophomore at The College of Mount Saint Joseph, studying education.

Noah – An award recipient from St. Lawrence Parish and Council 14545 in 2011 or his essay on what religious freedom means to him. He will attend Elder High School next year.

Ben – An award recipient from St. Lawrence Parish and Council 14545 in 2012 for his essay on what religious freedom means to him. He will be an eighth grader at St. Lawrence next year.

Piqua students raise funds for slain girl's sister

The students of Piqua Catholic School, spearheaded by the first Columbian Squires circle in an Ohio elementary school, and their Squirettes counterpart, presented a check in the amount of \$463 to Lauren Wyatt, a kindergarten student who survived the shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Lauren's sister, Allison Wyatt, a second-grader at the school, was one of the victims of the senseless act of violence.

The check was presented to William Wirtz, Jr., the Ohio State Council's New Council Development Director for Southern Ohio. Wirtz and his wife, Joyce, are grandparents of Lauren and the late Allison.

The students were told about Allison and Lauren by Paul Ault, the Ohio State Council's New Squires Circle Development Director who formed the Squires and Squirettes circles at Piqua. The students had asked if Allison had any brothers or sisters. When they found out about Lauren, they wanted to do something for her. To raise the funds, school Principal (and new Knight) Josh Bornhorst allowed the students to forgo their school uniforms for the week of March 11-15 for a donation of \$5.00 each.



Steubenville Diocese Scholarship recipient

John Bolster (center), a Steubenville Central Catholic High School sophomore, receives a \$1,000 scholarship from Past State Deputy Baci Carpico (2nd from left), a member of the Ohio Knights Scholarship Committee. Bolster's parents, Ron (right) and Andrea (2nd from right) join Delores Michnowicz, Central Catholic coordinator of student services (left) for the presentation. During this school year, the Ohio K of C has presented 47 scholarships totaling \$47,000. Applicants for scholarships must be students in grades 9-12 at an Ohio Catholic high school who have a financial need and a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Since inception of the scholarship program in 1997, the Knights have provided more than \$498,000 to students enrolled in Ohio Catholic high schools.

Remember Measure-Up

The following was submitted by State Warden Bob Byers, who is chairman of the 2013 Ohio Measure-Up Campaign.

We hope all Ohio Knights of Columbus councils have made their preparations and are ready to accept contributions to their 2013 Measure-Up Campaign.

The official dates for collections are April 25-27 and May 2-4.

We've set an ambitious goal -- \$450,000 -- that councils will collect for distribution to agencies of their choosing to assist our Ohio citizens with developmental disabilities.

The major part of the campaign involves collecting funds in front of community businesses – and thanking those contributors by giving them a special Knights of Columbus Measure-Up ruler. But there are other ways to raise funds, too. Have a council fundraiser, such as a spaghetti dinner. Or, with permission of your pastor, collect after weekend Masses at your community's Catholic church.

Whatever you do, you will help those with developmental disabilities.

Several awards will be given at the State Convention to those councils that have successful Measure-Up Campaigns. They include 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; and to all councils collecting a 25% increase over their 2012 collections.

Our apologies . . .

We were unable to publish a March-April issue of the Buckeye Bulletin as our editor spent much of March hospitalized and then convalescing. Thus, with the approval of State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, we are with this issue publishing a combined March-April-May Buckeye Bulletin.



PSD Robert W. Wilhelm Scholarship

A Special Presentation of the Ohio State Council Charity Foundation's Past State Deputy Robert W. Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship was held at Fairborn Council 3724 in Fairborn. State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (left) and PSD Dennis Shonebarger (right) presented the \$1,000 Scholarship Award to Lindsey Engle of Fairborn. She is a Carroll High School Junior Honor Student with an outstanding record of accomplishments in Church, school, community, athletic, charitable and Pro-Life activities. Special guests were Anne Wilhelm (second from left) and Lindsey's parents, Tom and Linda Engle.

Super Cash Bonanza Campaign proceeds: Where does the money go?

The following was submitted by Past State Deputy Larry Moegling, who spoke on this topic during Super Cash Bonanza Ticket Distribution Programs in February.

