



State Deputy

It's time to get back to work

By Paul Upman
State Deputy

Whoosh! The lazy, carefree summer days are all of a sudden behind us! It is time to knuckle down and get back to the critical things that must get done.

It's unfortunate that our Knights of Columbus fraternal year actually begins July 1, and not after Labor Day. It is difficult to get geared up for membership recruiting, new council development, activity programming, etc., when nature and tradition call us to relaxation and vacation.

Like the squirrels that did indeed accumulate nuts and seeds for the winter ahead, some of you council leaders can smile and say "we're in good shape!" Others, alas, must go into crises management mode!

This issue of the Buckeye Bulletin, just as the recent July issue, is full of information, news and solid advice on how to be a success. In fact, if you brushed off reading the last issue, please go back now and check it out as it was full of helpful reports.

One constant theme is planning. Many years ago, I attended a business seminar. A challenging question was put to the class: If you are not happy with the way things are now, what are **you** going to do differently next year?

So, as leaders and active members we must insist on planning for success. If you

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'You are men of faith, men of charity, men of hope'

Church leaders applaud Knights in Supreme Convention remarks



Ohioans wave their State Flag at the States Dinner of the Convention.

Ohio recognized for 12 new councils; 2 programs get international honors

Ohio's performance in establishing new councils during the 2009-2010 fraternal year brought recognition at the Awards Session of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention.

State Deputy Paul Upman, with his wife Lee, was presented with a special plaque by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson for achieving Supreme's New Council Development quota by establishing 12 new councils in the Ohio jurisdiction. The state was one of 29 jurisdictions order-wide to match or exceed new council quotas.

Upman credited Ohio's New Council Development Director Gabriel Minton for achieving the award.

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Church hierarchy from throughout the Order applauded the Knights of Columbus at the 128th Annual Supreme Council Convention for its continuing work toward a Culture of Life.

"You are men of faith, men of charity, men of hope," said Most Rev. Pierre Morissette, bishop of Saint-Jerome, Quebec, and president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. "We count on your leadership in so many ways."

His Eminence Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, archbishop of Manila, The Philippines, echoed those thoughts. So did His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Most Rev. Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington D.C., and many others.

Eight Cardinals, representing every nation in which the Order has a presence and Vatican City, were on hand for the annual convention, held Aug. 3-5 in Washington D.C. Nearly 80 Archbishops, Bishops and Abbots – and more than 100 priests -- also attended the convention.

Convention theme was "*I Am My Brother's Keeper*", a phrase in which

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Membership

It's at the Heart of it All!

By Paul Barko

State Membership Director

From the moment Fr. Michael J. McGivney established the Knights of Columbus, membership has been the "**Heart and Soul of the Order**"!

Why? The answer is simple: Without members there is no one to provide the services to church, community, family, youth and councils that is the hallmark of our Order.

Just stop and consider all of the good work and service that you, yourself, have provided through your membership in the Order! In unity, and with the spirit of fraternity brought

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State Chaplain

A challenge to grow deeper in your faith

By Fr. James Brown
State Chaplain



I have always liked the Autumn Season of the year as summer comes to a close and the harvest is taken off the fields and the gardens give forth their abundance. It feels like a blessing from God and an answer to the Spring planting prayers. School and related activities are in full swing, leaves are turning colors and there is a crispness in the air.

It's another aspect of the life cycle unfolding in our midst. I'm glad I live in Beautiful Ohio and can experience the four seasons in all their unique glory.

One of the efforts of our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop Lori, and his assistant, Fr. John Grace, is to encourage each Council Chaplain to challenge Brother Knights to deepen their prayer life, their attendance at Sunday Mass with their families, and to grow deeper in their faith experience.

This can be accomplished in a number of ways: small faith groups, the Christ Renews His Parish experience or the Cursillo Movement or Marriage Encounter.

I believe it is a call to arms. It is not enough just to be a social member of the Knights of Columbus any longer. Gentlemen, we have to step up to the plate and make a difference to be active members of our families, our parish and our councils. If WE don't do it now, then WHEN will we do it? If not US, then WHO?

If we would stop for a moment and look around us at the state of our religion of our economy and our political system, we know something is seriously wrong with the picture. We could blame "Eve" as always, or we can take up the gauntlet as Jesus did and do something about it.

Prayer is the beginning step. We need the big picture and perspective only the Lord can provide, as well as the forces of the heavenly communion of saints. We need a plan and to study the plan and we need to put it into action. But NOT as lone rangers. That's why we belong to a fraternal organization. We need each other as team to make a difference.

Several projects are identifiable already by our worthy State Officers: The Ultra Sound Machines; the Supreme projects in Haiti -- both the wheelchairs and the prosthetics; the continued support for Respect for Life and for the Mentally and Emotionally challenged; and the work of supporting and encouraging Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

As a group we also need to be aware of the insidious evils of pornography and the trafficking and sex slavery trade that is rampant in Ohio. We need to study these issues and learn more about them to know how we as an Order can cause a change. These are not easy issues because they touch the lives of someone we know and someone who is very close to us.

Our plates can never be too full because our work is never done. Look at what Fr. Michael McGivney and a few brave men did to begin the Knights of Columbus. If we, too, can spark that vision and inspire the courage to meet these challenges, just think of the impact the Knights of Columbus could have on the Catholic Church and on our society.

Let's pray with and for each other.

Toledo vocations director leaves for Rome assignment

Fr. Adam Hertzfeld, who has served as director of the Office of Vocations for the Toledo Diocese, recently embarked on a new assignment in the English language section of the Vatican Secretariat of State in Rome. Fr. Hertzfeld told Knights of his new assignment while speaking at the Toledo Diocese Tour Program last July.

