



State Deputy
**Growing council
truly embraces
membership**

By Dave Helmstetter
State Deputy

The Supreme Council unveiled a new video that should cause all members to think about their membership approach. It's called **The Power of One**. To view the video, go the Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org), click on the "for officers" tab and the next page provides the video.

The video introduces a simple concept that will inspire you to recruit **one member, per council, per month**. By following this philosophy, Ohio could have more than 4,700 new members this fraternal year, easily surpassing our 2,640-member goal. All councils should download this video and show it at your next meeting.

Can this happen in the real world?

Well, the Knights at St. Columban Council 13813 in Loveland (near Cincinnati) provide a great membership lesson for all of us. As a result, the council received the Charles P. Riesbeck Jr. Memorial Membership Award for the 2011-12 fraternal year for its membership efforts. The council had the highest net intake of members (27) and the highest percentage of membership gain (385.7%) in Ohio.

The award is given in memory of Past State Deputy, Past Supreme Director and Past Supreme Secretary Charles P. Riesbeck Jr., a native of St. Clairsville in the Steubenville Diocese. Under Brother Riesbeck, Ohio enjoyed record-setting membership years.

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The Power of One

One Member ... Per Council ... Per Month

District Deputies heard it over and over again: **ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH**, as Supreme's new Power of One membership recruitment campaign was introduced at the Summer District Deputies' Meeting in Columbus on the weekend of June 29-July 1.

And the officers of Ohio's local councils

got a dose of the same message during the Diocesan Tours Programs in July.

"Recruit one member per council per month and Ohio would realize more than 4,700 new Knights this fraternal year," exclaimed State Membership Director Ken Gardner.

"Our goals are steep, but doable,"

emphasized State Deputy Dave Helmstetter. "We're going to make Ohio better in membership. We're going to have a banner year."

Supreme's membership quotas for the current fraternal year include 2,640 new members, 1,769 net intake of new members

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Jennifer Nagel places the jewel of office on her husband, District Deputy-23 Chris Nagel, while their children – Brandon (left), Leah and Alyssa – watch, as well as State Deputy Dave Helmstetter and his wife Cinda, and State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams. District Deputies were officially installed in ceremonies during Sunday Mass of the District Deputies Meeting on July 1.

NFL teams return for Ohio K of C's Football Sweepstakes

After one year of substituting college football in Ohio's Football Sweepstakes Frenzy, we will welcome back in 2012 the 32 National Football League teams to our annual sweepstakes. We encourage all councils in Ohio to join the winners in the

"END ZONE" by selling more of the **2012 PRO Football Sweepstakes** tickets than they did with the college teams in 2011. Each year participating councils have the opportunity to go after those EXTRA HUGE REBATES. Rebates have shown a

constant growth over the past five years, as more tickets are being sold during this time. The same incentives will be offered once again, so there is a great chance that the rebates this year may go OVER \$125,000.

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Councils need a Treasure Map to find members

By Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner, *State Membership Director*

Membership recruitment in Ohio for the 2011-12 fraternal year fell short of the goals set in July of last year, with Ohio reaching only 75% of its intake goal. Councils of Ohio brought in 1,876 new and reactivated members, well short of the goal of 2,500.

The treasure of a new member is still out there; we just need to search harder to find them!

When Ohio Jones sent the members of our state on the *Great Ohio Membership Crusade* during the tour meetings last July, he asked them to find that treasure as best as they could. What Ohio Jones failed to do was tell you about the **TREASURE MAP**, that every council should already own. That treasure map is a **MEMBERSHIP PLAN**, put together by the council leadership as early as possible in the fraternal year.

The new mindset with membership recruitment order wide is **MEMBERSHIP 365**. This

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State Chaplain

We must stand For what is right

By Fr. Ron Williams
State Chaplain



In June, a new movie opened in theaters with a limited showing called *For Greater Glory*. The movie is a powerful story of the Cristeros movement in Mexico in the 1920's. Many Mexican clergy, religious, and laypeople died a martyr's death in their fight for religious freedom.

The movie's title comes from a powerful and moving scene. The priest St. Christopher Magallanes is played by Peter O'Toole. He has just celebrated Mass. Still dressed in his Mass vestments, he is praying before the Blessed Sacrament. José Sánchez del Río, a teenage boy, runs in and excitedly tries to persuade his pastor, "Father, the soldiers are coming! You have to run!" The priest responds, "Run? Run where?" Jose says, "But, Father, you have to hide!" The priest replies, "Hide from God?"

Then he looks the teenage boy straight in the eye and says, "There is no greater glory than to lay down your life for Christ. You must stand for what is right."

Moments later, the soldiers arrive, arrest the priest as a traitor, and lead him outside. As Jose hides and looks on, St. Christopher Magallanes, his beloved pastor, dies a martyr's death before a firing squad.

How does this happen? How does society get to the point where people are killed for stupid reasons? All they want to do is practice their faith.

The reason has to do with priorities. It is imperative that God be the number one priority in our lives. Our faith requires a commitment longer than one hour at a Sunday Mass. Our faith must be lived, and it must be public. Our relationship with God must be communicated in prayer, word, and deed every day, every hour, and indeed every moment of our lives.

The problem is that our society has become too secular and has removed God from the marketplace. God has ceased to be a priority in our public life. We've seen this go on for years as all kinds of litigation and ordinances have prevented public displays of Nativity scenes, crosses and other religious symbols like the Ten Commandments. This has become so

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ridiculous that one judge recently ruled that some of the Commandments could be publicly displayed, but not all ten.

This begs an important question. Has our freedom of speech been so devastatingly eroded that now we place limits on what even God himself can say in public?

And now the government has gone too far by insisting the Church participate in national health care by paying for things contrary to our faith, such as birth control, sterilizations, and abortions. What will happen to Catholic hospitals, universities, and schools, if the government will not back down?

