



**State Deputy  
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New Year**

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Recently, during our Diocesan Summer Tour Programs, I emphasized that we need to treat our July 1 fraternal year beginning as if it were January 1 of a New Year. I emphasized a few points: Seize the Opportunity, Plan Now for Success and Include as Many Members as Possible in your plans and activities!

How often do we get the chance to start anew, to wipe the slate clean and to look ahead instead of dealing with what did not get done in the past? In many of our councils, we have new leadership, new chairmen, and hopefully fresh ideas about doing the work Fr. McGivney envisioned and the Catholic Church expects! So seize the opportunity; it comes but once a year!

Every successful fraternal year starts with *planning*. It is essential that council leaders gather and discuss the main events and strategy for the upcoming year. What worked in the past? Let's do it again, but even better. That is, build on success! What didn't work so well? Is it fixable? Should we just try something else? Don't repeat a failure!

For some fresh ideas, read the red cover *General Program Handbook 2009-2011*. Haven't seen it? Ask your previous Grand Knight, or contact your District Deputy. Every council was given this booklet, as well as the gold cover *Grand Knights' Handbook*.

Include others. So many times the same core group plans and does everything; then

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## In Unity there is Strength

***In the aftermath of tornadoes that swept through the Toledo area on June 5, many Knights joined together to financially help those who suffered losses***

When the treacherous, swirling winds of a major tornado swept down on communities in three counties of northwest Ohio on Saturday evening, June 5, Knights of the Toledo area banded together to help the victims.

Six persons were killed as the vicious storm destroyed most all homes on Main St. in the small town of Millbury and completely destroyed the Lake High School in Lake Township.

Three Brother Knights who are Toledo-area council leaders and who serve in the administration of State Deputy Paul Upman

spearheaded the Knights' response.

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Bob Warnimont, Grand Knight of Perrysburg Council 7978 and Hospitality Chairman for Upman, was vacationing in South Carolina when he heard the news. He immediately called Mark Pickard, a Trustee of Perrysburg Council and General Program Director for the Ohio State Council, first asking if all area Knights and K of C halls were OK. Then he asked Mark, "How can we help?"

Pickard took it from there. He contacted Leo Brenot, Grand Knight of St. Jerome

Council 11450 in Walbridge and Hospitality co-Chairman for Upman – not far from the tornado's path. After more calls they determined that there was no damage to K of C buildings in the area.

Then, after being advised by a Disaster Relief Services representative that perhaps gift cards would be a good contribution to tornado victims so they could use them to buy clothing and other necessities, they went to work. Pickard and Brenot each made phone calls to northwest Ohio Knights of Columbus council grand knights.

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## Football Sweepstakes

***Huge rebates continue for Ohio councils***

*The following was submitted by Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein, chairman of the 2010 Football Sweepstakes campaign.*

Will Ohio's councils sell more "2010 Football Sweepstakes" tickets than they did in 2009 as they continue to go after those HUGE REBATES?

For the second year in a row, rebates have been increased. There is a great chance that this year they may approach more than \$125,000. The bottom line is simply that the more tickets sold statewide mean more rebates will be earned by councils participating.

Pass those Football Sweepstakes tickets around and go for the TOUCHDOWN of all rebates this fall!

For those who are new to the *Football Sweepstakes* program, following is a review of the campaign. It is how councils that want to participate in the *2010 Football Sweepstakes*, can make up to \$3.90 on every ticket sold, regardless if you sell one ticket, 10 tickets, 100

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### New Supreme representative

State Deputy iPaul Upman (left) introduced Dannie Harris, a new Supreme Regional Membership and Retention Director, at the Summer District Deputies' Meeting. Harris is a Past State Deputy of Kentucky. Story on Page 3.

## Membership: Let us share the dream

**By Paul Barko, State Membership Director**

As we begin the 2010–2011 fraternal year, there is a real need statewide to look at and work on membership recruitment.

I am aware that there are some members and councils who are reluctant to consider planned recruitment activities, seeing it as a "numbers game". But active recruitment of Catholic men into the Knights of Columbus is at the heart of Fr. McGivney's dream to engage all Catholic men in witnessing their faith through service to their church, family, community, youth and council.

How can we be strong and share Fr. McGivney's dream of faith-based service without consideration of membership? That consideration needs to be in the mind of every Knight

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## State Chaplain's Message

# A wonderful pilgrimage to Rome

By Fr. James Brown

State Chaplain

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

At this printing I'm sure many are gearing up for the Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. I know we are on the state level following closely on our own State Convention.

This first year has gone so quickly. It is hard to believe. Now we are into our second year full tilt preparing for our programs and activities.

I had a wonderful privilege this past month as the State Chaplain to be invited by the Supreme Council, Bishop Lori and Fr. John Grace to join with the State Chaplains from all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, The Philippines and Poland. There were approximately 75 of us with some of the Supreme Officers and their wives.

This Pilgrimage to Rome sponsored by the Supreme Council was directed toward the closing ceremonies of the *Year for the Priest*. We joined some 10,000 priests from around the world to pray together, reflect together and celebrate liturgy with Pope Benedict. Being with the Knights of Columbus, we had front row seating in many of the venues we were a part of.

On Wednesday morning we joined some 6,000 other priests in St. Paul's Basilica, outside the Walls, for a talk by Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne, Germany. His address centered on the importance of the Sacrament of Penance for us as priests and the importance of both sides of the screen for us as penitents and as confessors. If we are not humble enough to confess our own sins we will not do well as

sympathetic confessors.

We then celebrated a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with an opportunity to go to confession and concluded with Mass.

On Thursday morning we gathered again in St. Paul Basilica for part two. This day the talk was delivered by Cardinal Marc Quilett of Quebec, Canada, and centered on the Eucharist and on Mary's role in our lives. The talk was followed by Mass and then a Holy Hour. On Thursday evening we had an opportunity to attend the Vigil Service with Pope Benedict in St. Peter Square. This was a multimedia program with live video feeds from Africa, the U.S. and Asia with priests sharing from around the world about their priesthood and what the year for the Priest meant for them. When the Holy Father joined us he answered questions that were posed to him from priests around the world. Following that we had an extended Holy hour and Benediction. The group I was with got back to our hotel around midnight. The Pope stayed with us till the end. That was a surprise to me.

