



State Deputy

District Deputies reflect our success

By Paul Upman
State Deputy

We are just past our midyear point in this fraternal year, which ends June 30. Much good has been accomplished -- you will see this as you review reports on Matching Funds, Measure Up, the Charity Campaign, Pennies for Heaven and the Football Sweepstakes program. Many of these are addressed in this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin.

At present, our membership gain is respectable, but nevertheless is of serious concern as our stability has come by reducing suspensions and readmitting previously lost members, particularly the Honorary Life members. The growth has not come from recruiting, from church drives or from new council development. A quick look at your own council will tell you where you stand with recruitment.

Expect more attention to this aspect of our council life!

We recently held our midyear, two-day, District Deputies' Meeting. By all accounts it was successful, as the officers and directors did a superb job passing on the latest news, and giving the latest instructions and the most motivational talks. Out of necessity, the meeting primarily addressed membership growth.

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Help for Heroes

Toledo Knights send needed supplies to our troops

When members of St. Lawrence Council 4169 in Toledo learned of the needs of our soldiers fighting in Afghanistan, they sprung into action with a "Help for Heroes" project.

In August, 2010, Council Lecturer Sylvester Kosinski read a letter telling of conditions the soldiers contend with and items they could use. The letter was from Kosinski's son, Major David Kosinski, who is a liaison officer for the Special Operations to the joint Canadian/United States Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Maj. Kosinski, who had been a member of the council, described his living quarters as being in an old warehouse with rooms separated by a piece of plywood. He asked for help getting supplies because soldiers there don't have a PX facility, post office or facility for phones, televisions, etc.

Sylvester Kosinski asked if the council could help his son. The response was overwhelming and the wheels were put in motion to establish the "Help Our Heroes" project. Committees were established for the various parts of the project: communications, fund-raising, collections, packaging, shipping. Inserts were placed in St. John the Baptist Parish bulletins informing parishioners about the project and soliciting donations. Two very successful weekends were set aside in September to collect goods after



Maj. David Kosinski

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Elyria Knights make a soldier's wish come true



Lance Cpl. John Resar

Lance Corporal John Resar joined the U.S. Marine Corps in January, 2008, and already had seen one tour of duty in Afghanistan. He was home in Elyria (Cleveland Diocese) on leave for the Christmas holidays to be with his wife, Lisa, and parents, Dave and Mary Resar, but was scheduled to return to that war-torn country on Jan. 14.

Cpl. Resar, 21, had one request before being shipped out again: he wanted to be a Knight of Columbus. He wanted to continue his family tradition as Knights and strengthen his Catholic faith. His dad, Dave, is a Knight of Columbus -- Deputy Grand Knight of Elyria Council 774.

But getting Cpl. Resar to a scheduled degree was a problem. However, Brother Knights of Elyria Council, including his dad, made that wish come true. They held a special First Degree just for him -- and in his honor -- on Dec. 28.

The Knights of Elyria Council wanted to be the ones to give him his First Degree, so they organized their own team. Among them was District Deputy-18 Jim Lynsky, who coordinated the effort, and Cpl. Resar's dad, Dave.

While in Afghanistan, Cpl. Resar had a pen pal from Elyria -- Audrey Bauer. While home on leave,

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Membership

'Sprint to the End' of the fraternal year

By Paul Barko, *State Membership Director*

As we head toward the end of this fraternal year, there is still plenty of time to "MAX" the State Membership Program. It's easy, it's fun, and it's beneficial to your council.

It's **easy** because all you need to do is complete the one mandatory activity (No. 51 - The October and/or March Blitz) -- and any four of the other optional activities, one of which is a "council choice".

It's **fun** because in doing these activities you will be promoting fraternal spirit, additional camaraderie, and unity between the members of your council and their families.

