



State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (right) presents the No. 1 council award to Ken Gardner, Charter Grand Knight of St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533.

### One of Ohio's newest councils wins top award

Ohio's No. 1 council for the 2012-2013 fraternal year is one of the newest councils in the jurisdiction.

The No. 1 award was presented at the State Deputy's Banquet of the State Convention by State Deputy Dave Helmstetter to St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533, Cincinnati. Accepting the honor was Ken Gardner, the council's founder and Charter Grand Knight. Gardner also has been the Ohio State Council's Membership Director (aka Ohio Jones) for the past two years. In its drive to win the top council honor, St. Dominic-Delhi Knights accomplished more than 50 programs and activities during the

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### Mingo Junction Knight is Knight of the Year

The prestigious Ohio State Council Knight of the Year for the 2012-2013 fraternal year is Louis E. Kakascik, of Mingo Junction (Steubenville Diocese) and Msgr. Joseph Dooley Council 4361.

Kakascik, the council's Outside Guard, is one of those indispensable Knights who continually work "behind the scenes" for the good of the organization. When Hurricane Sandy devastated the East Coast last year, he wanted to help. So he initiated a project for Msgr. Dooley Council to collect items for the victims, loaded them into a truck and drove to the New York-New Jersey area.

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Dave Helmstetter - State Deputy  
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## 2013 State Convention

# Girt elevated to State Deputy; Siracusa elected State Warden



*Outgoing State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (center), with State Deputy-elect Ken Girt (right) and State Warden-elect Mark Siracusa (left).*

The curtain came down at the 2013 State Convention for Dave Helmstetter's *Take Up His Cross ... In Charity ... For Unity ... With Fraternity* two-year administration as State Deputy in an election year for the Ohio State Council.

Ken Girt, of the Youngstown Diocese, was elected State Deputy beginning July 1 during the Memorial Day weekend convention held at the family-oriented Kalahari Resort and Spa in Sandusky. He had been serving as State Secretary for the past two years. Helmstetter, in relinquishing his title as State Deputy, automatically assumed the office of Immediate Past State Deputy.

Other current state officers were elected to the next-highest office: Bob Collins, from State Treasurer to State Secretary; Kevin Miller, from State Advocate to State Treasurer; Bob Byers, from State Warden to State Advocate.

Mark Siracusa, of Bryan in the Toledo Diocese, was elected to the office of State Warden.

"I promise to do my best to work to grow our jurisdiction," Siracusa told the delegates immediately after his election was announced. "God is first in my life;

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### The Pennies for Heaven campaign sets another record: \$115,029 in 2012-2013

Brother Knights around Ohio certainly are supporting the jurisdiction's Pennies for Heaven campaign.

Another record was set for the 2012-2013 fraternal year. A whopping \$115,029 was collected during the year. In the 2011-2012 fraternal year, Pennies for Heaven passed the \$100,000 mark for the first time, recording a record – at that time – of \$101,214.

According to State Secretary Ken Girt, Pennies for Heaven chairman for the past two years, 238 of Ohio's 385 councils (62%) participated in the 2012-2013 campaign. Contributions from 12 assemblies, two chapters and one Squires circle also were received.

"Just think what we could have achieved if more of our councils would have

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### The Great Ohio Membership Crusade winds down

By Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner, State Membership Director

Two years ago, Ohio Jones entered the scene in the State of Ohio, asking councils to search for the treasure of a new member. He told councils that Catholic men throughout Ohio were eager to join a fraternal organization that stands for the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Many councils rallied and joined the Crusade, searching for new members and successfully growing their councils and the Order. For the 2011-12 fraternal year, Ohio councils grew by 1,876 new and reinstated members – a bit below our goal, but still a respectable number. Since the "membership" year didn't end until June 30, there still was time to reach the goal of 2,000 new members set by State Deputy Dave Helmstetter.

I am certain that our Ohio councils are visible and active in their parishes and

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# The State Deputy's Annual Report of the 2012-1013 fraternal year

By State Deputy Dave Helmstetter

It hardly seems possible that 10 years ago I began my journey as a state officer, seeking election to the State Warden's position. If memory serves me correctly, the convention weekend was fun for everyone in the campaign but me. We had a wonderful hospitality room that featured a boat filled with beverages and lots of enthusiasm for the campaign. A group of roving musicians played a campaign song to the tune of Gilligan's Island making the weekend memorable and lively.

As I stand here today as State Deputy, this weekend is also memorable and also represents a milestone in my K of C career. But before I go too deep into the report I want to first thank my family especially my wife, Cinda, for being with me every step of the way and allowing me the opportunity to serve the Knights of Columbus in this capacity. The journey allowed us to make many friends not only in our great state of Ohio, but throughout the United States and the world all thanks to the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is all about people, good Catholic people who believe in the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. These are people who deeply love their faith and stand up for their beliefs. You are the best people in the world and I am so fortunate to serve you as your State Deputy. Thank you for allowing me this honor.

The 2012-13 fraternal year was filled with many challenges. But, all in all, the officers, directors, chairmen, coordinators and staff of the Ohio State Council accepted the challenges and did their best to live up to the theme selected two years ago when this journey began: Take Up His Cross ... In Charity ... For Unity ... With Fraternity.

We admirably continued the mission of the Knights of Columbus in our great state. One of the major accomplishments during the two years came in our work with chaplains. Here are a few highlights:

- A year ago, we held the first-ever, state-wide chaplains seminar and training session under the guidance of Supreme Council Director of Chaplain Programs and Development Fr. John Grace and State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams. This initial step was well received.
- Established diocese chaplains in four dioceses leading to the creating of a diocesan chaplains program aimed at assisting council chaplains and improving communications among chaplains.
- The State Chaplain and diocesan chaplains met in October and January to plan the first Ohio State Council Retreat, held March 9 at Bishop Ready High School. The retreat was part of the Year of Faith celebration and current plans are to make the retreat an annual event. Special thanks to our State Chaplain, Diocese Chaplains Fr. Jim Brown (Toledo Diocese) and Fr. Paul Hrezo (Steubenville Diocese) for organizing and presenting the retreat.

I also want to thank Fr. Williams. Over these last two years, Fr. Ron has become a good



friend and confidant. I very much appreciate the injection of enthusiasm and energy that he brings to the Ohio State Council. And, I also thank him for his time and for being with us "every step of the way" over the last two years. Thank you.

