



Super Cash Bonanza St. Denis Knight wins top prize

A St. Denis Council 1756, Versailles (Cincinnati Archdiocese) Brother Knight received quite a rich award at the 2011 State Convention.

The Super Cash Bonanza ticket of Tom Magoto was drawn for the No. 1 prize in the 2011 Ohio Charity Campaign – a whopping \$49,680, payable in \$414 per month for the next 10 years.

Second prize – \$18,780 (\$313 per month for 5 years) – went to David Klett, of Norwalk (Toledo Diocese), while third prize of \$12,720 (\$212 per month for 5 years) was won by Elaine Lallo, of Brunswick (Cleveland Diocese).

The drawing for 22 cash prizes was conducted in conjunction with the Friday Night Party of the State Convention. Twenty-two prizes, rather than the usual 20, were awarded because of a Charity Drawing rule stipulating that there must be at least one winner from each diocese. It took two extra “draws” to make that happen. Each of the “extra” winners received \$1,000.

Three hundred thirty-nine Ohio councils participated in the 2011 campaign. A total of 139,872 tickets were sold – more than 1,000 more than were sold a year ago. Value of tickets sold was \$699,360.

Ottawa Council 1757 (Toledo Diocese) was Ohio’s top-selling council with 3,683 tickets sold. North Olmsted Council 4731 (Cleveland Diocese) was second with 3,305 tickets sold, while Our Lady of Peace Council 4243 in St. Clairsville

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2011 State Convention



Columbus Diocese Bishop Frederick Campbell (left), who was principal speaker at the State Deputy's Banquet, and State Chaplain Fr. James Brown.



Dave Helmstetter (left), who was elevated to the office of State Deputy at the 2011 Convention, and Bob Byers, who was elected Ohio's new State Warden.

Helmstetter is Ohio's new State Deputy; Byers wins the State Warden election

David Helmstetter was elected State Deputy of the Ohio State Council at the 112th State Convention, held on the Memorial Day Weekend of May 27-29 in Columbus.

He succeeds Paul J. Upman, who served two years as State Deputy. Helmstetter had been State Secretary for the past two fraternal years.

All other Ohio State Council officers were elected to the next highest office: Ken Girt, from treasurer to secretary; Bob Collins, from advocate to treasurer, and

Kevin Miller, from warden to advocate.

Bob Byers, from the Marietta area in the Steubenville Diocese, was elected to the vacant office of State Warden. He most recently had been serving as State Council Activities Director for the past two years after serving as State General Program Director during the two-year administration of State Deputy Larry Moegling in 2007-2009.

The one-year terms of office for those elected officially begins July 1.

Moegling, who had held the office of

Immediate Past State Deputy, ended his 12-year tenure as a state officer. Upman now becomes the Immediate Past State Deputy.

In addressing the convention, Upman said the “Knights of Columbus is really healthy and doing well in Ohio”, while Helmstetter thanked the delegates for their support and congratulated Upman on “two great years”.

Columbus Diocese Bishop Frederick

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WOW!

Pennies for Heaven sets another record -- \$96,339

Ohio's unique support of vocations – its *Pennies for Heaven* program – has set another new record, thanks to the generosity of our Knights of Columbus councils, assemblies, chapters, ladies auxiliaries and Squires circles.

At the State Convention, State Secretary Dave Helmstetter, who was the 2010-2011 *Pennies for Heaven* chairman, announced that a grand total of \$96,339 had been collected! And, he said, additional checks still were being received.

That total broke the record of \$81,366 that was realized in the 2009-2010 fraternal year. “It certainly shows that our Knights in Ohio certainly are serious in their support of

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State Deputy Paul Upman (center), with special convention guests Supreme Advocate John Marrella (left) and Hennepin Province Vice Supreme Master George Dann (right).

Helmstetter is new State Deputy

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Campbell was the major speaker at the State Deputy's Banquet, where top individual and council awards were presented. He thanked the Ohio Knights "for all the support that you give", especially mentioning such areas as the defense of marriage, family and life, and of faith. He spoke about our humanity; why we are here, and stated that "we live at a time that has produced some major challenges. I pray that we become deeply involved in the defense of God and family".

Action was taken on two proposed Ohio State Council Bylaw changes. Approval was given to the per capita assessment for inactive insurance members, that "will be levied at an amount less than that of a said member and when added with the Supreme Council per capita and Catholic advertising assessments may not exceed but may equal that of the Supreme Council Inactive Insurance Member Rebate". Another, which was not approved, would have given Past State Deputies the right to vote at State Conventions. It was rejected because of being in direct conflict with Supreme Council Bylaws. However, it was recommended that Supreme Council be petitioned to changes its bylaws allowing Past State Deputies to vote.

Delegates approved congratulatory resolutions on behalf of the Order's founder, Fr. Michael McGivney; Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson; Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori; Supreme Advocate John Marrella, special guest at the convention; State Chaplain Fr. James Brown; Former State Chaplain Fr. F. Richard Snoko; Vice Supreme Master George Dann, a special convention guest; State Deputy Paul J. Upman, Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Moegling, and the Bishops of Ohio. Delegates passed a resolution sponsored by the Ohio State Council officers asking our U.S. veterans



State Deputy Paul Upman and his wife, Lee

in attendance and those who have given their lives for our country be honored by all standing for a moment of silence, which was done. And a resolution introduced by Jefferson Council 4212 was rejected. It asked that the state council review the General Liability Coverage offered by Supreme Council and offer this coverage for non-home councils; that a proposal to the 2011 Supreme Convention be prepared to allow councils the opportunity to purchase the Supreme Council General Liability Insurance Coverage for non-home councils, and that the coverage be made available to Ohio K of C assemblies, state and local councils, chapters, Squires circles and ladies auxiliary units (without a council facility).

The top individual honor, Ohio Knight of the Year, was presented to Harding Christ, editor of the Buckeye Bulletin since 1989 and State Public Relations Director since 1991. The No. 1 Council award was presented to Mother Teresa Council 14344 in the Toledo Diocese.

Bob Byers has a long resume of Knights of Columbus service

Robert (Bob) Byers, elected State Warden at the 2011 Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council, has a long list of Knights of Columbus accomplishments.

He joined St. John of Beverly Council 4617 in 1981, became its Grand Knight for 1987-1989, was a District Deputy in 1991-1995 – and during that time was honored as having the Most Improved District and Star District in 1994-1995. He also joined the Fourth Degree in 1984 and was Faithful Navigator of Bishop Hartley Assembly in 1989-1991.

Byers began his service with the Ohio State Council in 1995 when he was appointed Steubenville Diocese Membership Director. He then served as District Deputy Coordinator for the Steubenville Diocese in 1997-1999.