It's **beneficial** to your council because without new members, your council is vulnerable

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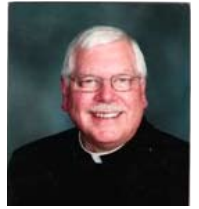
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State Chaplain

Try a Personal Growth Plan; gradually you will see progress

By Fr. James Brown, *State Chaplain*



Greetings in the Lord for the New Year. May your Year ahead be blessed and holy and find you growing in the Lord.

The first month of the year – January -- is named for the Roman god Janus. He is depicted as having two faces -- one looking forward and the other looking back; looking into the future as well as to the past. He is considered the “gatekeeper” of time, opening the new year to travelers on their journey into the future.

Of course, for us our Lord Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega of all time -- mthe beginning and the end. In His divinity is the eternal Present, so we have nothing to fear about the future or the past.

However, it is not automatic. The Lord asks for our involvement in the choices we make that brings the future to life for us and brings us to life for others.

Many people talk about making New Year’s resolutions: losing weight, exercising, planning trips, planting gardens, cleaning out closets, etc. Those are good ideas, but they usually are just that: good ideas. They never become reality because they are not planned well and executed into action.

We also have an appetite for instant. If we want to lose 10 pounds, we want to see it happen in the first week, with little or no effort on our part. Reality says that it doesn’t work that way. And we know it. But old patterns are hard to break.

In business, we plan for the future by setting goals, making strategic steps to meet the goal, review our progress, make adjustments and proceed forward.

I believe we can do that in our personal life as well. It is a part of stewardship of our own person. We are, after all, responsible for ourselves before God’s judgment, how we have taken care of the gift ourselves for ourselves, for God and for others. Each of us is a unique person, never having been and never will be again. We are a unique reflection of God to the world. We are needed to show and share what only we can of God to the rest of the world around us. If we are not there we can’t give and the world is worse off because of the emptiness from our absence.

In a workshop I took many years ago, we talked about a Personal Growth Plan. It has four specific areas of concentration. Our physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual selves.

- The **physical** is our health and well-being. What is your body saying about your health? Evaluate life style by categories – diet; rest; exercise; medical exam and medication, stress; use of alcohol, tobacco, caffeine or other medications.
- Our **emotional** health looks at our self-image, that is, how we see ourselves. What do you like or dislike about yourself. How do others see you? How do you react to compliments? To criticism? To confrontation? To affirmation? Your emotions, that is

your feelings, touch on anger, sexuality, expressions of feelings, touch (being touched and touching others) and relationships in sharing your feelings and needs with spouse and family and time spent with them.

- The **intellectual** – service component challenges your growth in learning new things , understanding and updating. The concept of “life long learning” is applicable here in skills and appropriation of new knowledge and ways of thinking and acting. Continuing to deepen our understanding of our faith, and living in the light of the Gospel and Church teaching and knowing how to offer the theological perspectives on topics is a goal in this area of our growth plan.
- Finally the **spiritual** goal is a challenge to our relationship with God and our prayer life. How much time do you spend with God each day and are you aware of his presence with you throughout the say? What is your favorite form of prayer? Are you aware of other forms of prayers? How do you use Scripture in your prayer?

The concept of **S.M.A.R.T.** goals is very helpful in setting priorities for your Personal Growth Plan. **SMART** goals help keep the program real and possible.

S means the goal is specific

M means the goal is measurable

A means it is attainable

R means it is realistic

T means it is trackable/timely

The important this is to start gradually -- one thing at a time. Don’t try to do too much at one time but go slow and gradually you will see progress, Be the best person that you can be. That is your vocation in life.

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As we move out of the Christmas Season we move into Winter Ordinary Time. We have eight weeks this year to go exploring the Scriptures, especially Matthew’s Gospel and Jesus’ ministry carrying us through both January and February and into March. During this season we have the opportunity to participate in the March for Life in Washington, or observe the Day of Penance on Jan. 22. It’s a call to review your own stand on life issues and what you are personally doing to live the culture of life. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from Jan. 18th to the 25th; Martin Luther King observance is also in January, as is Catholic Schools Week. In February we observe Valentine’s Day and Presidents’ Day.

