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THE Lighthouse HOUSE



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State Council Knights of Columbus



STATE DEPUTY'S SPOTLIGHT

My Brother Knights,

Welcome to the first issue of our electronic newsletter, the Lighthouse!

The Encyclopedia Britannica describes a Lighthouse as... "a structure, usually with a tower, built onshore to serve as an aid to maritime coastal navigation, warning the mariner of hazards, establishing his position, and guiding him to his destination."

Our monthly issues will "serve as an aid" to remind councils of the tasks that need to be accomplished. Those tasks that I speak of include:

1. Charitable service in our six service activities programs; Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Culture of Life.
2. Growing the Order in our councils and in our communities
3. Providing an opportunity for low cost insurance for all our members
4. Providing our Supreme Council with necessary information on our council's officers and program directors and information on our charitable activity.

Do these tasks sound familiar? They should. They are the criteria of our Star Council Award. This is our "destination" as a council in the Knights of Columbus. We hope future issues of the Lighthouse will help "guide your council to its destination".

Please plan on attending our Tour meeting in your diocese this month to learn more about our "Light of Ohio" State Program. You will learn how all councils can participate and achieve maximum points to complete the requirements, which includes a special state program membership quota. And if a council can achieve the maximum points for our state program contest, they will be a few members short of achieving Star Council. This is our goal and it is our "destination."

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Girt
State Deputy
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The State Membership Program from our own...

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Welcome to the 2013-14 Membership Program!

Ohio Jones is back! I will be continuing to serve the state of Ohio as the State Membership Director for our new State Deputy Ken Girt for the next two years.

We are always looking for ways to make the State Program easier for councils to work with and complete, so we are tweaking the Membership program in several areas from the past two years. Some of the changes we are making include:

The Membership Program is easier than ever- Points for membership programs will be easier to get and will not be taken away based on May 1 numbers.

- Only FOUR membership programs required!
- Not required to bring in a member for points!
- Points given when reported, not taken away!
- No May 1 Membership Report requirements!

Incentives vs. Rewards- We are changing our mindset when it comes to showing our appreciation for councils that recruit. Our new program will be based on dates in the Fraternal Leader Success Planner and will be called Rewards instead of Incentives.

- **Incentive-** We want you to recruit, so we will give you something for doing that
- **Reward-** YOU want to recruit, so when you do, we will give you something for doing that

Another area that confused councils last year was the difference between our GOAL of ONE MEMBER...PER COUNCIL...PER MONTH and the quotas Supreme sets for Star Council. It is really this simple:

Goal-The goal for every council in the order is:

ONE MEMBER...PER COUNCIL...PER MONTH

Quota-Quota for Star Council is based on current membership. Quota for all councils is 7% growth, minimum of 4, maximum of 35.

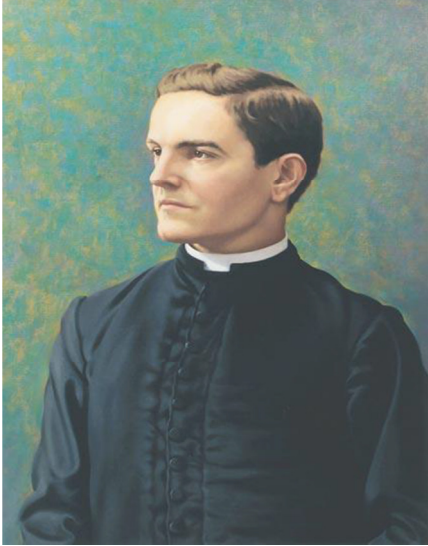
Why is membership so important to our order? Current events show that the nation needs good Catholic men living their faith more now than ever. We need men to stand strong for our families, defend our Church, and be leaders in the community. When Carl Anderson became Supreme Knight in 2000, he said "*We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus*". Pretty powerful words! Even if you don't feel that strongly about our commitment to bring men into the Knights of Columbus, I would hope your positive experience with the K of C would be enough to persuade you to ask your friends, relatives, and neighbors to join us. When I think about all the Knights have given me, why wouldn't I want to offer that gift to everyone I come in contact with?

We have much work to do in our order, let's continue to grow our order in Ohio so we can continue and even expand our good works.

Ken Gardner
State Membership Director

August Membership Rewards Program!

Fr. Michael J. McGivney First Degree



Let's honor the 161th Birthday, on August 12, 2013, of our founder, the Venerable 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 ceremony during the month of

- 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 \$100.00
- 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 \$300.00.
- All District Deputies that have at least one council in their district hold a First Degree during the month of August and have at least two councils in his district that bring in new members will be placed in a drawing for all hotel expenses paid at the 2013 Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting plus \$100.00.

All drawings will be based on the Supreme Council Membership Report of September 1, 2013, which indicates the August Form 100's submitted to the home office and submittal of Form 450C indicating the council held a first degree in August.

Things you should know about the State General Program from ...

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The “Light Of Ohio” State General Program

General Program Director – Jeff Kiliany

The “Light of Ohio” State General Program is designed to aid you in your quest to achieve the Supreme “Star Council” award. The “Light of Ohio” State General Program is based on councils doing 4 Service Activities in each of the 6 Program Areas, completing Administrative Requirements, and achieving Membership Quotas, just as in the Supreme “Star Council “ Award criteria.

The basic reporting guidelines are basically the same as in the previous State General Programs. The program will run from July 1st through April 15th with 5 reporting periods; July – August, September – October, November – December, January – February, and March – April 15. Councils are asked to submit a maximum of 2 reports in each Program area per reporting period. Reports should be submitted online through the State Website at www.kofcoho.org.

Councils who do any of the eight Supreme “Featured” programs and meet the minimum requirements for that program will get 100 points towards that program area and will “Max” that program area by doing only that one activity, instead of doing four activities in that program area. If the Supreme minimum requirements are not met, only 25 points will be awarded for the activity, and 3 additional activities will be required for a council to “Max” the Program Area.

Councils will be recognized for their efforts and contributions at the State Convention in May. Instead of a “Top Ten”, we will recognize the “Top Twenty-Five” councils in the State. The Top Five councils in each of the 5 membership divisions of the state will be given awards.

Full details of the “Light of Ohio” State Program can be found in your General Program Manual that will be passed out and explained at the State Tour meetings in your diocese the next two weekends.

Jeff Kiliany
State General Program Director

Ohio State Council Tour Schedule - July, 2013

Weekend 1

Friday, July 12 Toledo Diocese

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Tiffin 608 KofC Hall, E. Perry St, Tiffin, OH 44883

Saturday, July 13 Cincinnati Arch-Diocese

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: St. Mary's Church & Parish Hall, 115 S. Main Street,
Franklin, OH 45005

Sunday, July 14 Columbus Diocese

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Columbus Hilton, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, OH 43219

Weekend 2

Friday, July 19 Steubenville Diocese

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Mary's Church, 212 West Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Saturday, July 20 Youngstown Diocese

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Massillon Council 554, 988 Cherry Road, Massillon, OH 44648

Sunday, July 21 Cleveland Diocese

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Garfield Heights 4130, 10806 Granger Rd, Garfield Heights, OH 44125