By Past State Deputy Larry Moegling

With the 2013 Super Cash Bonanza Campaign now under way, it is important to review from time to time what happens to the Ohio State Council portion of the ticket sales. For more than 50 years, ticket chairmen from local councils across Ohio have been sending in \$2.60 per ticket (or book), with \$2.40 per ticket (or book) retained by the local council for its favorite charities and/or special community projects.

The entire cost of the Super Cash Bonanza program is paid by the Ohio Charity Foundation/Ohio State Council. No local council is charged additional revenues before, during, or after the program. All rebates returned to councils are calculated from the schedule provided by the State Treasurer at the opening of the program.

Super Cash Bonanza: We can do it!

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interested in reaching our goal.”

“How can we achieve the \$1 million goal?” he asked.

“Simply put, just sell sell sell those Super Cash Bonanza tickets,” he answered.

The 2013 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign began in mid-February with ticket distribution and will end May 24 with drawings for more than \$108,000 in 25 cash prizes in conjunction with the Friday Night Party of the State Convention at the Kalahari Resort and Spa in Sandusky.

The prizes are the same as have been distributed in recent years:

- 1st Prize - \$49,680, payable \$414 per month for 10 years.
- 2nd Prize -- \$18,780, payable \$313 per month for 5 years.
- 3rd Prize -- \$12,720, payable \$212 per month for 5 years.
- 4th Prize -- \$4,000.
- 5th Prize -- \$3,000.
- 6th – 9th Prizes -- \$1,500.
- 10th – 13th Prizes -- \$1,250.
- 14th – 17th Prizes -- \$1,000.
- 18th – 21st Prizes -- \$750.
- 22nd – 25th Prizes -- \$500.

The Ohio State Council’s portion of the ticket sales will be distributed by the Ohio Charity Foundation to a long list of charities in Ohio that were outlined by PSD Moegling during the diocesan ticket distribution programs.

“Ticket sales during the 2013 campaign will mean an uplift of financial support for the charities that your council supports as well as those of our Ohio Charity Foundation,” stresses Collins. “Remind your members where these charity dollars are used.”

The official winners’ list will be distributed on Sunday, May 26, at the State Convention. Lists will not be mailed to councils. The winners’ list will be published in the June issue of the Buckeye Bulletin and will appear on the www.kofcoho.org website.

Partnering works to aid ticket sales

Distributing tickets to council members, is the traditional method of sales, having those members do the selling.

There’s another method that has helped councils boost their sales. It’s called PARTNERING.

Find another organization, whether it be a church group, civic organization or parish school, to help sell your tickets. Offer them a portion of the \$2.40 that the council is guaranteed for the sale of each ticket.

Your council will benefit from the additional sales and potentially achieve a higher rebate incentive.

If you need more tickets . . .

There is no reason that councils should run out of tickets and lose potential sales. If you need more tickets, contact one of the following:

- Your District Deputy.
- Your Diocesan Coordinator.
- Your Diocesan State Officer.

If none of the above can provide tickets, contact State Treasurer Bob Collins at: (216) 410-7174 or via email, rfcollinsjr@gmail.com.

Once the expenses are subtracted from the Ohio State Council proceeds, the remaining monies are transferred to the Ohio Charity Foundation. These funds are deposited into accounts headquartered at R.W. Baird, Inc., in Cleveland.

The charity campaign monthly and lifetime winners receive a check at the beginning of each month as advertised on the ticket. Monies to fund these monthly winners’ checks are safeguarded so that all fiscal liabilities to the charity foundation are covered adequately for all winning tickers.

John Diemer, our investment consultant at R. W. Baird, monitors our investment portfolio daily. A committee of Ohio Charity Foundation members oversees the budget and investments of the Foundation. These committee members include PSD Gary Eckstein (chair), State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman, State Secretary Ken Girt, State Treasurer Bob Collins, and Past State Deputies Dennis Shonebarger, Roland Bator and Larry Moegling, who serves as the Foundation Treasurer.