So we have many opportunities to reflect on our participation and efforts of evangelizing, bringing the Gospel to life and to bear on all that is going on around us. We are Knights of Columbus. We defend the faith and live the faith. Let’s share it by our lives.

State Deputy Paul Upman’s message

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Spending time with our District Deputies reminded me of how important their job is. Sure, the Grand Knight is very important, but the District Deputy is the unsung hero who makes it work at the council/district level and the district/state level. He is the overseer, the advisor, the conduit between the local council and the State and Supreme councils.

A review of district data shows which District Deputies have mastered their tasks of getting their councils to file all the mandatory reports, to have good recruiting and retention plans, and to participate in the state “*Strong in Faith and Service*” program. Support is provided by our Diocesan District Deputy Coordinators.

The District Deputy should be looked to for help and guidance. He should be invited to council functions and he should be given the respect of the office he holds. The District Deputy is appointed by Supreme Council upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Officer and State Deputy. The typical appointment is for two years, but most District Deputies elect to serve a second term for a maximum four years.

As we roll out the final five months of this fraternal year, the District Deputies will become even more critical as we strive to meet quotas and to grow the Order in Ohio.

Family of the Month

The following Ohio family was honored as a Supreme Family of the Month. Winners are selected by a random drawing from among nominations received from the jurisdiction.

November, 2010

Family of Russell and Margaret Gase, of Council 608, Tiffin.

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Supreme representatives counsel Ohio's District Deputies at mid-year meeting in Columbus

Ohio's District Deputies gathered in Columbus on the weekend of Jan. 7-9 to be re-energized and re-educated in their duties. They were joined by two representatives from Supreme headquarters – Rod Hofschulte, who discussed the role of the District Deputy and Financial Secretary in helping councils achieve membership and retention goals; and Supreme Council Regional Membership and Retention Director Dannie Harris.

Hofschulte, a Past State Deputy of Nebraska, has counseled Ohio Knights in recent years, while Harris, a Past State Deputy of Nebraska, began his assistance in Ohio last year.

“Some of your districts are doing great,” he said in remarks at the meeting. “And some aren't doing so great. You've got to build relationships and get the Knights going in the right direction.”

State Deputy Paul Upman praised the work of the District Deputies for what they do.

“The job you District Deputies do is so important to the state,” he said. “This meeting is aimed at giving our District Deputies the tools they need to get the job done, and to help you do a better job.”

Upman also reviewed some statistics of



A number of plaques were presented at the Saturday dinner of the District Deputies' Meeting for new council development. Among them was a plaque presented to DD-65 Bob Martin, who formed the first Hispanic council in the Toledo Diocese – Los Cabaleros de Sandusky County (Knights of Sandusky County) 15036.

the first half of the 2010-2011 fraternal year, some favorable but others in need of improvement. In membership, the state thus far stands at an intake of 1,145 new members, with a quota of 2,650 to be reached. In new council development, the state has yet to institute any yet this fraternal year – although there are several on the horizon. The quota is 12 new councils. In parish round tables, Ohio has a quota of 175, but thus far only 48 have been established.

Membership statistics include 431 suspensions thus far; 123 withdrawals, and 633 deaths.

The State Deputy also noted that 112 councils have yet to recruit one new member this fraternal year; that 34 councils did not report their 2010-2011 officers (Form 185), and 55 councils did not report their service personnel (Form 365). Forty-nine councils did not report the last council audit.

He cited ways to improve, such as team commitment; reactivating honorary life members who may not be active; readmitting honorary members who may have been suspended; offering monetary incentives for those who may have financial difficulty; recruiting out-of-state members who have moved into Ohio; and, of course, establishing new councils.

State Chaplain Fr. James Brown celebrated Mass on Sunday morning, with Former State Chaplain Fr. F. Richard Snoke concelebrating.



