



State Deputy

The State Convention: our largest fraternal event of the year

By Dave Helmstetter
State Deputy

The largest fraternal event of the year for Brother Knights and families takes place on Memorial Day weekend in Cincinnati. It's the 113th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council.

This is an invitation to all councils to finalize preparation for this great gathering on the shores of the Ohio River. Delegates should be selected, hotel reservations booked and registrations sent to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Convention Committee.

Two mailings with convention information were sent to Grand Knights of every Ohio council. Information also is posted on the Ohio State Council website. Please make sure you carefully review this information.

It's important that your council takes the convention seriously, and has delegates who will attend. While we have business to complete, we should remember that this also is a great fraternal event – a wonderful experience to meet fellow Knights from all over our great state and renew our fraternal bonds.

Friday night's activities are a great way to start the weekend. For one, the Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign, led by Super Cash and Special Agent Bob Collins, comes to an exciting conclusion with the annual drawing for more than \$108,000 in

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Welcome to Cincinnati

Ohio Knights to gather for 113th State Convention

The planning has just about been completed and the Knights of the Cincinnati Archdiocese are ready to welcome members and guests from throughout Ohio to the 113th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council. It will be held at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati on the Memorial Day weekend of May 25-27.

Three special guests will address delegates and guests during the weekend: Cincinnati Archdiocese Auxiliary Bishop Most Rev. Joseph Binzer, a Brother Knight; Fr. John P. Grace, Supreme Council Director of Chaplain Programs and Development; and Gary Nolan, Supreme Council Vice President of Membership Growth and Development.

This year's convention will be somewhat of an historic one in the Ohio Knights of Columbus. For the first time, special emphasis is being placed on council chaplains and assembly friars. They have been invited to attend a special Chaplain Training Seminar on Friday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Purpose is to provide an overview of their duties and responsibilities, and provide ideas how chaplains and friars can be more effective with their local councils and assemblies.

"We know our chaplains are busy in their parishes," said

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Convention seminar: exciting opportunity for our Chaplains

By Fr. Ron Williams
State Chaplain

When Fr. Michael J. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus, he was a man ahead of his time. He envisioned a Catholic organization run by laymen for the support of other laymen and their families. This is what has enabled the Order to thrive for more than 100 years – hardworking men, committed to the Catholic faith, who support each other with charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

At the same time, we all know how vital is the support of the clergy for the Order's success. We Knights value our priests. We want their presence at council and assembly meetings to help us grow and be nourished in the faith. We also recognize how precious and limited is their time to be of service to all the ministries and organizations in a parish.

We know that different priests have different experiences with the Knights of Columbus. Some priests are enthusiastic supporters of the Order, especially in parish-based councils. Some priests volunteer to be chaplains, but are unsure as to their role within the council meeting. Some priests – perhaps because they have little familiarity with what the Knights of Columbus do – are skeptical of the Order. We

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Super Cash Bonanza Campaign will end with drawings on May 25

Knights around Ohio are making their final sales pitches to help their councils attain the highest possible monetary finishes in the 2012 Super Cash Bonanza "Mission Possible" Charity Campaign. They are selling tickets individually and partnering with other organizations to maximize their rewards.

"Keep selling those Super Cash Bonanza tickets right up until the final deadline of May 18," emphasizes State Treasurer (and Special Agent 1,000,000) Bob Collins, campaign chairman. "Help your council reach the highest possible rebates.

The 2012 campaign, with a "Mission Possible" statewide goal of \$1,000,000, will end

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State Chaplain Easter Season reminds us that Jesus is present with us



By **Fr. Ron Williams**
State Chaplain

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Every year, the Church celebrates Christ's Resurrection for a period of 50 days. It is a reminder to us that Jesus Christ is not dead; He is alive. And we who are His disciples proclaim the joy of this life to the whole world.

At His Ascension into heaven, Jesus promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world. He is present to us in four ways.

1. Jesus is present in Sacred Scripture, so that it is truly the Word of God we hear proclaimed in the Bible.
2. Jesus is present in the assembly, so that He is deep within our hearts whenever we call on Him in prayer.
3. Jesus is present in the clergy, so that it is Christ Himself, through the unworthy person of the ordained minister, who leads us in worship and the celebration of the sacraments.
4. And Jesus is present in Holy Communion, so that His Body and Blood are really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Easter reminds us that we don't have to wait until we die to experience eternal life. We get to share eternal life in the here and now.