#### **Dynamic Programming: The key to council success**

Any experienced and successful Knights of Columbus leader will quickly tell you about the importance of good programs. Programs are critical in the success of a council. In Ohio, over the last two years, our programs have experienced a "dynamic" effect thanks to State General Program Director Larry "The Dynamo" Droesch.

Larry and his fellow directors and chairmen spent much time in making the *Take Up His Cross* program become a reality. For two years, all reports took place online through the Ohio State Council website. Under Larry's leadership, this well thought out program continued to provide ideas to local councils to better serve their communities and parishes.

**233 Councils participated**  
**42 Ohio councils MAXED the programs**  
**233 Ohio councils earned over 282,000 program points**  
**5,262 Activities were reported**

Congratulations to the 42 councils that MAXED the program as well as to the 233 councils that participated. More than 5,200 activities were reported. Again, thanks to the State General Program Director and his team for successfully engineering the *Take Up His Cross* state general program: State Church Director Bob Walsh, State Community Director Mark Siracusa, State Council Director Joe Mackos, State Family Director Mark Pickard, State Youth Director Jeff Kiliyani, State Pro-Life Director Gary Anderson.

It's important to also note that Pro-Life continues to be a part of the reporting programs with a full compliment of activities for councils to report. Pro-Life Director Anderson has capably handled this challenging position,

communicating important information to our membership electronically and through the use of the Ohio State Council's social media program.

Also on a pro-life note, during the last fraternal year, six ultrasound machines were purchased through the Supreme Council program by councils in Ohio. The Stark County Chapter (two units), Fr. Frank Patala (Council 1716 in Athens), St. Francis de Sales Council 14408 in Lebanon, and St. Leonard Council 10215 in Centerville were the sponsoring councils or chapters. Council 10215 led a "coalition" of councils in the Dayton area purchasing two ultrasound machines.

#### **Ohio Jones and the Great Ohio Membership Crusade**

Our membership campaign, *The Great Ohio Membership Crusade*, continued this fraternal year. State Membership Director Ken Gardner, aka *Ohio Jones*, provided an incentive-based program. Ken constantly was striving for ways to motivate councils to recruit new members. And I'm happy to report we're headed for a solid finish to the fraternal year provided year-end suspensions can be controlled. The last two months were Ohio's best membership months over the last two years. Ken, thanks for all of your efforts on the part of the Knights of Columbus.

As of May 10, Ohio's intake gain stood at 66% with 1,737 new members; overall, our net gain stood at 883, or 50% of our goal. Unfortunately, our net/net (total gain or loss after deaths and suspensions) stood at a negative 219, a figure that's almost 100 lower than a year ago. That's the good news. When you look at these numbers and the trend over the last four years, it becomes vitally important that each Knight and his council fully embrace the theme of recruiting 365 days a year. All of us need to actively seek good Catholic men to our Order. One of the biggest challenges we face in Ohio is that 71 councils did not bring

in a new member. While we worked hard in lowering this figure, it remains an alarming trend.

We have also weathered a high number of suspensions this fraternal year. As of May 10, we have experienced 699 suspensions and 149 withdrawals. These figures have kept our membership retention directors, Jim Klatte and Michael Saine, very busy this year. Fortunately, because of their efforts we retain between 20 and 25 percent of the members listed on the 1845s we receive during the course of the fraternal year.

#### **New Council Development**

This year we welcomed Brother Knight Bill Wirtz to our new council development team to try and reach the Supreme Council goal of six new councils. Bill was responsible for the southern three dioceses; veteran Gabriel Minton handled the three northern dioceses. These two new council development directors accounted for five new councils with the potential for three more new councils by the end of the fraternal year. As of this writing, Ohio's new councils were the following: Holy Angels Council 15645, Dayton. DD Michael Freil; St. Anthony of Padua Council 15614, Parma. DD Chris Nagel; Holy Family Council 15573, Poland. DD Richard George; St. Ambrose Council 15569, Little Hocking. DD Tony Offenberger; St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533, Cincinnati. DD Mike Feldman.

In addition, the State Deputy thanks the Knights in the Steubenville Diocese for reactivating Council 5009 in Woodsfield. It's important to recognize that one of the key reasons for this reactivation was the support received from our insurance team, particularly Field Agent John Spencer. Before the end of the fraternal year, there's a realistic chance we'll reactivate at least one more council, this one in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati: St. Joseph Council 5009 of Monroe County,

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## Convention Notes . . .

# State Council honors Minton, Fortkamp for their service

Two veterans of Ohio State Council service were recognized at the State Convention. Special awards were presented to Lavern Fortkamp, of Dayton, and Gabriel Minton, of Cleveland.

Fortkamp is retiring after many years as a ceremonial conferring officer for the Ohio State Council. He also has served as a degree team evaluator for Supreme Council, and for the past two years has been on the staff of State Deputy Dave Helmstetter's administration.



State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, with Gabriel Minton (top photo) and Lavern Fortkamp (below).

Minton is retiring after six busy years as the Ohio State Council's New Council Development Director. He has traveled throughout Ohio helping to form 43 new councils in that those years.

A total of 233 councils participated in the 2012-2013 general program year, which was headed by State General Program Director Larry (Dynamo) Drosch. Forty-two councils maxed the program, and 5,268 activities were reported.

The 2012-2013 Buckeye Award was presented to State Warden Bob Byers, of Marietta, on behalf of the Steubenville Diocese. The award is presented annually to the state officer whose diocese had the most participation and highest percentage of new members for the fraternal year.



State Warden Bob Byers (right), officer for the Steubenville Diocese, accepts the Buckeye Award from State Deputy Dave Helmstetter.

Former State Chaplains Msgr. James Kolp, Fr. F. Richard Snoke, Fr. Ed Littellmann, Fr. Paul Hrezo and Fr. James Brown joined 2011-2013 State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams at the convention . . . . Past State Deputies present included Dennis Shonebarger, Al Hickey, John Welch, Roland Bator, Gary Eckstein and Larry Moegling . . . . As the opening business session got under way, a video featuring a welcome by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson was played. Anderson pledged support for Pope Francis and emphasized the need for Knights to always work for charity.