As the Mexican faithful of the Cristeros movement took up the cause for religious freedom, their battle cry was ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ("Long live Christ the King!") and ¡Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! ("Long live the Virgin of Guadalupe!").

By the grace of Christ the King and with Mary's maternal help, it is time for us to exercise our freedom of speech and speak out for religious freedom. There is no greater glory than to lay down our lives for Christ. We must stand up for what is right. We must reclaim our Catholic faith and make God the number one priority in our lives. Being the best Catholics we can be is to be the best patriotic Americans we can be.

By publicly expressing our faith in a lived way, we can bring God back to the marketplace.

Growing council embraces membership

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At Council 13813, the membership plan includes officers and council members engaging deeply in their parish community, according to Grand Knight Ken Bernier. "The recruitment efforts are the result of parish team support, highly involved members, a shared vision, a strong leadership team, and a lot of divine intervention sprinkled in," he says.

All of us can learn from the story at St. Columban. The council involves the pastor, Fr. Larry Tensi, the entire parish office staff, school principal and parish pastoral council. With two K of C members on parish council, Bernier says the pastoral council is "fully supportive of building a strong K of C council in the parish."

He also says its important that K of C members are involved in other parish organizations, and aggressively recruit new members. Members are deeply involved in the spiritual committees of the parish, RCIA, Boy Scouts, parish sports teams, and again are engaged in recruiting at every parish function and Sunday Mass. In other words, the council has adopted the Membership 365 focus – they think membership daily.

It's exciting to hear where the council wants to go in the future. "Where there is no vision the people perish (Proverbs 29:18)," Brother Bernier states. Indeed, the council does have a bold vision. "The leadership team put forth a bold vision that our parish K of C organization should have at least 300 to 500 members since there is no other men's organization. That vision was considered pretty outlandish by the members when we first stated it, but folks are beginning to believe it's possible," he says.

In addition to actively recruiting, the council continues to build its base for the future by developing strong programs to attract new members. This involves active support by all officers and directors with a team approach. Bernier points to the officers and directors team as the keys to council success, both in recruiting and programs.

Brother Bernier also emphasizes the reason for success is spiritual, crediting the Holy Spirit. "Prayerful devotion to the Holy Spirit is the only way that all of this broad-based enterprise level support could possibly be happening," he says. "It's the only way we could have strong dedicated leaders in the organization and the only way so many individuals have accepted the invitation to become members."

District Deputies, Officers are installed at Mass

District Deputies who were present at the Summer District Deputies Meeting and State Officers were installed during the Sunday Mass. One by one, State Deputy Dave Helmstetter handed the jewel of office to each District Deputy, many of whom were accompanied by wives and families. Prior to installation of the District Deputies, the State Officers took their oath of office. They included:

- State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams.
- State Deputy Dave Helmstetter.
- State Secretary Ken Girt.
- State Treasurer Bob Collins.
- State Advocate Kevin Miller.
- State Warden Bob Byers.

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Matching Funds 2012 begins on Sept. 1; theme is Taking Up His Cross for Catholic Education

The following was submitted by State Advocate Kevin Miller, chairman of the 2012 Matching Funds Campaign.

The theme for the 2012 Ohio State Council Matching Funds Campaign is “**Taking Up His Cross Through Religious Education**”. This theme will emphasize our tradition of support for spreading the “Good News” of our Catholic faith. The campaign will assist each diocese in strengthening the Catholic education effort in every Catholic church, in every Parish School of Religion, and in every RCIA program.

Our 2012 campaign will begin on Sept. 1 and will run through Nov. 15. Our Ohio Charity Foundation will again “match” any contribution up to the first \$25,000 received before Nov. 15. A check for the collected amount from each diocese will be presented to each Religious Education Director of our dioceses at our Mid-year District Deputies Meeting in January. We will also distribute awards for councils that contribute the highest actual amount and highest per member amount in each diocese. District Deputies will also be awarded plaques who have 100% participation of the councils in their districts.

Your Matching Funds contribution is also a mandatory “step” in our Church Activities program. Please refer to the *Take Up His Cross* State Program manual. You will receive 100 points for completing “Step #1”.

All checks must be made payable to the *Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus* and mailed to: Kevin Miller, State Advocate, 1101 Arbor Oaks Lane, Galloway, Ohio 43119.

Matching Funds raised \$44,000 last year. With the \$25,000 matched by the Charity Foundation, we were able to distribute a total of \$69,000.00 to our diocesan religious education departments for purchasing DVDs, manuals and videos on our Catholic faith.



Ohio Knights hold special Flag Day event

The Ohio State Council sponsored a special event in honor of Flag Day on June 14, responding to a Supreme Council request that a nationwide effort be made to pay respect in all 50 state capital cities. The event was called *Flags of America – One Nation Under God*, held on the athletic field at Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus.

Fifty-six Sir Knights of Fourth Degree assemblies took part in the presentation, which included a time line display and narration of 33 historic American flags, from before the Revolutionary War through today’s version. As Sir Knights unfolded each flag for all to view, a history and description of that flag was given.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9473, Reynoldsburg, also participated, raising the U.S. Flag, while District III Master Charles Giametta led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Fr. John Backle, Faithful Friar of the Fr. Huber Assembly, gave the opening prayer.



State Deputy Dave Helmstetter presents a check to Ryan Phillips, director of the Special Olympics.

State Deputy Dave Helmstetter spoke of the respect Knights of Columbus have for the U.S. Flag. He also presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 to Ryan Phillips, director of the Special Olympics.

The Knights also noted that July 14, 1954, was the date that President Dwight Eisenhower signed into law adding “Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance, a move that had been initiated and supported by the Knights of Columbus.



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One Member - Per Council - Per Month

This logo was designed by Mike Felerski, District Deputy Coordinator for the Cincinnati Archdiocese and a member of State Deputy Dave Helmstetter's staff.

The Power of One: One Member Per Council Per Month

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(after deduction of suspensions and withdrawals), 6 new councils and 6 reactivated councils. Helmstetter pledged an effort to achieve those goals, except, he said, “my goal is 10 new councils, not 6”.