The joy of Easter has inspired Christians for 2000 years to proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Why do courageous men and women risk their lives to preach the Gospel in missionary lands? Christ is risen! Why do young men and women make a lifetime commitment to celibacy in the priesthood and religious life? Christ is risen! What inspires Christian married couples to remain faithful to their marriage vows? Christ is risen! Why do Christian spouses support each other in sickness and in health, and for richer or poorer, until death they do part? Christ is risen! What empowers Christians to endure suffering with humility and peace? Christ is risen! Why do Christians respond with generosity, mercy, compassion, and love to those who wrong us? Christ is risen! And what makes us faithful stewards of God's heavenly kingdom here on earth? Christ is risen!

By rising from the dead, by giving us the sacramental life of the Church, by His being present to us in the four ways – Jesus Christ empowers us to embrace our sufferings so as to unite our sufferings with His on the cross. And then we can experience the joy of the Resurrection in *this* life. Jesus doesn't help us to escape our sufferings. Rather, He redeems our sufferings so we can experience peace and joy in all that we do. Easter reminds us that we have been freed from sin so we can walk in the newness of life in Christ. All this began with our baptism. It is renewed in reconciliation, is nourished by the Eucharist, and is empowered by the other sacraments. If we want to see change in the world, then it will happen through us as we proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Fr. McGivney wanted his Brother Knights and their families to live the sacramental life of the Church in the fraternal community of our Order in unity and with an abundance of charity. As Knights of Columbus, we proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead by being good stewards of these fundamental principles. Only then can we live out the fourth principle of our Order, which is patriotism. To be good patriots, we need to be the best Christians we can be. There is nothing more patriotic than for Christians to practice their faith openly in their daily lives.

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! May you and your families continue to experience a Happy Easter!

Caucus meetings will be held on Saturday

Caucus Meetings, held to elect delegates and alternates to the 2012 Supreme Convention in Anaheim, Calif., in August, will be in the following locations: Area 1, Pavilion; Area 2, Bronze A; Area 3, Colonnade B; Area 4, Bronze B; Area 5, Colonnade A; Area 6, Grand Ballroom; Area 7, Council Room; Area 8, Statesman Room. The caucuses will be held following the Saturday afternoon business session.

Hospitality Committee Knights ready to assist guests

Members of the Cincinnati Archdiocese Convention Committee will be positioned in the Millennium Hotel lobby to assist and provide information to delegates and guests as they arrive.

Cincinnati Convention Committee Will provide special services, activities

Msgr. Krispinsky Golf Outing

The Annual Msgr. Joseph Krispinsky Golf Outing, open to all members and non-members, men and women, will be held on Friday, May 25, at the Glenview Golf Course, Cincinnati. It will be an 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start. Cost is \$70 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch. There will be contests for longest drive and closest to the pin. Registration deadline is May 12. For information contact Thomas Forsthoefel, 1911 Tahoe Dr., Xenia, OH 45385-1149; Home phone: (937) 372-7470; Cell phone (937) 623-1844; Email: tjf042074@sbcglobal.net.

Council Chaplain Training Seminar

Ask your council chaplain and/or assembly friar to join us for the first Council Chaplain Training Seminar in Ohio on Friday, May 25. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Colonnade Room. Lunch is provided. The seminar will provide an overview of their duties and responsibilities, and how chaplains and friars can be more effective with local councils and assemblies. For information contact State Deputy Dave Helmstetter at 5421 County Rd. 33A, St. Marys, OH 45885-9658; Tel: (419) 394-1180; email: dhelmstetter@woh.rr.com.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

As is our regular practice at all State Conventions, our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be available in the Atrium Room on Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please take time to visit with our Lord in the Chapel.

Super Cash Bonanza Drawings

The drawings for 25 "Mission Possible" Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign prizes will be conducted on Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. The drawings will be conducted by State Treasurer Bob Collins, 2012 Super Cash Bonanza chairman.

Friday Night Party

The traditional Friday Night Party, "A Night at the Races", will begin immediately after the Super Cash Bonanza drawings in the Grand Ballroom. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, and special drawings and raffles will be conducted throughout the evening.

Children and Youth Babysitting: Ages 5-14

Babysitting services for children and youth are planned for Friday, May 25, from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 26, from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost for the entire weekend is \$30 per child. Fees cover all of the activities planned during the weekend. Children must be registered prior to the convention to take advantage of this service. For more information, contact State Deputy Dave Helmstetter at dhelmstetter@woh.rr.com.