The following are some of the annual grants funded by the Ohio Charity Foundation through the sales of the Super Cash Bonanza charity campaign tickets:

- State Squires Grant - \$5,000
- State Vocations Grant - \$10,000
- Matching Funds Grant - \$25,000
- Additional Religious Education Grant - \$1,500
- Foundation Directors’ Grants – \$9,000
- Solicited Foundation Grants - Varies
- Diocesan Veterans’ Christmas Grants - \$2,800
- **State Squires Grant (\$5,000).** This grant check is written in June and sent to the State Father Prior (Rev. F. Richard Snoke) for operating expenses of the State Squires’ Program and Officers’ Expenses, and funding of their state convention.
- **State Vocations Grant (\$10,000).** These grant checks are written according to the following schedule and sent to the Diocesan Vocation Directors in July (for each diocese): Cincinnati - \$2,030; Cleveland - \$2,820; Columbus - \$1,410; Steubenville - \$850; Toledo - \$1,540; Youngstown - \$1,350.
- **Matching Funds (\$25,000) for Religious Education.** The Ohio Charity Foundation provides \$25,000 which is added to the local council diocesan collections. An additional Religious Education Grant of \$1,500 is presented to the Byzantine Eparchy of Parma for its religious education program.
- **Foundation Directors’ Grants (\$9,000 total - \$1,500 per diocese).** The members of the Ohio Charity Foundation provide diocesan-centered grants for projects that are diocesan and local endeavors. These grants provide additional monies to fund projects selected by the directors. In the past, these projects have included donations toward Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, etc.
- **State Veterans’ Grants (\$2,800 - \$400 per chairman).** These grant checks are written and sent to the Diocesan Veterans Chairs in November to help with their Christmas programs.
- **Additional Approved Foundation Grants.** These grants are approved by a written formal application to the Charity Foundation and then are routinely considered at the January Ohio Charity Foundation meeting. The grants need to be non-diocesan specific and focus on a statewide emphasis. An example of this category would be the 2009 Council of Bishops’ Conference on Marriage that was approved with a grant for \$5,000.

As Knights of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, we should be proud that with the sales of tickets for the Super Cash Bonanza, the program shows that directly or indirectly:

- We support the State Squires program.
- We support diocesan vocation programs.
- We support our Ohio seminarians (indirectly).
- We support our veterans.
- We support our diocesan religious education programs.
- We support Catholic high school education.
- We support many diocesan and state charities.
- We support our priests and bishops.
- We are following the first principle of our Order -- Charity.

Another important fund is the Past State Deputies’ Fund. Through this fund, the Foundation Treasurer sends a check at Christmas time to every Ohio seminarian. In 2012, there were 175 checks written and sent as a good will gesture and proof of our solidarity with our priests and bishops.

State General Program Director

We've accomplished a lot, despite some bumps in the road

By Larry (Dynamo) Droesch
State General Program Director

Brothers, we are drawing close to the end of the *Take Up His Cross* Dynamic General Program. Where did the two years go?

All in all, it has been a good two years.

In those two years we accomplished a lot, most notably the switch to all online reporting, with no paper reports. I have to say, many councils adjusted well. Those that struggled (and perhaps cursed the Dynamo at times) had the assistance of our Directors, Staff, and me to show them how easy it is to report on line.

Yes, there were some bumps in the road, especially when the website was being updated right in the middle, or start, of a council submitting report.

State Deputy Dave Helmstetter's message

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councils that are considering submitting resolutions or by-law changes, please follow these procedures as outlined in the State Council by-laws:

"Resolutions regarding matters other than any By Law Amendments shall be presented to the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convention. It must be submitted on Council letterhead paper (8 1/2" x 11") and be typewritten. The resolution must show the date the council approved the resolution and be signed by the Grand Knight attesting to the Council vote. The State Deputy, State Officers, Subordinate Councils, and Standing Committees of the State Council may present resolutions in the same manner set forth herein. Only resolutions submitted in the prescribed form will be recognized for presentation to the Resolutions Committee. The Resolution Committee shall review and make recommendation on each properly submitted resolution to the State Convention. A majority vote is necessary for approval." These resolutions need to be postmarked by **April 24, 2013**.

Resolutions for By-Law Amendments had to be submitted by March 24.

The convention promises to be a great event with many councils earning recognition for their efforts in the *Take Up His Cross* general program. Again, make sure your council reviews all the program deadlines and submits reports on your activities in order to earn recognition for your council.