For the 1999-2001 fraternal years he was State Community Activities Director. That was followed by two-year terms as State Youth Activities Director (2001-2003), State Family Activities Director (2003-2005), State Membership Director (2005-2007) and State Council Activities Director (2009-2011). In 2007-2009 he was State General Program Director during the administration of State Deputy Larry Moegling. He also served as State Campout Chairman in 2002.

Byers has received a number of honors. He was his council's Knight of the Year and Family of the Year in 1990. He was honored as Sir Knight of the Year for the Hennepin Province in 2005. He was Class Honoree for the Ohio District Fourth Degree Exemplification in 2007.

Byers and his wife, Peggy, have been married for 34 years. They have two children: David, 30, and Elizabeth, 27. Bob and Peggy are members of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Churchtown, which is located just outside of Marietta in the Steubenville Diocese. He has served on parish council, school board and finance committee. He served as president of the Holy Name Society for two years, and coached several parish school athletic teams. He continues to serve as a Eucharistic Minister and chairs the St. John Catholic School Bingo. He also is corresponding secretary for the St. John Catholic School Foundation.

For 34 years Byers has been employed as Parts Manager at Matheny Motor Truck Company in Parkersburg, W. Va. Bob and Peggy also have developed several small businesses: two Exxon stations, Laundromats, mini storage units and residential and commercial rentals.

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Convention Notes

Fr. Brown hopes to continue push For state chaplain support program

"It's been a great ride these past two years. Thanks for your support for me and my brother priests."

Fr. James Brown, who has completed two years as State Chaplain, had those words for those attending the State Convention.

"It is hard to believe my two-year term is up already," he wrote in his annual report. "I'm just getting into the swing of things. As I look back I see many blessings that have come my way. Being invited to the Supreme Conventions in Phoenix and again in Washington D.C., two trips to Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, and the trip to Rome have been awesome experiences and good memories.

"This past March I was able to attend a two-day seminar for the State Chaplains in New Haven. It was an opportunity for many of us from the Rome trip to get reacquainted and to learn things from Supreme and each other. One of the important insights I learned is that many jurisdictions do have a Chaplain from each diocese supporting and helping the State Chaplain. I would like to see this happen in Ohio I hope to be of assistance to our new State Chaplain in moving our chaplain support program forward and in so doing, help support the programs of all our councils of the Knights of Columbus here in Ohio."

Supreme Advocate John Marrella was a special convention guest. He reflected on his days as a federal prosecutor working in Columbus, and asserted that the word 'charity' defines who we are. "The Catholic Church is the moral anchor of the United States, and the Knights of Columbus is the moral anchor of the Church," he said, adding that "your joy in doing good works is what will attract new members"

..... Vice Supreme Master George Dann, of the Michigan jurisdiction, spoke about the Church and membership. "We need to revere, not revile, our clergy at all times," he said.

Via a video, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson welcomed delegates and guests to the convention and brought them up to date on activities in the Order Two Columbus area officials also welcomed conventioners to Ohio's capital. Judge Robert Montgomery, of the Franklin County Probate Court, told how his court deals with people who cannot help themselves and how it partners with organizations such as the Knights of Columbus to provide help. "We couldn't do what we do without people like yourselves," he said. U.S. Cong. Patrick Tiberi (12th District) talked about his work on the Ways and Means Committee's effort to overhaul the tax code, and about faith-based groups and how important they are. "We should encourage the work of organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, not take away from it," he said. The appearances were coordinated by Richard Meyer, the Ohio State Council's legal counsel.

State Advocate Bob Collins announced that the 2013 State Convention, traditionally held in Cleveland instead will be held in Sandusky – just outside of Cedar Point – at the Kalahari Waterpark Resort, which he describes as "very family friendly". The 2012 State Convention will be held in Cincinnati A total of 344 councils – 96% -- participated in the 2010-2011 state general program, according to State General Program Director Mark Pickard There were 362 voting delegates at the convention.



Kirwin Award:

Mark Hedge

Mark Hedge, a field agent in the James Valent Agency, received the Patrick Kirwin Award, emblematic of the top-producing agent in Ohio, for the seventh consecutive year. With him is State Deputy Paul Upman.



State Deputy Paul Upman (left) presents the St. Paul Award to State Warden Kevin Miller, of the Columbus Diocese. The award is given annually to the state officer whose diocese had the most participation and highest percentage of new members during the fraternal year.



As Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Moegling watches, State Treasurer Ken Girt, chairman of the 2011 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign, announces the winning ticket – that of Tom Magoto, of St. Denis Council 1756, Versailles. At right is Carol Warnimont, wife of State Hospitality Chairman Bob Warnimont, who drew the winning ticket.

St. Denis Knight wins Top Cash Bonanza prize

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(Steubenville Diocese) was third with 2,922 tickets sold. Others in the Top Ten were: Garfield Heights 4130 (Cleveland Diocese), 2,668; Msgr. Lang 1039, Defiance (Toledo Diocese), 2,269; Fr. Maruskin 10936, Stow (Cleveland Diocese), 1,437; South Akron 3410 (Cleveland Diocese), 1,392; Immaculate Heart of Mary 472, Wintersville (Steubenville Diocese), 1,353; Fort Recovery 3324 (Cincinnati Diocese); Rev. Daniel Schuh 7981, Beavercreek (Cincinnati Diocese), 1,337.

One of Ohio's newest councils, Holy Family 15056 (Cleveland Diocese) was tops in Tickets Sold Per Member, with 130. Second and third were Holy Trinity 15043 (Toledo Diocese), 46, and Immacolata 15086 (Youngstown Diocese), 40. Others in the Top Ten were: St. Marys 11150 (Cincinnati Diocese), 18.89; Fr. Maruskin 10936 (Cleveland Diocese), 15.45; Our Lady of Light 14891 (Cincinnati Diocese), 15.04; Our Lady of Peace 4243 (Steubenville Diocese), 14.47; Lasagrada Familia/San Miguel 13640, (Cleveland Diocese), 14.29; St. Gregory the Great 15023 (Cleveland Diocese), 13; Mother Terestr 14344 (Toledo Diocese), 12.90.

The winners are:

Tom Magoto, Versailles, \$49,680; David Klett, Norwalk, \$18,780; Elaine Lallo, Brunswick, \$12,720; Pamela Wharton, Lancaster, \$4,000; Yvonne Sutowski, Elyria, \$3,000; Kathy Wright, Cincinnati, \$2,000; Kathy Gough, Middletown, \$2,000; Jason Parkinson, \$1,500; Roger Gerton, Pandora, \$1,500; Richard Nestor, Norwalk, \$1,500; Dale Hilkes, Michigan, \$1,500; Philip Capehart, Silverton, \$1,250; Sharon Brown, Ottawa, \$1,250; Patty Irons, Toledo, \$1,250; Fred Elder, Defiance, \$1,250; Jeanne Harris, \$1,000; R. Jagodzinski, Maumee, \$1,000; Dennis Sterger, Euclid, \$1,000; Karen Belcher, Columbus, \$1,000; Ted Nutter, Hebron, \$1,000; Carole Brown, St. Clairsville, \$1,000; Dave Thompson, Geneva, \$1,000.

