



State Deputy

The race is not over

By Paul J. Upman
State Deputy

Your state team is working long and hard right now to make sure that our delegates, members and guests have a memorable State Convention in Columbus on May 27-30. Hotel space at the Hilton Easton is at a premium, but plenty of overflow rooms are available. This foretells a great convention!

In a perfect K of C world, we would have our convention after the fraternal year ends. Such is not the case. As it is, Ohio is one of the last conventions to be held in the fraternal year. Also, Ohio is one of a few states that *has* a formal activity program and contests to augment the "Surge for Service" program promoted by our Supreme Council.

Our activity programs must end in April so the state directors have enough time to sort through all the material you've sent to them and come up with the "best" so we can recognize you and your council at the convention.

However -- and this is important for Supreme Council requirements and for membership gain -- **the REAL end of the fraternal year is June 30**. So now is the time to tidy up the administrative reports due to Supreme Council and to make that final push in membership so that your council can hit the ground running on July 1

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It's State Convention Time

Ohio Knights head for Columbus on Memorial Weekend of May 27-29

"Are you ready for an entertaining, energetic and educational State Convention?"

"If so, welcome to the 112th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus," says State Warden Kevin Miller, general convention chairman, and his Columbus Convention Committee. "We welcome one and all -- Brother Knights, their families, friends

of the Knights. There's plenty to do for everyone.

"All can participate in most convention activities. It's a great vacation. An elegant hotel. The Easton Center -- a unique area for great shopping and delicious dining. Only the convention business sessions are off limits to those other than Third Degree Knights in good standing."

The 2011 State Convention will be

headquartered at the Hilton Columbus at Easton Center on the weekend of May 27-29. An expected attendance of more than 900 delegates, Knights of Columbus members and guests will converge on the Hilton over the Memorial Day Weekend. The overflow hotel is the nearby Marriott Airport Hotel. Parking is free at both

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Super Cash Bonanza

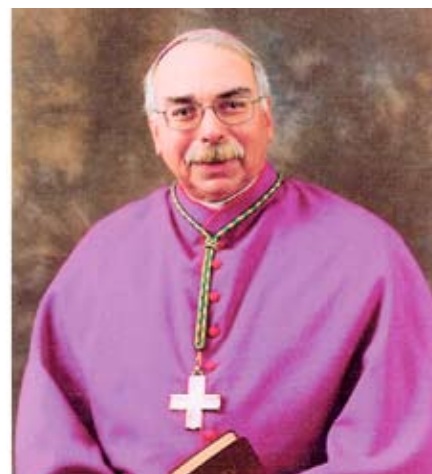
Final turn-in is May 18

There's still some time to sell those Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign tickets.

That's the word from State Treasurer Ken Girt, 2011 Charity Campaign chairman. The final deadline for getting sold tickets to him is May 18. Then, at the State Convention in Columbus, the Super Cash Bonanza Drawing will be held on Friday, May 27, at 9:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Hilton Columbus Hotel, when cash prizes worth a total of more than \$108,000 will be awarded to 20 lucky winners.

The 2011 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign got under way last mid-February with distribution of tickets to Knights of

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Most Rev. Frederick Campbell



Supreme Advocate John Marrella

Columbus Bishop, Supreme Advocate are special guests for State Deputy's Banquet

The annual highlight of Ohio's State Convention is the State Deputy's Banquet, held on Saturday evening of the convention weekend. The highest awards are presented during the banquet program -- honorees of the year, best program activities, top insurance field agent Kirwin Award, and the Top 10 councils for the 2010-2011 fraternal year.

It's an opportunity for State Deputy Paul Upman to publicly give thanks to the many councils and individuals that have worked so hard during the fraternal year, and to add his comments about the state of the Order in Ohio.

It's also an opportunity to hear from special guests. This year the convention will be honored to hear from two such guests:

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of the Columbus Diocese.

Supreme Advocate John A. Marrella, general counsel for the Knights of Columbus.