Gardner acknowledged that Ohio’s total membership has slipped below 59,000 following a sub-par effort in 2011-2012 in which the state achieved only 47% of its membership quota.

“This won’t work unless you do your jobs,” Supreme Membership and Program Consultant Dannie Harris told the District Deputies. Harris, a special guest at the summer gathering, asked the District Deputies to ponder answers to several questions, among them:

“Are you a working and dedicated District Deputy?”

“Have you set goals for your districts?”

“Do you have regularly scheduled district meetings for your councils?”

“Do you have willing and competent Grand Knights in your councils?”

“Do you promote the Shining Armor Award program?”

“We want you to succeed,” he stressed.

Harris also said District Deputies are in charge of new council development in their areas.

“You should be looking for places to start councils,” he advised.

To introduce the Power of One program, a video produced by Supreme Council was shown at the District Deputies Meeting and Diocesan Tour Programs. Some of the points made in that video included:

- The Power of One can bring unbridled success to any team.
- One Member Per Council Per Month should be the goal of every Grand Knight.
- One member can make a huge difference to the team.
- Growth assures that local councils can continue to serve their communities, youth and those in need.
- Each new member allows a council to extend its charitable reach.
- Parishes and communities need the support of a Knights of Columbus council throughout the year, so continue to recruit new members year-round.
- New members are a great way to inject enthusiasm, new ideas and new hope for a council.
- One Member Per Council Per Month equals not just 4,700 new members in Ohio, but 180,000 new members Order-wide.
- Men should become Knights of Columbus to be better Catholics, better husbands and fathers, and to help serve the poor, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.
- New members should recruit their friends to join (part of the Shining Armor Award).

New council formed in Cincinnati Archdiocese

Ohio’s newest council is St. Dominic-Delhi Council 15533, in the Cincinnati Archdiocese. One of its founders was State Membership Director Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner, who is its first Grand Knight.



Mantua Council presents flags to Freedom House

One of the charities of Mantua Council 3766 (Youngstown Diocese) is The Freedom House in Kent, a transition center offering support through temporary housing, job assistance, intensive case management and community resources to enhance self-sufficiency for homeless veterans. One of the council's first donations to the center was a set of new American, Ohio State and POW/MIA flags last Veterans Day – Nov. 11, 2011. Pictured are (from left) Freedom House representatives Ryan Everett and Charles Forsythe, and Mantua Council members David Bultinck and Chaplain Fr. Michael Garvey. Mantua Council also collects basic supplies and needed goods for donation to the veterans at The Freedom House.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

'Right to Apply' helps widows in need

By James Valent, FICF, General Agent

State Insurance Liaison

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state and federal laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications **only from Knights of Columbus members**. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

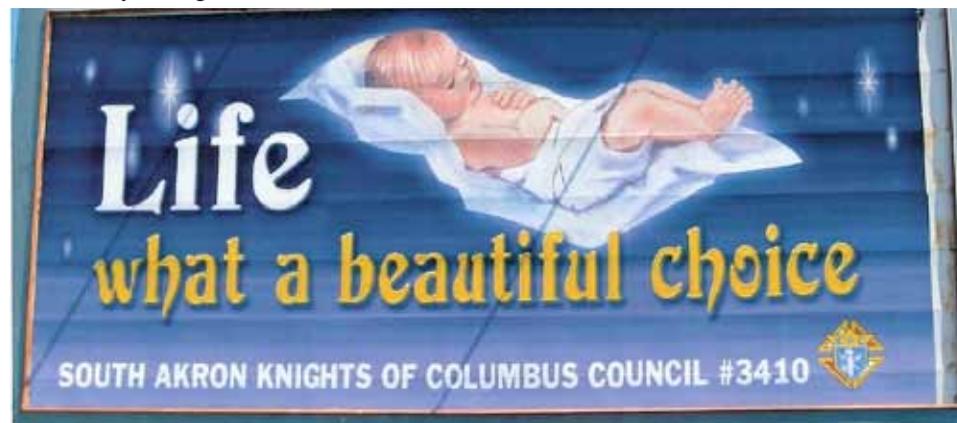
The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a Brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available **only** to the widows of **Insured Members**. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an Annuity or Long-Term care or Disability policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the Knight was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, we will assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, we will provide them the best professional advice and service to ensure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As Professional Agents and Brother Knights, we have no greater responsibility. Please, meet with your Agent soon.



Life: what a beautiful choice

South Akron Council 3410 (Cleveland Diocese) sponsored this billboard. The location was donated by Brother Knight Walt Cyc. The poster was sponsored by area businesses and individuals.

NFL teams return for Sweepstakes

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The bottom line is simple: the more tickets sold statewide, the more rebates are earned by all participating councils. So Pass, Run or Kick these Football Sweepstakes tickets around your council and friends and go for the TOUCHDOWN of all rebates this fall!

Just in case you are new to the **PRO™ Football Sweepstakes** program, following is a review of how it's conducted. It's how participating councils can earn up to \$3.90 on every ticket sold, regardless if you sell one ticket, 10 tickets, 100 tickets or even 1,000 tickets.

The ticket sells for \$10 each. (Please keep in mind that \$3.50 of the ticket sold goes directly to the organization that 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.

Remember: WHEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR TICKETS TO THE OHIO STATE COUNCIL, EACH TICKET MUST HAVE THE FULL \$10 SUBMITTED WITH THE TURN-IN FORM (100 tickets = \$1,000; 58 tickets = \$580, etc.).

Rebates are based on the \$6.50 the Ohio State Council is allowed to keep. The rebates will be distributed in the following manner.