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There's also a new service for larger jurisdictions that is now offered by the Supreme Council to expedite your Form 100s. It's called the Membership Records concierge service. What's this service all about?

First, Form 100s that are for ASSOCIATE members: scan the fully completed and signed Form 100 and email to: membershiprecords@kofc.org. In the subject line, place CS-11 or G-11 and the council number. Once Supreme Council receives the Associate Member scanned Form 100, the council DOES NOT need to forward the original Form 100. The original should be retained by the council. The scanned Form 100 will be forwarded by Membership Records directly to the General Agent of record. Within two days of reception, the membership transaction should be seen on the council roster on the Council site on Officers Online.

Second, concerns Form 100s in which the member is applying for the NEW MEMBER ANNUITY. A scanned Form 100 can be emailed to membershiprecords@kofc.org, keeping the following in mind. A record can be created for the new member, however, the annuity CAN NOT be counted as an INSURANCE MEMBER until the fully completed and signed Form 100, and the actual check is received at the Supreme Office. Again, in the subject line, place CS-11 or G-11 and the council number. The scanned Form 100 will be forwarded, by Membership Records, directly to the General Agent of record. Within two days of reception, the ASSOCIATE membership transaction should be seen on the council roster, and again the INSURANCE transaction will not take place until all requirements are received.

Squires hold volleyball tourney and retreat

The Ohio Columbian Squires held a combination volleyball tournament and retreat on March 9-10 at Danville Circle 3676. Three seminarians and Former State Chaplain Fr. Paul Hrezo were present, and seven circles with seven counselors were represented. The state Squires officers were in charge of the retreat.

Even so, I personally was told on every occasion "that this is easy" -- even from our most senior council members. I also received some very good suggestions, and we tried our hardest to get them inputted into the system and on the webpage.

I want to thank you all for your patience, your tenacity, your prayers, and your help in making the *Take Up His Cross* Dynamic General Program a true success. You made the journey that included bumpy and smooth sailing, with me and for this I am proud and pleased. God Bless you all and thanks for all you do!

Now let's focus on the last month leading up to the State Convention at Kalahari. Here are some points of interest and deadlines for your Council leaders to follow:

- By now, the April 1st deadline has passed for the "Honoree of the Year" nomination forms to be sent for the prospective Reporting Directors. However, if you chose an "Honoree of the Year" but did not send a binder or paper form to the Director, you can still claim it online. So get that report in before April 20th to it can be counted and given points to help your Council maximize your participation in the Dynamic General Program.
- IF you reported your activities and maxed the Dynamic General Program your council can come away with recognition for all the hard work your members did! A description of the recognition Awards are on pages 22-24 of the General Program Book. Many Councils are participating, and should review their stats because they may find that they are only ONE (1) Step online report from meeting the requirements of the program to be able to Max the program points! In contrast, there are some councils that have not even reported one activity online, but we see them actively holding or participating in parish and council events! So to those councils – I challenge you to please get online (www.kofcoho.org) and submit at least one of those events under a Step in each of the 7 programming areas (church, council, community, family, prolife, youth, membership). Time is running out you have until April 15, 2012 to get the reports in!

Here are the awards your council is eligible to win:

- **GENERAL PROGRAM ACTIVITY AWARDS:** Dynamic Administrative Award, Dynamic Program Award, Best Council Patriotic Award, Best State Council Patriotic Award, Best Newsletter, Best Special Interest Story.
- **STATE, DIVISION, & DIOCESAN AWARDS:** Gold Cross Award, Silver Cross Award, Bronze Cross Award.
- **DIVISION AWARDS:** Best Activity Award, Best Overall Activity Award.
- **TOP OVERALL STATEWIDE AWARD:** Platinum Award.
- **BEST SUPREME AWARDS:** Best program activities, Star Council Awards.
- **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** Diocesan Honoree Awards, State Honoree Awards.

Remember the Late Report rule and that "number of new members above Supreme Membership quota as of May 1st" is in the tie breakers this again this year! These are imperative for those competing for the Top Ten or any of the State Awards. Read over pages 17-21 in the General Program Book or online at http://www.kofcoho.org/Documents%202011-2012/2011-2013_General_Program_July_21_2011.pdf.