Squires' Food Drive Collection

Each delegate and guest is asked to bring two items of Food (non-perishable items, boxed or can); Paper Products (toilet tissue, facial issue, paper towels); Soap (hand or laundry detergent). All will be donated to a local Catholic food pantry. These items will be collected in the area of the Convention Registration Desk.

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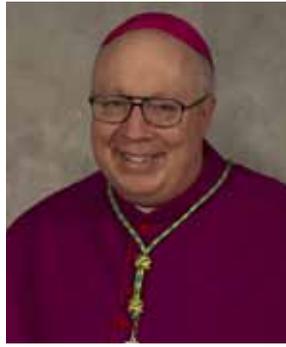
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Fr. Grace



Gary Nolan



Bishop Binzer

113th Annual Ohio K of C Convention

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State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, “but we hope many of them can be in Cincinnati for this important seminar, and hopefully to attend other activities of our state convention.”

Addressing the leadership of Ohio’s councils and assemblies, Helmstetter said, “Encourage your chaplains and friars to participate in this seminar. Help them financially to make the trip. It’s not only a chance to learn more about their roles in our organization, but it’s also a chance for them to meet their counterparts from around Ohio.”

The main presenter will be Fr. Grace, who, along with Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori have developed materials such as the Chaplains’ Newsletter and “10 Steps to be an Effective Chaplain”. Fr. Grace, a former state chaplain from California, will speak about the changing role of the council chaplain as we approach the Age of New Evangelization. Assisting Fr. Grace with the presentations will be Ohio’s State Chaplain, Fr. Ron Williams.

All Ohio councils in good standing are urged to have representation at the convention. Each council is entitled to have two delegates in attendance.

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations, with a May 10 deadline to qualify for the special Knights of Columbus group rate. And councils are asked to have their advance convention and banquet registrations submitted to Registration Chairman Frank Carchedi by May 15.

For those bringing children to the convention, special activities are planned for those aged 5-15 throughout the weekend. Families are asked to register for this service on the Official Registration Form. The children must be registered prior to the convention to take advantage of the babysitting service.

The convention will unofficially get under way at 8:30 a.m. on Friday with the start of the Annual Msgr. Joseph Krispinsky Golf Outing at the nearby Glenview Golf Course in Cincinnati.

On Friday evening the drawings for 25 cash prizes in the Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the traditional Friday Night Party, “A Night at the Races”.

The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Knights will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Saturday, followed by the Awards Session at 9:30 a.m. The convention will officially get under way at 1 p.m. with the Opening Business Session.

The State Deputy’s Banquet, which will include the presentation of the state council’s top awards for the 2011-2012 fraternal year, will begin at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at the nearby St. Peter of the Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati. Shuttle service will be provided for those who cannot walk to the cathedral. The Business Session will be reconvened at 10 a.m., and the Ladies Luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon, with the Men’s Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The Business Session will be continued, if necessary, following the luncheon.

Super Cash Bonanza Campaign Drawings

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with drawings for 25 cash prizes on Friday, May 25, in conjunction with the 113th Annual Ohio State Convention. The drawings will begin at 7 p.m. that evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati, where the convention will be held. It began in mid-February with distribution of tickets in each of the six Ohio dioceses.

Councils should arrange to have their Second (and final) Phase tickets shipped to State Treasurer Collins on or before Friday, May 18. That date is critical considering shipping time, validation and handling necessary before the May 25 drawings.

Of the 25 prizes, the winner will receive \$49,680 (payable \$414 per month for 10 years), while the second place winner will receive \$18,780 (payable \$313 per month for five years). The third place winner will receive \$12,720 (payable \$212 per month for five years). The rest of the prizes range from \$4,000 to \$500.