Supreme Treasurer Logan Ludwig was a special convention guest. He told the delegates that the revised degree ceremonials are being well-accepted throughout the Order. And he said, "Work for your parish and your council chaplain. Keep in mind that our ability to do good takes hard work. We have much to do in years to come." He also noted that following this year's gathering in San Antonio, Texas, the Supreme



Men's Luncheon speaker Dan Coughlin (right) with Convention General Chairman Bob Collins.



Toledo Diocese Bishop Leonard Blair, who was the main celebrant at the Sunday morning Mass.



The State Convention Msgr. Krispinsky Golf Outing winners are (from left) Supreme Treasurer Logan Ludwig (a special convention guest); Past State Deputy Dennis Shonebarger; and Brother Knight Ed Collins, son of State Treasurer Bob Collins now living in Illinois.

Convention would be held in Orlando, Fla. (2014); Philadelphia and St. Louis . . . . Another guest was Vice Supreme Master George Dann, a Former State Deputy of Michigan. He announced that his four-year term will expire in September. Dann heads the Fourth Degree Hennepin Province, which encompasses the states of Ohio and Michigan.

The Ohio State Council will make a donation to the Oklahoma tornado victim fund. A collection was taken among delegates and guests at the convention to raise more funds . . . . This year's convention was held at the Kalahari Resort and Spa in Sandusky, a family-oriented complex. General Convention Chairman Bob Collins, State Treasurer, said he hopes to return to Kalahari in three years. Next year's State Convention will be located at the Hilton at Easton in Columbus . . . . Men's Sunday Luncheon speaker was Dan Coughlin, a long-time respected newspaper sportswriter, television sportscaster and author in Cleveland. He has authored two books about past and present colorful characters in Cleveland, and is working on a third book.

The Annual Msgr. Krispinsky Golf Outing, named in memory of a beloved Youngstown Diocese priest who nearly lived to age 100, was held at the Thunderbird South Golf Course in Huron on Friday, May 24, amid cold and blustery conditions. Twelve foursomes participated. Winners were the team of Supreme Treasurer Logan Ludwig, Past State Deputy Dennis Shonebarger, and Brother Knight Ed Collins, son of State Treasurer Bob Collins, who now resides in Illinois but took time off to attend the convention. They combined to shoot an 8-under-par 64.

## Top council is one of Ohio's newest

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fraternal year.

Only four other Ohio councils were formed after St. Dominic-Delhi was instituted on July 2, 2012.

Second-best council in Ohio for the fraternal year was Geauga Council 3304 (Cleveland Diocese), while third place was St. John Newmann Council 11828, Steubenville.

Other councils honored for being in the Top 10 were:

4. River East Mother Teresa Council 14344, Oregon (Toledo Diocese).
5. St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Council 14155, Toledo (Toledo Diocese).
6. St. Andrew Council 11275, Upper Arlington (Columbus Diocese).
7. St. Joseph-Austintown Council 13977, Austintown (Youngstown Diocese).
8. St. Francis de Sales Council 14408, Lebanon (Cincinnati Diocese).
9. Holy Trinity Council 15043, Swanton (Toledo Diocese).
10. Delaware Council 1056, Delaware (Columbus Diocese).

# Major awards for the 2012-2013 fraternal year presented at the Ohio State Council Convention

## HONOREES OF THE YEAR

**Knight of the Year**  
Statewide  
Louis Kakascik  
Cincinnati Diocese  
Donald Detizer  
Cleveland Diocese  
Jose Rivera  
Columbus Diocese  
Frank Hare  
Steubenville Diocese  
Louis Kakascik  
Toledo Diocese  
Richard Mitchell  
Youngstown Diocese  
Anthony (Tony) Velasco

**Chaplain of the Year**  
Statewide  
Fr. Gerald Haemmerle  
Cincinnati Diocese  
Fr. Gerald Haemmerle  
Cleveland Diocese  
Fr. Edward J. Janoch  
Columbus Diocese  
Msgr. William Dunn  
Steubenville Diocese  
Msgr. J. Michael Campbell  
Toledo Diocese  
Fr. James Kubajak  
Youngstown Diocese  
Fr. Christopher Cicero

**Religious of the Year**  
Statewide  
Sister Mary Michael, O.P.  
Cincinnati Diocese  
Fr. Jeffrey Kemper  
Cleveland Diocese  
Sister Dorothy Mattingly  
Columbus Diocese  
Sister Mary Michael  
Steubenville Diocese  
Very Rev. William Cross  
Toledo Diocese  
Sister Margaret Angeline Mary Banar  
Youngstown Diocese  
Fr. Jeff Michler

**Family of the Year**  
Statewide  
Thomas and Jean Moorman  
Cincinnati Diocese  
Thomas and Jean Moorman  
Cleveland Diocese  
Doug and Lee Scholle  
Columbus Diocese  
Paul and Jennifer Button  
Steubenville Diocese  
William and Molly McGovern  
Toledo Diocese  
Donald and Lisa Ann Bricker  
Youngstown Diocese  
Valerie Kline Family

**Volunteer of the Year**  
Statewide  
Linda Schill  
Cincinnati Diocese  
Linda Schill  
Cleveland Diocese  
Cheryle Koberma  
Columbus Diocese  
Wayne Patterson  
Steubenville Diocese  
John Miller  
Toledo Diocese  
Betty Makus  
Youngstown Diocese  
David Redig

**Blue Coat of the Year**  
Statewide  
Robert Warnimont  
Cincinnati Diocese

Gregg Nartker  
Cleveland Diocese  
David Cremona  
Columbus Diocese  
Michael Montgomery  
Steubenville Diocese  
Jack Cattor  
Toledo Diocese  
Robert Warnimont  
Youngstown Diocese  
Edwin Anderson

**Lady of the Year**  
Statewide  
Donna Olenhouse  
Cincinnati Diocese  
Janet Gels  
Cleveland Diocese  
Rita Price  
Columbus Diocese  
Donna Olenhouse  
Steubenville Diocese  
Josephine Potenzini  
Toledo Diocese  
Barbara Brenot  
Youngstown Diocese  
Mary Jane Campbell

**Youth of the Year**  
Statewide  
Jordan Walter  
Cincinnati Diocese  
Lindsey Engle  
Cleveland Diocese  
Jordan Walter  
Columbus Diocese  
Samantha Butterbaugh  
Steubenville Diocese  
Madaline Miller  
Toledo Diocese  
Megan Hoffman  
Youngstown Diocese  
Ryan Vagedes