Delegates elected to 2011 Supreme Convention

Ohio delegates to the 2011 Supreme Convention, which will be held in Denver, Colo., on Aug. 2-5, were elected in Area Caucuses held during the State Convention. They include:

Area 1	Delegate:	Michael Saine <i>Toledo</i>	Alternate:	Ken Hanneman <i>Ottawa</i>
Area 2	Delegate:	Joseph Lacey Sr. <i>Tallmadge</i>	Alternate:	Joseph Smith <i>Wooster</i>
Area 3 -	Delegate:	Raymond Metsch <i>North Olmsted</i>	Alternate:	Patrick Gale <i>Strongsville</i>
Area 4 -	Delegate:	Don Prall <i>Hiram</i>	Alternate:	Frank Cisneros <i>Rootstown</i>
Area 5 -	Delegate:	Daniel Tebbe <i>New Knoxville</i>	Alternate:	David Schmidt <i>Coldwater</i>
Area 6 -	Delegate:	Charles Giametta <i>Reynoldsburg</i>	Alternate:	Earl Olenhouse <i>Hilliard</i>
Area 7 -	Delegate:	Donald Hall <i>Wintersville</i>	Alternate:	Michael Nau <i>Caldwell</i>
Area 8 -	Delegate:	William Mclarick <i>Cincinnati</i>	Alternate:	Richard Tabler <i>Cincinnati</i>

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

2010-2011 State General Program listing of recognition awards

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Knights of the Year

Statewide: Harding Christ
 Cinn: Myron Flaughner, Council 2374
 Clev: Harding Christ, Council 3269
 Colb: Tom Bardin, Council 5534
 Steu: John Daley, Council 4361
 Tole: Leo Brenot, Council 11450
 Youn: Michael Jordan, Council 3813

Lady of the Year

Statewide: Rhonda Huczel
 Cinn: Theresa Lemenkuler, Council 1301
 Clev: Ronda Huczel, Council 13984
 Colb: Kathy Gault, Council 910
 Steu: Theresa Caputo, Council 4361
 Tole: Ann Eberly, Council 14502
 Youn: Dee Mackos, Council 3813

Family of the Year

Statewide: Ray and Tina Barr Family
 Cinn: Mike Wager Family, Council 14891
 Clev: Ray Barr Family, Council 13984
 Colb: Louis Mickley Family, Council 910
 Steu: Nial Pashke Family, Council 4361
 Tole: Ken Kreeger Family, Council 1362
 Youn: Greg Genetin Family, Council 5582

Bluecoat of the Year

Statewide: Ptl. Thomas Sensel
 Cinn: Jon Payne, Council 2633
 Clev: Ptl. Thomas Sensel, Council 13984
 Colb: Victoria Fullen, Council 11188
 Steu: George King, Council 4361
 Tole: Todd Shafer, Council 1039
 Youn: Johnnie Maier, Council 554

Volunteer of the Year

Statewide: Alma Rose Lewe
 Cinn: Alma Rose Lewe, Council 2633
 Clev: Nick Gresko, Council 13984
 Colb: Dannioe Devol, Council 2299
 Steu: D.L. Romel, Council 472
 Tole: Herman Heuring, Council 11450
 Youn: Ron Knox, Council 341

Youth of the Year

Statewide: Jon Schondel
 Cinn: David Slonkosky, Council 2158
 Clev: Caitlin Higgins, Council 13984
 Colb: Caitlin Hedge, Council 910
 Steu: Kayla Frazer, Council 4361
 Tole: Greg Hoffman, Council 11450
 Youn: Jon Schondel, Council 4533

Religious of the Year

Statewide: Deacon Randall Redington
 Cinn: Deacon Don Meyer, Council 2633
 Clev: Fr. Raymond Sutter, Council 14406
 Colb: Deacon Bill Andres, Council 4324
 Steu: Deacon Redington, Council 4361
 Tole: Fr. Donald Kill, Council 11450
 Youn: Deacon Wil Bagley, Council 341

Chaplain of the Year

Statewide: Msgr. Marvin Borger
 Cinn: Fr. Harry Gerdes, Council 11550
 Clev: Rev. Gerard Gonda, Council 3269
 Colb: Fr. Jerry Rodenels, Council 10941
 Steu: Fr. James Dunfee, Council 4361
 Tole: Msgr. Marvin Borger, Council 7978
 Youn: Fr. Benson Okpara, Council 4733

District Deputy of the Year

Statewide: DD-71 Charles Troll
 Cinn: Edward Ponder, District 8
 Clev: David Yehl, District 31
 Colb: Robert Crum Jr., District 35
 Steu: None

Tole: James Collins, District 55
 Youn: Charles Troll, District 71

COUNCIL AWARDS

Top Ten Councils

1. Mother Teresa Council 14344
2. Kettering Council 14995
3. Our Lady of Charity Council 14406
4. Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912
5. Our Lady of the Light Council 14891
6. Westerville Council 5776
7. St. Andrew Council 11275
8. Fr. Martin Gilligan Council 14882
9. Fr. Charles Mentrup Council 14400
10. North Olmsted Council 4731

Best Community Activities

Statewide: St. Timothy 14345
 Div. I: St. Timothy 14345
 Div. II: Our Lady of Charity 14406
 Div. III: St. Sebastian 14255
 Div. IV: Fairborn 3724

Best Pro-Life Activities

Statewide: Our Lady of Charity 14406
 Div. I: Oak Harbor 1944
 Div. II: Our Lady of Charity 14406
 Div. III: St. James 2299
 Div. IV: Harrison 2633

Best Church Activities

Statewide: Our Lady of Charity 14406
 Div. I: Our Lady of Charity 14406
 Div. II: Marysville 5534
 Div. III: St. Edwards 10876
 Div. IV: Geauga 3304

Best Vocations Activities

Statewide: St. James 2299
 Div. I: St. Hiliary 14551
 Div. II: Maria-Joseph 4022
 Div. III: St. James 2299
 Div. IV: Archbishop Purcell 2798

Best Council Activities

Statewide: St. Lukes 910
 Div. I: Marian Council 3813
 Div. II: Fr. Aufderheide 12912
 Div. III: St. Lukes 910
 Div. IV: Lancaster 1016

Best Family Activities

Statewide: Archbishop Purcell 2798
 Div. I: Our Lady of Sorrows 14563
 Div. II: Fr. Fitzgerald 12772
 Div. III: North Ridgeville 7970
 Div. IV: Archbishop Purcell 2798