Friday morning included the Mass in St. Peter Square on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, officially concluding the *Year for the Priest*. The homily was in Italian given by the Pope. We had to wait for a copy of the translation. He spoke of the priesthood standing against the world's understanding and assumptions. It is not a "job" or a "role" or even an "office" but rather a Sacrament. The audacity of God who makes use of poor men in our weakness in order to be, through us, present to all men and women and to act on his behalf.

The Holy Father did speak of the abuses



as tragedy and publicly apologized to God and to the victims. He said that if the *Year for the Priest* was simply a glorification of our individual human accomplishments -- the scandal would have ruined the whole event. As it is, precisely the opposite happened. .... "we grew in attitude for God's gift, a gift concealed in earthen vessels" So what has happened is a summons to purification as a task we bring to the future and makes us acknowledge the great gift we have received from God.

Another part of his reflection was on the Responsorial Psalm and the Feast of the Sacred Heart itself. The heart of God himself pierced for us revealing love poured out in the Sacred Blood and Water revealing Baptism and Eucharist. Psalm 23, the Good Shepherd psalm, was another source of his reflections as God guides us with his presence with rod and staff through the dark valley of temptation and despair. "I know I am not alone or abandoned because God knows me and looks after me."

Saturday was a quick but always wonderful trip to Assisi before our return flight to the U.S. on Sunday.

Now we are back at our regular duties and preparing to go to the Supreme Convention.

More news next time from Washington. Have a great summer.

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complains that there is no help. Our council leaders, whether formal (elected officers) or informal (you know who they are), must make an attempt to get others involved. It can be done! Don't announce "we have to have some help," but, carve out specific assignments and seek volunteers. Maybe talk to a good candidate one-on-one. It's easier to fill a defined job.

Since it's a New Year, I have my wish list, too. I wish that:

- Our councils will plan the best ways to attract current and new members to be participants. Realize that a member must have a reason to join and to participate.
- Our councils serving more than one parish will realize the power of a Round Table at each parish for improving relationships and recruiting. It's a two-step process that must be started early in the New Year to be effective.
- Our active members will see that the "Power of 10" program is an easy way to stay in touch with those members we rarely see at meetings or events; a way to cut our suspension rate in half! Once a regular member actually talks to a "no-show" a lot of information can be exchanged and a lost member may return to active participation!

My list could go on, but just these few actions can make for us a truly Happy New Year!

**Our deepest sympathy is extended to State Advocate Bob Collins, on the passing of his father, Robert F. Collins, Sr.**

## New councils established in 2009-2010

Sr. Rose Council 14834	Cincinnati	Cinn	Jul. 21, 2009
Fr. Martin Gilligan Council 14882	Dayton	Cinn	Nov. 1, 2009
Our Lady of the Light Council 14891	Kettering	Cinn	Nov. 1, 2009
Immaculate Conception Council 14962	Columbus	Colb	Feb. 10, 2010
Holy Spirit Council 14959	Uniontown	Tole	Feb. 12, 2010
Pontifical College Josephinum Council 15009	Columbus	Colb	Mar. 27, 2010
Msgr. Lawrence Breslin Council 14995	Kettering	Cinn	Apr. 1, 2010
St. Gregory the Great Council 15023	South Euclid	Clev	Apr. 22, 2010
Los Caballeros Council 15036	Fremont	Tole	May 5, 2010
Holy Trinity Council 15043	Assumption	Tole	May 13, 2010
Holy Family Council 15056	Parma	Clev	May 20, 2010
Immaculata Council 15086	Youngstown	Youn	Jun. 6, 2010

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## State Deputy Looks At 2010-2011 Goals

# 'We have a lot of big numbers to hit this fraternal year'

State Deputy Paul Upman reviewed some of the successes of the 2009-2010 fraternal year at the summer District Deputies' Meeting in June and at the Summer Tour Meetings held in each of the six Ohio dioceses during the month of July.

Regarding membership, he acknowledged that Ohio suffered from more than usual suspensions and withdrawals, but said that with the help of District Deputies and local councils, "We can turn things around this fraternal year". Supreme Council's final membership figures, as of June 30, showed that Ohio dipped below the 60,000-member mark, to 59,969.

Upman noted that through the leadership of New Council Development Director Gabriel Minton, Ohio achieved its quota of establishing 12 new councils during the past fraternal year. And he announced that that two new Squires Circles were established – at North Ridgeville Council 7970 and St. Hiliary Council 14551, Fairlawn (both in the Cleveland Diocese).

Regarding 2010-2011 goals – which are issued by Supreme Council – Upman said, "We have a lot of big numbers to hit this fraternal year." The goals are:

- Gross membership intake of 2,650.
- Net membership intake of 1,776.
- 12 New councils.
- 5 Council reactivations.
- 175 Round Tables.

He emphasized that District Deputies should not try to be "one of the boys" in the councils they represent. "You're their

leader. You represent me, and the Supreme Knight," he asserted. "Make your councils file their reports. Make sure they're active in recruiting members, and that they have admission and retention committees.

"A lot of how we do on the state level depends on what you (District Deputies) do at your level."

Upman also stressed that the Ohio State Council's website ([www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)) has become one of the most important means of communication, containing information on everything from degree schedules, reports and forms to the program and District Deputy books, events and activities, directories and the Buckeye Bulletin.

The State Deputy introduced Dannie Harris, a new Supreme Regional Membership and Retention Director, to the District Deputies. Harris, a Past State Deputy of Kentucky, replaces Bill Sukel, who has retired.

"Your state officers have put together a good plan for the fraternal year," Harris said. "If everyone does his job, the state will grow. We want you to do well in every category."