Bishop Campbell has been leader of the Columbus Diocese since 2005, succeeding Bishop James Griffin. He is the 11th Bishop of the Columbus Diocese, and a former Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, Minn. Bishop Campbell studied at St. Lawrence University, Canton, where he received his B.A. degree, and at The Ohio State University, where he received his Master's and Doctorate degrees. Among his past

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The 2009-2011 Ohio State Council Officers – (top row, from left) State Warden Kevin Miller, State Advocate Bob Collins, State Treasurer Ken Girt, State Secretary Dave Helmstetter; (front row, from left) Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Moegling, State Deputy Paul Upman, State Chaplain Fr. James Brown.

State Chaplain

May the Risen Lord bless you and may you be a blessing to all you meet



By Fr. James Brown
State Chaplain

Happy Easter to all of you. I pray that you have had a beneficial Lent and Holy Week and you did your best to make it so for your family and for all whose lives you touched.

The first Gospel of Easter tells us something very special about the Resurrection of Jesus. At first those going to the tomb, Mary and the other women and then Peter and John, only find an empty tomb. No one witnessed the exact moment of Jesus' Resurrection. Only when the encounter happens with the Risen Lord, Mary in the garden with the gardener, Peter after fishing and finding the "breakfast cook" on the shore and the two disheartened disciples on their way out of town when they met the stranger on the road. They recognized Him. Resurrection is a faith event in an encounter.

Each month our parish liturgy team develops a statement for our church sign out front. They are usually pithy statements meant to catch attention and help one to perhaps ponder a faith moment. The one that is up now for Easter says: "*May you encounter the Risen Lord this Easter when you see me.*" That says a lot. And so that is my wish for all of you and for the Knights of Columbus throughout Ohio.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our State Convention in Columbus, and I especially invite council chaplains to attend as much of the Convention as they are able. By the way, I received a number of nominations for Chaplain of the Year. Thanks to all who submitted one.

May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly and may you be a blessing for all you meet.

Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign

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Columbus councils in each of the six Ohio dioceses.

The sale of Super Cash Bonanza tickets can help Ohio's councils with needed funds for their charities, says Girt.

"And," he adds, "the more tickets a council sells, the more funds in the form of rebates the council will receive. And there are plenty of outstanding rebates."

The sold tickets must be sent to Girt by May 18 at: 6433 Lutz Ave. N.W., Massillon, OH 44646. A check – made payable to *Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus* – must accompany the shipment of tickets in the amount of \$2.60 for each ticket sold. The council keeps \$2.40 of the \$5.00 ticket. The state, in turn, will send to the council a rebate check for whatever the council earns at a later date. Do not send cash, Girt emphasizes.

The prizes are fantastic: First Prize, \$49,680 (payable \$414 per month for 10 years); Second Prize, \$18,780 (payable \$313 per month for 5 years); Third Prize, \$12,720 (payable \$212 per month for 5 years); Fourth Prize, \$4,000; Fifth Prize, \$3,000; Sixth and Seventh Prizes, \$2,000; Eighth through 11th Prizes, \$1,500; 12th through 15th Prizes, \$1,250; 16th

State Deputy Paul Upman

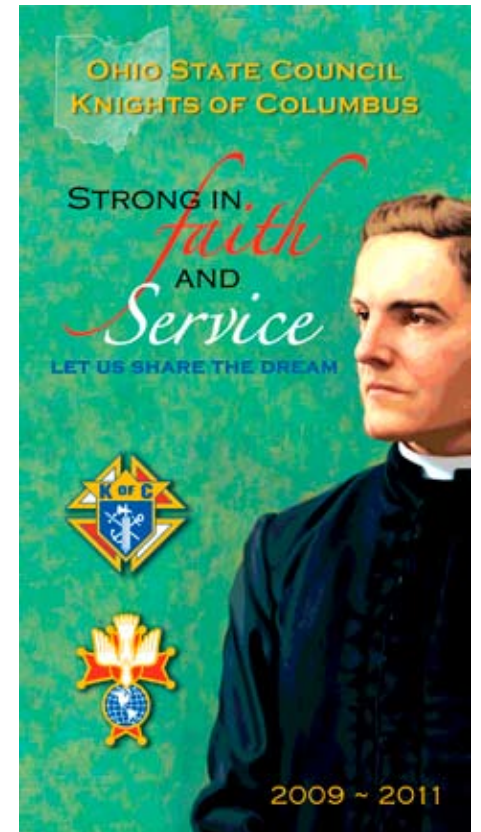
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At the convention, and in our Buckeye Bulletin later, I will submit to our members a report of the condition of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio this last fraternal year. I urge you and all members to listen, read, think and then act in a positive manner for the remainder of this fraternal year and into the next.