Paul Upman (center), with the two Supreme representatives who attended the District Deputies' Meeting: Rod Hofschulte (left), and Dannie Harris (right).

21 District Deputies honored for first half work

Twenty-one District Deputies were honored at the January District Deputies' Meeting for qualifying for the July-December District Deputy of the Year Award. Each was recommended by their Diocesan District Deputy Coordinated and was presented with a plaque by State Deputy Paul Upman.

“Each District Deputy completing the requirements for this first half of the year award will now be in the running for further awards of merit at the State Convention in May,” said District Deputy Director Jerry Karpinsky.

The 21 are: DD-7 Douglas R. Sabo, DD-8 Edward Ponder, DD-9 Michael Felerski, IDD-12 D. Mark Ortalano, DD-13 Walter Amrein, DD-14 Myron Flaughner, DD-16 Robert Brookens Sr., DD-20 William Pring, DD-26 William O'Brien, DD-29 Joseph Reich, DD-31 David Yehl, DD-25 Robert Clum Jr., DD-46 Thomas Bulcher, DD-55 James Collins, DD-66 Laddie Marous, DD-67 Michael Mobley, DD-69 Michael Rogers, DD-70 William Gruszecki, DD-71 Charles Troll, DD-77 Joseph Yash, DD-78 Michael Thomas.



Sons present 50-year pins to their fathers

Sons presented their fathers with 50-year Knights of Columbus pins at Our Lady of Peace Council 4243, St. Clairsville. In photo at left, State Squires Director Marty Schumacher (left) gives a pin to his father, Martin J. Schumacher Sr. In photo at right, Scott Gallagher (left) gives a pin to his father, Henry Gallagher. Martin and Henry are charter members of Our Lady of Assumption Council 5250, Barnesville. Marty Jr. is a 35-year member of Our Lady of Peace Council; Scott is a 27-year member of Our Lady of Assumption Council 5250.

Substance Abuse Poster Contest timetable

The following was contributed by State Youth Director Ken Gardner.

The timetable for the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Poster Contest is as follows, according to State Youth Activities Director Ken Gardner:

- By Feb. 1, all Council Level winners should have been chosen and posters sent to the Diocesan District Deputy Coordinators.
- By Mar. 1, all District Level winners should be chosen, and posters sent to the Diocesan District Deputy Coordinators.
- By March 15, all Regional Level winners should be chosen and posters sent to the State Youth Director.

State winners will be chosen and announced by March 31.



Council disbands

Members of St. Christopher Council 4558, Cincinnati, voted last September to disband, and to establish two scholarships from assets of the council. One scholarship is at Seton High School, Cincinnati, in memory of council PGK and PFN Ronald Edmonds; the other, at Elder High School, Cincinnati, in memory of council PGK and PFN Albert Schrand. To fund the scholarships, the council's District Deputy, Walter Amrein, presented a check in the amount of \$36,000 – closing out the council's accounts – to Past State Deputy Dennis Shonebarger, representing the Ohio State Council's Scholarship Fund.

2010 Football Sweepstakes winners

Following are the winners of the 2010 Football Sweepstakes, which was conducted during the last 10 weeks of the National Football League season.

Week One

High Scores: Sergio Manriquez, Council 1039, \$300; Paul Weber, Council 789, \$300; James Baker, Council 994, \$100; Barry Kifus Sr., Council 4801, \$60; Roosevelt Tatum, Council 13705, \$50; Daphne Swauger, Council 14891, \$60; Kevin Sitak, Council 637, \$10; John Daley, Council 4361, \$10.

Low Scores: Mauri Cron, Council 1991, \$33.33; Richard Nemeth, Council 10792, \$33.33; Ray Hummel, Council 13984, \$33.33.

