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STATE DEPUTY'S SPOTLIGHT

Star Council 34

Our "Spotlight" for our September issue of the "Lighthouse" is shining brightly on the 34 council who have achieved Supreme Council's Star Council Award for this past fraternal year. The list below is from Supreme Council's "Knight Line" and there may be some adjustments in the weeks ahead for possible errors.

1056, 1569, 1597, 1641, 1890, 2299, 3304, 3724, 3904, 4471, 4733, 5253, 5589, 9788, 11188, 11224, 11275, 11370, 11445, 11450, 11828, 12359, 12939, 13984, 14155, 14282, 14344, 14406, 14502, 14504, 14891, 14995, 15447, 15458

We congratulate all these councils who have achieved their membership and insurance quota, and submitted their four activities in the six service program areas and submitted the required forms.

How hard is it to obtain Star Council? As I mentioned during our state council Tour meetings this past July, it can be very easy. But it takes team work. The Grand Knight cannot do it by himself. Here are a couple of thoughts.

Form 185 and Fraternal Survey Reports. This can be accomplished on line. Has your council submitted their forms and copied the State Deputy??

Service Programs. Every council needs service program directors to sponsor and report on the four activities. Does your council have a director for each of their Council, Church, Community, Family Culture of Life and Youth programs? The suggested activities are simply and we allow for two of the four activities to be your own "elective." Thirteen councils missed the Star Council Award due to missing the Columbian Award (service program activities) for 2012-2013.

Insurance Quota. You have the commitment of our five General Agents and their field agents to work with councils to ensure they obtain Star Council.

The State Deputy's Spotlight continued ...

Membership. This may be the most difficult of all the criteria for Star Council. But then, it may not be. This is the one criteria that need "teamwork". A council membership director cannot be the only recruiter of new members. We must get our entire councils' membership to ask a family member, a co-worker, a neighbor or an acquaintance from his parish, to join the Order. And recruit every week!

We will soon begin our monthly Star Council updates so that we inform every council in Ohio of their current status. Yes, we have until June 30, but we need to know what areas of a council's Star Council criteria needs attention. If you need help, contact your district deputy, diocesan district deputy coordinator or me.

Borrowing a phrase from a past presidential administration....we will have "no councils left behind!"

Be the Light!

Vivat Jesus!

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The State Membership Program from our own...

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Worthies,

The September 1 membership numbers came out today, so I am getting this report to you earlier than expected. We are still in the positive for the year, but not by much. We had a council sneak 18 WITHDRAWS in on us the last day. These were suspensions that did not go through and expired July 31, so I guess the council sent them in as withdraws.

As of today we are at 164 intake and 149 losses for a net of plus 15. At this time last year we were at 186 intake and 228 losses for a net of negative 42. Out of the 186 last year was a new council, so we are about on the same pace as last year.

I have seen many Form 450's come in over the last several weeks, so I know there are degrees going on out there. Many of these degrees show only 1 or 2 candidates, so I really wonder if the word is getting out about degrees. I am hoping that some of the late August degree numbers show up early in September and boost our intake. We are way behind were we should be at this time, according to our quota we should have brought in about 416 new members by now.

Membership Ohio Jones – contd.

Look who is back in First Place! Little Steubenville diocese did not take the summer off from recruiting, they had some great degrees last week. Columbus is moving towards the top where they are use to being and have had the highest intake for the year with 48. Cincinnati had a council slide in some withdraws that knocked them into third place and Youngstown is fourth. Toledo is at 0 net for fifth place and Cleveland is in the hole at -18 net bringing up the rear. We have a long way to go for the year and I am sure the standings will change by the next report.

On a side note, please keep my mom Dorothy in your prayers. She recently had back surgery that did not come out as expected and has been in a rehab nursing home getting her strength back. Yesterday morning she was rushed to the hospital with C-diff Colitis. She will be there several days as the try to treat this. While doing the tests for this issue they also found blood clots in her lungs. She is a tough old lady, so I am sure she will come through this, she is just in a lot of discomfort now.