1. If the total number of tickets sold is less than 15,000 statewide, each council will receive **\$2.50 for every ticket sold**.
2. If the total number of tickets sold is more than 15,000 but less than 20,000 statewide, each council will receive **\$3.00 for every ticket sold**.
3. If the total number of tickets sold is more than 20,000 but less than 25,000 statewide, each council will receive **\$3.25 for every ticket sold**.
4. If the total number of tickets sold is more than 25,000 but less than 30,000 statewide, each council will receive **\$3.50 for every ticket sold**.
5. If the total number of tickets sold is more than 30,000 but less than 35,000 statewide, each council will receive **\$3.90 for every ticket sold**.

Sweepstakes tickets were available to councils at the Summer Diocesan Tour Programs. Or, they may be ordered by contacting: PSD Gary Eckstein, Football Sweepstakes Chairman, at (614) 679-4238.

Information regarding the 2012 sweepstakes will be available on the Ohio State Council's website: kofcoho.org.

Following are some of the sweepstakes guidelines:

- Donations are \$10 per ticket. Each ticket is valid for the last 10 weeks of the NFL Football season, starting Oct. 28 and ending Dec. 30.
- 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. 28, Week No. 2 is Nov. 4, Week No. 3 is Nov. 11, 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.
- Turn-Ins may be made anytime before the Oct. 27, 2012, final deadline. Sold tickets and money are to be sent to PSD Gary A. Eckstein, PSD, 1498 River Trail Drive, Grove City, OH 43123.
- Winners are notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council.
- Participants must print legibly their name, address, telephone number, and name and number of the selling council on the stub. The stub, and \$10, 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 2012 Football Sweepstakes ticket sales.
- Rebate checks will be mailed during January, 2013.
- There will be winners list posted on www.footballsweeps.com – Password is **ohiofb12**.

Respect Religious Freedom signs are available

Supreme Council has designed and printed rally signs for religious freedom in two designs, similar to the "Defend Life" pro-life signs that are seen on the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. The two designs are "Respect Religious Freedom" (#10041) and "Defend the First Amendment" (#10042).

These signs are available in batches of 100 signs for \$10 per batch (including shipping), which will be applied to council accounts. Signs can be purchased by using a Supreme Form 1.



Members of the winning Ottawa Council team are (front row, from left), Todd Schumacher, Tony Grothaus, Matt Metzger, Nick Ruhe; (back row, from left), Jeff Siefker, Randy Siefker, Ryan Maag, Pat Siefker.

Ottawa Council wins state basketball title

The following was submitted by Richard Siefker, K of C state basketball chairman.

It was Ottawa Council 1757 (Toledo Diocese) against Ottawa Council 1757 in the championship game of the 2012 Ohio K of C Basketball Tournament. And, of course, Ottawa Council won the title.

Eight teams from seven councils participated in the tourney, held in Columbus last April. Teams were from Akron, Kalida, Sidney, Delphos, Lima, Columbus Grove – and two from Ottawa.

Ottawa's Nick Ruhe was selected as Most Valuable Player. Others recognized for the all-tournament team were Austin Stolly, Lima; Kyle Meyer, Columbus Grove; Tony Unverferth, Kalida; Jordan Knueven, Ottawa; and Ryan Maag, Ottawa.

Councils should use this activity to recruit new – and younger – members. There were 12 new members in this year's tournament.



Fr. James Brown (center) is surrounded by Fourth Degree Sir Knights in full regalia after celebrating his 40th Anniversary Mass last July 1 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Toledo. Fr. Brown served as State Chaplain during the term of State Deputy Paul Upman. At Fr. Brown's right is another Former State Chaplain, Fr. Ed (Skip) Littellmann.

Bryan Council's radio station is ready to broadcast

After years of planning, Bryan Council 1915's dream of bringing Catholic radio to northwest Ohio has been realized. Construction of the broadcasting tower in Edon has been completed, and now the council is the proud owner of WRRO 89.9 FM, with programming provided by Redeemer Radio. On July 21, Toledo Diocese Bishop Leonard Blair blessed the tower, and in his remarks referred to the Knights of Bryan Council as "faithful, dedicated, generous, ordinary Catholics who want to really promote the life of the Church because they want to bring people to Christ and that is a great sign of hope for the future."

Ohio Knights . . .

Taking Up His Cross

The goal of this Buckeye Bulletin feature is to incorporate activities that Ohio Knights and Ohio Councils do throughout the fraternal year. This month we're trying to catch up on publishing many of the items we've received in the past several months. We invite councils to send information for inclusion in this feature. Send to: Harding Christ, Editor, Buckeye Bulletin, 32649 Surrey Lane, Avon Lake, OH 44012-1642. Email: harding.c@oh.rr.com. Councils that submit articles for the Buckeye Bulletin can claim credit for Public Relations Activities Program Step #30.

St. Francis Council 1234, Galion, has established a Knights of Columbus Assistance Program, whereby the Knights provide assistance to their parish community, such as providing rides to medical appointments, simple household repairs, yard work, etc. It's intended for individuals who occasionally are in need of some help, not permanent assistance, said Grand Knight Chris Gase.

Members of Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus, came to the aid of the parish RCIA director, Joanne Farrell, last Spring when she tried a new way to make candidates more aware of the Passion of Our Lord. She concocted a stage play, *The Heart of the Passion – The Way to Calvary*, to be performed before Easter. The Knights provided such chores as set construction, narration, script-writing, and several of them became actors in the play. "For us Knights, it was a testament to the commitment we have to the parish and its mission of faith, hope and love," commended John Petrushka, a Past Grand Knight of the council.

Knights of River East Mother Teresa Council 14344 have a Veterans Day idea. Last November some of them went to the VA Hospital in Sandusky to visit the veterans. They presented the hospital with a check and passed our small flags. They were touched as they shared stories with the vets, thanking them for their service Fr. Maruskin Council 10936, Stow, have an annual collection of money, personal care items, food products and miscellaneous items prior to Veterans Day for distribution to our troops in foreign lands Knights of Prince of Peace Council 14111, Norton, collected more than 500 items of socks and underwear in one month last winter, donating them to Springtime of Hope, an organization that provides food and clothing to the needy of the area.