Regarding the assignment, Toledo Diocese Bishop Leonard Blair said "this is the papal secretariat which serves the Holy Father directly in his ministry to the universal church."

Ordained a priest in 2002, Fr. Hertzfeld is no stranger to Rome. He studied for five years at the Pontifical North American College in Rome as a seminarian, and returned there in 2005 to complete his license and doctorate in sacred theology after serving three years as associate pastor of Findlay St. Michael the Archangel. He was Director of Vocations since July, 2008.

Replacing him as vocations director is Fr. Charles Singler, who had been serving as rector of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral as well as director of the Office of Worship and Liturgical Music. He continues as director of Worship and Liturgical Music.

2010 Matching Funds campaign ends Nov. 15; the goal is \$65,432

Don't forget Matching Funds!

That's the Ohio State Council's campaign to raise funds for Catholic education. It's a very simple campaign; a very important campaign, because it raises money to help better educate our children.

Councils, assemblies and Squires circles contribute funds to the campaign. The Ohio State Council matches the first \$25,000 that is contributed.

Those funds are given to the Religious Education Offices of Ohio's six dioceses. And they stay in the diocese in which they were collected.

The Religious Education Office directors, in turn, use those funds to purchase educational materials and equipment for their classrooms.

The Matching Funds Campaign started last Sept. 1. It will end Nov. 15.

So 2010 Matching Funds Chairman, State Advocate Bob Collins, asks councils, assemblies and Squires circles to contribute their funds as soon as possible. This year's theme is *Strengthening Our Faith Through Catholic Education*.

"Catholic education is so very important," he says. "That's why Matching Funds is so important."

Collins has established a 2009 campaign goal of \$65,432.10. He also has established other goals: 100% council participation, 200 councils having an increase in collections over last year, and 50 councils having an increase of at least 25% in collections.

State Deputy Paul Upman's message

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are not pleased with your membership gains, your fund-raising abilities and your council's level of activities, then changes are in order. It's not "rocket science", as they say. Just get together, deal with the good and bad, and make your plans for the rest of the fraternal year.

For carefree reasons mentioned above, we have started off the fraternal year (July, August) behind in accomplishing our goals. Our membership numbers are not where we would like them to be, and the lingering suspensions from last fraternal year have come to fruition in this year. A successful, October Blitz in every council is extremely important. Make sure you plan and execute this effort. Mandatory administrative reports are coming in slowly; these are not optional. Grand Knights and District Deputies must see that they have been filed with state and supreme councils.

Ok, all is not lost and your council has time to make up for lost ground. As an elected Officer, a District Deputy or Director and an active member, make that commitment right now to your brother Knights, to the State Council and to the Order: "Starting today, I am going to do my best for my council, my family, my church and my community." We can be great, it's starts with you!

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Attending a Supreme Convention: an Experience of a Lifetime

While I was seated beside an associate at one of the Supreme Convention sessions, he leaned over to me and said, “Every Knight should have an opportunity to attend a Supreme Convention”.

I pondered that and immediately knew what he meant. He was right.

Every Knight should have the opportunity to hear Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, a gifted and eloquent speaker, give his annual report that chronicles all the amazing work of the Order throughout the fraternal year.

Every Knight should have the opportunity to attend the Opening Mass (held this year at the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception) to be enveloped with a procession that includes Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priests and Deacons, plus approximately 200 Sir Knights dressed in full regalia.

Every Knight should have the opportunity to dine and participate in the traditions of the States Dinner, which includes the fraternity of each state/country singing its favorite

state song, and four tiers of Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Knights of Columbus hierarchy.

Every Knight should have the opportunity of hearing Cardinals and Archbishops and Bishops repeatedly thanking the Knights publicly for the charitable work they do.

Every Knight should have the opportunity of attending the Awards Session to be moved by the prestigious awards which are presented to deserving jurisdictions, councils and individuals who have done so much for the good of the Order.

Every Knight should have the opportunity to enjoy the social and fraternal times of the convention where one meets Knights and families from all over the United States and the globe – from Vermont to California, Poland to The Philippines. (I even met a person who resides in North Pole, Alaska).

It’s quite an experience to learn so much about the great works of the Knights of Columbus. It’s an experience of a lifetime.

-- Harding Christ, Editor, Buckeye Bulletin

Church leaders applaud Knights of Columbus

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Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson repeatedly used in his 90-minute annual report to delegates and guests as he spoke about the Order’s Culture of Life projects and use of Culture of Life funds.

One of those was the Order’s presence in helping victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti last January, when thousands of people were killed or maimed. Anderson announced that Supreme Directors approved a new initiative, “Hope for Haiti’s Children”, explaining that the Order would work with the University of Miami/Medishare Hospital in Haiti’s capital of Port-au-Prince to “provide every child in Haiti who has lost an arm or a leg with the prosthetic device they need”.

“Each and every one of these children (approximately 800) will receive a new start in life thanks to the Knights of Columbus,” he said.

Anderson also reported on the Order’s initiative with the Wheelchair Mission, whereby local councils teamed up to provide 3,800 wheelchairs to those in need in 11 countries, including Haiti.

Anderson also emphasized use of Culture of Life funds in the Order’s Pro-Life Ultrasound Initiative, by which local councils partner with Supreme Council to purchase ultrasound machines for pro-life pregnancy centers across the United States.

“Recently we launched an initiative to save the lives of thousands of unborn children, one by one,” he said.