Week Two

High Scores: Lisa Knapp, Council 8115, \$400; Pat Murphy, Council 3297, \$200; Nancy Scardon, Council 13984, \$90; John Tasseff, Council 4733, \$90; Rose Hamrich, Council 11208, \$60; John Peters, Council 2633, \$20; Joyce Fusco, Council 3930, \$20; Turdy Harrigan, Council 7981, \$20.

Low Scores: Mark Kunicki, Council 13466, \$80; Robert Moore, (no council named), \$10; Ed Orlando, Council 12756, \$10; Adam Foust, Council 1782, \$10.

Week Three

High Scores: Frank Cebul, Council 789, \$400; Peter Latarski, Council 733, \$200; Francis Eckenrode, Council 5286, \$100; Nick Tabb, Council 14344, \$80; Doug Swartz, Council 637, \$50; Brian Cowgill, Council 558, \$50; Mark Lynch, Council 13984, \$10; Anthony Hilinski, Council 3777, \$10.

Low Scores: A. Michael Veres, Council 5139, \$50; Charlie Rabold, Council 14995, \$50.

Week Four

High Scores: Robert Miller, Council 3730, \$400; Frank Flecksteiner, Council 1417, \$150; Fred Scheltz, Council 2898, \$150; Roy Loucks, Council 13984, \$80; Leo Cordonnier, Council 4424, \$40; Robert Merten, Council 11550, \$40; Joe Zwick, Council 2530, \$40.

Low Scores: John Christoff, Council 13586, \$50; Jarrod Davis, Council 1071, \$50.

Week Five

High Scores: Sandy Minke, Council 5776, \$300; Mike Kinsey, Council 11208, \$300; Mike Hewitt, Council 721, \$100; Persh Rohrer, Council 1417, \$80; Jan Briches, Council 637, \$40; Steve Strong, Council 637, \$40; Jackson Puhalla, Council 11915, \$40.

Low Scores: Jim Davies, Council 13260, \$80; Michael Trotto, Council 10792, \$20.

Week Six

High Scores: Don Pennington, Council 4022, \$233.33; Rick Tkach, Council 11815, \$233.33; Paul Bayham, Council 1592, \$233.33; Dave Weaver, Council 7978, \$80; Bill Gerity, Council 13984, \$60; Ronald Hartman, Council 752, \$10; Brian Becker, Council 13608, \$10; Mark Thomas, Council 1796, \$10; Ciro Ciraci, Council 2372, \$10; Tom Weinrich, Council 7978, \$10; Gabrielle Edwards, Council 7978, \$10; Dan Kiscoe, Council 11370, \$10; Thomas Siemer, Council 2633, \$10; Debbie Chizmar, Council 3930, \$10.

Low Scores: Mary Beth Schlettenhofer, Council 1162, \$80; Chris Sweeney, Council 10936, \$20.

Week Seven

High Scores: Jeffrey Paine, Council 1815, \$400; Donald Gray, Council 5776, \$200; Julie Gillotti, Council 4847, \$90; Matthew Dunhyam, Council 10936, \$90; Rich Price, Council 576, \$60; Dennis Costilow, Council 637, \$30; Anna Kertesz, Council 4169, \$30.

Low Scores: Bob Smith Sr., Council 13984, \$80; James D'Angelo, Council 4130, \$10; Tony Poszywak, Council 4361, \$10.

Week Eight

High Scores: Dave Hisey, Council 1175, \$400; Rick Keesecker, Council 4169, \$150; George Bielovuk, Council 14959, \$150; Rhonda Colegrove, Council 1405, \$70; Phil Shirley, Council 1234, \$70; Francis Joos, Council 1187, \$15; Tom Brown, Council 15603, \$15; Maria Kraus, Council 10936, \$15; Anthony Elmo, Council 13586, \$15.

Low Scores: Pam Bush, Council 3123, \$80; Greg Straka, Council 2643, \$20.