We have many chances over the next few months to have successful recruitment efforts, be a leader in your area and recruit a new member!

Ohio Jones

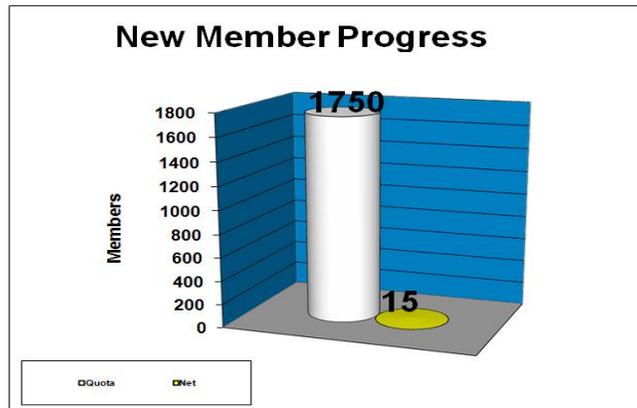




Great Ohio Membership Crusade as of September 1, 2013

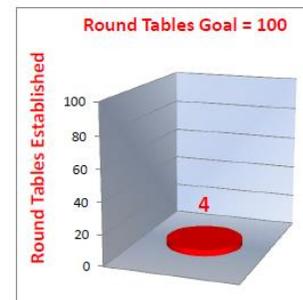
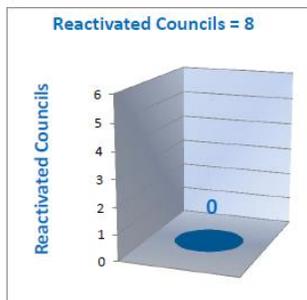
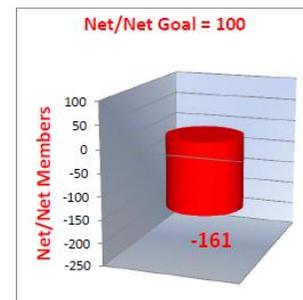
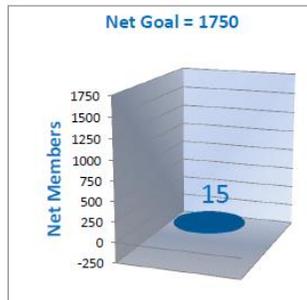
Diocese	July 1 , 2013 Membership	Quota	Total Gains	Total Losses	Net	% Quota	Needed
Steubenville	2,692	81	17	8	9	11.1%	72
Columbus	9,401	281	48	30	18	6.4%	263
Cincinnati	15,138	452	32	27	5	1.1%	447
Youngstown	7,059	211	17	16	1	0.5%	210
Toledo	13,768	411	24	24	0	0.0%	411
Cleveland	10,489	314	26	44	-18	-5.7%	332
State Total	46,454	1750	164	149	15	0.9%	1735

New Member Progress



2013-14 Ohio State Council Membership Goals as of September 1, 2013

Intake	Net	Net/Net	New Councils	Reactivations	Round Tables
Goal 2500	Goal 1750	Goal 100	Goal 6	Goal 8	Goal 100
Actual 164	Actual 15	Actual -161	Actual 0	Actual 0	Actual 4



Youth Program

With fall just around the corner, your Council should start having your activities to help pay for activity #57 which is the Coats for Kids Program, our Supreme Featured Program.

Activity #59 is the Drug and Alcohol Poster Contest, at this time your council should already have a chairman checking with the schools in your area for participation.

Activity #64 is "Breakfast/Lunch with St. Nick", have some of the older children dress as Saints. By giving them information on the Saint, their lives and what they did for the church will help the youngsters learn about the saints.

Please make sure that you check out what you can do to help out the Squires.

Thanks, Bob

Bob Walsh
Youth Director

From The Family

Congrats to the Ohio Knights who have been recognized by Supreme as Family of the Month Winners.