For example, there still is time this fraternal year to add to your membership, to have some great summer activities, to get your Columbian Award filed, to make sure RSVP donations to seminarians are done and reported, to have the final sign-off for your Round Table efforts, etc. Take advantage of our cash membership incentive, *Spring into Prosperity Program*, discussed elsewhere in this paper.

I believe it was the great ballplayer Yogi Berra who said: "it ain't over 'til it's over," so let's all go out of this fraternal year with some gusto. Make sure your council is in better shape now than it was this time last year. That's a good measure of how we are "*Strong in Faith and Service*" for our Church and the Order.

I wish to thank all members who have worked so hard to make the Knights of Columbus in Ohio the best that it can be. See you at the convention.



The two-year administration of State Deputy Paul Upman will end with election of a new State Deputy at the State Convention. His banner shows the mission of his administration, "Strong in Faith and Service."

Family of the Month . . .

The following family was honored as Ohio Family of the Month for February by Supreme Council. Families of the Months are chosen through random drawing at Supreme Headquarters from among nominations submitted by councils in the jurisdiction.

Family of Elliot and Arlene Rice, of Jefferson Council 4212 (Youngstown Diocese).

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hotels.

"Hopefully, councils in good standing have elected their two delegates and are registered for the convention," adds Miller. "And if you haven't already registered, do so as soon as possible."

This is one of the years that lend a bit more excitement to the convention. It will include the election of a new State Deputy to succeed Paul J. Upman, whose two-year administration will come to an end. And if tradition is followed, current State Secretary Dave Helmstetter will be elevated to the office of State Deputy and the other state officers – Treasurer Ken Girt, Advocate Bob Collins and Warden Miller – will be elected to the next higher office.

In turn, delegates to the convention will elect a new State Warden.

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The Columbus Convention Committee has been busy for several months arranging for the convention.

The convention Registration Desk will be open Friday, May 27, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., and immediately after Saturday's Memorial Mass until noon. The Registration Desk will be in the Magnolia Room of the Hilton – where delegates and attendees can pick up their banquet tickets, souvenirs and Friday Night Party materials.

"If you don't know which way to turn once you arrive at the Hilton, just look for Brother Knights and their wives wearing bright red vests with yellow buttons," says Miller. "They are part of the convention Hospitality Committee and can help you with any questions that you may have."

The first social event of the convention will be the Friday Night Party and Super Cash Bonanza drawing. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the party, with activities that will include an evening of horse races and Las Vegas Night atmosphere beginning at 7 p.m.

"This activity, started at a convention in Columbus 13 years ago, has been an absolute crowd pleaser," Miller said. "We will give away various door prizes at the conclusion of this gala event."

At 9 p.m., the Super Cash Bonanza drawing will be held, with more than \$108,000 in cash being awarded to 20 lucky winners who had purchased Super Cash Bonanza tickets sometime after mid-February when the campaign was begun. State Treasurer Ken Girt, Super Cash Bonanza chairman, will conduct the drawing.

The Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights at 8 a.m. will begin activities Saturday morning. Then General Program Director Mark S. Pickard will conduct the Awards Session, giving recognition to councils and individuals for their participation in the *Strong in Faith and Service* program during the 2010-2011 fraternal year.

Various convention committees will meet immediately after the Awards Session.

State Deputy Upman will gavel the 112th State Convention to order at 1:15 p.m. Saturday. The, at 4 p.m., Ohio's eight area caucuses will convene to nominate delegates and alternates to the 129th Annual Supreme Convention, which will be held in Denver, Colo., in August.

A convention highlight will be the State Deputy's Banquet on Saturday night. Toastmaster will be Past State Deputy Dennis Shonebarger. Speakers will include Columbus Diocese Bishop Frederick F. Campbell and Supreme Advocate John A. Marrella, general counsel for the Knights of Columbus. During the festivities, special recognition will be given to the Top Ten Ohio councils along with a number of honorees of the year and best program activities.

The Annual Convention Mass will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, with State Chaplain Fr. James Brown as the main celebrant and all priests and deacons in attendance concelebrating.