Week Nine

High Scores: Ray Klempay, Council 3939, \$300; Bernice Kiser, Council 13984, \$300; Andres Bacha, Council 3297, \$50; Charles Brown, Council 5139, \$50; Mike Natarian, Council 10765, \$50; Michael Meeker, Council 1782, \$50; Tom Harvey, Council 5589, \$50; Adam Bangert Jr., Council 14093, \$50.

Low Scores: Mike Hagan, Council 14502, \$80; James Koval, Council 15056, \$20.

Week Ten

High Scores: Victor Osaghae, Council 14882, \$400; Ed Gaida, Council 4130, \$200; David Baker, Council 5253, \$90; James Veverka, Council 3643, \$90; Tom Wenrich, Council 7978, \$60; Mike Croyle, Council 11187, \$40; Charles Axe, Council 5239, \$10; Erika Rosenbauer, Council 8115, \$10; Frank DeJute, Council 1681, \$10; Jeff Payne, Council 4130, \$10.

Low Scores: Rhonda Zipay, Council 4733, \$50; Martin Hertzelt, Council 3864, \$50.

Did you know?

The Ohio State Council is continuing its "Squires to Knights" program that was tried with much success last fraternal year. Any council taking in an 18-year-old Squire as a new member between July, 2010, and April, 2011, may submit the first year's dues (up to \$25) to the Ohio State Council for payment.



The diocesan religious education directors and their checks (from left), Bill Miller, Cleveland; Dr. Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, Columbus; Barbara Walko, Youngstown; David McCutcheon, Toledo; Mitred Archpriest John Kachuba, Byzantine Eparchy of Parma; Ken Gleason, Cincinnati; Paul Ward, Steubenville.

Religious Education Directors receive monies from Matching Funds Campaign

Ohio's religious education directors were special guests at the Saturday night dinner of the January District Deputies' Meeting to receive Matching Funds monies raised by Knights of Columbus units in their respective dioceses.

They shared a total of nearly \$63,000 which was raised during the 2010 Matching Funds Campaign -- \$25,000 of which came from the Ohio Charity Foundation to match the first \$25,000 contributed by local councils, assemblies, circles and chapters. The distributions, and religious education recipients, included:

- Cincinnati Diocese: Ken Gleason, \$11,995.15.
- Cleveland Diocese: Bill Miller, \$13,842.42.
- Columbus Diocese: Dr. Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, \$9,354.32.
- Steubenville Diocese: Paul Ward, \$3,160.80.
- Toledo Diocese: David McCutcheon, \$11,955.19.
- Youngstown Diocese: Barbara Walko, \$9,876.99.
- Byzantine Eparchy of Parma: Mitred Archpriest and Vicar General John Kachuba, \$1,500.

Gleason was spokesman for the group, thanking the Ohio Knights for their charity and generosity.

2010 Matching Funds Campaign raises \$63,000 for Ohio Catholic education

The following was contributed by State Advocate Robert Collins, 2010 Matching Funds chairman.

A "special" thanks to all the Knights of Columbus councils, assemblies, circles, and chapters that have made the 2010 Matching Funds Campaign a great success!

More than \$37,955 was raised to support the many of agencies, programs, and schools throughout Ohio that provide religious educational services to the parishes and schools of each diocese. This total represents a significant increase in donations and surpasses that of the 2009 campaign by nearly \$3,500.

The Ohio Charity Foundation again has generously matched the first \$25,000 donated to the campaign -- which brings the total funding for religious education to nearly \$63,000!

We have again throughout Ohio demonstrated the continuing support of religious education. The spirit of Columbianism is again alive in Ohio!

Cleveland Council 733 again this year was the Number One contributor statewide with a donation of \$2,500 -- an effort of \$13.37 per member. There was a tie for second place between St. Hilary Council 14551 and St. Jude Council 10183, with donations of \$1,000. St. Jude Council also was runner-up with \$11.24 per member.