To the District Deputies, he said, "Take back to your councils the information you learn here. You've got all kinds of help – from your councils to the state team and me."

At the Sunday Mass of the weekend meeting, State Officers and District Deputies present were installed into their respective offices for the 2010-2011 fraternal year.



State Deputy Paul Upman (left), installs state chaplain Fr. James Brown. At right, Upman is installed by his wife, Lee.

### Campaign starts Sept. 1

## Matching Funds mean so much to strengthening Catholic education

Catholic education is so important. That's why the Ohio State Council's Matching Funds Program is so important.

Strengthening Our Faith Through Religious Education once again is the theme of the 2010 Matching Funds campaign, which begins Sept. 1 and ends Nov. 15. The Ohio State Council will match the first \$25,000 funds received from councils, assemblies and Squires circles. Funds collected in each diocese will be given to the Religious Education office in that diocese.

Chairman of the 2010 campaign is State Advocate Bob Collins. He has set a goal of \$65,432.10 this year, with 100% council participation, 200 councils having an improvement in collections over last year, and 50 councils having an increase of at least 25% in collections.

The 2009 Matching Funds program raised a total of \$34,750.

"Your council's contributions to the fund will assist in strengthening the Catholic education effort in every Catholic school, in every parish school of religion, and in every RCIA program of your diocese," Collins emphasizes.

Collins said there are several ways for councils to fund donations to the Matching Funds program – such things as donating a portion (or all) of the councils Super Cash Bonanza rebate; host a council fund-raising event with proceeds earmarked for the fund; passing the "Jug" at council meetings and social events, or asking members to make a personal pledge. He suggests that councils appoint a chairman and set a goal of at least 10% higher than was raised in 2009.

Collins also emphasizes that councils should contribute their funds early in the campaign so they are certain to be matched by the Ohio State Council.

Council donations should be sent to: Bob Collins 10181 Tracy Trail, Parma, OH 44130-5210. They should be received by Nov. 15.

Awards will be given for the highest donation overall by a council; the highest donation by a council in each diocese; the highest donation per member by a council in each diocese, and the highest donation by a chapter, an assembly or a Squires circle. District Deputies having every council in the district making a contribution also will receive an award.

For questions, email or call Collins at (email) [cllnsbbb@aol.com](mailto:cllnsbbb@aol.com), or (phone) 440-888-8909.

### Hennepin Province meeting set

The 2010 Hennepin Province Annual Meeting will be held on the weekend of Oct. 1-3 in Sterling Heights, Mich. The province includes Fourth Degree assemblies in Ohio and Michigan.

## Pennies for Heaven goal: \$90,000 in 2010-2011 year

"What a great year we had for Pennies for Heaven!"

State Deputy Paul Upman had those words at the District Deputies' Meeting, and they were echoed by State Secretary Dave Helmstetter, Pennies for Heaven chairman.

They were referring to the record \$81,366 that was raised for the benefit of Ohio's Catholic dioceses during the 2009-2010 fraternal year.

And Helmstetter is looking for another record in 2010-2011, announcing that the Pennies for Heaven goal is \$90,000.

Helmstetter had an idea for District Deputies to take back to their councils:

"Let's encourage each of our councils to collect at least \$1,000 during the fraternal year," he suggested.

He reported that 224 of Ohio's 367 councils participated in the 2009-2010 campaign.

"We can do better than that," he exclaimed.

Helmstetter had one more thought for the District Deputies:

"Vocations needs your support now more than ever," he said.

## State General Program Director

### What's new for 2010-2011 fraternal year?

By Mark Pickard

State General Program Director

Holy Toledo! Another fraternal year is gearing up! I sincerely "Thank You" to all the councils that participated in the *Strong in Faith and Service* State General Program this past fraternal year. Now we're looking for bigger and better events this fraternal year.

Our Ohio councils made history in the 2009-2010 fraternal year. For the first time we, the state council, asked you, the councils, to submit your fantastic reports online, through the Ohio State Council website.

Did you respond? Yes you did. You responded with 76% participation in the state general program with numerous fantastic events.

Congratulations also to all the councils that earned recognition at this past State Convention.

What's new for 2010-2011 fraternal year?

I'm glad you asked. As we presented in our Summer Tour Programs, the Pro-Life Activities is now a major program, per the direction of the Supreme Council. Our State Community Activities director, Mike Abfall, has agreed to take on the role as State Pro-Life Activities director.

I'm asking our Ohio councils, for this fraternal year only, to report their great Pro-Life Activities to Brother Abfall, under the Community Activities program. The Pro-Life program will be sent to all councils through the state emailing and will be posted on the website.

Once you and your council have had an opportunity to check out the new State Pro Life Program, I am asking the councils to pick one of the major programs and execute that program to the highest level. The goal here is to be able to have numerous fantastic events to choose from for the *Best* in the State Pro Life Program, and then be able to send the BEST of the Best to the 2011 Supreme Convention.

What else is new? Well let me tell you!!!!

The Buckeye Bulletin is YOUR state newspaper. We're asking that councils send information and photos of their finest activities during the fraternal year to Buckeye Bulletin Editor Harding Christ, so he can consider publishing it and letting other councils around the state know what their peers are doing.

Also this year our state directors are not going to write articles in every issue about what's coming up in their field. Rather, we're going to summarize suggestions for participation in timely activities – such as we've done on this page with the adjacent feature. It doesn't mean that you have to do only those activities; they are only suggestions. The directors, if they wish, can expand on their thoughts about activities with postings through the state mailings. This should free up some space for more general material.

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This past year, your State Membership Team lead by State Membership Director Paul Barko did a fantastic job on New Council Development. Twelve new councils were established in 2009-2010. Welcome, Brothers, in those new councils! We're glad that you're with us.

The time is now for all of us to join with "Superman" Barko and his team to go out and ask your fellow Catholic gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus. Remember: a Brother Knight once asked *you* to join. Now go out and ask someone else to join. You'll be glad you did.