113th Ohio State Council Annual Convention

Schedule of Activities

Friday, May 25

- 8:30 a.m. Msgr. Krispinsky Memorial Golf Outing
Glenview Golf Course, Cincinnati
- 10:00 a.m. Council Chaplains Training Session & Seminar
Colonade Room
- 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Registration, *Crossroads (2nd Floor)*
- 3:00 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting
Resolutions Committee Meeting
Assigned Rooms
- 6:30 p.m. Doors Open for Bonanza Drawing,
Friday Night Party, *Grand Ballroom*
- 7:00 p.m. Super Cash Bonanza Drawings, *Grand Ballroom*
- 8:00 p.m. Friday Night Party, *Grand Ballroom*
- 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open

Saturday, May 26

- 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass, *Grand Ballroom*
- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Open, *Atrium*
- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration, *Crossroads (2nd Floor)*
- 9:30 a.m. Awards Session, *Grand Ballroom*
- 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting, *Grand Ballroom*
- 4:00 p.m. Area Caucuses, *Assigned Rooms*
- 7:00 p.m. State Deputy’s Banquet, *Grand Ballroom*
Grand Ballroom

Sunday, May 27

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter of the Chains Cathedral
Within walking distance of hotel.
Shuttle service starting at 7:15 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Open
- 10:15 a.m. Business Meeting, *Grand Ballroom*
Grand Ballroom
- 12 Noon Ladies’ Luncheon, *Bronze Ballroom*
- 12:30 p.m. Men’s Luncheon, *Grand Ballroom*
- 1:15 p.m. Business Meeting Resumes

Council Chaplains, Assembly Friars

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sometimes wonder what can be done for our priests so they can maximize their valuable time at council and assembly meetings.

On Friday, May 25, as we gather for the State Convention, we have an exciting opportunity for our priests: our first workshop for council chaplains and assembly friars. It will be conducted by Fr. John Grace, O.S.A., a former State Chaplain for California and now working in the Supreme Chaplain’s office. He will give a presentation on the “Ten Keys to Success as a K of C Chaplain.” All council chaplains and assembly friars are invited to attend.

The teachings of Vatican II reminded us that we are members of the Body of Christ, each with its own valuable function. The priests stand in the person of Christ the Head. Just as the body needs the head to live, so too do laymen and priests work together in the Knights of Columbus to build up the Body of Christ. And we do so in the spirit of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

I look forward to seeing our council chaplains and assembly friars at the workshop on May 25, and seeing Brother Knights at the State Convention. Vivat Jesus!

MEMBERSHIP

The following stories about Ohio's membership program were submitted by State Membership Director Ken Gardner, aka Ohio Jones.

March, April Show Strong Membership Growth

The months of March and early April have been a good time for membership growth in Ohio. As of mid-March, more than 350 new members have joined our ranks in a six-week period. Many councils had a successful March Blitz, and others simply recruited members of RCIA or Christ Renews His Parish.

All six Ohio dioceses are in the "positive" for net membership gain, with Steubenville still leading the way at 85.1% of quota. Columbus is in second place with 80.9% of quota and Cleveland is in third with 66.8% of quota. Cincinnati comes in at fourth place at 46.4% of quota, with Youngstown at 32.2% of quota and Toledo at 24.2% of quota. All dioceses have a chance to finish the year strong and lead Ohio to the Circle of Honor.

The treasure of a new member is easy to find!

Now that warm weather is upon us, the treasure of a new member is easier to find. When the weather turns cold, some of those eligible Catholic gentlemen who would make excellent members of our councils retreat to the man cave, and are not out and about too often. This makes the treasure harder to find.

But now these men are out there, waiting for you to track them down and recruit them to the Knights of Columbus. You might see them on the golf course, at youth baseball games, or even at a parish social. That neighbor you didn't see much in the winter is now out cutting the grass. That relative you haven't seen since Christmas is now at a graduation or First Communion party. Those members of your parish who headed straight to their car after Mass when it was cold are now spending some time socializing in the gathering area or outside of the church.

The point is, now is an excellent time to recruit! Several councils are very close to making their Supreme quota and obtaining a Star Council award.

Remember, while the Ohio State Council membership program contest ends on May 1, Supreme Council awards are given for membership growth for the entire fraternal year – meaning you can recruit all the way up to June 30.

Cross Bearers Crusade Incentive are announced

The winners of the Cross Bearers Crusade Membership Incentive Program, which ran from Jan. 1 to March 31, were drawn at the Cincinnati Convention Committee meeting on April 17. The winners are:

1) Each member who recruited a gentleman in January, February, or March 2012, had the prospect attend a First Degree by March 31, and submitted an entry form by April 15 to the State Membership Director was in a drawing for a state logo spring jacket with "Membership Crusader" embroidered on it. The winner is Richard Wilcox, of St. Jude Council 10183, Columbiana. Three runner-up drawings were held for state logo polo shirts with "Membership Crusader" embroidered on it. The three winners are Todd Thobe, of St. Joseph Council 12772, Plain City; Tom Lauber, of Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912, Vandalia; and Michael Freil, of Fr. Hoffer Council 14504, Centerville. A total of 75 recruiters submitted entry form.