“Everyday, thousands of women are making individual decisions to have an abortion under great pressure, and often with little knowledge about the precious new human life within them. Modern ultrasound technology now provides clear, well-defined, full-color images of the child in the womb. The opportunity to see such images, and to understand in detail the development of a child even in the early weeks of pregnancy often has a dramatic effect on a woman’s decision regarding her pregnancy.”

Through the ultrasound program, Supreme Council provides a matching grant for every state or local council that raises half the cost of a new machine. Anderson reported that since start of the program, Knights in 25 states have enable the purchase of 53 ultrasound machines.

“Together, we have so far donated \$1,627,855 to buy these machines and it is the single largest and most important project of our Culture of Life Fund,” he reported.

Two poignant videos were shown – one dealing with the Knights’ response to the Haitian earthquake; the other with the Ultrasound Initiative. A third video dealt with the Order’s history.

Changes made in Supreme Council leadership

Several changes, effective Sept. 1, have been made in the top leadership of Supreme Council. The changes were announced by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

Emilo Moore, who had served as Supreme Treasurer since October, 2009, becomes Supreme Secretary, succeeding Donald Kehoe, who retired. Charles Mauer Jr., who had been appointed Assistant Supreme Treasurer by the Board of Directors July 31, becomes Supreme Treasurer.

In addition, delegates to the Supreme Convention elected two new members to the Board of Directors: Michael Conrad, Past State Deputy of Nebraska, and Luzon Deputy Alonso Tan. Retiring were Supreme Directors Alberto Solis of The Philippines and John Harrison of North Carolina.



Washington D.C. Archbishop Donald Wuerl processes to the altar for the Opening Mass.

Anderson reviewed the Order’s projects, from vocations to military and veterans affairs, from support of the Squires and Boy Scouts to Coats for Kids, Special Olympics and Food for Families.

He reported that 74,000 Catholic men joined the Knights of Columbus last fraternal year, bringing total membership to more than 1.8 million.

He said 2009 was “our best ever for insurance sales, growing by 13.3%”.

And he said that in 2009 the Order donated more than \$151 million to charity, and members provided more than 69 million hours of volunteer help, according to the annual Survey of Fraternal Activity.

“My Brother Knights, I report to you today that our Order is strong; it is vibrant, and it is changing lives for the better in thousands of different ways around the globe. Our work continues. Our mission continues. Father McGivney’s mission continues.”

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Just as he did at Ohio’s State Convention, Former Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant stressed *fortitude* to those assembled at one of the business sessions.

Stand up for your Church, he urged. “There are many hard times ahead for our Church. Signs of trouble are plain to see.”

Washington D.C. was a homecoming of sorts for Supreme Knight Anderson. He is a Past Grand Knight and Past State Deputy from the district.

The Opening Mass was celebrated at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, with a couple dozen buses – escorted by volunteer Washington D.C. police – to and from the Marriott Wardman Park headquarters hotel. Main celebrant was Most Rev. Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington D.C.

During the States Dinner – a fantastic gathering of K of C officials, Church hierarchy, delegates and guests – Anderson presented the Order’s highest award, the *Gaudium et Spes* Award, to His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Ortega y Alamino, Archbishop of Havana, Cuba. The archbishop, imprisoned for a period of time because of his faith, has guided the Cuban Church through often rough waters. The award, instituted in 1992, recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to both the Catholic Church and to society.



State Deputy Paul Upman (right) and his wife, Lee, accept the New Council Development award from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

Ohio receives New Council Development award

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Two Ohio councils were recognized for council programming.

Massillon Council 554 (Youngstown Diocese) was Third Place recipient in Supreme's International Council Activities Award competition. The council, with goals of improving community relations, getting inactive members involved and raising funds for charitable distribution, sponsored a circus – the first of its kind in Massillon in more than 30 years. The event raised \$5,000, with 434 members volunteering 3,107 hours on the project in one way or another.

St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984, Brook Park (Cleveland Diocese), was Fifth Place finisher in the International Church Activities Award category for its *Million Pennies for Heaven in the Year of the Priest* project. Special "Change Cups" were designed and made to accept donations in local shops and the parish, and proceeds also came from a pizza party, special fish fries and special "Vintage Vocations" wine tasting event. The \$10,401 collected was given to the *Pennies for Heaven* vocations fund.

Both projects had been recognized as "Best Activities of the Year" at Ohio's State Convention last May.

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Approximately 50 Ohioans joined more than 2,000 delegates and guests at the convention. They gathered for a special Ohio Dinner on Wednesday evening of the week.

Ohio's Supreme Convention delegates included State Deputy Upman; Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Moegling; Robert Boyer, Maumee; Mark Cmar, Bellevue; Brandon Robinson, Cleveland; Richard George, Poland; Ed Ponder, Centerville; John Snyder, Weirton, W. Va.; Thomas Gault, Mount Vernon; Randel Clark, Cincinnati.



Ohio's Supreme Convention delegates: (Back row, from left), Randel Clark, Mark Cmar, Ed Ponder, John Snyder; (Middle row, from left), Brandon Robinson, Richard George, Tom Gault, Bob Boyer; (front row, from left), Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Moegling, State Deputy Paul Upman, State Chaplain Fr. James Brown (Fr. Brown was not a delegate).

Football Sweepstakes

*It's a great fundraiser for Ohio's councils;
the deadline is Oct. 29 to turn in tickets*

The deadline is approaching for the 2010 Football Sweepstakes.

All sold tickets must be turned in by Oct. 29.

The Football Sweepstakes is a great way, an easy way for councils to raise money for any use, according to Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein, the Football Sweepstakes chairman.

Tickets cost \$10.00 each. All tickets are valid for the last 10 weeks of the National Football League season, starting Oct. 31 and ending Jan. 3, 2011. 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.