**District Deputy of the Year**  
Statewide  
District Deputy-8 Michael Freil  
Cincinnati Diocese  
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Cleveland Diocese  
District Deputy-23 Christopher Nagel  
Columbus Diocese  
District Deputy-41 George Jones  
Steubenville Diocese  
District Deputy-53 Tony Offenberger  
Toledo Diocese  
District Deputy-58 David Lewis  
Youngstown Diocese  
District Deputy-77 Michael Jordan

**Special Recognition Awards**  
Gabriel Minton  
Lavern Fortkamp

**Buckeye Award**  
Steubenville Diocese  
Bob Byers, State Warden

**Kirwin Award**  
Field Agent John Spencer

**TOP TEN COUNCILS**

1. St. Dominic-Delhi 15533
2. Geauga 3304
3. St. John Newmann 11828
4. River East Mother Teresa 14344
5. St. Patrick of Heatherdowns 14155
6. St. Andrew 11275
7. St. Joseph-Austintown 13977
8. St. Francis de Sales 14408
9. Holy Trinity 15043
10. Delaware 1056

**TOP DIVISION WINNERS**

Division 1  
St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533  
St. Joseph-Austintown Council 13977  
St. Margaret of Cortona Council 12939

Division 2  
St. John Newmann Council 11828  
St. Michael the Archangel Council 15458  
St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Council 14155

Division 3  
Gauga Council 3304  
River East Mother Teresa Council 14344  
Blessed John XXIII Council 14502

Division 4  
St. Andrew Council 11275  
Fairborn Council 3724  
St. Anthony of Padua Council 9788

Division 5  
St. Brigid of Kildare Council 10863  
North Olmsted Council 4731  
Wickliffe Council 5405

## BEST ACTIVITY AWARDS

**Church**  
Statewide  
St. Brendan Council 11208  
Weekly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
Div. 1: Holy Family Council 15056.  
Div. 2: St. John Newmann Council 11828.  
Div. 3: Fr. Charles Mentrup Council 14400.  
Div. 4: St. Brendan Council 11208.  
Div. 5: Coldwater Council 1991.

**Community**  
Statewide  
Fairborn Council 3724  
40<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Coat of Year Award  
Div. 1: Lasagrada Familia Council 13640  
Div. 2: St. Michael the Archangel 15458  
Div. 3: Fr. Maruskin Council 10936  
Div. 4: Fairborn Council 3724.  
Div. 5: Lancaster Council 1016

**Council**  
Statewide  
Msgr. Mears Council 3930  
Benefit for Quentin Laret  
Div. 1: St. Leonard Council 12641.  
Div. 2: St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984  
Div. 3: Msgr. Mears Council 3930.  
Div. 4: Beavercreek Council 7978.  
Div. 5: Wapakoneta Council 1272.

**Family**  
Statewide  
Our Lady of Charity Council 14406  
Thea Bowman Hunger Center Project  
Div. 1: Our Lady of Charity Council 14406  
Div. 2: St. Francis de Sales Council 14408.  
Div. 3: Holy Trinity Council 6373.  
Div. 4: St. Leonard Council 12641.  
Div. 5: Wickliffe Council 5405.

**Membership**  
Statewide  
Fairborn Council 3724  
Membership Plan Implementation  
Div. 1: Pope John Paul II Council 14346.  
Div. 2: Cambridge Council 1641.  
Div. 3: Geauga Council 3304.  
Div. 4: Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4603.  
Div. 5: Fairborn Council 3724.

**Pro-Life**  
Statewide  
St. Jude Council 5801  
HHS Mandate Letter Writing Campaign  
Div. 1: St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533.  
Div. 2: St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984  
Div. 3: St. Michael Council 3382.  
Div. 4: St. Jude Council 5801.  
Div. 5: None

**Youth**  
Statewide  
Archbishop Purcell Council 2798  
Youth Football Championship Tournament  
Div. 1: St. Leonard Council 12641.  
Div. 2: Holy Trinity Council 6373.  
Div. 3: Cardinal Bernardin Council 12359  
Div. 4: Marietta Council 478.  
Div. 5: Archbishop Purcell Council 2798.

**Squires**  
Statewide  
St. James Council 2299/Circle 5434  
State Squires Softball Tournament  
Div. 1: None  
Div. 2: LaSalle Council 5621.  
Div. 3: St. James Council 2299.  
Div. 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187.  
Div. 5: Massillon Council 554.

**Public Relations**  
Statewide  
North Olmsted Council 4731  
Helping Apostles of Jesus Missionaries  
Div. 1: St. Leonard Council 12641.  
Div. 2: Our Lady of the Light 14891.  
Div. 3: Msgr. Boeff Council 5582.  
Div. 4: Immaculate Heart of Mary 472.  
Div. 5: North Olmsted Council 4731.

**Vocations**  
Statewide  
Holy Martyrs Council 4733  
Monthly Breakfast  
Div. 1: Fr. Mitchell Cieslik Council 8369.  
Div. 2: Holy Martyrs Council 4733.  
Div. 3: Akron Council 547.  
Div. 4: St. Lukes Council 910.  
Div. 5: Immaculate Heart of Mary 472.

**Best Newsletter**  
Statewide  
Fairborn Council 3724  
Div. 1: Prince of Peace Council 14111.  
Div. 2: River East Mother Teresa 14344.  
Div. 3: Vermilion Council 4539.  
Div. 4: St. Michael Council 11445.  
Div. 5: Fairborn Council 3724.

**Best Website**  
Statewide  
St. Hiliary Council 14551  
**Best Special Interest Story**  
Msgr. Mears Council 3930  
Div. 1: Sacred Heart of Jesus 15023.  
Div. 2: Gibsonburg Council 2280.  
Div. 3: St. Joseph of Three Rivers 11550.  
Div. 4: St. Hiliary Council 14551.  
Div. 5: Father Ragan Council 3269.