The Family of Carl & Saundra Kroskey, Council 2898 – Columbus
The Family of George & Janet Kalas, Council 4212 – Jefferson

Supreme has a drawing out of all entries for family of the month. It is up to you to submit the submit the proper form to see your name here in print.

Upcoming family activities:

October and November bring us Halloween and the Memorial Mass. Of these, the Memorial mass is the most important.

We have no greater duty than to an unassisted brother or a member in distress. A memorial mass is a way to pray for those who may be in Heaven or Purgatory. Mass of Remembrance, Memorial Mass, Celebrations of life.... They can be considered the same. They are actually mass intentions. Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered." This tradition is closely linked with the concept of "communion with the saints," that is, the Catholic teaching that all the faithful (including us here on earth, our brothers and sisters who are already in heaven, and those who are in Purgatory) form one community. When we ask a priest to offer a Mass for a deceased loved one, we do so as an expression of our belief in the communion of saints, as part of our acknowledgment that our loved one, although deceased, is still a member of the community of the faithful. Because it is ultimately an expression of communal faith in the Lord and in His promise of eternal life, the tradition of offering Masses for those who have died often brings some measure of comfort to the loved ones they left behind.

Family - contd.

If your council needs hints on how to do a memorial mass, or has not done one before, go to the Ohio KofC website. Click the program Director's picture and look under the family heading. You will find a base on how to do a memorial mass. Be creative. Remember.... these are our brother knights and fellow Catholics.

October is a great month for the Kids with the advent of Halloween. But there are many of us kids at heart. Want to throw a great holiday party? Try some of these suggestions:

Party themes: The tried and true classics as well as a few new ideas will get your membership excited.

*Classic horror movies – Decorate the hall or the party area using themes and images in various classic horror movies, such as mummies, vampires, and zombies. Borrow movie posters from friends or yard sales, flea markets.If you like, rent and show some of the classic films at your Halloween party.

* King Tut/Egyptian pyramid – Legends abound as to the haunted nature of the pyramids. An Egyptian mummy theme featuring the famous King Tut offers lots of possibilities for games, decorations, and food.

* Haunted house – This is an oldie but a goodie. You can choose a historical period, such as a Victorian Era house or a medieval haunted castle theme for your Halloween party.

* Costume party – Adults don't often get a chance to dress up; hold an old-fashioned costume party to let the adults have fun dressing up too! Costume parties can have various themes, perhaps based on a period in history, movie, or just whatever!

Decorating on a budget:

Depending on your Halloween party theme, decorations can be fun to make and look at, and they do not need to be expensive. Here are some suggestions.

* Black plastic bags or dark red plastic tablecloths can be used as "curtains" to darken the room for your Halloween party.

* Paint creepy outdoor scenes on a piece of cardboard or poster board, and place on the inside of the window surrounded by dark curtains.

* Stretch cotton balls to make spider webs. You can often find a bag of cotton balls for a dollar or less and spider webs make any Halloween party extra spooky.

* Cut out bat shapes from black construction paper and cover the walls with them.

* Latex gloves can be filled with colored water or juice, frozen, and used as ice in a Halloween party punch bowl (cut the gloves off to release the ice hand).

Family contd.

Halloween Party Food:

Food can be one of the most significant expenses of a Halloween party. But with a little clever planning, you can serve great Halloween food without breaking the budget. Here are some ideas.

* Instead of meatballs, serve that old stand-by of the budget-conscious: meatloaf. Only shape the meatloaf like a body, cover it with ketchup, and leave a plastic knife sticking out of the chest area.

* Stick chocolate chips into marshmallows to make eyeballs.

* Cut hotdogs into finger shapes – cut small slits for “knuckles.” Use almond slivers for fingernails, or to save money, just cut fingernail shapes. Douse the “fingers” with ketchup. A creepy, easy treat for your Halloween party!

The party is up to your imagination. Its a great way to be visible in your community, have fun and enjoy life.

Michael Saine



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Fraternally,

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