Deadlines for reporting online Steps is April 15, 2012. Any report received after April 20th will not count for program points.

Also remember that if your council holds an annual event in the last part of April, in May or June, you may submit it for points under the "Take Up His Cross" General Program. Just make sure in your "activity description box" that you alert the Director that this activity is an ANNUAL event.

If you miss one of the deadlines of the Mandatory Steps in any of the program areas, please still submit reports online to show that you did participate in the other activity areas. Your council may not be able to max the points for that area, but it doesn't mean you should not share your council's participation. We are Knights. We don't give up!

Finally, if you haven't received the email of your council Stat Sheet, it will be coming soon. So after you get this make sure you look it over carefully and if you have ANY questions about a program or report, please email the prospective Director to get the issue resolved before April 20. They are Youth Director Jeff Kiliany, Council Director Joe Mackos, Community Director Mark Siracusa, Family Director Mark Pickard, Prolife Director Gary Anderson, Church Director Bob Walsh, Membership Director Ken Gardner.

For all other general program questions, please email me, Larry "Dynamo" Droesch, General Program Director, at ldroesch@msn.com,

Membership Retention -- South

Your Brother Knights are here to help

By James Klatte, *State Retention Director – Southern Ohio*

If you are reading this, you are still counted as one among us as a Brother Knight. It is to a Brother Knight who is troubled that I address this article.

You may have come from a winter of hardship, illness or malaise. You may have experienced a tragic loss in your life or a calamity so strong that it even tests your faith. We want you to know that there are Brother Knights among you that care. We are Brother Knights who are genuinely concerned for your physical welfare and spiritual well-being. We want you to know that we are there for you, and are willing to offer a hand if you are willing to reach out to us.

I have a good friend and Brother Knight who lost his wife and his sense of hope a few years ago. He has a wonderful family that is supportive and always there for him. He had been very active in his council, but I hadn't seen him in a couple of years. He was missed. I spoke with other Brother Knights and they also were genuinely concerned for his welfare.

I finally saw him a couple of years later at a store and we greeted each other like we hadn't missed a beat. I told him I was very sorry for his loss and that we missed him. He explained the situation and said he was ready to be active again. Encouraged by our concern, he came back and is again active in his council.

This Brother Knight was never in danger of losing his membership. His situation was much worse. However, he was buoyed by the concern that his Brothers showed to him and he is healing spiritually as well as physically.

Did the Knights have something to do with this? Of course we did. We showed a genuine concern for the Brother and the support that a family would give in time of need.

If you find yourself in a time of need; if you are having difficulties that seem insurmountable, reach out to us. We, your Brothers, are willing to lend a hand. If you find you can't make your dues or can't make a meeting or even find it difficult to reach out, please contact one of us. Talk with your Chaplain, Grand Knight, District Deputy – or, if you are uncomfortable talking with them but need help, reach out to us, your State Membership Retention Directors: Jim Klatte, for southern Ohio (513-490-3511) or Michael Saine for northern Ohio (419-754-6718).

New web conferencing program introduced

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At the time of the training meeting, the user simply accepts the meeting invite that was emailed to them, calls in on the phone for the audio, and will become part of the meeting. The presenter then shares his desktop with all of the attendees and what he sees on his screen shows up on the screen of all that are part of the meeting. The presenter then gives the training session and communicates his presentation via the telephone. The presenter can also hear all of the attendees, so any questions or feedback can be addressed immediately.

On Feb.23 the first training session, a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Church Drives, the Rest of the Story*, was presented to approximately 10 attendees. Feedback was positive and there seemed to be no real technical issues with the presentation. There are a few bugs that still need to be worked out with this idea, mainly centering around scheduling of training, communicating invitations, and the limited number of meeting "slots" that are available.

Future training will be scheduled. We are looking for feedback from Grand Knights, Membership Directors, and other council members. What type of membership recruitment training would you like to see? Let us know and something can be developed! Email State Membership Director Ken Gardner at kpgardner@fuse.net with your ideas.