Best Youth Activities

Statewide: Brunswick 4847
 Div. I: St. Anthony 14093
 Div. II: St. Joseph 12772
 Div. III: Brunswick 4847
 Div. IV: Archbishop Purcell 2798

Best Public Relations Activities

Statewide: Fr. Maruskin 10936
 Div. I: Marian 3813
 Div. II: Fr. Maruskin 10936
 Div. III: Sacred Heart 2850
 Div. IV: Msgr. Dury 505

Best Council Newsletter

Statewide: St. Bede 13755
 Div. I: Msgr. Breslin 14995
 Div. II: St. Bede the Venerable 13755
 Div. III: St. Michael 11445
 Div. IV: Dayton 500

Best Council Website

Statewide: Brunswick 4847

Div. I: River East-Mother Theresa 14344
 Div. II: St. Joseph of 3 Rivers 11550
 Div. III: North Ridgeville 7970
 Div. IV: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187

Best Squires Activities for a Council

Statewide: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187
 Div. I: St. Leonard 12841
 Div. II: Miraculous Medal 11188
 Div. III: Dover 1973
 Div. IV: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 11187

Best Membership Activities

Statewide: St. Peter the Apostle 13984
 Div. I: Fr. Gilligan 14882
 Div. II: St. Peter the Apostle 13984
 Div. III: Sacred Heart 2850
 Div. IV: West Toledo 3122

Patriotic Award

Statewide: St. Lawrence 4169
 Cinn: Fr. Charles Mentrup 11400
 Clev: Geauga 3304
 Colb: Fr. Edward Fitzgerald 12772
 Steu: None
 Tole: St. Lawrence 4169
 Youn: Mantua 3766

Pope John XXIII Award

Councils 505, 752, 885, 910, 968, 994, 1065, 1175, 1801, 2633, 2850, 3123, 3350, 3376, 3766, 3904, 4022, 4324, 4361, 4378, 4433, 4533, 4539, 5023, 5139, 5621, 10215, 10792, 10820, 11187, 11207, 11370, 11828, 12641, 13984, 14502, 15043

Pope John Paul II Award

No councils qualified

Pope Benedict XVI Award

Councils 372, 626, 1016, 1039, 1569, 1757, 1944, 1973, 2158, 2798, 3122, 3213, 3410, 5724, 3754, 3777, 3813, 4130, 4168, 4169, 4731, 4847, 5253, 5582, 5583, 5669, 5776, 6373, 7970, 7978, 7981, 8115, 9788, 10941, 11188, 11193, 11208, 11275, 11450, 11550, 11915, 12772, 12912, 13517, 13608, 13755, 14155, 14344, 14400, 14406, 14504, 14551, 14882, 14891, 14995.

Award of Excellence

Councils 72, 478, 505, 507, 591, 626, 847, 968, 1016, 1-39, 1065, 1117, 1175, 1234, 1411, 1569, 1597, 1610, 1750, 1757, 1818, 1890, 1944, 1973, 2158, 2187, 2280, 2374, 2423, 2530, 2642, 2798, 2886, 2935, 3122, 3123, 3144, 3213, 3222, 3297, 3324, 3350, 3410, 3529, 3617, 3724, 3754, 3766, 3777, 3813, 3904, 3930, 4022, 4130, 4168, 4169, 4212, 4237, 4324, 4539, 4731, 4847, 5023, 5239, 5253, 5286, 5506, 5559, 5582, 5583, 5621, 5669, 5776, 6144, 6373, 7979, 7978, 7981, 8115, 9788, 10215, 10876, 10936, 10941, 11188, 11193, 11208, 11275, 11445, 11450, 11550, 11915, 12641, 12772, 12912, 13260, 13371, 13517, 13608, 13755, 13874, 12977, 14093, 14094, 14111, 14155, 14282, 14344, 14400, 14406, 14504, 14545, 14551, 14882, 14891, 14995.

DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARDS

Fr. McGivney Award

DD-3 Ted Borchers, DD-9 Michael Felerski, DD-20 William Pring, DD-26 William O'Brien, DD-29 Joseph Reich, DD-31 David Yehl, DD-35 Robert Club Jr., DD-56 James Collins, DD-67 Michael Mobley, DD-70 William Gruszecki, DD-71 Charles Troll, DD-

72 Robert Simon, DD-76 James Nicholson.
Christopher Columbus Award
 DD-35 Robert Clum Jr., DD-56 James Collins, DD-71 Charles Troll.

State Deputy's Award

DD-21 F. Edward Ryan, DD-24 Brandon Robinson, DD-26 William O'Brien, DD-35 Robert Clum Jr., DD-41 James Cogan, DD-44 Louis Schwartz, DD-45 Terry Fitzpatrick, DD-58 Catarino Alverez, DD-59 William White, DD-68 Fred Russell, DD-69 Michael Rogers, DD-77 Joseph Yash.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

District Deputy Incentives

Reported 100% council participation in membership blitzes

DD-8 Ed Ponder; DD-9 Mike Felerski; DD-13 Walt Amrein; DD-20 William Pring; DD-31 David Yehl; DD-71 Charles Troll; DD-73 David Bender; DD-78 Michael Thomas.

Establishment of 1st Degree Team

DD-5 Fred Schoenhofer

Positive Membership Gain

DD-5 Fred Schoenhofer; DD-8 Ed Ponder; DD-10 Jerry Trumpey; DD-12 Darren Mark Ortalano; DD-20 William Pring; DD-21 Ryan Freeman; DD-28 Joseph Lacey Jr.; DD-29 Joseph Reich; DD-33 John Kuczirka; DD-36 James Colegrove II; DD-41 James Cogan; DD-42 Thomas Gault; DD-43 Shawn Ansbro; DD-44 Louis Schwartz; DD-50 Edward Skocik; DD-56 James Szymanski; DD-57 Bruce Blair.

Council Incentives

Reached Supreme Membership Goal

By Jan. 1, 2011

Councils 10272, 11224, 11354, 12756, 13614, 13640, 13974, 13977, 14054, 14344, 14345, 14346, 14491, 14502, 14714, 14769, 14995, 15009, 15023, 15043, 15056, 15086.

10 New Members Net Gain

During Blitzes Program

Councils 957, 1757, 5239, 14995.

Recruiters of 5+ New Members

First Half of Fraternal Year

Mark Mandel, Council 12772; Steven Lutz, Council 11355; Keith Bettinger, Council 5239; Arthur Clouse, Council 671; Theodore Varga, Council 14255; Michael Feldkamp, Council 14502; Richard Mitchell, Council 14344; Nicola Ventura, Council 15009.

Recruiters of 5+ New Members

Second Half of Fraternal Year

Michael Saine, Council 3904; Stephen Kandrach, Council 15023; Theodore Varga, Council 14255; Harold Clyburn, Council 11187; Charles Rohrbacher, Council 1362; Ronald Wellman, Council 1991.