We are all looking forward to a great fraternal year, all working together to do what Fr. Michael McGivney has asked us to do: to promote our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, for the betterment of our parishes and communities.

## Ohio students win Supreme scholarships

Three Ohio students have received college scholarships from Supreme Council. They are:

Anne Glaza, of Waterville, who received a John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship.

Jacob Palcic, of Cincinnati, who received a John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship.

Sarah Ambach, of Springboro, who received a Frank L. Goularte Endowed Scholarship.

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

## Program Activities to do . . .

Councils can choose from many activities when participating in the Ohio State Council General Program during the fraternal year. Following are some suggestions by our State Directors as you get started on your journey this fraternal year. Details can be found in the **General Program Handbook**, in either the printed version or on the Ohio State Council website ([www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)). There also are plenty of other great activities in the **Handbook**. We'll highlight others in future issues of the Buckeye Bulletin. Please note that each of the five major programs – Church, Community, Council, Family, Membership, Youth – include Council Choice activities. These can be accomplished only once during the fraternal year in each program.

### Church Activities.....Jack Campbell, Director

Activity #4 – *Pastor's Request*, offering assistance to him and his parish.

Activity #7 – *Parish Round Table*. For councils which serve more than one parish.

### Vocations Activities.....Joe Mackos, Director

Activity #9 – *Establish a Vocations Committee* at the parish the council serves.

### Community Activities.....Mike Abfall, Director

Activity #15 – *Emergency Relief Management*. Establishing an Emergency Relief Management Plan.

Activity #16 – *Wheelchairs Make the World Go Around*. Teaming up with the Wheelchair Foundation to provide wheelchairs. For every \$75 donation, the Wheelchair Foundation will match that amount to purchase a wheelchair.

### Pro-Life Activities.....Mike Abfall, Director

Activity #19 – *Council Pro-Life Efforts*, which has many options that a council can implement.

### Council Activities.....Bob Byers, Director

Activity #23 – *Council Patriotic Activity*, an activity with a number of options to promote patriotism.

Activity #26 – *Council Work Party*, using the teamwork of council members to improve an area.

### Public Relations Activities.....Harding Christ, Director

Activity #29 – *Communicating with Council Members*, possibly with publication of a newsletter to keep them informed.

### Family Activities.....Larry Droesch, Director

Activity #33 – *Family Holiday Activity*. Plan events for the council "family" during various holidays during the year.

Activity #34 – *Family Corporate Communion Breakfast*. Schedule those events, which generally are held on a quarterly basis.

### Fraternal Activities.....Carl Ferguson, Director

Activity #40 – *Estate Planning Night*. Invite your Field Agent or a General Agent to be part of a program to inform members of the benefits of estate planning.

### Membership Activities.....Paul Barko, Director

Activity #53 – *Outreach to Sick and in Distress*. Develop a program to reach members who are ill at home, in the hospital or in hospice, or at a funeral home, with special emphasis on the family.

Activity #54 – *Admission/Retention Committee*. Establish an Admission Committee to screen potential candidates and a Retention Committee to keep members active.

Activity #55 – *Re-activate Inactive Members*. Identify inactive members and develop a plan to rekindle their interest.

### Youth Activities.....Ken Gardner, Director

Activity #42 – *Soccer Challenge*. Plan and establish a Soccer Challenge at your council.

Activity #43 – *Drug Awareness*. Hold a Supreme Council Substance Abuse Poster Contest in your community; support your local D.A.R.E. program; hold a council-sponsored drug abuse awareness program for youth in your community.

### Squires Activities.....Marty Schumacher, Director

Activity #50 – *Support of the Squires*. Sponsor or promote new or existing Squires Circles.

## A home is destroyed by fire; Knights come to the aid of a Brother Knight

North Ridgeville Council 7970 (Cleveland Diocese) Knights have become accustomed to helping others.

Earlier this year they responded to a needy family whose refrigerator broke down. The Knights collected donation from members, purchased and installed a new refrigerator.

Then, in June, an explosion caused by gasoline leaking from a motorcycle rocked the garage of the home of a Brother Knight, Gary Klemens. The home was destroyed in the fire. Some of the losses included family memorabilia, much of it from the Knights of Columbus, stored in the garage.

Gary, his wife Shelley, and children needed help. And the North Ridgeville Knights responded. They collected donations. They are searching for ways to replace some of the Knights of Columbus certificates and other memorabilia.

And they sponsored a benefit dinner at a North Ridgeville restaurant on July 14 to raise funds, generating publicity that included announcements on Cleveland television stations.

Help also came from a nearby K of C council, Father Ragan Council 3269 in Avon. At a council meeting a "hat" was passed to collect donations; the council and its Father Ragan Charitable Foundation pledged funds. A total of \$505 was sent to the Klemens. In addition, Father Ragan Grand Knight John Hricovec was able to offer the Klemens family temporary housing.

## 10 Steps to a successful council program year

*The following was submitted by Past State Deputy Dennis Shonebarger.*

1. 1. Read all program and council materials provided to you – State Program Book, Supreme Council Surge for Service, Supreme and State mailings, Buckeye Bulletin, Ohio Knights of Columbus Website.
2. 2. Plan your program and your council meetings. Do what your council can do successfully and present it at well-organized and time-efficient meetings.
3. 3. Never set yourself as being "above" the Order. We are all just a part of the greatest Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization and need to work within its laws and rules.
4. 4. Learn from your predecessors. Don't change what has worked in the past; build on it.
5. 5. Promote membership recruitment. It is truly the life-blood of the Order and ensures an ever-increasing supply of awesome volunteers for our good works.
6. 6. Promote the State Programs and work them. Program activities guarantee the retention of your members when they are kept involved.
7. 7. Promote the K of C Insurance Program. It is outstanding and pays the bills for the Order. Our Field Agents are great ambassadors of the Order and will help with your recruiting.
8. 8. File all Supreme, State Council and State Program reports on time. It keeps our tax-exempt status and lets everyone know of your activities, and puts you in line for awards.
9. 9. Promote your council's successes with a timely Council Newsletter, articles to the *Buckeye Bulletin*, local newspapers and *Columbia Magazine*.
10. 10. Be "positive" in everything you do. IT WORKSD! A positive outlook brings positive success for your council.