**PROGRAM AWARDS**  
**Dynamic Program Award**  
Cincinnati Diocese  
St. Francis de Sales Council 14408  
Cleveland Diocese  
Wickliffe Council 5405  
Columbus Diocese  
St. James Council 2299  
Steubenville Diocese  
Immaculate Heart of Mary 472  
Toledo Diocese  
Van Wert Council 6034  
Youngstown Diocese  
St. Ambrose Council 11801

**DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARDS**  
**State Deputy's Award**  
DD-10 Jerry Trumpey, DD-49 Erol Hosdil, DD-51 Steve Ishmael, DD-68 Jack Campbell, DD-73 Robert Simon.

**Father McGivney Award**  
DD-20 John Brown, DD-21 William Donohue, DD-22 Edward Ryan, DD-25 Brandon Robinson, DD-26 Kevin Cornelius, DD-30 Bruce MacMeans, DD-31 Thomas Alexander, DD-32 Bob Walsh, DD-36 Robert Chum, DD-54 Mark Siracusa, DD-62 Dan Maag, DD-73 Robert Simon.

**Christopher Columbus Award**  
DD-8 Michael Freil, DD-15 Michael Wilbers, DD-23 Christopher Nagel, DD-41 George Jones, DD-43 Terry Fitzpatrick, DD-45 Richard D'Auteuil, DD-46 Duane Lord, DD-47 Keith Dunnigan, DD-58 David Lewis, DD-72 Charles Troll, DD-77 Michael Jordan, DD-78 Joseph Yash, DD-79 Richard George.

## Siracusa: a Knight for 28 years, an educator since college graduation

Ohio's newest state officer, State Warden-elect Mark Siracusa, has been involved with the Knights of Columbus for 28 years and has been an educator since graduation from Bowling Green State University in 1975. After earning his bachelor's degree, he returned to BGSU to earn a master's degree in Education.

Siracusa is a member of Bryan Council 1915 (Toledo Diocese) and is a Sir Knight of Bishop Rappe Assembly 824. For the past two years he has served as State Community Activities Director. Before that he served as a District Deputy and Toledo Diocese Membership/Retention Chairman. In Bryan Council, his duties have included Youth Director, Retention Chairman, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and Trustee. He also has chaired the council's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Poster Contest for 10 years.

Siracusa was raised in the Cleveland area. He and his wife, Beth, have been married for 36 years, and now reside in Bryan. They have one daughter, Jenny, and two grandchildren. Jenny's husband, Matthew Johanns, is a member of Walbridge St. Jerome Council 11450 in the Toledo Diocese.

## Ken Girt is elected State Deputy

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my other priorities are country, family, friends and my association with the activities and programs of the Knights. I understand the workings of the Ohio State Council and with my diocesan and state-level experiences."

During the administration of Helmstetter, Siracusa had been State Community Activities Director.

Girt also had some comments for the delegates: "What a humbling experience this is. It's a great honor following Dave (Helmstetter) as State Deputy. I call upon every council to join us for the next two years."

Helmstetter also had some parting comments, first of which he acknowledged his wife, Cinda, for her steadfast support. "Thank all of you for Taking Up His Cross ... In Charity ... For Unity ... With Fraternity," he said.

In his Annual Report for the 2012-2013 fraternal year, Helmstetter said it was filled with many challenges, and one of the major accomplishments came in work with chaplains.

"A year ago, we held the first-ever statewide chaplains seminar and training session under the guidance of Supreme Council Director of Chaplain Programs and Development, Fr. John Grace, and State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams," Helmstetter said. "We established diocese chaplains in four dioceses, leading to the creation of a diocesan chaplains' program aimed at assisting council chaplains and improving communications among chaplains. The State Chaplain and diocesan chaplains met in October and January to plan the first Ohio State Council retreat, which was held March 9 at Bishop Ready High School in Columbus."

## Pennies for Heaven establishes another record

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participated," Girt suggested. "Hopefully, others will join the campaign in the future."

Twenty-seven councils, one assembly and one chapter contributed more than \$1,000. Tops in Ohio was St. Brendan Council 11208, Hilliard (Columbus Diocese), with \$6,953. Second-highest was the \$6,000 contributed by Cleveland Council 733.

Knights in the Columbus Diocese were far above all others in contributions, with a total of \$50,536. Others in the top three were Cleveland Diocese, with \$19,819, and Cincinnati Archdiocese, with \$19,042. Other diocesan collections were Toledo, with \$14,996; Youngstown, with \$6,247, and Steubenville, with \$4,386.

Pennies for Heaven contributions are given to vocations directors in each of the six dioceses.

### Obituary

## Fr. Victorian Haladus, former state chaplain



Fr. Victorian Haladus, OFN, a former state chaplain, passed away May 13 at St. Mary's Home of Felician Village in Manitowoc, Wis. He was 79.

Fr. Haladus served as state chaplain during the administration of State Deputy Bob Sears in 1981-1983. He was ordained in 1961, taught at Padua High School in Parma (Cleveland Diocese) before becoming a hospital chaplain in Illinois in 1985, where he lived until retirement in Wisconsin.



State Deputy Dave Helmstetter (center), with special convention guests Supreme Treasurer Logan Ludwig (left) and Fourth Degree Hennepin Province Vice Supreme Master George Dann.

## Convention delegates approve resolutions

Delegates to the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council approved a resolution asking that Supreme Council adopt a new procedure for reporting and recovering withdrawals in each jurisdiction that would be similar to the current suspension reporting procedure, where the withdrawal would be posted on the Supreme website weekly, thereby empowering the jurisdiction to get a timely start on contacting and saving the member from cancelling his membership.

The resolution was introduced by the Ohio State Council officers. It will be forwarded for consideration at the Supreme Convention in August.

Delegates also approved resolutions:

- Requesting Supreme Council to establish specific programs to provide encouragement and material support to all state and local councils to promote and establish Eucharistic Adoration in local parishes. It was submitted by St. Brendan Council 11208, Hilliard (Columbus Diocese).
- Asking Supreme Council to reserve the number 16670 to a council naming itself in honor of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who during World War II was executed for providing shelter to thousands of refugees in Poland. His prison number at Auschwitz was 16670.
- Honoring veterans, both living and deceased, with a moment of silence at the convention. Delegates and guests stood for a moment in honor of those veterans.

In addition, congratulatory resolutions were approved on behalf of Fr. Michael McGivney; Pope Francis; Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori; the Bishops of Ohio; State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams; State Father Prior (and Former State Chaplain) Fr. F. Richard Snoke; Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson; Supreme Treasurer Logan Ludwig (a special convention guest); State Deputy Dave Helmstetter; Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman (who is retiring as a state officer); and Vice Supreme Master George Dann (a special convention guest).