The convention business session will be reconvened following Mass, followed by separate luncheons for men and women. If necessary, the business session again will be reconvened after the men's luncheon.

"These annual conventions provide the delegates with ample opportunities to share their experiences and to hear first-hand reports on the status and activities of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio," Miller said. "These reports should provide delegates with plenty of information regarding the Order to take back to their councils."

The Easton Center . . .

The Columbus Easton Center is located just outside the front door of the Hilton Columbus Hotel and four miles from the Marriott Airport Hotel. The Easton Town Center is one of the finest experiences in central Ohio. It is far from the ordinary center, where unique shopping, dining and entertainment venues await you.

Knights of Columbus 112th Annual Ohio State Council Convention May 27-29, 2011 *Hilton Columbus at Easton*

Schedule of Activities

Friday, May 27, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. Msgr. Krispinsky Memorial Golf Outing
East Golf Club, New Albany
- 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Convention Registration
Magnolia Room
- 3:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
Audit Committee
Resolutions Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Party – Doors Open
- 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Party – Activities Begin
- 9:00 p.m. Super Cash Bonanza Campaign Drawing
(All in Easton Ballroom)
- 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open

Saturday, May 28, 2011

- 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass (Fr. James Brown, celebrant)
Easton Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Open
- 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon Convention Registration
Magnolia Room
- 9:30 a.m. Awards Session
Easton Ballroom
- 11:30 a.m. Convention Committee Meetings
Election and Tellers Committee
Minutes and Bylaws Committee
Good of the Order Committee
Assistant Wardens Committee
- 1:15 p.m. Opening Business Session
Easton Rooms A & B
- 4:00 p.m. Area Caucuses (8)
- 7:00 p.m. State Deputy's Banquet
Easton Ballroom
- 10:30 p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open

Sunday, May 29, 2011

- 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass (Fr. James Brown, celebrant)
Easton Rooms A & B
- 9:45 a.m. Business Session
Easton Rooms C, D & E
- 10:00 a.m.- 12 Noon Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Open
- 12:00 Noon Men's Luncheon
Easton Rooms A & B
- 12:30 p.m. Ladies Luncheon
Regent Ballroom
- 1:30 p.m. Business Session (If Necessary)
Easton Rooms A & B

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assignments, he taught at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus.

Marrella received his B.A. degree in 1981 from Amherst College, and in 1990 received his law degree from Harvard Law School and a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He spent most of his legal career working for the United States Department of Justice, part of that time as Deputy Assistant Attorney General.

Marrella concluded his work at the Department of Justice in January, 2009, and began his association with the Knights of Columbus in February of that year.

Toastmaster for the State Deputy's Banquet will be Dennis Shonebarger, an Ohio Past State Deputy (1993-1995).

Membership recruitment: the growth of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio

By Paul A. Barko

State Membership Director

As we come down to the end of another fraternal year, I want to applaud the efforts of councils and individuals in spreading the message of Fr. Michael McGivney to invite Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus as a means of better witnessing their faith in action. It has been really catching on! Thanks to all who have been actively working on membership recruitment.

I also want to encourage your continued efforts, reminding you that the both the State and Supreme Membership Recruiting Programs continue until **June 30, 2011** -- not with the State Program year. And I invite councils and individual members who have not been involved in membership growth to consider doing so. Why? Because membership growth guarantees the continuation of the Order in Ohio for years to come, and it means the continuation of local and state programs that touch the lives of thousands of people in Ohio each and every year -- programs that support our youth, our church and our communities. They are critical to our Order's support of the late Pope John Paul II's "*Culture of Life*" and helps facilitate the active participation of Catholics who might otherwise not be involved.

Remember these membership growth ideas, which we have described in the past: **One-on-one invitations; Church drives/open-houses; Advertisements in local newspapers; Recognizing your members; Using your Parish Round Tables; Membership retention/reactivation; Active participation in the state membership drives.**

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Please remember also that State Deputy Paul J. Upman has again authorized a "**Spring Into Prosperity**" Membership Incentive Program that started April 1 and continues through June 30. Every individual and every council recruiting new members during that time period is eligible for financial incentives! Details about the program are on the state website and through your District Deputy!