## Priest applauds Knights for their work

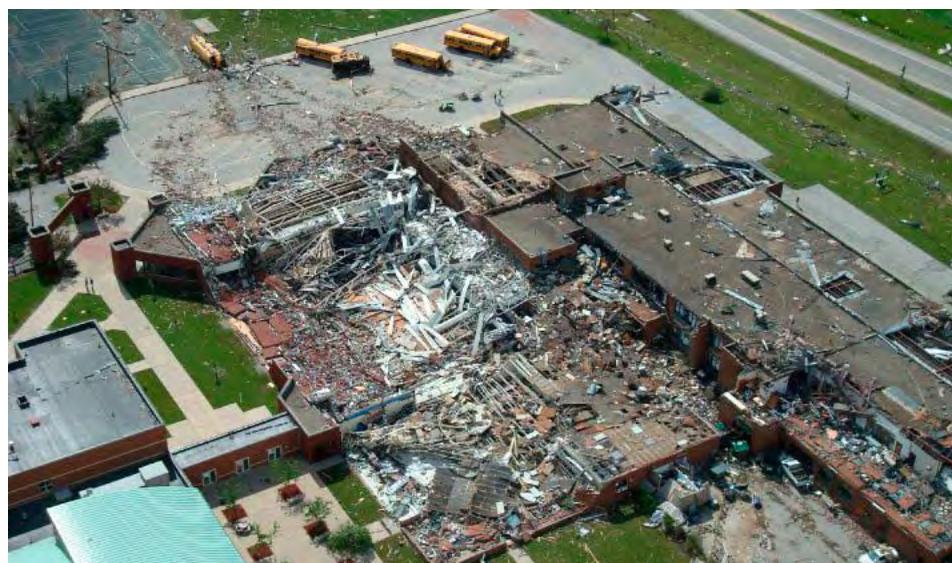
When Knights of the Cleveland Diocese were meeting at Garfield Council 4130 for their Summer Diocesan Tour Program, Fr. Bob Stec entered the building unannounced. When he was spotted, he was called to the podium.

Fr. Stec stood before the podium and said only a few words. "I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for all the work they do for the Church and for vocations," he said. Then he stood there amongst the quiet crowd, for nearly a minute, applauding. It was a great gesture.

Fr. Stec is pastor of St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick and is a former Cleveland Diocese vocations director.



Part of the devastation in Milbury



The destruction at Lake High School

## Toledo area Knights aid tornado victims

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"We need your council to buy gift cards," they told each. "Or, get donations of gift cards."

The response was immediate. Within days, gift cards were collected and given to the Disaster Relief Services for distribution to the tornado victims. The cards were placed in Knights of Columbus envelopes, each with a special letter written by Brother Knight Steve Majer, then Deputy Grand Knight of St. Jerome Council 1145, explaining to the victims that this was a donation from the K of C, and naming the councils that donated.

Councils came to the aid in other ways, too. For example, Holy Cross Council 5139, Rossford, took the lead in helping the Red Cross set up and staff disaster relief at All Saints Parish in Rossford.

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The cleanup continues. One-third of the 441 homes in Milbury, including most all on Main St., were impacted, many destroyed or uninhabitable. The police station was destroyed. The police dispatcher never left her post. She was one of the victims. In Lake Township, Lake High School was destroyed; buses overturned and unusable. Graduation ceremonies were to have been held on Sunday, June 6. They were held several days later at a building owned by Owens Community College, where classes will be held during the 2010-2011 school year. Kate Krantz, the Lake High valedictorian, would not attend the ceremonies. Her father, Ted Krantz, was another of the six victims.

The area has received no federal help. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) refused aid, saying damage was not severe enough to qualify for a disaster declaration.

## Golf tournament is set for Aug. 5-7 at Lima

The 2010 Ohio Knights of Columbus golf tournaments will be held on Aug. 5-7 at Hawthorne Hills Golf Club in Lima.

The Super Seniors Tournament will be contested on Aug. 5; the Seniors (50 and over) will be played on Aug. 6, and the Open Tournament – for any Ohio K of C members and team winners from district qualifiers – will be on Aug. 7.

Chairman of the Ohio State Golf Association is Ed Lasch, of Macedonia.

## Plaque presentation commemorates the anniversary of Sister Dorothy Stang death

By Tom Goodman

*Tom Goodman is chairman of the Sister Dorothy Stang Project, created to honor the memory of Sister Dorothy, who was killed by assassins in Brazil in 2005 while working with the Pastoral Land Commission. Resolutions passed at State Conventions called for Ohio Knights to support the Sister Stang project and each council plant a tree in her memory.*

On June 6, 2010, the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus presented a beautiful plaque to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, commemorating the fifth year anniversary of the life, legacy and ministry of Sister Dorothy Stang. Congregational Leader (Mother General), of SNDdeN, Sister Teresita Weind, accepted the plaque. In a moment of inspiration, Sister Teresita sang out in a loud voice; a beautiful song to show her gratitude to the Knights of Columbus.

A Fourth Degree Honor Guard was present for the Mass and a tree blessing ceremony at the Cathedral Saint Peter in Chains in downtown Cincinnati. Retired Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk celebrated the Mass, with Fr. James Bramlage and Franciscan Fr. Warren Zeisler concelebrating. During the homily, Archbishop Pilarczyk stated, "This afternoon we also remember a servant of God who offered her life for the work of the Lord."

After the Mass, Archbishop Pilarczyk blessed the two trees that were planted by the Knights of Columbus on the grounds of the Cathedral in memory of Sister Dorothy.

Sister Teresita Weind said, "It is indeed an affirmation of the work of Sister Dorothy and an affirmation of the ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame, which has always been to proclaim the goodness of God among those who are struggling, laboring, anguishing in conditions that are less than human."