"Mangia bene" were the words for the day as the St. Peter Council 11216, Columbus, hosted Fr. Stephen Virginia's first Pasta Dinner last March at St. Peter Church. More than 300 people were served, with nearly 30 Knights working. Profits went to St. John's Hermitage, a proposed sanctuary



When North Canton Council 3777 heard that several of the wheelchair-bound Poor Clare nuns at Sancta Clara Monastery were having difficulty maneuvering themselves into the dining room and rest rooms because of narrow doorways, the Knights sprang into action and with the help of an area home remodeler helped widen the doorways. The council also brightened up the dining area with new, more powerful but energy-efficient light bulbs. The work was paid for through the council's charity fund.

for priests near Shawnee State Park Father Ragan Council 3269, Avon, held a Wine and Cheese Party to raise funds for its scholarship program . And on Aug. 5, the council hosted its Second Annual Kelly Miller Circus on the grounds of its hall Our Lady of Peace Council 4243, St. Clairsville, contributed \$2,800 to provide new lighting in the St. Mary's Parish Grade School library and multi-purpose room, and it is undertaking a long-range project of raising \$30,000 to replace lighting throughout the school It's a tradition that every year the ladies of the Holy Family Parish Altar and Rosary Society spend a day cleaning the church. This year the Knights of Holy Family Council 15056, Parma, stepped up to help them. "It's a great way to build relationships with another parish organization, help the ladies out and become more visible in the parish, said Knight Dave Neuzil.

Are you ready for a new and better DYNAMIC program year?

By Larry (Dynamo) Droesch
State General Program Director

Welcome to the new fraternal year! The 2012 State Convention is history. Awards were given to individuals, councils and District Deputies for their hard work and efforts. (Just a quick note however, for those councils that have corrected plaques coming: the District Deputies from your area have them and should have distributed them to your council by now. Sorry for the delays and thanks for your patience!)

So are you ready for a better Dynamic Year?

Can you beat what you did last Fraternal Year?

My hope is that all of you whole-heartily say YES, DYNAMO, YES!

There is only one change in the State Program -- and some additions. The change is for Step #61 of the Membership Activities Program, the October/March Blitz. Please see Membership Director Ken Gardner's explanation on Page 7.

The additions include more emphasis on helping and supporting our seminarians and the three seminaries in Ohio that they attend; on Religious Freedoms and our fight to protect them; on our council chaplains and their new, more invigorating role that they will play within our parishes, councils, communities and meetings. And finally, on Supremes' "Featured Programs" that are used to help attain Star Council Awards.

For the 2012-13 fraternal year, Supreme Council is promoting the Featured Programs initiative in conjunction with the Surge . . . With Service Program and its six specific program areas -- Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life and Youth.

By successfully completing a Featured Program listed for one Surge program area, a council fulfills all four activity requirements for that area. Full details of the Featured Programs initiative are being sent to all Grand Knights and District Deputies very soon. Featured Programs that fulfill all requirements for the Columbian Award categories include:

Community – The two featured programs are Habitat for Humanity and the Global Wheelchair Mission Participation in either program satisfies all requirements for the Community Activity category. For more information visit their prospective websites: www.habitat.org and www.amwheelchair.org.

Council – Council involvement in and support Special Olympics satisfies all requirements in Council Activities category. For details on getting involved with Special Olympics contact your local community's Special Olympics Chairman. **Family** – The featured program for Family Activities category is the Knights of Columbus Food for Families program. Conducting a Food for Families program earns full credit for all requirements in the Family Activities category. Go to www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/food_drive./index.

Culture of Life – A council can satisfy all requirements for the Culture of Life Activities category by participating in either of two programs -- the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative (www.kofc.org/ultrasound) or a local, regional or national March for Life by involving at least 100 council members/family members/parishioners. For complete guidelines on the Ultrasound Initiative go to the website www.kofc.org/ultrasound. For details, contact your State Pro-Life Chair-Couple.

Our Lady of Guadalupe icons continue Ohio travels

Supreme Council in August, 2011, launched a two-year Marian Hour of Prayer program, whereby Our Lady of Guadalupe icons were made available to councils for special devotions based on a pre-arranged schedule. The program is a one-hour prayer service which includes recitation of the rosary. The goal is to create an environment for maximum exposure of the icon and prayers to Our Lady for special intentions.

Four icons have been making their way through the dioceses of Ohio since last August, and their journeys will continue through April, 2013. The remainder of the icon schedule is:

Assigned Date (on or before)	Icon 1 (DD #)	Icon 2 (DD #)	Icon 3 (DD #)	Icon 4 (DD #)
Aug. 5, 2012	5	34	21	73
Sep. 2, 2012	6	36	20	67
Oct. 7, 2012	2	37	31	28
Nov. 4, 2012	3	53	30	27
Dec. 9, 2012	4	52	32	24
Jan. 11, 2013	1	51	29	26
Feb. 10, 2013	55	50	33	25
Mar. 10, 2013	61	49	n/a	23
Apr. 14, 2013	54	48	n/a	n/a

Youth – Participating in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids (www.kofc.org/coats) program meets all requirements in the Youth Activities category. Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles "adopt" one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for personal expenses. Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations. Last year, financial help from 2,601 councils, assemblies and circles to future priests, sisters and brothers, exceeded \$2.8 million. Since 1981 the Order has provided \$50 million in aid through RSVP, helping more than 75,000 men and women follow their vocations. Qualifying councils and assemblies receive a \$100 refund for every \$500 donated, up to a limit of \$2,000 donated to an individual, while the refund for Squires is \$20 for every \$100 donated. In the Philippines and Mexico, councils and assemblies receive the equivalent in local currency of \$50 for every \$250 donated. For more details on the RSVP program, visit the Order's website at www.kofc.org/vocations

Finally, for IMPORTANT REMINDERS from our State Dynamic Directors, go to: <http://www.kofcohio.org/Dyanmo.html>, OR go to the our Ohio State Council website, www.kofcohio.org, and click on the *Dynamo* Icon within the box titled "*Dynamic General Program*". Have a safe and happy summer!