Recruiters of 5 to 10 New Members

For the Fraternal Year

Charles Rohrbacher, Council 1362; Steven Lutz, Council 11355; Keith Bettinger, Council 5239; Arthur Clouse, Council 671; Theodore Varga, Council 14255; Michael Feldkamp, Council 14502; Richard Mitchell, Council 14344; Nicola Ventura, Council 15009.

Recruiters of 11 to 25 New Members

For Fraternal Year

Michael Saine, Council 3904; Mark Mandel, Council 12772; Steven Lutz, Council 11355; Theodore Varga, Council 14255.

2010-2011 Fraternal Year Annual Report of State Deputy Paul J. Upman



It is both a requirement and a pleasure to report to you on the status of the Knights of Columbus in the great state of Ohio. This year and last year presented many challenges, many rewards, many happy times and some disappointments. In order to report to you a true accounting, both successes and failures must be presented. I must say at the outset that many of the challenges we encountered the last two fraternal years were due primarily to external factors and not to lack of effort by our State Officers, Directors or Diocesan Personnel. Your elected officers and appointed leaders are the most dedicated, experienced, and energetic representatives we could hope to have. On your behalf, I want to thank them for their service. I also wish to thank our State Chaplain Rev. James E. Brown who carried out his responsibilities completely and professionally, including trips made to New Haven on our behalf. Fr. Jim maintains contact with our Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori and Fr. John Grace in New Haven. Fr. Jim has been with us to provide spiritual guidance at every opportunity, and he will be a great asset as we develop a plan that will include the addition of diocesan assistants to the State Chaplain.

Financial Stability

An important responsibility of the State Deputy and officers is to operate programs and activities within our means and to insure financial stability of the state council. In this last fiscal year, your state council maintained our usual three bank accounts and created a fourth account, all with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. These include a **Fund Raising** account that is funded primarily by the Football Sweepstake program, a **General checking** account that is funded by Per Capita payments and all miscellaneous income, a **Savings account** that is used to hold funds for a higher rate of interest during times of plenty. All of these accounts are in good financial condition with no outstanding debt.

Last year, a fourth account was opened and it was funded by the 20% state retain of the **Measure Up** collections. From this account we paid all expenses related to the Measure Up campaign, we transferred over \$41,000 to our Ohio Charity Foundation for further distribution, and we donated directly \$1000 to each of our six diocesan offices that work with handicapped and mentally challenged youth and we set aside funds for ruler purchases.

At this convention, delegates assigned to the Audit Committee will review in detail the report of our auditors Fleming, Brockschmidt and Durkin of Cincinnati, Ohio. The committee's task is to verify the process and extent of record keeping, to note the checks and balances in place, and to review the auditors report in detail. We can take comfort in the fact that the

audit by Certified Public Accounts is extremely thorough.

Financial Management

At the outset of my administration we converted from a cash system of doing our financial business, to the accrual system of accounting, and commenced full time use of the Quick Books Pro accounting system for depositing funds, check writing and account segregation control. This change has been beneficial and has worked very well for our needs. I would like to thank Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Moegling for his continued support to me and to State Secretary Dave Helmstetter these last two years in making an orderly transfer to this new system. Thanks also to State Secretary Helmstetter who has done an incredible job at mastering this new system and at maintaining our financial records.

The State Officers, Directors and District Deputies are to be commended for their fiscal control during this last fraternal year. Numerous cases abound of not requesting or taking per diem and mileage payments, using conference calling and internet exchanges in lieu of meetings and combining officer meetings with other activities to minimize travel.

Fiscal Control

We continue to experience significant savings in printing and postage by using internet/e-mail communications. In this regard nearly all of our councils can be reached by email to either the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary, or both. We have kept these electronic addresses protected from public use and all messages that went out to these officers passed through the State Deputy's office. Other than our usual bimonthly mailing, urgent information was sent out as the need arose. We expect to have 100% of our councils with an e-mail contact address by the end of the next fraternal year.

We are grateful to my Executive Assistant Ray Darr for his dedication to this cause.

Likewise we continued the effort of our predecessors in converting important activity reports from printed and mailed copies to online reporting. Virtually every council has the ability to submit reports on line. General Program Director Mark Pickard and Web site Director Jerry Lowery are to be commended for their continued efforts in this regard. In a very practical sense, your state council has made great strides at "going green."

Our web site continues to be a source to go to for a myriad of information; our thanks to Web Site Director Jerry Lowery for his timeless dedication to maintaining the site. Jerry is also to be commended for his continuing guidance as we updated and added to our audio visual equipment base, making the state council even

more independent of costly rentals for our meetings.

Theme and Programs

The theme for 2009-2011 fraternal years was Ohio Knights "Strong in Faith and Service." This theme was well thought out and was intended to remind our membership that we are a Catholic, fraternal organization started by a priest, and we are supportive of our parishes, families and neighbors. We should first be strong in our faith as it gives focus and purpose to everything we do. Secondly, it is our mission as Knights to serve others who are less fortunate or who need support. We also created a sub-theme: "Together let us remember the dream" to help with our membership efforts. The "dream" of course is to recruit Catholic men who believe in the same principles of Fr. Michael McGivney and those first Knights of Columbus.

Program Progress

We are very fortunate in the Ohio jurisdiction that we have the leadership, energy and finances to further develop Supreme Council programs into an activity "contest" that encourages councils to develop quality programming in: Church, Community, Council, Family, Membership, Pro-Life and Youth activities. Many councils and individuals are to receive recognition at this 112th annual convention. Specific guidance was given to each Grand Knight in the form of state developed booklets entitled the General Program Handbook and the Grand Knight's Handbook to help our members become "Strong in Faith and Service." Our Directors are to be commended for their creative programming, their dedication and energy, and willingness to help council members learn the online reporting systems, and how to use the state programs to their advantage. I am confident that the experience and competence level expressed in our team of directors is unmatched by most jurisdictions in the Order. I direct each of you to read their individual reports elsewhere in this booklet.

During the fraternal year, through April 1st, 344 of our active councils elected to send in at least one activity report, and generally more, which indicates approximately 96% of our active councils participated, an outstanding level of participation.

A year ago, Supreme Council instituted a significant change to the Columbian Award program by adding Pro-Life activities to the mandatory requirement, along with the five major, established activities, in order to qualify for the coveted Star Council Award. Our membership was made aware of this last year and embraced the change.

Membership

In terms of our membership gain, after all

our efforts to induct new members, and against a backdrop of suspensions, withdrawals and deaths, we currently have 239 (5-13-11) fewer members than last fraternal year. Our goal was and is to end the year with a net gain. Numerous creative programs and efforts were launched by our Membership Director Paul Barko. Details appear in his report that follows. Mass-mailings were made to various categories of suspended members with good success at winning some back. Using data supplied by Supreme Council, a large scale effort was made to attract out of state members residing in Ohio, to join a nearby council; again with some success.