Sister Joan Krimm, who was Sister Dorothy's good friend, is heading up the efforts of the Sister Dorothy Stang Project with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Sister Elizabeth Bowyer has also been very instrumental with the project.

Sister Dorothy grew up in Dayton, and spent many years as a Shepherd of Christ in the Amazon Rain Forest of Brazil. Her efforts were to protect poor farmers and their land rights which were given to them by the Brazilian government. Sister Dorothy also worked tirelessly to create sustainability of the environment in the Amazon rain forest. A group of wealthy ranchers and loggers worked against her efforts to protect the poor.

In February, 2005, Sister Dorothy's life was taken by hired assassins as she walked along a dirt road in the area of Para, Brazil.

A week before the tree blessing ceremony, myself (Sir Knight Tom Goodman), along with my lady, Anita Goodman, and Sir Knight Tom Bardin planted the trees. It was an extremely hot day. All we could think about was that our sacrifice was very minimal compared to the heat and conditions of the Amazon Rain Forest that the Sisters and the people of that area live with every day.

The Knights of Columbus have planted many trees in memory of Sister Dorothy, including a recent tree planting and stone marker placement by the K of C Harrison Council 2633. This tree planting was organized by Brother Sir Knight Ron Lepper. Ron mentioned that Sister Dorothy's spirit had inspired him to become active in this project. I acknowledged that the same spiritual inspiration from Sister Dorothy had touched me, inspiring me to initiate and develop the Sister Dorothy Stang Project.

The Sister Dorothy Stang Project has been an active part of two Ohio K of C State Conventions. Gary Eckstein, as State Deputy, initiated the state-level involvement of the project, and his successor, Larry Moegling, appointed me as state chairman of the project. Current State Deputy Paul Upman has been a tremendous supporter as well. He approved the tree planting at the Cathedral as well as the plaque presentation. State Secretary David Helmstetter was present for the Mass and the Tree Blessing ceremony.

Also present for the events of the day was David Stang, Sister Dorothy's brother, who has been working both in the United States and Brazil to bring justice for Sister Dorothy and the people of Brazil that she gave her life for.

If any council, assembly or parish – or other organization -- is interested in supporting the project, please contact me at (email) [tgaplants@live.com](mailto:tgaplants@live.com) or by phone, (937) 747-2648. Or you may contact: Sister Joan Krimm at (513) 679-8180.

### K of C membership surpasses 1.8 million

Total membership in the Knights of Columbus has passed the 1.8 million mark. The membership surpassed 1.8 million as of Supreme Council's figures of April 30.

Membership grew from 1.7 million to 1.8 million in less than five years (59 months).



Tom Goodman presents a plaque honoring Sister Dorothy Stang, to Sister Teresita Weind, Congregational Leader/Mother General of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

### State Insurance Director

## K of C agents meet in Texas for conference

By Carl Ferguson, General Agent

The Dallas-Fort Worth metro area's population, roughly 6.3 million, increased for a week in July as nearly 750 field agents, general agents and Home Office staff of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program descended upon the Hyatt Regency for the 2010 Field Agent Sales Conference in that Texas area.

While that population increase is a slight one for the area, for the Knights of Columbus, this is a momentous event. This is only the second time in the Order's history that a gathering of this size and magnitude has happened for our field force.

As some of you may recall, the first Field Agent Sales Conference was held in St. Louis, Mo., to an almost equally packed house of agents. It was deemed so successful that a sequel was soon in the works.

The saying goes, "Everything is bigger in Texas," and our Sales Conference is no exception. We have more agents in attendance, more guest speakers on the schedule and even more sales momentum in the first half of 2010 than we did in the same period in 2009.

From Ohio, five general agents and 13 field agents attended. They came away with more knowledge to better serve their members. They return to the field with a renewed sense of why they became agents in the first place: to help secure the financial future of their members and protect the widows and orphans of Brother Knights.

When your agent calls for an appointment, take some time out of your busy life to meet with him. Know that he comes to you with your best intentions in mind.

Also, keep in mind that we are trying to grow our agencies to better serve our members.

And ..... Do you know of a Catholic gentleman who is looking for a career opportunity? He should call upon the general agent in his area, or visit our web site [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), then click on the "Career" tab.

## Plan now for your 2010 Soccer Challenge

All Ohio councils should now be in the process of planning their 2010 Soccer Challenge, to be held on the council level during the month of September.

If you have not done so yet, order from Supreme Council your Soccer Challenge Kit (#SC-KIT), which contains all of the materials required to hold a successful program. The order form can be found online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or in the Forms Booklet received with the "Surge with Service" packet. If you are not familiar with the Soccer Challenge, go the [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) website and type "soccer" in the search box to learn more about this great Youth Activity.

Please inform your District Deputy as soon as possible if you are planning to hold a Soccer Challenge so he can plan his District-level competition for early October. Regional contests will be held in late October or early November.

If there are enough councils participating in the program this year, a State contest will be held in mid-November.

Remember, you can claim your Soccer Challenge as Activity #42 under the Youth Activities program.

## Huge Football Sweepstakes rebates

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tickets or even 1,000 tickets.

The 2010 Football Sweepstakes ticket still sells for \$10.00 each. Please keep in mind that \$3.50 of the ticket sold goes directly to the organization which does the printing, calculating of weekly winners and the promotional materials. The Ohio State Council does not get a share of the \$3.50; however, we do get to keep the \$6.50 that remains.

There was one **MAJOR** change this year, which was done to simplify the calculations and eliminate confusion on how rebates are to be determined.

When you submit your tickets to the Ohio State Council, each ticket **MUST** have the full \$10.00 submitted with the turn-in form. (100 tickets = \$1,000.00; 58 tickets = \$580.00, etc.).

The rebates are based on the \$6.50 the Ohio State Council keeps. They will be distributed in the following manner.