Total prizes are \$10,000. A total of \$1,000 in prizes is 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. Scores from the previous week's games will be used for teams that are not scheduled to play in any given week. It makes no difference whether teams win or lose.

The sold tickets must be sent to: PSD Gary Eckstein, 185 Wagon Trail South, Powell, OH 43065. Remember: he must receive them by Oct. 29.

Of the \$10.00 per ticket, the Ohio State Council keeps \$6.50. Councils can receive anywhere from \$2.50 to \$3.90 per ticket, based on the number of tickets sold statewide (a full breakdown of rebates was published in the July-August issue of the Buckeye Bulletin).

"The rebates are better than ever," says Eckstein. "For the second year in a row they have been increased.

"And councils can do anything they want with their earnings. They do not have to be earmarked for any specific cause.

"It's such a simple fund-raiser. Just sell those tickets at \$10.00 each and receive your rebates based on the number of tickets councils across the State of Ohio sell."



Celina Council Honors Years of Service by Religious

Celina Council 1800 (Cincinnati Diocese) recently held a banquet honoring priests, a brother and a sister who are serving the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Celina, and St. Theresa, Rockford. All adult members of both parishes were invited to attend at no cost. Honored were Fr. Thomas Brenberger, Fr. Richard Riedel, Brother Nicholas Renner and Sister Nancy Wolf. The four have a combined 186 years of service to the church. Brother Nicholas is Chaplain of Celina Council.

Maruskin Knights hold prayer service, aid seminarians

Knights of Father Maruskin Council 10936, Stow-Hudson (Cleveland Diocese) held a special prayer service with three seminarians July 28 at St. Mary's Church, and then presented each with \$500, a part of the council's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

Honored were seminarians Jeff Barnish, Ryan Cubera and Rich Samide. Presiding over the prayer service was Deacon Carl Winterich, of St. Mary's, who also is a member of the council. Also attending the service was St. Mary's newly ordained priest, Fr. Kevin Elbert, a K of C member.

Other seminarians were honored by the council with \$500 donations in separate presentations: Ryan Mann, St. Mary's Parish; Mathew Byrne, Holy Family Parish; and Michael Zgonc, a Holy Family parishioner whose father, Thomas, is a member Father Maruskin Council. Michael attends St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore – the same seminary at which Fr. Michael McGivney studied on his path to the priesthood.

Ohio's Top 10 Councils in Programming

Following are Ohio's Top 10 Councils statewide as of Sep. 1, 2010. Top 10 includes program points ONLY. Standings do not reflect membership or administrative requirements.

	Council	Location	Dio.	Pts.
1	Fr. Anthony Wolf 4378	Russells Point	Cinn	1250
2	South Akron 3410	Akron	Clev	875
3	LaSalle 5621	Cincinnati	Cinn	675
4	Fr. Carl Anthony 3213	Wadsworth	Clev	600
5-6 (tie)	Assumption 3727	Columbus	Colb	550
5-6 (tie)	/Mother Teresa 14344	Oregon	Tole	550
7-10 (tie)	Immaculate Heart 472	Wintersville	Steu	500
7-10 (tie)	Fr. O'Connor 3730	Dayton	Cinn	500
7-10 (tie)	Garfield 4130	Garfield Heights	Clev	500
7-10 (tie)	St. Caspar 8829	Wauseon	Tole	500

The importance of the FAMILY

The following was submitted by Larry Droesch, State Family Activities Director.

I want to thank all the council members who have helped and continue to support and promote the FAMILY. This is a very important unit and should be treasured by all of us.

Unfortunately, we only realize how important *family* is when we have funerals. You find yourself saying "If only I had spent more time with them" and then you swear that things will be different.

Family is the first persons we go to for support and sympathy. We also have fights and feuds with our family. We are disappointed, or embarrassed, by our family. We go to them when we need something as in times of personal or financial difficulties.

The point is that we should spend good and bad, boring and enjoyable, time with *all* our family members, not just when WE just need them. Work on keeping them together as a strong bonding unit that is always solid. This old paraphrased sentence is redundant, but rings very true – A family that plays and prays together, stays together!

Just to give you an idea of one of the many things Supreme Council provides to encourage family unity, let me tell you about it's Family of the Month which is conducted for every jurisdiction in the Order. Supreme gathers family of the month nominations from all the councils order-wide, and randomly selects Families of the Month for each Jurisdiction. So Ohio has families that are honored by Supreme each month.

The Supreme form that you need to fill out to compete for this honor is found in the *Surge for Service* book. It must be filled out and sent to Supreme for your chosen family to be considered for the jurisdiction's monthly honor.

This is a different program activity than the State's, but it does garner the winner a very beautiful Holy Family Statue, a certificate, their name in the Columbian or Knightline, and a chance to be considered for the Supreme's Family of the Year.

Our many Vocations

Fewer and fewer men and women are answering the call to a religious vocation. Parents hesitate to encourage their children to become priests or religious sisters.

However, in today's society, there are many different vocations available to all of us – such as Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters. Men under the age of 60 can aspire to be a Deacon.

So get involved within your parish. Vocations doesn't mean that one must become a priest or religious sister. Most anything you do for the Church constitutes a vocation that is needed.

-- Joseph Mackos, State Vocations Director

11 Ohio councils honored as Double Star councils

Eleven Ohio councils have been honored as Double Star Councils by Supreme Council for the 2009-2010 fraternal year. They are:

Councils 3304, 11275, 11311, 11550, 12912, 14344, 14406, 14502, 14504, 14545, 14789.