Our quota for (gross) member intake defined by Supreme Council is 2,650 members. We more realistically expect to reach an intake of 2,100 or more depending on our efforts during June and the development of new councils before the fraternal year ends. To motivate our members to finish the year strong, we instituted a "Spring into Prosperity" membership effort in April that has monetary incentives to bring in new members before the end of June. Also, our New Council Director Gabriel Minton continues to meet with Pastors and to schedule church drives.

Suspensions and withdrawals, though unwanted at any number, were contained, and stand at 878 on May 13th, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Retention Director Michael Saine and our Diocesan Membership/Retention Directors and District Deputies.

Due to mass-mailing efforts, our ratio of transfers-in to withdrawals was net positive.

Census figures show that Ohio is a graying state in that the greatest part of our population is in the over 50 group. Data supplied by Supreme council show the parts of our state where the lowest percentage of our Catholic populations are not members. These two facts combined mean that we must put our effort where the greatest potential membership growth can be. These same census data show 21% growth in 80 year olds and over (Toledo Blade) which may account for the increasing mortality rate of our members in Ohio; we are losing on average more than three members a day. Mortality is in the hands of God, but we mortals must endeavor to and will overcome these losses by better recruiting and more personalized retention of members we already have. Our councils must have Retention Committees who make personal contact with estranged members, in order to identify and solve problems, before it becomes too late. We need to do a better job at obtaining handicap waivers for those who need it and notifying members of Honorary and Honorary

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Life status as this will provide some relief in dues and encourage an ageing population to remain active members. Our usually successful efforts to convert 18 year old Squires to full Knighthood must continue in earnest. For two years, State Council paid, upon request, up to one year's dues for 18 year olds becoming Knights.

Our economy is struggling to recover but the downturn over the last couple of years may have taken a financial toll on many of our members and councils. Our council leaders must become more proactive and creative at reaching out to members who fall behind in dues and need some relief to remain active members.

Some council leaders reported that the added the Culture of Life assessment and the lack of equality with Inactive Insurance member assessment and credit between State and Supreme Councils to be factors in not carrying anyone behind in his dues. Councils could no longer pay these fees for members who are in arrears. An effort was made to better explain the Culture of Life program as it was not well understood. Most members endorsed the Supreme Council matching funds for ultrasound purchases, but failed to realize that the Culture of Life fund provides these dollars to save the unborn. Regards In active Insurance member assessments, your state officers have planned for and are in support of some relief in Per Capita assessments. A Resolution will most likely be approved at this convention and likely instituted next year, after submission to Supreme Council for approval.

Round Tables

Our multi-parish councils have not fully participated in the Round Table program. While the report deadline is not until June 30, it is projected that we will finish at about 50% of our 175 parish goal. In spite of efforts to educate our council leaders, many fail to see the value and rewards in establishing a solid cooperation with the multiple parishes they serve. Additionally, many Round Table arrangements were actually in existence, but not reported properly. The actual process consists of two steps and both forms must be submitted every year. State Council has petitioned Supreme Council in 2010 to examine the process with the goal of making it more "user friendly" and thus capture what is actually happening. We have been advised that the Round Table Chairman is indeed doing that review.

Squires

In Ohio we have 27 Squire Circles and more than 450 members, which is significantly better than last year. With the leadership of Fr. F. Richard Snoko, Director Marty Schumacher and several new counselors, we started four new Squires Circles thus far this fraternal year, with two more possible. The new Circles were sponsored by:

Logan Council 2299 in Columbus, St. Anthony 14093 in Columbus, Centerville 14505 in Cincinnati and by Fairfield 8115 also in the Cincinnati Archdiocese. Congratulations to these council leaders for their hard work in establishing these new Circles.

Fund Raisers

Over many years in Ohio we have adopted a few highly successful fund raisers. Your state officers energetically assumed leadership roles for all. I would like to quickly summarize.

The **Measure-Up Campaign** was chaired by our State Warden Kevin Miller and is designed to raise money for council selected organizations that work with the developmentally disabled. This year's campaign is just concluding but last year our councils raised \$414,536.

The **Matching Funds** campaign was chaired by our State Advocate, Robert Collins and is intended to raise funds for religious educational needs in each of our six dioceses. Our Ohio Charities Foundation matched the first \$25,000 donated. This year's total was nearly \$63,000.

The **Charity Raffle** campaign, also known as the Cash Bonanza, was chaired by our State Treasurer Ken Girt, and this year's campaign ends this weekend with the drawing. The results will be published very soon. Councils reap significant rebates from this campaign for their local charitable uses. Last year's campaign, also chaired by Ken grossed approximately \$700,000 from more than 139,000 tickets sold.

The **Pennies for Heaven** campaign raised money for our diocesan vocations departments and was chaired by our State Secretary David Helmstetter, who was ably assisted by our Vocation Director Joe Mackos. This campaign, unique to Ohio, has steadily grown to a record \$96,299 collected this year. Twenty seven councils donated more than \$1000 each and joined the coveted Thousand Dollar Club. To them and all contributors we say thank you. The long term goal is to get this program to a sustainable \$100,000 per year, in addition to the Supreme Council RSVP program that solicits donations direct to seminarians.

The **Football Sweepstake** started several years ago to provide operational funds for our local councils and state council. This activity was chaired again by Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein, and it raised approximately \$29,000 for council use and nearly \$39,000 for state council uses. Thank you PSD Eckstein for your continued support.

A new fund-raiser involving the production and sale of **Council Photo-Directories**, to help councils financially, was initiated in 2011. State Council made an agreement with Summerfield Studios to work with receptive councils at setting up a photo-directory of members, particularly during major anniversary years. Participating councils enjoy a profit from directories sold by Summerfield. Councils are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Since the upfront cost and labor are covered by Summerfield, and it does not involve selling tickets, we decided to endorse the program.

Significant Events

We experienced two **International Free Throw Champions** in our state: Cody Crum, sponsored by Caldwell Council No. 2565 of the Steubenville Diocese and Megan Turner sponsored by Council No. 5589 of the Youngstown Diocese.

Brother Knights in the Cleveland, Columbus and Youngstown Dioceses participated in the

Supreme Council **Coats for Kids** program by distributing 500 coats to needy children; our thanks to the organizers in these areas for locating facilities and handling the distributions. This is the second year Ohio has participated in this program. Several other councils purchased coats and conducted their own program on a smaller scale.