Comments, questions, concerns or communications can be directed to Paul Barko by phone (419) 388-4734 or via email: kofcpbarko@roadrunner.com.

State General Program Director

It's time to say THANKS to one and all!

By Mark Pickard

State General Program Director

We're coming to the end of another fraternal year. The State Convention looms in the not-too-distant future -- May 27-29, to be exact.

The end also is looming for another reason -- our State Deputy Paul Upman's two-year administration of the Ohio Knights of Columbus. That means I'll be losing my job as state general program director, since I am one of Paul's "employees". It's been a great ride, a great experience, a great education for me, one I'll never forget

Now it's time to say THANKS.

I thank all the Ohio K of C councils that have been involved in our *Strong in Faith and Service* program. They have done a fantastic job.

I thank those individual Brother Knights who have made these program activities work. Their cooperation and their reports have been super.

I thank our State Directors who have worked so hard and spent so many hours developing their programs and reviewing the reports. They are our unsung heroes.

I thank our state membership/retention/new council development team for promoting our Order in Ohio so well.

I thank the District Deputies and Diocesan District Deputy Coordinators for their continuing efforts in keeping everyone involved and informed.

And I thank State Deputy, Paul Upman for giving me the opportunity to be state general program director for these two wonderful fraternal years.

We accomplished an important goal in this administration. With the cooperation of our councils, we have gone GREEN; most have done their reports electronically rather than sending paper reports through the snail mail. Sure, we have encountered some glitches. But we have "made it work!"

Now comes the most satisfying part of my job -- having the honor at the State Convention Awards Session of announcing the hundreds of awards which will be given to individuals and councils for the dedication and hard work they have exhibited during the 2010-2011 fraternal year.



The Hilton Columbus at Easton Hotel

Columbus Hilton, Airport Marriott are the State Convention hotels

Two hotels are handling lodging for State Convention guests. The Hilton Columbus at Easton Center is the headquarters hotel and will house most guests. The alternative is the nearby Marriott Airport Hotel.

The Hilton, 3900 Chagrin Dr., Columbus, 43219, is located at the eastern edge of the Easton Center. The Marriott is located approximately three miles away, at 1375 N. Cassady Ave., Columbus 43219. Both hotels offer free parking.

The reservation deadline in order to get Knights of Columbus convention group rate is May 12. Reservations can be obtained by calling the Hilton at (614) 414-5000, or the Marriott at (614) 475-7551. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Ohio Knights of Columbus State Convention.

Special convention services, activities

There are many activities available to those who will be attending the 2011 State Convention. Among them are:

Friday Night Party

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. They will include simulated horse races and a Las Vegas Night atmosphere.

Babysitting Service

The Columbus Convention Committee will offer babysitting services according to the following schedule, available for children aged 3-12.

Day	Times	Event	Activity
Friday	6:30-10:00 p.m.	Friday Night Party	Music Night & Video Games
Saturday	6:30-11:00 p.m.	State Deputy's Banquet	Clown & Games
Sunday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Ladies' Luncheon	Crafts & Games

The fee for this service will be \$6.00 per child per EACH event, with a maximum of \$15.00 per family per event. There will be a table in the Registration area to sign up.

Food Collection

Each person attending the convention is asked to donate two items of either food (box or can), paper products (toilet tissue, facial tissue or paper towels) or soap (hand or laundry detergent). The collected items will be donated to a local Columbus Catholic food pantry. The Columbian Squires will coordinate these donations in the Registration area.

Golf Outing

The Annual Msgr. Joseph Krispinsky Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 27, at the East Golf Club, 6140 Babbitt Rd., New Albany. It is open to both men and women, members and non-members. It will have an 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start. Cost is \$65.00 per golfer, which includes coffee, donuts, 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and prizes -- low foursome, closest to the Pin, longest drive, longest putt, plus additional door prizes. Checks should be made payable to the *Columbus Convention Committee* and sent to: Mark Steele, 5293 Wolf Run Dr., Columbus, OH 43230.

Men's and Ladies' Luncheons

Both men and women attending the convention are invited to respective luncheons on Sunday. The men's luncheon will be held at the conclusion of the morning business session. Each lady will receive a special gift, and there will be entertainment following the lunch. Chairman is Tish Miller, wife of State Warden Kevin Miller.