1. If all participating councils sell less than a total of 15,000 tickets statewide, each council will receive \$2.50 for every ticket sold.
2. If all participating councils sell more than a total of 15,000 tickets but less than 20,000 tickets statewide, each council will receive \$3.00 for every ticket sold.
3. If all participating councils sell more than a total of 20,000 tickets but less than 25,000 tickets statewide, each council will receive \$3.25 for every ticket sold.
4. If all participating councils sell more than a total of 25,000 tickets but less than 30,000 tickets statewide, each council will receive \$3.50 for every ticket sold.
5. If all participating councils sell more than a total of 30,000 tickets statewide, each council will receive \$3.90 for every ticket sold.

The Ohio State Council just recently completed its annual two weekends of Summer Diocesan Tour Programs and the *Football Sweepstakes* program was presented to all councils present and then the tickets and program information were distributed. The presentations were well-received, because more than 35,000 tickets were distributed. Less than 1,000 are still available.

It would appear with more than 35,000 tickets in circulation, Ohio councils could achieve \$3.50 to \$3.90 in rebates for each ticket sold.

**DO NOT BE LEFT OUT!** If any council, after reading this article, would like to participate, contact PSD Gary Eckstein at (614) 679-4238.

Further 2010 Football Sweepstakes information that will include guidelines, Turn-In Sheets, Forms, and any other materials of interest will be included in the Buckeye Bulletin, by the Ohio State Council website and emails.

Here's a review of some of the 2010 Football Sweepstakes guidelines:

- Donations are \$10.00 per ticket. Each ticket is valid for the last 10 weeks of the NFL Football season, starting Oct. 31 and ending Jan. 3, 2011.
- There are 32 NFL teams. Each week each player has four teams. Each player has new teams each week. No other ticket has the same teams in any given week. (Week No. 1 is Oct. 31, Week No. 2 is Nov. 7, etc.).
- A total of \$1,000.00 in prizes are awarded weekly to the ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games. The scores from the previous week's games will be used for teams that are not scheduled to play on any given week. It makes no difference whether teams win or lose. Total prizes will be \$10,000.
- First Turn-In is Sept. 17. All tickets must be turned in by Oct. 29. Sold tickets and money are to be sent to: PSD Gary A. Eckstein, 185 Wagon Trail South, Powell, OH 43065. Winners are notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council.
- Participants must print legibly their name, address, telephone number, and email address, plus the name and number of the selling council on the stub. The stub, and \$10.00, is turned into the council. The buyer keeps the remainder of the ticket.
- **"OHIO KNIGHTS"** is a registered and recorded name under the Ohio State Council – Knights of Columbus with Ohio's Attorney General Office.
- Councils can earn rebates only on tickets sold, which is based on total tickets sold statewide during the 2010 Football ticket sales.
- Rebate checks will be mailed during January, 2011.
- There will be winners list posted on [www.footballsweeps.com](http://www.footballsweeps.com) – Password is **ohioknightsfb10**.

Questions? Call Gary at (614) 679-4238.

## 'Superman' is available to councils to promote membership!

State Deputy Paul J. Upman has announced that none other than "Superman" is available to aid the Ohio State Council in membership growth during this fraternal year. His announcement was made during the recent Summer Tour Programs state tours when "Superman" was introduced to those in attendance, and stirred them up with his "super" presentation.

"We need to shake up our members and help them realize the importance of membership to every council in the state", said Upman. "Who better to raise attention and get members stirred up than the man of steel himself! I'm really glad that he is on board and I look forward to his help."

"Superman" was quoted as saying, "With State Deputy Upman's permission, I am able to announce my availability and willingness to attend as many council membership drives/programs as possible during the 2010–2011 fraternal year to promote growth on behalf of the state council. The only limitation is the availability of dates (Saturdays & Sundays only)."

All requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis, so councils that get their requests in early are more likely to have "Superman" available to attend



State Deputy Paul Upman and Superman, Paul Barko

their event. To take advantage of this offer, the council Grand Knight must email "Superman" at: [kofcpbarko@roadrunner.com](mailto:kofcpbarko@roadrunner.com) and make the request identifying 1.) the council's name, 2.) a description of the event and the number likely to attend, 3.) the name of the contact person and phone number, and 4.) the date, time and location of the function. Confirmation will be returned by email or phone by "Superman" himself.

## Membership: Let us Share the Dream

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and be present in the discussions at every council. It also needs to be focused in the multiple areas of 1.) new member recruitment, 2.) current member retention, 3.) former member re-engagement, and 4.) new council development.

Why? The answer is simple. If we really believe in Fr. McGivney's dream; if we really believe in the work of the Order, then we really need to take steps to continue the growth of the Order by recruiting, retaining and re-engaging Catholic men into our ranks.

- Without new members, who will follow in our footsteps and continue the work started by Fr. McGivney in 1882?
- Without retaining current members, who will be there to direct and guide new members in the work of the Order?
- Without reaching out to former members, how can we claim to be guided by the principles of CHARITY/UNITY/FRATERNALISM/PATRIOTISM?
- Without New Council Development,

how can we fulfill the "Dream" of Fr. McGivney to serve each of our churches and priests?

I am challenging each and every council in Ohio to put your commitment to the Order into practice by taking membership recruitment and retention to heart this fraternal year by:

- 1.) Planning and conducting at least one membership recruitment activity this coming year.
- 2.) Actively participating in the State Membership Activity Program.
- 3.) Implementing an active admission and retention committees.
- 4.) Establishing "Round Tables" at parishes served by, but not based in, your council.
- 5.) Supporting New Council Development in parishes not directly being served by your council.

I am also challenging each and every member in Ohio to commit to recruiting "one new member" this fraternal year. Ask a friend, a family member, a parishioner to join you in witnessing their faith through membership in the Knights of Columbus.

## Ohio Knights . . . *Strong in Faith and Service*

*This is a new Buckeye Bulletin feature with a goal of incorporating those "little things" that Ohio Knights and Ohio councils do during the fraternal year. We invite councils to send information for publication in this feature. Send to: Harding Christ, editor, 32649 Surrey Lane, Avon Lake, OH 44012-1643. Email: harding.c@oh.rr.com.*

Former Vice Supreme Master and Past State Deputy Baci Carpico has a suggestion to generate more information about the Fourth Degree in our councils.