27 Ohio councils are named Star councils

Twenty-seven Ohio councils have been honored as Star Councils for the 2009-2010 fraternal year by Supreme Council. They are:

Councils 1569, 3123, 3304, 3376, 5628, 5776, 6373, 7970, 10183, 10765, 11207, 11275, 11287, 11311, 11445, 11550, 12772, 12912, 14344, 14400, 14406, 14457, 14502, 14504, 14545, 14551, 14769.

State General Program Director

Remember:

Pro-Life is now a Major activity

By Mark Pickard

State General Program Director

The adventure continues. Welcome, brothers, to the second year of the *Strong in Faith and Service* State General Program. We, your state directors, are looking for even a better year of activities within the general program.

Remember: Pro-Life is now a major program in the State General Program. Look over the Pro Life Program that was sent to all councils in the statewide mailing. Please select the activity that best suits you and your council and make it one of the best programs that you have accomplished in recent memory. After submitting this report under the Community section of the general program, please take the time to send a complete hard copy to State Community Director Mike Abfall for consideration as the "Best in the State" award.

With the holiday season of Christmas just ahead, the time is now to start making plans on the great programs you want to implement. Activity #3, Keep Christ in Christmas, and Activity #4, Pastor's Request, work well from the Church program. And please set up that Round Table in the council and report it under Activity #7.

Keep passing the jug for Vocations. Let's turn those *Pennies for Heaven* into *Dollars for Heaven*. Our vocation departments in each diocese is counting on us. Let's raise the bar and make this the best effort ever.

In the months ahead I would ask that each council check out the "Wheelchairs Make the World Go Around" activity under the Community program. What a fantastic opportunity we have with such a great program. See what you can do!!

I would also like to ask that during the upcoming months councils see what they can do for a veteran, especially our veterans who reside in the veterans homes across the state. Remember, those men and women dedicated their lives for our freedom, it is now time for us to show them how much we appreciate all they have done.

For the Council program, be sure to report all those great social activities to Bob Byers, YOUR State Council Activities Director. Hit him with your best shot, if it is either the council social Activity #24 or ladies appreciation Activity #25, be sure to have a fun filled event and tell him all about it.

Family, we are all one family. A Family of Brother Knights, sharing ever so much in common, start now in planning that Family Corporate Communion Activity # 37. Make it a day to remember; beginning with celebrating the Holy Eucharist together followed by a social gathering, I know you will be glad you did.

Our young people, our youth must be our most treasured gift that we have received from God. We as Brother Knights have an obligation to every son and daughter, grandson and granddaughter to provide them with the best activities as we can, plan now for the Free Throw Contest or a social activity to include each of them. Look around, maybe now is the right time to start that Squires Circle, contact State Squires Director Marty Schumacher for any questions or help in starting that circle.

Your State Membership Director Paul Barko is working daily on ways to increase the membership role here in the State of Ohio. This is a tall order for one person. We, all of us, must get onboard, and commit to recruit at least one new member. If each member would ask just one fellow catholic brother to join our ranks, we would increase the roles by 60,000 new members. Yes, our Worthy State Deputy Paul Upman and Brother Barko have implemented some fine incentives for the membership for your efforts, but truly, the only incentive that we need is that Father McGivney has asked us to ask a fellow catholic to join us, for the dream of Father McGivney is alive today, that every Catholic Man and his family belong to the Knights of Columbus. I ask you today to "Share the Dream" and ask that fellow Catholic man to join, remember, someone asked you and you said yes.

Please remember at any time your state directors are here for you, please contact any one of us for all your questions.

Program Note . . .

Any awards from the past convention that were sent back due to misspelled words or were accidentally missed have not been forgotten. Due to unforeseen circumstances the remaking has been delayed, but we are working on it as best as we can, thanks for understanding.

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Ohio Knights . . .

Strong in Faith and Service

The goal of this Buckeye Bulletin feature is to incorporate activities that Ohio Knights and Ohio Councils do throughout the fraternal year. 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.

Knights of Ray McKowen Council 1362, Delphos, have established a "Religious Vocation Scholarship" that will be awarded to a member of an area parish who is studying for a religious vocation.

Announcement of the award was made at a *Year of the Priest* banquet hosted by the council. Eight priests, from St. John and neighboring parishes, attended, including Council Chaplain Fr. Charles Obinwa and Toledo Diocese Vocations Director Adam Hertzfeld. Each priest was presented with a gift from the council.

Also attending were two local seminarians – Delphos St. John High School graduate Jared Denman, who is studying for the Franciscan Capuchin Order, and David Kidd, of St. Charles Parish in Lima, who is studying at the Josephinum Seminary to become a diocesan priest.

Leetonia Council 1569 recently provided labor and materials to replace steps and a landing at St. Patrick's Church North Ridgeville Council 7970 Knights replaced the roof on a garage at St. Peter's Parish. A major helper was Brother Knight Brian Uszak, whose construction company donated time and services Holy Martyrs Council 4733 members cleaned up the parish grounds at Canton St. Mary's Church in preparation for the St. Benedict/St. Mary parish picnic. At the picnic the council presented the pastor, Fr. Benson Okpara, with a K of C stole and chasuble in honor of his recent U.S. citizenship Holy Trinity Council 6373, Bowling Green, Knights gathered their hammers and saws to help build a deck at St. Tom's Parish.

Our Lady of Peace Council 4424's "Back to School Party" won a state award at last May's State Convention, and members report that their Aug. 22 party may have been even better! North Olmsted Council 4731 has given each of the nine parishes it serves a pro-life statue Trivia Quiz Night is a big item at New Washington Council 1718.