Another opportunity we continue to take advantage of is Supreme Council's offer to share the cost of **ultrasound machines** purchased for qualified antiabortion centers. The matched money comes from the Culture of Life Fund. Multiple equipment purchases

have been made in nearly every diocese. Co-sponsoring an ultrasound machine for a local pro-life center is a very practical and effective pro-life activity that will have lasting effects well after the procurement of the equipment.

Conclusion

Ohio Knights have accomplished much in support of the Supreme Council and our "Strong in Faith and Service" program. As your State Deputy, I am proud and grateful to have served in this capacity these last two years. May God continue to bless our Order and may the dream of Fr. Michael J. McGivney continue to inspire us to even better accomplishments next year.

Pennies for Heaven sets another new record

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vocations," commented Helmstetter.

As of the State Convention, 218 of Ohio's 363 councils participated in the program.

"Just think," exclaimed Helmstetter, "if 145 more councils had contributed. We *really* could have set a record."

And for that reason, Helmstetter has set the goal for 2011-1012 higher, even though State Secretary-elect Ken Girt will be taking over chairmanship.

"I think we can break the \$100,000 mark," he announced.

Twenty-five Ohio councils each raised more than \$1,000 to Pennies for Heaven in 2010-2011. Number One was Cleveland Council 733, which contributed a whopping \$6,125.55. Councils raising more than \$3,000 were North Ridgeville 7970 (Cleveland Diocese) and Our Lady of Peace 14282, Columbus, with contributions of \$3,446 and \$3,048.19 respectively.

Other councils contributing \$1,000 or more included: Miraculous Medal 11188, Columbus, \$2,955.84; St. Peter the Apostle 13984, Brook Park, \$2,854; Lancaster 1016, \$2,108.50; Bellefontaine 1782, \$2,001; Fr. Andrew Hohman 5253, Reynoldsburg, \$2,000; St. Brendan 11208, Hilliard, \$1,866.77; St. Anthony of Padua 9788, Columbus Grove, \$1,800; Immaculate Heart of Mary 13517, Cuyahoga Falls, \$1,615.17; St. Andrew 11275, Upper Arlington, \$1,580.71; Ottawa 1757, \$1,500; St. Hilary 14551, Fairlawn, \$1,280.70; Leo 957, Findlay, \$1,250; Columbus Chapter, \$1,206.87; Fr. Francis Hoffer 14504, Centerville, \$1,200; St. Joan of Arc 10765, Powell, \$1,075; Fr. Charles Mentrup 14400, Franklin, \$1,001; Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Assembly, Centerville, \$1,000; Mantua 3766, \$1,000; Garfield Heights 4130, \$1,000; St. Michael 11445, Worthington, \$1,000; Our Lady of Charity 14406, Broadview Heights, \$1,000; Pontifical College Josephinum 15009, \$1,000.

Top diocese in collections was the Columbus Diocese, where 46 of 70 K of C units combined to collect \$30,583.09.

"We continued to use the theme 'Get Vocations . . . Pass the Jug' and a second theme 'Got Vocations . . . Go Beyond the Jug' in promoting vocations," said Helmstetter. "The second theme encouraged councils to do more than just pass the jug, but conduct specific activities to raise funds for this program.

"On behalf of seminarians and vocations directors throughout Ohio, my thanks to your council for supporting *Pennies for Heaven*," Helmstetter concluded.

Obituary

Ray Ashbrock, former Ohio Knight of the Year

Raymond Ashbrock was a leader in every aspect of the Knights of Columbus, from Grand Knight to District Deputy, Fourth Degree Faithful Navigator, Chapter President and State Director. He passed away May 8 at the age of 82.

Brother Ashbrock was a former Knight of the Year for the Ohio jurisdiction, and served as a member of the Master's staff of Ohio District 2. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He and his wife, Margaret raised nine children, seven of whom still are living, and had 28 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Our Deepest Sympathy . . .

The deepest sympathy of Knights of Columbus throughout Ohio are extended to Past State Deputy Robert Sears and his wife, Dodie, and family on the passing of their son, William J. Sears at the age of 47.

Mother Teresa Council 14344, Toledo Diocese, is tops in Ohio for 2010-2011 fraternal year

One of Ohio's newest Knights of Columbus councils, River East – Mother Teresa Council 14344, was honored as the jurisdiction's No. 1 council for the 2010-2011 fraternal year. Mother Teresa is located in the City of Oregon, Toledo Diocese.

In announcing the Top Ten councils, State General Program Director Mark Pickard said Mother Teresa Council achieved a gain of 397% in fundraising activity for charity, and a membership gain of 460% above its Supreme quota.

Ohio's No. 2 council, from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, was Kettering Council 14995, which achieved a percentage gain in fundraising activity of more than 300% and a membership gain of 416% over its Supreme quota.

Other councils in Ohio's Top Ten for the 2010-2011 fraternal year were:

- Third Place: Our Lady of Charity Council 14406, Broadview Heights (Cleveland Diocese).
- Fourth Place: Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912, Vandalia (Cincinnati Archdiocese).
- Fifth Place: Our Lady of Light Council 14891, Kettering (Cincinnati Archdiocese).
- Sixth Place: Westerville Council 5776, Westerville (Columbus Diocese).
- Seventh Place: St. Andrew Council 11275, Columbus (Columbus Diocese).
- Eighth Place: Fr. Martin T. Gilligan Council 14882, Dayton (Cincinnati Archdiocese).
- Ninth Place: Fr. Charles E. Mentrup Council 14400, Franklin (Cincinnati Archdiocese).
- Tenth Place: North Olmsted Council 4731, North Olmsted (Cleveland Diocese).

"Congratulations to all the Top Ten councils and to all the councils for your participation in the *Strong in Faith and Service* general program," Pickard told the State Deputy's Banquet audience at the State Convention.



Representatives of the Top Three Ohio Councils.



Representatives of Ohio's No. 4 through No. 9 councils. There was no representative from the No. 10 council.

Ohio's Best General Program Activities for the 2010-2011 fraternal year

Best Church Activity

Our Lady of Charity Council 14406 (Cleveland Diocese) fulfilled its Pastor's Request with planning and preparing for the Church of the Assumption's Summer Festival. Thirty-five Knights were involved with the festival, logging more than 800 hours. The festival netted more than \$31,000.

Jack Campbell, State Church Director

Best Community Activity

St. Timothy Council 14345 (Columbus Diocese), held its Second Annual Blue Mass, which was an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical personnel in the Central Ohio area. Several priests and deacons concelebrated the Mass. The police chief, assistant fire chief and a sheriff's officer spoke. Honor Guards from the K of C Fourth Degree, police and fire departments, and the county sheriff's department, plus a Pipe and Drums Corps, participated.