Have councils appoint a Fourth Degree Liaison who would give presentations at council meetings about coming exemplifications and Fourth Degree activities, he suggested, and have the liaison "work with the financial secretary to get a list of all Third Degree Brother Knights so they can be contacted and encouraged to advance to the Fourth Degree". His suggestions were made at the Summer District Deputies' Meeting.

State Treasurer Ken Girt, Super Cash Bonanza chairman, says there will be no changes in the prizes for 2011 ..... Squires Father Prior Fr. F. Richard Snoko publicly thanked the General Agents of Ohio for raising funds to help the Squires. He



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### Saine is appointed Retention Director

Michael Saine has been named State Membership Retention Director by State Deputy Paul Upman. He replaces Tom Mathes, who resigned because of family obligations.

Saine had been Toledo Diocese District Deputy Director. Replacing him in that capacity is Robert (Bob) Boyer, who had been District Deputy-54.

Saine, a member of St. Jude Council 3904, Toledo, resides in Toledo with his wife, Karen, and six children. He is employed as store director for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Detroit.

Boyer resides in Maumee and is a member of St. Joseph Council 11370. He and his wife, Sue, have four children and five grandchildren. He is a realtor and part-time police officer for the Village of Whitehouse.



#### Father & Son Act

Tim Hohman (left) recently was installed as Financial Secretary of Father Ragan Council 3269, Avon. His dad, Joseph Hohman (right) is a Charter Member of Vermilion Council 4539 and has been its Financial Secretary

said one benefit has been the purchase of a computer system for the Ohio State Squires Circle ..... At the Saturday night dinner of the District Deputies' Meeting guests heard from Dr. Thomas Lisk, a motivational speaker.

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Celina Council 1800 recently sponsored a banquet to honor the priests, brother and sister who are currently serving the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Celina, and St. Theresa, Rockford. Parishioners were invited at no cost. Honored were Fr. Thomas Brenberger, Fr. Richard Riedel, Br. Nicholas Renner and Sister Nancy Wolf ..... New chaplain of Northeast Akron Council 3529 is Fr. Ignatius Kury, pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church. He's been a member of the council since he turned 18 years old ..... Brunswick Council 4847 recently held an outdoor Saturday Night Mass and Family Movie Night for families of the council. The council and St. Ambrose Assembly also marched in the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Fashioned Days parade in Brunswick.

Westerville Council 5776 Grand Knight Bill Coffey is encouraging Knights to report good things members do around the parish community for Knight of the Month consideration ..... Fairborn Council 3724 Grand Knight Frank Carchedi has appointed a special committee to review council programs and activities and develop recommendations on improving them as well as developing a long-range plan.

Congratulations to James Bailey, of North Olmsted Council 4731, who received his 500-hour pin for volunteering at the VA Medical Center in Brecksville.

## Ken Kasse

*He was a good Knight, an American hero*

Ken Kasse passed away last June 2, 2010. He was 84.

Ken was not a household name in the world of the Ohio Knights of Columbus.

Rather, he was a good Knight of Columbus with St. Peter's Council 13601 in Loudonville (Cleveland Diocese). He was the council's top ticket seller in each of the last two Super Cash Bonanza campaigns, selling more than 200 each year.

He also was an American hero, one of the vanishing breed of World War II veterans.

Ken was a paratrooper. One of the bravest jumps he made came on March 24, 1945, when he and 20,000 American and British paratroopers dropped in on approximately 70,000 Nazi SS troopers. He jumped out the door of a military transport plane as a member of the 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne in Operation Varsity, when the men jumped near Wesel, Germany, about 20 miles east of the Rhine River. It was the largest daylight airborne operation of WWII. The paratroopers teamed up with the Americans' 507<sup>th</sup> Combat Regiment and won the battle.

Ken resided in Perrysville, located in Ashland County in the Cleveland Diocese. Through the years he made other parachute jumps – closer to home.

Last March 24 marked the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that operation. Ken and some friends visited the place where they beat the Germans.

He had a story to tell. Brother Knights of his council sent information and photos to the Buckeye Bulletin with hopes that it would be published for Ken to see. Unfortunately, the May issue had just gone



Ken Kasse

to the printer, and the June issue would be filled with news of the 2010 State Convention.

In mid-May, Ken was admitted to the hospital in Mansfield, then transferred to The Cleveland Clinic.

This story should remind us that we should not wait – we should take time out from our busy lives to thank those American men who fought so bravely to preserve our freedoms. And it should remind us to pray for the repose of the soul of Ken and those brave men like him.

This editor regrets not being able to "stop the presses" last May and find room for Ken's story so he could have seen it. All we can do is thank him in our prayers.

-- Harding Christ, Editor  
Buckeye Bulletin



#### St. John of Beverly wins bowling title

St. John of Beverly Council 4617, Waterford (Steubenville Diocese) took First Place honored with a total pin fall of 3,505 – just 41 pins shy of the all-time mark. Don Smith was tournament chairman. The champions are (l to r) Bernie Dyer (captain); Jake Brooker; Tony Lang, Chris Lang, Jeff Lang and Jeff Canterbury. The 2010 tournament was held at Southwyck Lanes in Toledo. Tournament Chairman was Don Smith.

### Retention Committee should be at work to save members

The council Retention Committee, composed of the Deputy Grand Knight, Membership Chairman and Trustees, should be contracting members who may be behind in dues. Take the time to ask questions and listen. Why are they behind? What do they want from the council? How can we make a stronger and better council?

Remember, Retention is more than collecting dues. It's re-involving knights in the council and continuing to provide value in their membership. Personal Physical contact is your best opportunity to save a Brother Knight. After all, you recruit a member face to face. Remember, a disabled member can, by filling out a form, be declared disabled by Supreme and he will not owe dues.

-- Michael Saine, State Membership Retention Director