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STATE DEPUTY'S SPOTLIGHT

During the July State Council Tour meetings, I concluded with a thought on membership recruitment. "Ask ONE Catholic Man, per Week, per Month" to join the Knights of Columbus. While this may seem to contradict our "Membership 365" goal (every day of the year), I wanted our councils to remind their members to recruit at least every week, especially at Sunday Mass. What better place is there to find "practical Catholics?" While council officers are charged with recruiting members, we want them to remind their members to be aware of potential Catholics for that opportunity for recruitment.

And this weekly recruitment goal is not necessarily for Sunday Mass. An opportunity can surface anytime, in our workplaces, neighborhoods, and family gatherings.

Of course, a recruitment opportunity may be meant with..... "Why would I join the Knights of Columbus? All they do is play cards and party!" They have the wrong image of our Order and you can help correct that. After all, Fr. McGivney did not form the Knights of Columbus for the sole purpose of socializing.

Maybe we need to explain our 2012 charitable activities that makes us the "Light of the World" and the "Light of Ohio." You can explain the \$160.6 million dollars the Knight of Columbus gave to charity worldwide in 2012 and the 70 million hours of volunteer service provided.

And be sure to mention what the Knights of Columbus in Ohio donated during 2012....

- Our \$3.63 million dollars of total donations for charity.
- Our 1.5 million hours of volunteered service, which includes 771,017 hours for our parishes, 365,115 hours for our communities, and 216,973 for youth programs.
- Our 12,792 blood donors.
- Our 152,229 visits to the sick and bereaved.
- Our \$591,285 donated for service for our developmentally disabled.
- Our \$306,764 donated for Culture of Life projects, that include \$84,204 for Ultra Sound machines.
- Our \$1.4 million donated to our parishes and Catholic schools, which includes \$158,746 for religious education, \$178,005 for seminarians and RSVP, and \$193,180 for vocation projects.
- Our \$578,492 donated for various youth disbursements, which includes \$261,676 for scholarships and education.

The State Deputy's Spotlight continued ...

And don't forget to explain what your specific council does for charity. Our councils, assemblies and squires in Ohio do much and donate much for our churches, our families and our communities. Don't let anyone forget it. Let's improve our image!

We are the "Light of World" in Ohio.

Let's show everyone, that we and they can "give honor to our Father in heaven".

Be the Light!!

Vivat Jesus!

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The State Membership Program from our own...

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As I write this article, the 131st Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention is wrapping up in San Antonio, TX. It has been another excellent and inspiring convention, beginning on Tuesday with the Opening Mass. I wish that all brother knights could experience the Opening Mass in person; it is an event that makes you proud to be a Knight! To see eleven Cardinals, almost one hundred Bishops, and over one hundred State Chaplains and other priest take time out of their busy schedules to celebrate mass with their brother knights is truly stirring! These men of faith know that the knights are there for them and they are also there for us. The theme of the homily by Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio was "It is good for us to be here". It was indeed good to be with over 2000 other brother knights and family to celebrate the Knights of Columbus.

The overall theme of the convention was "Protectors of God's Gifts". In Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's Annual Report, he stated "For over the past year you have been good stewards of God's gifts! Our Order is stronger today than ever before, and, my brother Knights, the best is yet to come!" I believe this statement is true for Ohio Knights also. In order to be "Protectors of God's Gifts" here in our home state, we need more Knights! We need more men to protect our religious liberties, we need more men to protect life in all stages, we need more men to protect the needy and helpless, and we need more men to protect our parishes.

All councils should be working on their Membership Plans for the final three quarters of the fraternal year. This Membership Plan is available on the State Website at www.kofcoho.org. On the front page under the "Membership Crusade" section, you will find a link to the Membership Plan, a fillable PDF document that can be completed in less than 15 minutes. Once you have completed the form, save it to your computer and email a copy to me at kpgardner@fuse.net and also to your District Deputy. Be sure to print a copy for you council to review often to insure the plan is being followed. The deadline for this report is September 30, but your District Deputy would like for you to have it to me by August 31.

Don't forget about the August Membership Reward program, the Fr. McGivney Degree. Information about this reward program can also be found on the State Website. We will reward recruiters, councils, and District Deputies as follows:

- 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 place 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 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 \$100.00.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about membership programs, rewards, or issues, feel free to contact me at kpgardner@fuse.net. Keep searching for that treasure of a new member, they are out there just waiting to be asked!