Michael F. Abfall, State Community Director

Best Council Activity

Knights of St. Luke's Council 910, Danville, and St. Vincent Council 847, Mt. Vernon (Columbus Diocese) got together for an Extreme Makeover – K of C Style – renovating a home that would be occupied by Tommy Gault (son of DD-40 Thomas Gault) and his wife Betsy. Tommy is afflicted with Huntington's Chorea, a progressive hereditary neurological condition accompanied by increasing mental deterioration that has no cure. On March 20, 2011, Tommy and Betsy held a "celebration of love" party in their new home, inviting all those involved, the parish community, neighbors and friends -- more than 120 people shared in this viewing of their new home and a meal.

Bob Byers, State Council Director

Best Family Activity

For more than 35 years, Archbishop Purcell Council 2798 (Cincinnati Diocese) has held a Family Picnic, attracting large crowds. This year was no exception. Nearly 500 members, families and friends gathered at Stricker's Grove – a popular picnic spot which has more than 20 amusement rides. Council members volunteer to staff the gate, grills, grilled corn, and drinks booth. A 50/50 drawing was held, with proceeds benefitting the council's seminarian support fund.

Larry J. Drosch, State Family Director

Best Membership Activity

Members of St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984 (Cleveland Diocese) take membership seriously, and have learned from the old adage, "A picture is worth a thousand words!" Combining their drive to increase membership and their desire to do something different, several members of the council created a Membership DVD to show prospective members what the Knights of Columbus stands for, as well as highlighting the individual accomplishments of the council.

Paul Barko, State Membership Director

Best Youth Activity

The FEST is an all-day Catholic youth event attended by approximately 30,000 persons. For the past five years, Brunswick Council 4847 (Cleveland Diocese) has handled all facets of parking for the event. Twenty-two members put more than 300 hours into this event.

Ken Gardner, State Youth Director

Best Pro-Life Activity

Our Lady of Charity Council 14406 (Cleveland Diocese), at the request of Chaplain Fr. Justin Dyrwal, (pastor of Assumption Church in Broadview Heights), sponsored a bus trip to the Washington D.C. March for Life last January. It was the third consecutive year that the council sponsored such a trip.

Michael Abfall, State Pro-Life Director

Best Vocation Activity

The Challenge Coin has become an international symbol of unified pride for many different types of organizations. St. James Council 2299, Logan (Columbus Diocese) designed and sold such coins, with proceeds helping to support seminarians at Pontifical College Josephinum and the possibility of supporting a newly formed seminary in Cuba. A coin was presented to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and to an official of the Vatican – with a "thank-you" and blessing from Pope Benedict XVI coming in return. Sales of the coins have exceeded \$3,600.

Joseph Mackos, State Vocations Director

Best Public Relations Activity

Public relations generated by Fr. Maruskin Council 10936 (Cleveland Diocese) certainly says what we, as Knights of Columbus, stand for. In a story in the council newsletter, Deputy Grand Knight Mike Incorvati wrote, "Originally, I was looking to join a local service organization. What stood out about the Knights is that most of their service and fundraising gets pumped right back into the local parishes. What I enjoy most about the K of C is the chance to spend time with good Catholic men and their families. Not only do we have fun serving parish needs, but by spending times with others with strong faith, your own faith grows in ways you couldn't have imagined." It certainly tells what we're all about.

State Council Director Bob Byers

Best Squires Activity

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Circle 4891 and Council 11187, Pickerington (Columbus Diocese) hosted the Second Annual Squires State Dodgeball Tournament at the Seton Parish Activity Center (PAC) in January. More than 65 plus Squires, counselors and guests representing eight circles from all throughout the state participated. The Squires attended Sunday Mass at Seton Parish and were formally recognized by Brother Knight Deacon Hector. The event concluded with the Investiture of five new Squires into their respective home Circles.

Marty Schumacher, State Squires Director

2011 Honorees of the Year



Chaplain of the Year: Msgr. Marvin Borger

Msgr. Borger, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Perrysburg (Toledo Diocese), was nominated by Perrysburg Council 7978. He was cited for his "great inspiration for the St. Rose family" and his work with the Knights of Columbus and other parish organizations. With him are State Deputy Paul Upman (left) and State Chaplain Fr. James Brown (center).



Knight of the Year: Harding Christ

Harding was nominated by Father Ragan Council 3269, Avon (Cleveland Diocese). He has served as the Ohio State Council's State Public Relations Director since 1991 and as Editor of the Buckeye Bulletin since 1989. He also has been very active with the council and is Pilot in the Fourth Degree Lt. McManus Assembly. With him are his wife, Patricia; State Deputy Paul Upman (left) and State Council Director Bob Byers (third from left).



Religious of the Year: Deacon Randall Redington

Deacon Redington was nominated by Msgr. Dooley Council 4361, Mingo Junction (Steubenville Diocese). He was cited for his work as a teacher, missionary and serving at Masses at Triumph of the Cross Church in Steubenville. He is a member of Msgr. Dooley Council and Sir Knight of Assembly 803. With him is State Church Director Jack Campbell.



Youth of the Year: Jon Schondel

Jon was nominated by Our Lady of Lourdes Council 4533, Canton (Youngstown Diocese). He attends Perry High School and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Canton. He is one of only 23 teens in the Youngstown Diocese to be awarded the Eagle of the Cross for "steadfast service in Youth Ministry and for following the way of Christ". He is an Eagle Scout. With him is State Youth Director Ken Gardner.



Family of the Year: Ray & Tina Barr

Ray and Tina Barr and their four children were nominated by St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984, Brook Park (Cleveland Diocese) as Ohio's Family of the Year. The entire family has been very involved at Mary Queen of Apostles Parish, Brook Park. Ray is a councilman in Brook Park and Deputy Grand Knight of St. Peter the Apostle Council. With the family are State Deputy Paul Upman (left) and State Family Director Larry Drosch (right).



Lady of the Year: Rhonda Huczel

Rhonda was nominated by St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984, Brook Park (Cleveland Diocese), where she has been a leader of the Ladies Auxiliary in support of both the council and Mary Queen of Apostle Parish. With her is State Council Director Bob Byers.



Volunteer of the Year: Alma Rose Lewe

Alma was nominated by Harrison Council 2633 (Cincinnati Diocese). She has served her parish, St. John the Baptist Church, throughout her life, and has been very involved with her community. With her is State Deputy Paul Upman (center) and State Community Director Mike Abfall.



District Deputy of the Year: DD-71 Charles Troll

The selection of DD-71 Charles Troll is from the Youngstown Diocese. He was cited for having submitted all the state and supreme required reports during the fraternal year as well as ensuring that all councils in his district submit their state and supreme reports. With him are State District Deputy Director Jerry Karpinski (left), State Deputy Paul Upman and his wife.



Blue Coat of the Year: Ptl. Thomas Sensel

Thomas was nominated by St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984, Brook Park (Cleveland Diocese). He was cited for his bravery as a police officer in the City of Brook Park. With him is State Community Director Mike Abfall.