## Delegates elected to 2013 Supreme Convention

Ohio delegates to the 2013 Supreme Convention, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 6-8, were elected in Area Caucuses held during the State Convention. They include:

Area 1	Delegate:	Denver Mossing Council 15043	Alternate:	Mike Incorvati Council 10936
Area 2	Delegate:	Joe Lacy Sr. Council 5613	Alternate:	Bob Owens Jr. Council 4217
Area 3 -	Delegate:	Edward Chavez Sr. Council 4731	Alternate:	Ramond Morelli Council 1569
Area 4 -	Delegate:	Paul Rance Council 10183	Alternate:	Veron Bergman Council 2158
Area 5 -	Delegate:	Kevin Tobias Council 1272	Alternate:	Mark Williams Council 3883
Area 6 -	Delegate:	Earl Olenhouse III Council 11208	Alternate:	Carl Tisone Council 5801
Area 7 -	Delegate:	Mike Nau Council 2565	Alternate:	Louis Almonte Council 472
Area 8 -	Delegate:	Andrew Nuckols Council 3891	Alternate:	Robert Lepper Council 2633

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

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Woodsfield. DD John Sprouse.

I also want to recognize Gabriel Minton of the Cleveland Diocese for his dedication to Ohio's New Council Development program. Gabriel wrote the book on the NCD process. After this fraternal year, Gabriel will be retiring to spend more time with his family. On behalf of the Ohio State Council, I thank him for his contributions and appreciate his efforts on the part of the Knights of Columbus.

## Shining Stars: Our Ohio Squires

Under the direction of State Squires Director Marty Schumacher and State Squires Membership Development Director Paul Ault, Ohio Squires are shining stars! As of May 1, Ohio showed a net gain of 133 Squires, upping our total membership to 532 Squires. These figures rank No. 2 in Division I Order wide, only a fraction from the top position. More than five new circles have already been started during this fraternal year. The efforts of our Ohio Squires are truly one of positive stories of this past fraternal year.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferring Officers increase

A year ago, the new Third Degree brought about drastic changes to our ceremonies. During this fraternal year, Ceremonial Director Ed Ponder reports three more conferring officers were certified, bringing our total to eight. Since July 1, our conferring officers have conducted 40 Third Degrees. It's also an honor to recognize Brother Knight LaVern Fortkamp, who retired recently after serving as a conferring officer for many years. LaVern dedicated many a Sunday afternoon serving Ohio as a conferring officer and the Order as a Supreme Council degree team evaluator. In addition, this past fraternal year, we certified four new First Degree teams and two Second Degree teams.

## Training initiatives continue

A new tool was used this year that brings training right to individual councils in the comfort of their own home and brings people together for meetings and discussions even though they are physically separated by many miles. Last fall, web conferencing was piloted to educate and train councils on how to properly conduct voter registration campaigns in their parishes. Later the concept was expanded to promote parish church drives by State Membership Director Ken Gardner. This new web conferencing capability was also used in a council revitalization effort focusing on officer training. I am sure this is only the beginning of web conference training in our state.

Supreme Council Membership and Program Consultant Dannie Harris, a Past State Deputy from Kentucky, also played a big part in Ohio's training efforts. Dannie knows Ohio well, visiting our state for three weeks of training over the last five months and covering all six of our dioceses. His visits were arranged by district and diocese, encompassing each region of Ohio.

In today's environment, training remains moving forward in Ohio and can continue to do so in the future. I also want to thank Terry Cooney, our State Training Coordinator, for his efforts

during this past fraternal year. Terry played a major role in scheduling and coordinating training sessions throughout Ohio. He also provided valuable training sessions during our District Deputy meetings and supplied training programs available on our State website.

## Veterans and Military Chaplains Programs

Another organizational change took place two years in our Veterans Program. Under the direction of the Fourth Degree, VA leaders in Ohio report to the Hennepin Province VA director, an appointed position by the Vice Supreme Master.

As I said a year ago, I am impressed with the dedication of our VA people. On this Memorial Day weekend, it is important to recognize their efforts and the State Officers submitted a resolution recognizing veterans and the following Brother Knights who work with these veterans during the fraternal year: Anthony Roark, Cincinnati; Stanley Kowal, Cleveland and Youngstown; Carl Kroskey, Columbus; Randall O'Connell, Dayton; Bernard Dyer, Steubenville; Joseph McPeck, Toledo. I salute these men for their outstanding efforts for veterans on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

The Military Chaplain Scholarship program, an effort to increase the number of chaplains serving in the military diocese, is completing its second year. Ohio is asked to raise \$4,000 annually for five years. This on-going commitment requires contributions from our councils and assemblies for us to reach our goal. Our total stands at \$10,148.55 as of May 1 and puts us more than half way there with three years to go.

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

## State Fundraising Programs

As is the tradition, Ohio Knights practiced the principle of charity quite well this past fraternal year. For example, look at our five major state-wide programs:

- **Matching Funds for Religious Education** – Under the leadership of State Advocate Kevin Miller, contributions from local councils exceeded \$37,000. With the \$25,000 match from the Ohio Charity Foundation, more than \$62,000 was distributed to the six diocesan religious education departments.
- **Measure Up for the Citizens with Developmental Disabilities** – Chaired by State Warden Bob Byers, the 2012 Measure Up campaign showed an increase from the previous year, generating more than \$408,000 for our friends with developmental disabilities. We may take this program for granted, but what a great show of generosity by Ohio Knights. Thank you, councils for your support of this program.
- **Pennies for Heaven** – Under the direction of State Secretary Ken Girt, Pennies for Heaven continues to grow. Led by more than \$50,000 from the Columbus

Diocese, the Pennies for Heaven total exceeded \$115,000, another record effort on behalf of vocations. This money goes directly to the diocesan vocations programs.