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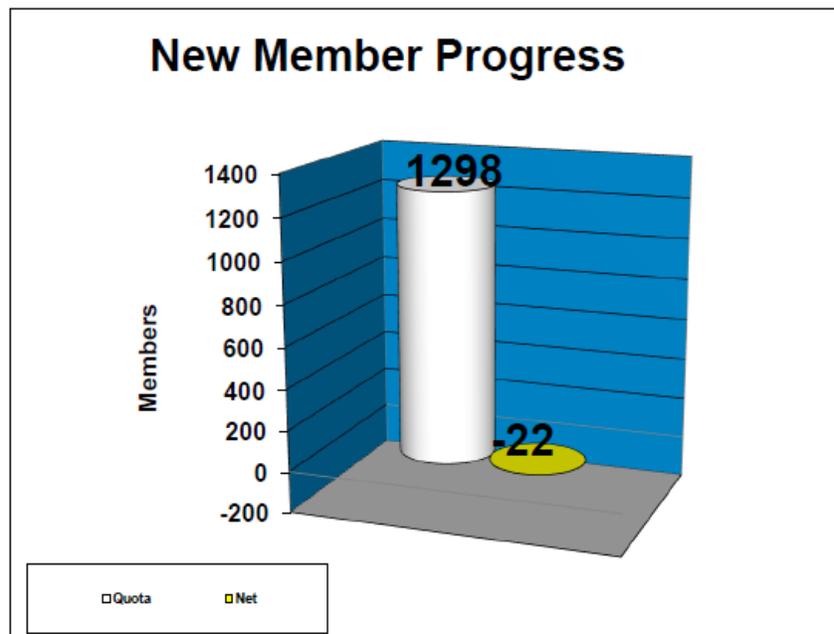




Great Ohio Membership Crusade as of August 1, 2013

Diocese	July 1, 2012 Membership	Quota	Total Gains	Total Losses	Net	% Quota	Needed
Cincinnati	15,138	452	16	8	8	1.8%	444
Youngstown	7,059	211	6	5	1	0.5%	210
Columbus	9,401	281	21	26	-5	-1.8%	286
Cleveland	10,489	314	11	18	-7	-2.2%	321
Steubenville	2,692	81	0	2	-2	-2.5%	83
Toledo	13,768	411	5	22	-17	-4.1%	428
State Total	43,409	1298	59	81	-22	-1.7%	1328

New Member Progress



Brother Knights as we begin to think about starting another school year it is also a great opportunity to initiate Activity #5

Catholic Charities

*Collect School supplies at your parish and deliver items to your local Catholic Charities

You could also check with other parishes in your community and offer to pick up their supplies and deliver them to Catholic Charities for distribution.

Don't forget to submit under church program

Looking forward to giving out lots of points

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Culture of Life Light House Article-August 2013

Brothers, as we kick off the new Light of Ohio program under the guidance of new State Deputy Ken Girt, we find that the attacks on religious freedom, the family, and the pro-life movement in general continue to ramp up. On June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled the Defense of Marriage Act (D.O.M.A.) unconstitutional, setting the stage for the eventual legalization of same sex "marriage" in all 50 states, and further endangering marriage and children.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration announced on June 28 that it has finalized its regulations on the federal contraception mandate as it applies to religious employers. A statement by the Department of Health and Human Services said that the final rule regarding the mandate's application to many religious groups "is similar to, but simpler than" a previous proposal in February. Issued under the Affordable Care Act, the mandate requires employers-including the Knights of Columbus-to offer health insurance plans covering contraception, including some drugs that can cause early abortion, as well as sterilizations. And it is all set to kick in this August.

Although there have been some pro-life victories across the U.S. in defense of the unborn, including a major victory right here in Ohio where the newly-approved two year state budget reprioritizes family planning funding away from Planned Parenthood, establishes new funding for pregnancy centers, bans public hospitals from entering into transfer agreements with abortion clinics, and strengthens abortion clinic regulations, there have been many defeats as well.

With that in mind, it is all the more imperative that the Ohio Knights of Columbus-"the strong right arm of the Church"-continue to be on the front lines waving the banner of life and liberty. The new State Culture of Life Activities Program provides councils and individuals with a platform of tools to help them engage in the battle. I strongly encourage you to read it, know it, and utilize it to the best of your ability.