Ohio State Council Membership as of April 1, 2013						
Diocese	Quota	Year to Date Gain	Year to Date Loss	Net	Percent of Quota	Needed
Cincinnati	457	313	186	+127	27.8%	330
Cleveland	321	267	227	+40	12.5%	281
Columbus	282	276	128	+148	52.5%	134
Steubenville	79	133	35	+98	124.1%	0
Toledo	417	285	182	+103	24.7%	314
Youngstown	213	130	48	+82	38.5%	131
TOTALS	1,769	1404	806	+598	33.8%	1,171

Membership Retention – North

Reach out to your Brothers and help them

By Michael Saine – *State Retention Director – North*

Suspending a man from the Knights of Columbus is a very serious issue. For some, it will mean the loss of the ability to purchase our Knights of Columbus insurance. For others, it will mean the severing of friendships from the council. And sometimes it is the final straw that removes them from the Church.

Working with a member is one of the greatest forms of evangelization we have. Showing compassion to members who may not be employed and not able to pay their dues is an important issue. Members who are sick or in distress, in hospitals and nursing homes can be helped.

Honest contact -- not just a letter -- is the most critical form of protecting membership. Most did not answer a letter to join the Order. Many times the one-on-one visit is just what a member needs to get re-excited about their membership. We have an obligation as officers and Brother Knights to keep our members enthused about our councils.

As you look over the members that you have not kept in contact this year, please use the following rules:

- If 70 or older and 25 years or more of service, they are Honorary Life. Petition Supreme to make sure their records are corrected. No dues are owed.
- If 65-69 years old and with 25 years or more of service, they are Honorary Members. Petition Supreme to make sure their records are correct. Yearly dues are \$10.00

Many councils continue to charge regular dues and suspend members incorrectly because they think the member owes more than he really does. If a member has more than 25 years of service, how much longer will it be until he reaches the age of 65? Many members may not be aware just another year or two of dues to the council, and they have hit Honorary status. If they have helped your council grow, forgive a year or two, to help keep a member active or involved. If the member is in a nursing home or sick, file a form of disability with Supreme. Their per capita will be forgiven from both the State and Supreme. Under no circumstances should we ever suspend a Priest or Brother Knight. The Order forbids us from suspending Active Military, especially if they are deployed.

Use your council's charity fund to assist Brothers who are unemployed or underemployed. All of these sad occurrences happen every fraternal year. Evangelize and save a Brother Knight and a fellow Catholic.

Some Ohio Membership Retention statistics	
<i>(For current fraternal year)</i>	
Notice of intent to suspend forms filed.....	855
Suspensions processed.....	641
Withdrawals processed.....	165
Notice of intent to suspend containing incorrect contact information.....	60%
Members saved by retention team.....	236

Diocesan Top Five Councils in Membership

Cincinnati Diocese: St. Dominic-Delhi 15533, 27; Our Lady of Light 15645, 26; Fairborn 3724, 14; St. Columban 13813, 13; St. Margaret of York 13429, 9.
 Cleveland Diocese: St. Anthony of Padua-Parma 15614, 34; Geauga 3304, 16; Elyria 774, 13; St. Hiliary 14551, 10; St. Sebastian 14255, 9.
 Columbus Diocese: St. Brigid of Kildare 10863, 15; Rev. William Spikerman 671, 11; Fr. Andrew Hohman 5253, 10; St. Andrew 11275, 10; Delaware 1056, 9; Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4603, 9.
 Steubenville Diocese: St. Joseph of Monroe County 5009, 28; St. Ambrose 15569, 27; St. John Newman 11828, 12; St. John of Beverly 4617, 10; Cambridge 1641, 8.
 Toledo Diocese: Tiffin 608, 20; Ottawa 1757, 15; Fostoria 1197, 13; St. Joseph 11370, 13; East Toledo 14344, 13.
 Youngstown Diocese: Holy Family 15573, 13; St. Michael the Archangel 15458, 10; Holy Martyrs 4733, 7; Poland 4471, 6; St. Joseph 13877, 6.

Don't forget . . .

Please remember to send your council's (or assembly's) contribution for the Military Scholarship Fund to Vice Supreme Master George Dann, 5086 N. Belsay Rd., Flint, MI 48606. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus, with the words Military Scholarship written in the memo area.