- As this report went to the printer, the **2013 Super Cash Bonanza** is well underway and concluded at the Friday Night Party. State Treasurer Bob "Super Cash" Collins has put his special touch to the program even though he needed a hat, trench coat, a badge and sunglasses to do it. This year with the assistance of Past State Deputies Dennis Shonebarger, Larry Moegling and the State Deputy a "charity road show" took place with eight stops in the six Ohio dioceses. This charity campaign helped educate members on how the charity money is used and re-instill enthusiasm for this statewide charity effort. If the First Ticket Turn-In was any indication, this campaign will become one of the more successful ones in recent years.
- The **Football Frenzy** fund raising program again brought in much needed revenue for many councils. This year the program returned to featuring NFL teams in the contest. Overall, 10,142 tickets were sold, more than \$25,000 in rebates went to local councils, and the Ohio State Council made a profit of more than \$32,000. This program enables the state council and local councils to raise money for general operating funds. We thank Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein for chairing the program for us. This is a program that more councils should seriously consider working.
- We also tried a new fundraising program called **Read and Raise**. This program allowed dollars to be generated by local councils through a Catholic magazine subscription campaign. Results were minimal, but we are planning on making adjustments next year to hopefully improve participation in the program.

## Fiscal Responsibility

The Ohio State Council continues to use four accounts. These accounts are the following:

- **General Checking** – This is funded primarily by per capita payments and serves as the primary account for the State Council.
- **Fundraising** – This account is primarily funded by proceeds from the Football Frenzy program.
- **Savings** – This account holds funds (hopefully) for a higher rate of interest during the financial peaks of our fiscal year.
- **Measure Up** – This account is funded by the 20 percent state portion of the Measure Up collections. This account provides the dollars used to pay expenses and make additional donations related to the Measure Up campaign. For example, from this account, we moved over \$41,000 to the Ohio Charity Foundation for further charitable distribution including a major donation to Special Olympics. Also, \$1,500 was given to each diocese for programs supporting our friends with developmental disabilities. In addition, funds are also set aside for future Measure Up ruler purchases.

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

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

## Financial Management

The Ohio State Council continues to use the accrual system of accounting through the use of a software program called Quick Books Pro. Deposits, check writing and account transfers take place using this program. With the direction of the State Deputy, the State Secretary handles the bulk of these efforts and is vital in the Ohio State Council's financial process. State Secretary Ken Girt has done an excellent job in maintaining our financial records including improving our reconciliation process. On behalf of the Ohio State Council, I think Ken for his dedication as State Secretary.

Overall, the Ohio State Council remains in good financial condition. However, our costs continue to increase in many areas so it is important we continue to use good fiscal judgment and manage our resources prudently. We must also realize declining membership also means declining income to the State Council. Growth of the Knights of Columbus should be the goal of every Knight and council in Ohio.

## Communications

The Ohio State Council website capabilities continue to provide information to members and prospective members. State Website Director Jerry Lowery and State Programmer/Designer Brett Baxter are responsible for managing its content. During this past year, we had more than 75,000 visits to our main page and more than 2.8 million visits after reaching the main page. In summary, more than 566,000 pages were viewed after viewing a second page. My thanks to Jerry and Brett for all of the hours they spend working on the website. Jerry also handles the Audio/Visual responsibilities for our meetings. Their work in this important area also saves the Ohio State Council considerable dollars over the course of a fraternal year.

Our social media initiative continues to assist our communications efforts. Administrative Assistant and "Communications Specialist" Mike Felerski did his usual superb job in maintaining our Twitter and Facebook programs. The Twitter stream has 165 followers and Facebook has 343 fans, or "Likes". On any given day, we can reach beyond our followers and fans to upwards of over 1,000 people through Social Media, (and as many as 130,000 of their friends if they share our posts). Social Media is an avenue that continues to grow daily. Interestingly

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enough, we had viewers from as far away as Afghanistan, the United Arab Emirates, India, Peru, and the Philippines.

Mike was also instrumental in developing an electronic newsletter called *Leaderline*. Directed at council and district leadership, pertinent and timely information on administrative requirements, programs and membership is conveyed monthly. Many councils share this document with their membership. In addition to Mike, special thanks to Executive Assistant Dan Tebbe for electronically distributing the document and for all his efforts at managing our electronic distribution network. He also handles all of the reports and forms required by Supreme Council. Dan's countless hours behind the scenes are truly appreciated by me.

Having started my communications career in newspaper, I truly appreciate the efforts put forth by Harding Christ, our *Buckeye Bulletin* editor. He continues to deliver one of the finest fraternal publications in the country. Harding's work remains exceptional and he consistently delivers solid content telling the story of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio.

### Insurance: Our General Agents

I also want to take a moment to recognize and thank the General Agents and Field Agents in Ohio for their support over the last year. I enjoyed State Insurance Liaison James Valent's visits to St. Marys and always appreciated the special visitors he brought with him. I thank him for his support and for doing a great job promoting the K of C insurance program. General agents serving Ohio are the following: James Valent, Jeff Hearty, Paul Goldsmith Jr., Ed Ponder and Andrew McMahon.

### In Conclusion

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

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

It's also important to thank the State Officers team: State Secretary Ken Girt, State Treasurer Bob Collins, State Advocate Kevin Miller and State Warden Bob Byers. Your support and dedication to the Knights of Columbus is an example for all of us. Again, thanks for your support.

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

And to all my brother Knights here today, I hope you will always continue to Take Up His Cross ... In Charity ... For Unity ... With Fraternity: Thank You.

## Great Ohio Membership Campaign winds down

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communities, and that Catholic men in their area know what the Knights do and what they stand for. But Knights still need to **ASK MEN TO JOIN THE K OF C** in order to grow.

Sadly, several councils in Ohio have not recruited any members in the past two years. These councils need to step back and look at what they are doing and ask if they are living Fr. Michael J. McGivney's dream.

While we have found many treasures and brought in more than 3,700 men into the Knights these past two years, sadly the "thief" -- suspensions and withdrawals -- have stolen more than 2,140 men from us. These treasures are as important as new members, but we allowed them to disappear out the back door.

Suspensions and withdrawals are going to happen. Sometimes men lose interest or even turn away from their Catholic faith. But when single councils drop 60, 80, even 100 members from their roster, we need to look hard at what we are doing to retain members. Ten councils in Ohio are responsible for more than 50% of our total losses!

Meeting our net membership goals is very, very difficult with numbers that staggering. If this issue can ever be resolved, Ohio can grow like we should.