The first of many important upcoming Culture of Life activities is the fall 40 Days for Life campaign, that has now saved over 7500 babies from a cruel death. The campaign runs from September 25 through November 3. Now is the time to get started with the planning. See the General Program Handbook for all the details.

Two more high profile activities include celebrating Respect Life Month in October, and the March for Life in January, which is a Supreme Council Featured Program. If your council follows the Supreme program guidelines exactly as specified, completion of this activity by itself "maxes" the state Culture of Life program. Start planning now!

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

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I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to look over your "Light of Ohio" general program manual and has become familiar with the new program. There are a lot of good ideas for activities that your Council can do throughout this fraternal year. If you have not already done so, you should plan on getting together with your council officers, program directors, and key members and set up a rough activity plan for the fraternal year. The grid on page 26 is a good tool for you to use in your planning session. The state reporting directors will be happy to answer any questions and assist your Council in planning activities in their respective program areas.

Please remember when submitting the reports for your council's activities, that we will be giving a new award this year for activity reporting. The award will be based on the overall quality of the activity reports in each reporting area as well as the overall quality of the details and information submitted in the reports. It will be awarded to councils in each of the five divisions in the seven reporting areas: Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family, membership, and Youth. The award isn't necessarily for the best activities, but for the best reports. We are giving this award in order to stress the importance of providing good details and information in your reports.

Councils should be well on their way to completing their Administrative Program requirements for the "Light of Ohio" State Program. Supreme forms #365 & #185 should have already been submitted to Supreme. Please make sure that you send your council's copies of these 2 forms to Administrative Programs Director Robert A. Gilliland at: P.O. Box 3712 Boardman, OH 44513 or email the attached forms to him at: BobG@sceinet.com Hopefully, your council has also completed, or is wrapping up its' semi Annual Audit due August 15th. Your State per Capita is due to State Secretary Robert F. Collins Jr. by August 30th. Your Council's check should be made out to the "The Ohio State Council K of C" and mailed to Robert Collins at: 10181 Tracy Trail Parma, OH 44130-5210. In addition to these 4 mandatory Administrative Requirements, the first of the "optional" reports, the "Membership Plan" for you council will be due on September 30th. The form for this report can be found and downloaded from the State Website at www.kofcohio.org. The form for the Membership Plan will be found on the home page of the website in the "Membership" section. Even though the council's Membership Plan is not mandatory, submission of this very important form will be credited to the council and used for tiebreaker situations for the top council awards.

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Red Shirts for District Deputies

The July deadline has passed and hopefully your councils have submitted their 185's, 365's, the GK/FS report and you had 75% of your council attend the tour meeting.

The next step is the Council, and District Membership Plan. Since the Membership Director, stated in his program that a council has till September 30th, I will also extend the deadline from the 1st of September to the 30th. However, if not in by the 30th then you're out. This will give you the necessary time for all DD's to complete the project. The Red shirt will then be given out at the January Mid Year DD meeting.



Reminder all council officers need to be installed by the 31st of August, are your councils installed?

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It's been said that children are the training ground to become a grandparent. September 8th is a great day to prove it. Let's celebrate grandparents day with the kids and grandkids. Expose your children to activities for bonding with their grandparents while creating a family and council heirloom.

Materials:

- Video recorder (or tape recorder)
- Spiral notebook
- Pen, markers, pencil, stickers, ribbon and other items to decorate the book
- Old photographs of grandparents

Have your youngster video tape the interview with Grandma and Grandpa while asking questions about their childhood, such as:

- Where were you born?
 - What were your favorite games and activities?
 - Dream up fun questions of your own.
 - What did you want to be when you grew up?
 - Did you have a pet when you were growing up?
 - As a teen, when was your curfew?
 - What was your first job?
2. Staple pieces of paper together or tie with ribbon to make a book to write down answers.
 3. Adorn with old photographs, markers and old magazine or newspaper clippings that symbolize the time when Grandma and Grandpa were young.
 4. Decorate the front cover with markers, ribbon or stickers for a craft that kids and grandparents can create together and keep forever.

Make a "council grandparents movie" by putting together the interviews and showing it at a council function. It's a great way to have time with the kids, pass on your memories, and celebrate the family history together. If you send it, I will watch....

Submit your family of the month to supreme. Recognize the families that are on the right track. A family isn't always mom, dad, and little kids. A family can be grand parents, children, relatives or anyone who is a great example. Thank them and recognize them for their service.

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