The Top 20 donor councils gave just over \$13,000, representing 33% of the total collection. A total of 195 councils, 10 assemblies, one chapter, and one Squires circle participated in the campaign.

The real success of this annual campaign will be measured by the educational materials that the catholic people of each diocese will continue to receive in the years to come.

I would like to especially congratulate the councils that put in the extra effort to achieve a significant increase their donation. Your dedication, foresight and enthusiasm have been an example for all councils to see. A full disclosure of all donations will be made available to each council through their respective District Deputy.



The Bonanza Gang presented a "movie" on Super Cash Bonanza at the District Deputies' Meeting. They are (from left) Jack (Little Joe) Campbell, Don (Hoss) Prall, Jeff (Adam) Kiliany, and State Treasurer Ken (Ben Cartwright) Girt, who is 2011 charity campaign chairman.

Ticket distribution meetings set for the 2011 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign

The following was submitted by State Treasurer Ken Girt, 2011 Super Cash Bonanza Chairman.

It is time for councils around Ohio to prepare for the 2011 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign. We use this annual charity raffle to provide the donations to our numerous charities, both local and statewide.

Yes, Fr. McGivney's vision of "charity" continues to flourish in Ohio!

Your council's first step towards success in the 2011 campaign is attendance at your Diocesan Ticket Distribution Meeting, which will be chaired by your diocesan state officer during the weekend of Feb. 11, 12 and 13. Dates are listed below.

For those dioceses with two meeting locations, councils may attend either session -- picking up tickets, posters, campaign books, three-part shipping forms and quota information. These meetings allow you to learn about our great cash prizes, how to organize and plan your campaign, the important dates of the campaign, and our fantastic rebates.

By having two council members attend the Ticket Distribution Meeting, your council will qualify for a bonus rebate. Remember: two members of each council must sign in. District deputies and state personnel are excluded unless serving as your council ticket chairman or Grand Knight.

Please ensure that two members of your council attend the Ticket Distribution Meeting in your diocese. And plan now for a successful 2011 campaign.

The tentative schedule for each diocese is as follows:

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Saturday, Feb. 12, 10:00 a.m., Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912
St. Christopher Parish, 435 National Rd., Vandalia, OH 45377

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1:00 p.m., St. Michael Council 3382
St. Michael's Parish, 11144 Spinner Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45241

Diocese of Toledo

Friday, February 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Tiffin Council 608
49 E. Perry St., Tiffin, OH 44883

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 10:30 a.m., Defiance Council 1039
111 Elliott Rd., Defiance, OH 43512

Diocese of Cleveland

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 8:00 a.m. Social; 10:00 a.m. Meeting
Garfield Heights Council 4130, 10806 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Diocese of Columbus

Sunday, February 13, 2011, 2:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Council 11187
Hermann Hall, 600 Hill Rd., Pickerington, OH 43147

Diocese of Youngstown

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Marian Council 3813
St. Nicholas Byzantine, 1898 Wilson Ave., Youngstown, OH 44506

Diocese of Steubenville

North

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 12:00 noon, Msgr. Joseph Dooley Council 4361
Legion Drive, Mingo Junction, OH 43938

South

Monday, February 7, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Marietta Council 478
312 Franklin St., Marietta, OH 45750

Ohio councils show 1st half increases in Pennies for Heaven contributions

While it's still early, the annual *Pennies for Heaven* program is looking up, according to State Secretary Dave Helmstetter, chairman of the 2010-2011 campaign. First-half donations have exceeded \$28,000, or approximately 13% more than a year ago.

"All of this is a positive message for vocations," says Helmstetter. "Ohio Councils are embracing the *Pennies for Heaven* program, passing the jug and supporting vocations with their actions and contributions. It's critical that every council in Ohio participate in this program to help their respective diocese's vocation programs."