Another treasure that has been discovered in Ohio these past two years is new councils. Ten of them were started in Ohio these past two years, representing 274 new members. Several other new councils are just a few members from being started, and our 2012-13 goal of six new councils can be met with a little hard work.

I can tell you from experience that men want to join our Order. I have signed up more than 120 men since I joined the order in 1985. I probably have asked 300 or so to join. I get more NO answers than YES -- but I keep asking.

As Ohio Jones rides into the sunset, I would like to thank the entire State Membership team for their work and dedication these past two years.



State Treasurer Bob (Agent 1,000,000) Collins (left) and State Deputy Dave Helmstetter check the winning Super Cash Bonanza ticket.

## Super Cash Bonanza sales rise; Cleveland woman wins \$49,680

Ticket sales were on the rise in the 2013 Super Cash Bonanza State Charity Campaign, which ended with 25 drawings for more than \$108,000 in cash prizes at the Friday Night Party of the State Convention.

Total tickets sold were 146,178, which produced \$730,890 for prizes and charitable causes of local councils and the Ohio Charity Foundation, an arm of the Ohio State Council, according to State Treasurer Bob Collins, campaign chairman. A total of 328 councils participated.

Winner of the first prize -- \$49,680 (\$414 per month for 10 years) -- was Ellen Peyton, of Cleveland. Her ticket was drawn by Coleen Ayyette, of Greenville, wife of Greenville Council 1796 Grand Knight Randy Ayyette. Second place winner was Gerald Timazur, of Van Wert. He receives \$18,780 (\$313 per month for five years). The third place prize of \$12,720 (\$212 per month for five years) went to Becky Cook, of Brunswick.

North Olmsted Council 4731 (Cleveland Diocese) led all Ohio councils in ticket sales, with 3,060. Finishing second and third, respectively, were Ottawa Council 1757, with 2,649 tickets sold, and Our Lady of Peace Council 4243, St. Clairsville, with 2,593.

Fr. Maruskin Council 10936, Stow, was tops in tickets sold per member, with 17.37. In second place was Holy Family Council 15573, Poland, with 16.94, while St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533, Cincinnati, with 16.29.

### 2013 Super Cash Bonanza winners list

Prize	Name	Residence
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$49,680 Ellen Peyton	Cleveland, Ohio
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$18,780 Gerald Mazur	Van Wert, Ohio
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$12,720 Becky Cook	Brunswick, Ohio
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,000 Tina McNeal	Columbus, Ohio
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,000 Edward K. Kollin	North Ridgeville, Ohio
6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,500 Ralph Misinec	Jefferson, Ohio
	Carla Williams	Cheverly, Maryland
	Steven Kolesar	Cleveland, Ohio
	Tom Klett	Cincinnati, Ohio
10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,250 John Litwinowicz	Parma, Ohio
	Jacqueline McCowan	Westlake, Ohio
	Carol Banal	Dillona, Ohio
	Toby Slocum	Perrysburg, Ohio
14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,000 Russell Cron	Dayton, Ohio
	Fina Gruber	Geneva, Ohio
	Leah Colopy	Danville, Ohio
	Shirley LaFleur	Cleveland, Ohio
18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	\$750 Susan Huner	Toledo, Ohio
	Frank Krizansky	Cleveland, Ohio
	Norman Schnipke	Fort Jennings, Ohio
	Jean Osinski	
22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	\$500 Ted Borchers	Fort Laramie, Ohio
	Clem Kress	Lewisville, Ohio
	Darlene Matteson	Fairborn, Ohio
	Howard Smith	Monroeville, Ohio



Donna Olenhouse was honored as Lady of the Year. Her husband, Ed, is a member of St. Brendan Council 11208, Hilliard (Columbus Diocese).



**Knight of the Year**

Louis E. Kakascik, a member of Msgr. Joseph Dooley Council 4361 in Mingo Junction (Steubenville Diocese) was named 2013 Ohio State Council Knight of the Year. He accepts his award from State Deputy Dave Helmstetter.



Religious of the Year is Sister Mary Michael, O.P., who is principal of St. Michael School in Worthington (Columbus Diocese). She was nominated by St. Michael Council 11445, Worthington.

**2012-2013 fraternal year Honorees of the Year**



Michael Freil, District Deputy-8 (Cincinnati Archdiocese) was honored as District Deputy of the Year.

Knight of the Year	Louis Kakascik	Msgr. Dooley Council 4361 Mingo Junction (Steubenville Diocese)
Chaplain of the Year	Fr. Gerald Haemmerle	Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish Kettering (Cincinnati Archdiocese)
Religious of the Year	Sister Mary Michael, O.P.	Principal, St. Michael School St. Michael Council 11445 Worthington (Columbus Diocese)
Family of the Year	Thomas and Jean Moorman	St. Malachy Council 5128 Morrow (Cincinnati Archdiocese)
Bluecoat of the Year	Robert Warnimont	Perrysburg Council 7978 Perrysburg (Toledo Diocese)
Lady of the Year	Donna Olenhouse	St. Brendan Council 11208 Hilliard (Columbus Diocese)
Youth of the Year	Jordan Walter	Our Lady of Charity Council 14406 Broadview Heights (Cleveland Diocese)
Volunteer of the Year	Linda Schill	St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533 Cincinnati (Cincinnati Archdiocese)
District Deputy of Year	Michael Freil	District Deputy-8 Cincinnati Archdiocese
Kirwin Award	Field Agent John Spencer	Field Agent James Valent Agency



Linda Schill, with State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, was honored as Volunteer of the Year. She was nominated by St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533, Cincinnati.



Robert E. Warnimont was honored as Blue Coat of the Year. He was nominated by Perrysburg Council 7978 (Toledo Diocese).



**Family of the Year**

The Thomas and Jean Moorman Family was honored as the 2013 Ohio State Council Family of the Year. Thomas is a member of St. Malachy Council 5128 in Morrow (Cincinnati Archdiocese). They have two children – Jennifer and Tommy. Both are married and have families of their own. With the family is State Deputy Dave Helmstetter.



Field Agent John Spencer, with his wife, Crystal, was winner of the 2013 Kirwin Award, emblematic of the top field agent in Ohio.



Jordan Walter, a 2013 graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School (Cleveland Diocese) was honored as Youth of the Year. She was nominated by Our Lady of Charity Council 14406 in Broadview Heights.