Northeast Akron Council 3529 welcomed Fr. Ignatius Kury, pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, as its new chaplain. He's been a Knight since he was 18 years old Knights of the council volunteered at the Irish Festival to raise \$1,000 for its Measure-Up Campaign

Back by popular demand, Cleveland Council 733 sponsored its 6th Family Cruise aboard the Nautica Queen Knights of Canton Council 341 have responded to Fr. Ronald Klingler's plea for help in the St. John's Food Pantry, which has been doing double duty because of the area's economic conditions. The Knights have donated non-perishable food items.

Brunswick Council 4847 invited families, friends and neighbors to its outdoor Mass and Family Movie Night in July Knights of the Council, Sir Knights of St. Ambrose Assembly and their families marched in the annual Old Fashioned Days Parade in Brunswick.

Cuyahoga Falls Council 2362 is hoping to start a new Squires Circle . The council again this year is selling Christmas cards promoting the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme.

The "President Charity Foundation" in the Youngstown Diocese sponsored its annual golf open. It's been held since 1985, and has raised more than \$28,000 for donation to charity. Among its organizers is State Vocations Director Joe Mackos.

Fairborn Council 3724 Grand Knight Frank Carchedi has appointed a special committee to review the council's programs/activities for possible changes. He's also appealing to those members with little or no participation to consider donating at least 48 hours a year (4 hours per month) to some council activity.

Westerville Council 5776 Grand Knight Don Coffey had an interesting item in a recent newsletter: "If you have noticed one of our Brother Knights or their families doing good things around the parish and community, please submit an email of recommendation for Knight of the Month or Family of the Month". Great idea to stimulate response.

North Ridgeville Council 7970 sponsored a "Holy Hour for Vocations" at St. Peter's Church Knights of Coldwater Council 1991 helped with the Right to Life float in this year's Community Picnic Parade. Theme of the float was *God's Law is Pro-Life. Protect Life from Womb to Tomb.*



Members of the championship Ottawa Council basketball team are (front row, from left) Nick Ruhe, Kyle Schroeder, Kurt Croy; (back row, from left) Matt Metzger, Todd Schumacher, Pat Siefker, Jay Siefker, Brad Schumacher.

Ottawa Council wins State Basketball title

The following was submitted by Brother Knight Richard Siefker, State Basketball Chairman.

Ottawa Council 1757 (Toledo Diocese) won the 2010 Ohio Knights of Columbus State Basketball Tournament, which was held in April at the Worthington Community Center.

Nine teams participated, including Ottawa Council; Fr. Michael Muehle Council 5669, Kalida; Sidney Council 659; Ray McKowen Council 1362, Delphos; Ottawa Council 1757; Loyalty Council 2661, Lima (two teams); St. Catherine Council 11354, Bexley; St. Michael Council 11455, Worthington; and St. Vincent Council 14054, Akron.

Kalida defeated Delphos to win the consolation trophy and Ottawa defeated Lima in the championship game to claim the state title. Kurt Croy, of Ottawa Council, was named Most Valuable Player.

Councils are encouraged to use this activity to help recruit and give younger members an event in which to participate.

Soccer Challenge: Regional competition in October

Councils sponsoring Soccer Challenges should by now have completed their council and district competitions. October is the time for Regional Competition. They will be held according to the following schedule:

Cincinnati Regional

Sunday, Oct. 31, at Bishop Fenwick High School. Registration: 1:30-2:00 p.m. Contest starts at 2:00 p.m. Contact Steve Mangan at (937) 426-4276 for more details.

Cleveland Regional

Saturday, Oct. 16, at North Olmstead Soccer Complex. Registration: 10:30-11:00 a.m. Contest starts at 11:00 a.m. Contact George Metz at (440) 449-0081 for more details.

Columbus Regional

Saturday, Oct. 2, at St. Agatha. Registration: 2:00-2:30 p.m. Contest starts at 2:30 p.m. Contact Ted Johnson at (614) 539-5836 for more details.

Stuebenville Regional

Contact Joe Solomon at (740) 537-2333 for details.

Toledo Regional

Contact Bob Boyer at (419) 467-1888 for details.

Youngstown Regional

Contact Jeff Kiliany at (330) 427-9874 for details.

The State Soccer Challenge will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Wilmington College, Wilmington (Cincinnati Diocese). Registration will be from 1:30-2:00 p.m. Contest will start at 2:00 p.m. Contact State Youth Director Ken Gardner at (513) 451-3079 for details.

Two Ohio girls named International champions

Two Ohio youths have been named International Champions in the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition. They are:

Heathere Heiby, sponsored by Celina Council 1800 (Cincinnati Diocese), who made 24 of 25 free throw attempts to win the Ohio girls' age 11 division.

Kelly Lamb, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Council 10992, Strongsville (Cleveland Diocese), who made 23 of 25 free throw attempts to win the Ohio girls' age 12 division.

The secret of Membership Retention: Talk to them!

By Michael Saine

State Membership Retention Director

People ask: "How do I retain members?"

The answer is simple: **Talk with them!**

You don't make a "blind" phone call to recruit new members. So why rely on a "blind" phone call to retain them?

Personal, face-to-face contact is crucial to working through whatever obstacles may be preventing a member from retaining his membership, and even becoming a more active member as a result.

Other things to consider in retaining members are:

1. Establish a council Retention Committee, chaired by the Deputy Grand Knight and comprised of the council Trustees. Have several men from the committee reach out to the member and arrange a time to meet as a group and talk about the council's desire to retain him as a member.
2. Enlist the assistance of the member's original proposer who, if available, may still have a personal connection and can help work through obstacles to the member's continuation in the Order.
3. Utilize the "Power of 10" Program, initiated statewide by our State Membership Director

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about in the K of C, look at all that we, the MEMBERS of the Order, have accomplished over the last 128 years!