2) Each council that had an increase of FIVE new members during the period of Jan. 1 to March 31 was in a drawing for \$150. Thirty-three councils qualified for this drawing. The winning council was South Akron Council 3410 (Cleveland Diocese).

3) Each council that hosted a First Degree between Jan. 1 and March 31 and submitted the Form 450C was in a drawing for \$100. Twenty councils were in this drawing, with the winner being Westerville Council 5776 (Columbus Diocese). Eight new members joined its council in a March 14 degree.

4) Each District Deputy who submitted the Cross Bearers Crusade District Deputy Reporting Form by April 15 was in a drawing for a state logo spring jacket with "Membership Crusader" embroidered on it. Winner was DD-53 Tony Offenberger. Two runner-up drawings also were held for state logo polo shirts with "Membership Crusader" embroidered on them. The two winners are DD-58 David Lewis and DD-36 Robert Clum, Jr.

Be sure to check the state website often for the latest Membership Incentive program.

Keep collecting those pennies

"Keep those Pennies for Heaven jugs circulating. Just because the program year has ended and the fraternal year is coming to a close, there is no reason to stop raising funds to support vocations."

State Secretary Ken Girt, 2012 Pennies for Heaven chairman, makes that statement to all Ohio Knights of Columbus units.

"Yes, the 'deadline' for submitting Pennies for Heaven collections was April 15," he said. "But vocations promotion and recruitment is a full-time job. And it's our job to continue supporting vocations through the entire year."

"So keep passing those jugs. Be generous. Help us support vocations."

Traditionally, Ohio Knights of Columbus units "pass the jug" to collect dollars and loose change. These collections are forwarded to the Ohio State Council, which in turn distributes them to vocations directors in each of Ohio's six dioceses. All funds collected in a particular diocese stay in that diocese for use by the vocation director to promote vocations and recruit men and women to a religious vocation.

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prizes. The drawing takes place Friday at 7 p.m., a different time than past conventions.

After the drawing, it's Friday Night at the Races, full of prizes and friendly wagering, in the hotel's Grand Ballroom. Once the Friday night party is over, then the fun shifts to the various hospitality rooms. Again, it's a great opportunity to meet new brother Knights and their guests.

Convention attendees also will welcome two distinguished visitors from Supreme Council – Fr. John Grace, Director of Chaplain Programs and Development, and Gary Nolan, Vice President of Membership Growth and Ceremonials.

Father Grace, along with State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams, will lead the first ever Chaplains' Workshop on Friday at 10 a.m. Councils and assemblies are asked to encourage chaplains and friars to attend the informational session. For your chaplain to attend, all they need to do is complete the form and return to me.

A Past State Deputy from Illinois, Nolan will speak throughout the weekend including at Saturday's State Deputy Banquet. Also, attending the banquet will be Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer of the Cincinnati Archdiocese. He's a fellow Brother Knight.

Saturday also allows us to learn which councils were the most successful in the *Take Up His Cross* program. In the morning, many council accomplishments will be recognized, while during the State Deputy's Banquet the best councils and individual award winners will be honored.

Spiritually, the weekend is also enriching. It's a time to remember our deceased Brother Knights during the Annual Memorial Mass Saturday morning and also celebrate the Sunday liturgy in St. Peter of the Chains Cathedral, a few blocks from the hotel. Plus, as in the past, Eucharistic Adoration will be available on Saturday and Sunday.

Finally, one of our more important business functions will be to determine delegates to the Supreme Convention. The Convention will be held at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel in California Aug. 7-9.

The weekend will show you how great our organization is and how strong our fraternal bonds are. Make plans to be a part of this special event!

A Night at the Races

The Friday Night Party will be a "Night at the Races. Each guest will receive a packet of play money for gambling purposes and may buy "extra cash" for playing purposes. Guests also will be able to purchase raffle tickets with their "winnings" at the end of the evening, for the drawing of door prizes. The Grand Ballroom doors will be opened at 6:30 p.m., and the Friday Night Party will follow the drawings associated with the Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign.

Convention parking options

The Millennium Hotel complex has an on-premise valet parking for approximately 270 vehicles, and is subject to availability. Parking for registered guests is a daily rate of \$10. Additional off-street parking is available in several garages in the immediate vicinity of the hotel.