Winners are listed for 'Play Ball'

April-May membership incentive drawing

The drawing for the membership program incentives for the months of April and May, 2012, was held on June 15. The "PLAY BALL!" incentive was designed to get members in Ohio out there recruiting new members for their councils and the Order. We rewarded Brother Knights, councils, and District Deputies for their recruitment efforts. All members recruited needed to show up on the June 1 Supreme_Council Membership Report to be eligible for the drawing.

Individual Incentive -- All Star

Individual recruiters who brought a member into the Order during April and May, 2012, were placed in a drawing for tickets to a local baseball game. Since it would be difficult for the Ohio State Council to determine which games the winner would want to attend and purchase the tickets, the winner was to receive a check for \$100. There were two winners for this drawing:

- Michael Hutzl, of St. Columban Council 13813 in the Cincinnati Archdiocese, for recruiting Jeffrey Powers.
- Joseph Dietz, who recruited Christopher Wittel of St. Michael the Archangel Council 15458 in the Youngstown Diocese.

Council Incentives

Home Run -- Councils that met their Supreme Membership Quota by April 1 AND recruited FOUR additional members in April and May were in a drawing for \$150. Five councils were eligible and the winner is:

- Delaware Council 1056, of the Columbus Diocese.

Triple -- Councils that recruited at least THREE new members in April and May were in a drawing for \$125. Forty-one councils were eligible and the winner is:

- Msgr. Boff Council 5582, of the Youngstown Diocese..

Get on Base -- Councils with no gains in membership for the year as of April 1 that brought in at least one new member in April and May were in a drawing for \$100.00. Twenty-three councils were eligible and the winner is:

- Fr. Coan Council 4658, of the Youngstown Diocese.

Golden Glove -- Councils with ZERO suspensions in April and May were in a drawing for \$50. A total of 354 councils were eligible and the winner is:

- Blakeslee Fr. Deveaux Council 3883, of the Toledo Diocese.

District Deputy Incentive: Manager of the Year -- District Deputies who had at least 75% of councils in their district recruit a new member during April and May, 2012, were in a drawing for \$150. Councils that are considered Inactive by the State Council were not counted towards the district total. Four District Deputies were eligible and the winner is:

- DD-46 Terry Fitzpatrick, of the Columbus Diocese, who had four of his five councils recruit.

New incentives are available For membership recruitment

By **Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner**
State Membership Director

Membership Recruitment Incentives for the 2012-13 fraternal year have been stepped up in an effort to get all councils in Ohio excited about bringing new members into the their councils and our Order.

Highlight of the new incentives is the **GOLD CROSS AWARD**. Each council in Ohio, including new councils, that brings in 50 members (above suspensions and withdraws) by May 1, 2013, will receive **\$1,000.00** and a trip for its Grand Knight to the 2013 Ohio State Council Convention at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky! The \$1,000.00 is for your council treasury to do whatever you want with!

To get councils off to a quick start trying to achieve this award, the **FIRST** council in Ohio to bring in 50 members will receive **\$1,500** and a trip for its Grand Knight and Membership Director to the 2013 Ohio State Council Convention at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. District Deputies who lead councils to this achievement will receive \$200. Another new incentive is based on the new membership idea of Membership 365, One Member Per Month, Per Council. All councils that meet the Supreme Council goal of one member per month per council and bring in 12 new members during the 2012-13 fraternal year and finish the year with a NET of at least FIVE will receive a special MEMBERSHIP 365 plaque. Other year-long incentives are:

District Deputy Incentives

- **McGIVNEY AWARD**- A District Deputy who achieves, by June 30, 2013, his District's Supreme Membership Quota will receive \$50.00.
- **QUICK START BONUS**- A District Deputy who achieves, by December 31, 2012, his District's Supreme Membership Quota will receive \$100.00.
- **NEW COUNCIL AWARD**- A District Deputy who helps start a new council or reactivates an inactive council during the 2012-13 fraternal year will receive \$200.00.

Council Incentives

- **SUPREME QUOTA AWARD**- Each council that makes its Supreme Council quota for membership by May 1, 2013 (above suspensions and withdrawals) will receive a plaque at the State Convention.
- **QUICK START BONUS**- Each council that achieves, by December 31, 2012 and maintains until May 1, 2013, its Council Supreme Membership Quota will receive a plaque and \$50.00 at the State Convention.
- **SUPREME QUOTA +20%**- Each council that makes its Supreme Council quota plus 20%, by May 1, 2013, will receive \$50.00 at the State Convention.
- **CENTURY CLUB AWARD**- Each council that reaches the Century Club (an increase of 100 members over suspensions and withdraws) for the fraternal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 will receive a trip to the 2013 Supreme Convention in San Antonio, Texas for the Grand Knight.

Individual Member Incentives

(Based on the July 1, 2013, Supreme Council Membership Report)

- Five (5) new members: \$15.
- Ten (10) new members: \$25.
- Twenty-five (25) new members: \$50.
- Fifty (50) new members: Registration fee, two night hotel, and \$50 cash for the State Convention at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio.
- One-hundred (100) new members: Registration, three nights hotel, and \$250 cash for the Supreme Convention.

During August, another special incentive is being implemented. Let's celebrate the birth (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14) of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, by holding special First Degrees in his honor to bring eligible Catholic men into the Order! All councils should plan on holding a First Degree during the month of August in honor of Fr. McGivney.

- Any member who signs up a new knight who takes his First Degree during a Fr. McGivney Degree held in August will be placed in a drawing for \$100.
- Any Council that holds a First Degree during the month of August AND brings in at least three new members will be placed in a drawing for \$300.
- All District Deputies who have at least one council in their district hold a First Degree during the month of August and have at least two council in his district that brings in new members will be placed in a drawing for all hotel expenses paid at the 2013 Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting plus \$100.