So why not invite other Catholic men to join our crusade?

As you approach membership recruitment this fraternal year, please remember that you are not just recruiting new members. You are enabling the good works of the Order to continue and flourish. You are strengthening your council and making sure that the programs and efforts of current members will be continued for years to come. You are building a stronger Order and continuing the dream of Fr. McGivney to encourage all Catholic men to witness their faith through works of charity, done in the spirit of fraternal unity!

So, as you plan membership recruitment activities for your council this fraternal year, please consider the following recommendations:

1. Establish a **Council Admissions/Retention Committee**.
2. Plan and conduct a "**Membership Blitz**" for October & March (See your District Deputy for assistance and details.)
3. Plan and hold 1st degrees in your council or district in order to get interested candidates into the Order.
4. Establish a working "**Welcoming Committee**" to actively engage new members in your council programs after their 1st Degree.
5. Consider using the "**Power of 10**" Program to keep current members active and involved in your council.
6. If you have a council website, post information about both coming events and feedback about past ones, so members feel connected with the council. Also, identify your Council Membership Director as the "contact person" for individuals interested in joining and/or learning more about membership in your council.
7. Utilize your District Deputy and the Diocesan Membership/Retention Chairman in your diocese for assistance and direction in your recruitment efforts.
8. Actively plan and conduct Membership Activities listed in the General Program Book; then report them each month to earn credit and possible awards for your council's efforts. There are both State and Supreme Membership Recruitment incentives available to individual members and councils. Please take advantage of these "thank you's" offered to you and your council as a recognition for your efforts.

May each of you be blessed for the good work and effort that you engage in through your membership in the Knights of Columbus and consider inviting other Catholic men you know to join you!

Special pin is offered for Anderson's 10th Anniversary

This fraternal year marks the 10th Anniversary of Carl A. Anderson as Supreme Knight. In honor of the occasion, Supreme Council will issue a commemorative pin for Knights who recruit 10 or more members between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2010. This recruitment includes new members, reapplications, readmissions and reinstatements.

- in 2009 to regularly reach out to members and help limit potential suspensions.
4. Have options available when planning to meet with any member being considered for suspension. (e.g. payment plans, disability options, illness, active military duty, working out of town, in a nursing home, etc.).
5. Follow up with your initial meeting, when necessary, and communicate your sincerity in retaining the member.
6. Reach out to inactive insurance members still listed on your council roster.
7. Remind qualified members of their eligibility for "Life Member" and "Honorary Life Member" status, especially if they have or are close to meeting the criteria.

Finally, don't let money alone keep you from retaining members. Monthly or quarterly payments of dues as well as "relief funds" available for those sick, disabled or temporarily out of work should be made available to qualified members. Let them know that the Spirit of Fr. McGivney still exists in your council and that you are willing to work around financial setbacks to retain them as a member. Identifying these options is best done in a personal, face-to-face meeting with the member.

That's how we recruit and that is how we need to retain members.

Any questions regarding membership retention that cannot be addressed by your District Deputy or Diocesan Membership/Retention Chairman can be sent to me via Email at: msaine01@aol.com.

Ohio State Council Membership as of September 1, 2010

Diocese	Quota	Year to Date Gain	Year to Date Loss	Net	Percent of Quota	Needed
Cincinnati	465	29	66	-37	-0.08%	502
Cleveland	321	44	36	+8	+2.49%	313
Columbus	268	42	34	+8	+2.98%	260
Steubenville	80	1	3	-2	-0.48%	82
Toledo	420	23	43	-20	-4.7%	440
Youngstown	222	19	8	+11	+4.95%	211
TOTALS	1,776	158	190	-32	-1.80%	1808

Substance Abuse Poster Contest winners named

Winners have been announced in the Substance Abuse Poster Contest. They are:

- Alcohol Abuse Awareness, ages 8-11: Michael Hoying, Fort Loramie, Fr. Kunkler Council 2158, Minster.
- Alcohol Abuse Awareness, ages 12-14: Samuel Burtch, New Bremen, Fr. Kunkler Council 2158, Minster.
- Drug Abuse Awareness, ages 8-11: LeAnn Huelsman, Minster, Fr. Kunkler Council 2158, Minster.
- Drug Abuse Awareness, ages 12-14: Allison Rae Vannoy, Mantua (no council listed).

Obituaries

Jerome (Jake) and Hilda Hartman

For years and years, Jerome (Jake) Hartman and his wife, Hilda, had near perfect attendance at Ohio's State Conventions and Supreme's Annual Convention.

Both passed away during 2010. Jake died at age 86 last April. Hilda, 83, passed away on July 23.

Jake was a member of Bryan Council 1915 (Toledo Diocese) and of Bishop Rappe Assembly, where he was a Past Faithful Navigator.

Jake, a farmer throughout his life, was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in China. He and Hilda were members of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bryan, where he was active in construction of the parish's first building.

Scott Bushkill, FN of Bishop Massillon Assembly

Scott F. Bushkill, a Past Grand Knight of Massillon Council 554 and current Faithful Navigator of Bishop Massillon Assembly, died on Aug. 20 as the result of a car/motorcycle accident. He was 45.

Bushkill also had been a leader in reactivation of the Massillon Council Columbian Squires Circle. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Theresa.

The bar is raised for Ohio's Pennies for Heaven program

During the annual Summer Tour Programs held throughout Ohio last July, the bar was raised for the 2010-2011 fraternal year *Pennies for Heaven* campaign.

"Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) is the next step for Ohio Knights. It's a realistic goal that can become a reality this fraternal year," says State Secretary Dave Helmstetter, who is this year's *Pennies for Heaven* chairman.