The 2013 Ohio K of C Free Throw champions, with the Ohio State Council officers

2 Ohio Free Throw participants become instant International K of C champions

Ohio will have at least two Knights of Columbus International Champions in 2013 based on results of the 2013 Ohio State Council Free Throw Championships held at Bishop Ready High School on March 16.

Two participants in the Ohio contest automatically achieved that honor by making perfect 25-of-25 baskets. Any participant with a perfect score is automatically an international K of C champion.

The two Ohio international champions are:

- Amber Miller, 13, of Ottoville (Toledo Diocese). She was sponsored by Ottoville Council 2238.
- Nick Colopy, of Marysville (Columbus Diocese). He was sponsored by Marysville Council 5534.

At least two other Ohio participants could become international champions. Ally St. Clair, of West Salem (Cleveland Diocese), and Bryce Williams, of Archbold (Toledo Diocese) made 24 of 25 free throw attempts.

Chairman of the 2013 Ohio K of C Free Throw Contest was Jeff Kiliany, the Ohio State Council's Youth Director.

Pennies for Heaven Campaign to support Seminarians is drawing to a conclusion

The following was submitted by State Secretary Ken Girt, chairman of the 2013 Pennies for Heaven Campaign.

Our 2012-2013 *Pennies for Heaven* campaign is drawing to its conclusion. As you know, we have now made our *Pennies for Heaven* Campaign a year-long fundraiser that begins May 1 and concludes on April 30. We still promote the two-turn dates, one in November and the final on April 30.

For the final turn-in for the 2012-2013 campaign, councils are asked to please send one check, made payable to the *Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus*, along with the completed turn-in form, to the State Secretary. A blank form is available for downloading from our website. You can also email me at girtken@sssnet.com and I will reply with a turn-in form.

We will continue to award those contributing \$1000 or more for this year's campaign. And the number of "\$1000 Club" councils continues to grow every year. These councils will be recognized at our state convention in May at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. That's why it is important to get your check submitted by April 30.

Our goal for the 2012-2013 Pennies for Heaven Campaign is \$125,000. With your help, we can exceed that goal this year and continue to Support Our Seminarians here in Ohio.

Thank you for your continued support for vocations.

Charles Barcio, one of oldest Knights, dies at 108

Charles A. Barcio, a Columbus area Knight who was believed to be one of the oldest in the Order, passed away on March 18 at the Woodlands Assisted Living Residence in Columbus. He was 108.

Barcio, born March 22, 1904, had moved in July, 2012, to Columbus from Victorville, Calif., after having spent most of his life in Erie, Pa., and in Florida.

The 2013 Ohio K of C Free Throw Champions

Girls

Division	Name	Hometown	Dio.	Council	Score
Age 10	Chloe Kappes	Grove City	Colb	4603	18
Age 11	Ally St. Clair	West Salem	Clev	3213	24
Age 12	Abby Gaydosh	Anna	Cinn	5239	20
Age 13	Amber Miller	Ottoville	Tole	2238	25
Age 14	Lauren Heitkamp	Versailles	Cinn	1756	21

Boys

Age 10	Austin Lichty	Antwerp	Tole	10043	23
Age 11	Mike Chellis	Westerville	Colb	5776	22
Age 12	Cody Sonnenberg	Hamler	Tole	1039	22
Age 13	Bryce Williams	Archbold	Tole	7552	24
Age 14	Nick Colopy	Marysville	Colb	5534	25

Knights of Columbus Insurance

You need more than 'through work' insurance

By James Valent, F.I.C.F., General Agent

State Insurance Liaison

Do you know anyone whose life has been drastically changed by the recent recession and economic downturn? With unemployment numbers rising, it's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family, or group of friends, is facing financial uncertainty now.

With this uncertainty, there is a real possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that a personally owned life insurance policy is not necessary.

Only having "through work" insurance doesn't work. This way of thinking should be a thing of the past for many reasons. Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low for your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes eliminated, when you retire or otherwise no longer work at that place of employment (sometimes if you get sick and can't work, your coverage ends before you die).

With the possibility of these changes on the horizon, you could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it has, and will, as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. A Knights of Columbus Agent will be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

Ohio State Council website: www.kofcOhio.org