Ohio's Top 5 in Membership

Following are the Top Five councils in each diocese that brought in the most NET members as of the end of the fraternal year, June 30, 2012.

CINCINNATI		CLEVELAND	
Council/City	New Member	Council/City	New Member
15330 Holy Name of Jesus, Trenton.....	32	3304 Geauga, Chardon.....	22
13813 St. Columban, Loveland.....	27	4731 North Olmsted.....	20
15424 Msgr. Von Kaenel, Covington.....	23	4168 Medina.....	16
13608 St. John, West Chester.....	30	14551 St. Hilary, Fairlawn.....	13
1195 Archbishop Elder, Cinn.....	13	310 Gilmour, Mayfield Heights.....	12
11550 St. Joseph, North Bend.....	13	10792 St. Francis, Strongsville.....	12
		14406 Our Lady of Charity, Broadview.....	12
COLUMBUS		STEUBENVILLE	
10863 St. Bridig of Kildare, Dublin.....	24	15401 Our Lady of Carroll County.....	32
5776 Westerville.....	23	1405 Bishop Watterson, Ironton.....	16
10941 New Albany.....	21	4617 St. John of Beverly, Waterford.....	9
11207 St. Patrick, Columbus.....	19	1246 Bellaire.....	7
15447 St. Mark's, Lancaster.....	19	1664 Pomroy.....	6
TOLEDO		YOUNGSTOWN	
1757 Ottawa.....	23	15458 St. Michael, Canton.....	33
6373 Holy Trinity, Bowling Green.....	17	3766 Mantua.....	15
608 Tiffin.....	16	274 Youngstown.....	9
3122 West Toledo.....	16	1569 Leetonia.....	9
14344 Mother Teresa, Oregon.....	16	3777 Bishop McFadden, Canton.....	9
		5286 Geneva-Madison.....	9

Ohio's Councils need a Treasure Map

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means all members should be thinking about bringing an eligible catholic man into our ranks each and every day of the year. With this mindset, we can reach the Membership 365 goal of *ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH*. Don't think of this as 12 new members a year, break it down to a monthly goal and it becomes much easier. Gone are the days of the October and March Blitz, where we put in a strong recruitment effort only twice a year. Councils should be recruiting year round.

Because of this change in the way we should be thinking membership, Step #61 of the Membership program is changing for the 2012-13 fraternal year. The old Step #61, called the October and March Blitz, will be replaced with the new program, Step #61-Membership Plan and Implementation. This will still be a mandatory program, worth 125 points and will be required for councils to max the membership program. In order for councils to receive credit for Step #61, they will need to do two things:

1. Submit to State Membership Director Ken Gardner the council's **Membership Plan** for the final three quarters of the fraternal year by September 30, 2012. The Membership Plan is a fillable PDF form located on the state website under the Membership Crusade tab. A sample of a completed Membership Plan is also available on the state website. Many of the items your council will enter on the Membership Plan you already do, filling out this plan will have every member of the council on the same page and thinking about recruiting every day.
2. Based on the May 1 Supreme Council Membership Report, bring in at least **FIVE** new or readmitted members to your council. Three of these members may be claimed under the non-mandatory steps of the Membership Program (Steps #63 to #70). Since the old Step #61 required two new members to be recruited during the Blitzes, the number of new members over the fraternal year remains the same. We are just asking members to recruit during the entire year.

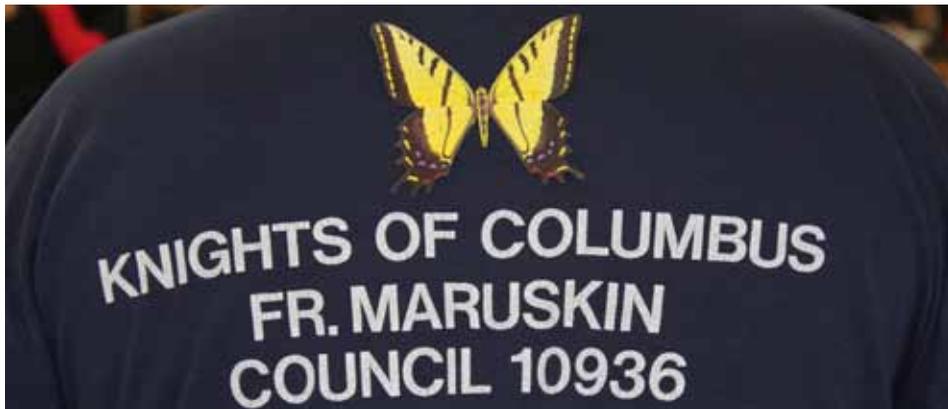
This change to the program will be updated on the state website and will be well published over the next few months. Filling out Membership Plan should take a council less than 20 minutes, but most importantly, if followed, will put them on the right track to growing the council.

Individual year end recruiters recognized

Individual members who were very successful in finding the treasure of a new member throughout the 2011-12 fraternal year will be receiving cash prizes for their efforts.

District Deputies who met their District Supreme Council Membership quota receive \$25. They are: Fred Schoenhofer, Jerry Trumpey, Robert Brookens, Michael Thomas, William Donohue, George Jones, Cristino Damo, Richard Auteuil, Terry Fitzpatrick, and David Lewis.

Members who recruited at least TEN new members receive \$25: Fr. Thomas McCarthy (24), Thomas Riley (24), Fr. Anthony Batt (20), Fr. James Simons (12), and Robert Clum (16). Twenty-Eight members who recruited at least FIVE new members receive \$15.00.