Ohio Knights established a record last fraternal year, exceeding \$83,000 -- thanks to outstanding efforts by Knights in the Cleveland and Columbus dioceses. Cleveland Knights collected nearly \$30,000, while Columbus Knights topped \$20,000.

The key, according to Helmstetter, is increasing the number of councils involved with the program. Sixty percent -- 224 out of 367 councils -- participated in the 2009-2010 program. Raising the level of participation to 300 councils would allow the state to shatter yet another fundraising record this year, believes Helmstetter.

Working *Pennies for Heaven* in a local council, or parish, is simple. "All you need to do is pass the jug -- got vocations?, then pass the jug at every council event or any opportunity presented. It's a simple exercise that helps vocations in your diocese," Helmstetter said.

Jugs can be purchased locally. If a council needs a *Pennies for Heaven* labels, they should contact Helmstetter at dhelmstetter@woh.rr.com and he'll mail them to you.



Lt. Ben Franzosa and children of Iraq.

Archbishop Elder Council provides help for Operation Soccer Ball charity in Iraq

When a young man from the Cincinnati area became involved in a special project to help the youths of Iraq while on duty with the U.S. Army, Knights of Archbishop Elder Council 1195, Cincinnati, were among the first to help.

Ben Franzosa grew up as a St. Gertrude, Cincinnati, parishioner and of its CCD program, and is a graduate of the Milford schools and of the University of Dayton. At Dayton, he participated in the ROTC program and was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant.

His unit, the 543rd Military Police Company, 10th Mountain Division, based at Ft. Drum, N.Y., was sent to Iraq in July, 2009, for 12 months. He's back from that duty and is stationed at Ft. Drum.

While stationed in Diwanayah, Iraq, Lt. Franzosa learned of Operation Soccer Ball, a charity started by another Military Police officer to collect donation of soccer balls and give them to Iraqi youngsters for their enjoyment and to provide hope for their future. When that officer's tour of duty ended, Lt. Franzosa volunteered to take over the responsibility, and he established a goal of distributing at least 1,000 balls.

His parents, Rick and Mary Franzosa, became involved, and through word of mouth, donations were received from many sources.

"Through our parish church, St. Gertrude," we connected with Frank Merle (of Elder Council), and he and the Knights of Columbus were the first to donate," said Rick.

Elder Council sponsored a special St. Patrick's Day Dinner. That event, and other means, provided funds to purchase soccer balls.

And, yes, Lt. Franzosa exceeded his goal by quite a bit, distributing more than 2,500 soccer balls to the youngsters of Iraq.

It was another way the charity of the Knights of Columbus helped others.

Many councils do more than just pass the jug. They involve the entire council or their parish in an activity. Those activities can be reported under the Church Activities program and enable councils to collect program points. The points can be earned through Activity #10 of the State Vocations Program, which is part of the Church Activities Program.

"Councils have really shown their creativity in developing activities aimed at supporting vocations," said Helmstetter, who emphasizes councils should strive to reach the \$1,000 plateau and receive recognition at the annual state convention.

For example, St. James Council 2299 in Logan has designed a "Challenge Coin" supporting vocations. Co-Chair Don Gable says the coin could make for an ideal fundraiser for other councils in Ohio. "We're offering them to any council in Ohio at a reasonable rate. These coins would make a good way to increase their Pennies for Heaven program," he said. Gable can be contacted at (740) 385-5107.

The first turn-in deadline for contributions is Dec. 15; the final turn-in is April 15, 2011. Checks should be made payable to Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus and forwarded to: Dave Helmstetter, State Secretary, 5421 County Road 33A, St. Marys, OH 45885-9658. Councils contributing \$1,000 or more will be recognized at the 2011 State Convention.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Fraternal Benefits! ???

By Carl Ferguson, FIC, LUTCF, General Agent

State Insurance Liaison

Has your council set a date for a Fraternal Benefits Night & Day?

Well, it isn't too late to ask your Field Agent to arrange it. It is one of your needed programs to get points towards *STAR Council*.

Also, remember that the Insurance program offered to our members and their families is why Fr. Michael J. Mc Givney founded our order in the first place. It still seems to be a very well guarded secret that we don't tell our members about.

It is, however, ONE of two insurance companies in North America with the highest financial ratings (WOW!).

In this financial arena -- with the up's and down's, not knowing whom to look to or whom to trust -- you needn't look any further than your own company. That's YOUR company. As a Brother Knight you are already covered.

Once again, you didn't know that? Well, it is time to look inside find out what all your benefits are as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ask, your council to have Benefits day and night. You can have one in the late afternoon for those members who don't like to drive at night, then have one in the early evening. That way every member AND his spouse can attend.

In my professional opinion, our insurance program is second to none. And if you are not partaking of it in one form or another, you are missing one of the best parts of our membership and its finest programs going.

To learn more about how to setup a Benefits program, call me -- or the General Agent/Field Agent assigned to you council. Good Luck this year. and keep reaching for that *STAR Award*.

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St. Patrick's Jim Fitzpatrick: he's a super salesman

Jim Fitzpatrick has been quite a super salesman for St. Patrick Council 1747, Cincinnati.

Over the years he has spent hundreds of hours selling various kinds of tickets for the council. This year he sold 333 Super Cash Bonanza tickets, and he's sold more than 200 in each of the last three years. Most of his sales are made while seated at a card table in front of a local store.

"Jim suffered a stroke more than 40 years ago," said Past Grand Knight Eugene Cordier. "Jim is a people person, and loves to meet and talk to anyone and everyone..



Jim Fitzpatrick