Quinn's Butterfly Army Stow Knights lead effort to help family of baby afflicted with rare skin disease

In the autumn of 2011, Knights of Father Maruskin Council 10936, Stow (Cleveland Diocese), learned of the plight of Brother Marc Seymour and his wife, Mandy, whose infant daughter, Quinn Rosalie, was the victim of a rare skin disease. They prayed for the family and sponsored a major fundraiser to assist with payment of medical bills. Quinn lost her battle with the disease on April 6, 2012. Her death was announced to the grieving congregation of Holy Family Church in Stow the next day – Easter Sunday. This account of Quinn's battle, the Seymour's ordeal and the councils fundraising plans was submitted by Michael Incorvati, Grand Knight of Father Maruskin Council.

When Quinn Rosalie Seymour, daughter of Father Maruskin Council 10936 Brother Knight Marc Seymour and his wife Mandy, was just a couple weeks old she was diagnosed with a rare skin disease called junctional epidermolysis bullosa – or EB for short. It causes the skin on infants to blister very easily.

Marc and Mandy were told that the best treatment would be at the University of Minnesota Hospital, so in October, 2011, they moved the family there. In early December, Quinn became the youngest child with EB to receive a bone marrow transplant.

At their home in Stow (Cleveland Diocese), Marc and Mandy had been very active in several ministries at Holy Family Parish. Their friends at Holy Family gathered together in prayer for Quinn and the Seymour family. They became known as Quinn's "Butterfly Army". "Butterfly" was chosen because the skin of an EB infant is said to be as sensitive as a butterfly's wings; and "Army" referred to the many people in the group trying to assist Quinn's battle through prayer.

Knights of Fr. Maruskin Council constantly kept Quinn and the Seymours in their prayers, and in January began plans to do a fundraiser -- a pasta dinner with a free-wish offering that would be held on Feb. 12. They publicized the event, which included much support from WJW TV8 in Cleveland.

"We had no idea of what to expect or

how exactly everything was going to work, because we never had tried anything this big before," said GK Incorvati. "The phrase, 'Let go and let God' summed up the entire event. Everyone did their part and everything turned out better than any could have imagined."

A mammoth crowd showed up, with more than 850 dinners served. The free-will offering brought in \$26,239! And additional contributions received from those who could not attend the dinner amounted to another \$29,945, for a grand total of nearly \$57,000 raised.

The family brought Quinn back to Stow, where a funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family Parish. The council is to hold a memorial Mass on Aug. 9, which would have been Quinn's first birthday.

"It was with much sadness that Quinn could not have been cured, but at least we were able to provide some charity for a Brother Knight and his family," summarized GK Incorvati. "Quinn was truly an angel sent from God. Not only did she make us all aware of this rare disease, but she and the entire Seymour family bonded Holy Family Parish, the City of Stow, and much of the Cleveland Diocese together in prayer."

Father Maruskin Council honored the Seymour Family as its Family of the Year for 2011-2012. "Their strength as a family during this extremely difficult situation was an inspiration of how a family should handle difficult situations," GK Incorvati said.

70 Sir Knights salute Parma priest as he leaves to serve as military chaplain

Sir Knights in full regalia from throughout northeast Ohio gathered last May 6 at Holy Family Church in Parma (Cleveland Diocese) for a turnout to salute Fr. Joseph Brankatelli as he celebrated his final Mass before leaving to become a military chaplain. Following the Mass, Fr. Brankatelli left for basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., as a 1st Lieutenant in preparation of his assignment as a U.S. Army chaplain.

More than 70 Sir Knights from the Cleveland and Youngstown dioceses formed the honor guard for Fr. Brankatelli, including Ohio District I Master George Badajlo. Sir Knights from Michigan, a part of the Ohio-Michigan Hennepin Province, including Michigan District IV Master Robert Krauseneck, and Vice Supreme Master George Dann, also participated.

Fr. Brankatelli to date is the only Catholic priest entering the U.S. military this year to serve the military Catholic faithful as a chaplain. Ordained in 2008, he is a member of Bishop Hoban Fourth Degree Assembly 1407 and charter member and chaplain of Holy Family Council 15056, Parma. Holy Family will continue to be his home parish during his tour of duty in the military. The Knights of Columbus last year



Fr. Brankatelli addresses parishioners at his final Mass at Holy Family Church.

recognized the need for more Catholic military chaplains, establishing a Military Chaplain Scholarship Program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. armed forces. Knights of Columbus units in each jurisdiction of the United States are asked to contribute at least \$4,000 per year for five years. The program will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese of Military Services over five years. Scholarship candidates agree that following ordination and three years of service at a parish, he will commit to serve as a military chaplain for a minimum of three to five years.

Ohio K of C Catholic high school scholarship applications will be available after Sept. 15

By PSD Dennis Shonebarger

Chairman, Ohio K of C Scholarship Program

The 2012-2013 Ohio Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program will begin Sept. 15 with the mailing of the scholarship announcement, a school bulletin board flyer, and applications to every principal and guidance counselor in the Ohio Catholic high school system.

Once again this year, at least thirty \$1,000 Knights of Columbus scholarships will be awarded to deserving Catholic students throughout Ohio to aid in paying their high school tuition assessment. Since the beginning of the program in 1995, we have awarded more than \$480,000 in scholarships.

Applicants must be practicing Catholic students in an Ohio Catholic high school and demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship. Academic achievement, as well as participation in school, church, and community activities, will be important considerations. Those students whose father or grandfather are Knights of Columbus members, will receive additional consideration.

Every Ohio Knight of Columbus should encourage their children, grandchildren, and relatives who are attending an Ohio Catholic high school to submit an application. Entry forms may be obtained from the high school guidance counselor or principal. They also may be found on the K of C website at: www.kofcohio.org/Activities%20events.htm after Sept. 15. Completed applications, and the student's most recent grade transcript, must be postmarked no later than Nov. 15.

Winners, and their schools, will be notified by mail no later than Dec. 20. The scholarship checks will be presented to the winners after Jan. 1, 2013.

This Ohio Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program is one of the many benefits of membership in our great Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. Take advantage of this program and encourage any and all deserving Catholic high school students to submit an application.