Seven councils already have reached the \$1,000 plateau. They include: Miraculous Medal Council 11188 (Columbus), \$1,786.04; Our Lady of Peace Council 14282 (Columbus), \$1,648.19; St. Anthony of Padua Council 9788 (Toledo), \$1,500; North Ridgeville Council 7970 (Cleveland), \$1,430; Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13517 (Cleveland), \$1,026.85; Ottawa Council 1757 (Toledo), \$1,000; and Pontifical College Josephium Council 15009 (Columbus), \$1,000.

Eight other councils turned in \$500 or more dollars during the first optional first turn in. Councils reaching \$1,000 will receive a vocations plaque at the annual State Convention.

If the *Pennies for Heaven* program reaches its goal of \$90,000, statewide council participation is needed and councils will need to extend their activities beyond the passing the jug, Helmstetter said. Brother Knight Ed Olenhouse of the Columbus Diocese, speaking at the Mid-Year District Deputies' Meeting, encouraged District Deputies to remind councils to seek their pastor's support of vocations by allowing Knights to pass the basket during Sunday Masses.

Any activities beyond passing the jug also can be used as a Vocations Activity under the State's Church Programs (Activity #10).

The deadline for *Pennies for Heaven* contributions is April 15. Checks should be sent to: Dave Helmstetter, State Secretary, 05421 County Road 33A, St. Marys, OH 45885-9658. An optional form is available on the Ohio State Council website.

K of C Insurance

It's all downhill now through June

By Carl Ferguson, FIC, LUTCF

Ohio State Council Insurance Liaison

It is all downhill now. The fraternal year, which goes through the month of June, is more than half over.

Have all of your programs received the needed points, and have they met the council's adjectives? From reports I see, not many councils have met Star Council Requirements yet.

Your Field Agent wants to help your council get you the Star, and he wants to help your District Deputy earn Star District. Shouldn't we work together to achieve that Star Council status?

It can be two-fold: the Field Agent can help with membership recruitment and a Fraternal Benefits Night. A Fraternal benefits Night can be scheduled for February or March -- but your council needs to do some planning so speakers can be arranged and an interesting program can be put together.

A Fraternal Benefits Night is important to our Brother Knights. Knowledge that they gain from participation in a Fraternal Benefits Night can be beneficial to their membership growth as well.

For instance, our members may tell a non-member about what they get from their membership in the Knights of Columbus. We need not keep these benefits secret from anyone.

I feel that the information provided could make a big difference to the member and his family in making informed decisions for their future. Besides, the reason Fr. Michael McGivney started our fraternal society was to provide financial aid to its members.

Now is the time for your council's Grand Knight or program chairman to set up an appointment your council's Field Agent (if you have one), or with your General Agent for your area. Be proud to reach for a STAR! I hope you all get it.

Also, each member should be an insurance member. Promote the insurance program to all of our members and promote the new-member annuity. Where else can a person earn 3% interest on \$100.00 or more with a guarantee never to go below 3%?

Everybody could use additional funds during their retirement. Let's all work together and get those Star Awards!

Ohio's Top 10 Councils in Programming

Following are Ohio's Top 10 Councils statewide as of Jan. 1, 2011. Top 10 includes program points ONLY. Standings do not reflect membership or administrative requirements.

	Council	Location	Dio.	Pts.
1	West Toledo 3122	Toledo	Tole	1550
2	Fr. Kunkler 2158	Minster	Cinn	1526
3	Mother Teresa 14344	Oregon	Tole	1500
4	Fr. Andrew Hohman 5253	Reynoldsburg	Colb	1400
5	Garfield 4130	Garfield Heights	Clev	1350
6	Sacred Heart 2850	Swanton	Tole	1275
7-10 (tie)	South Akron 3410	Akron	Clev	1250
7-10 (tie)	Assumption 3727	Columbus	Colb	1250
7-10 (tie)	N. Ridgeville 7970	North Ridgeville	Clev	1250
7-10 (tie)	Fr. Anthony Wolf 4378	Russells Point	Cinn	1250
7-10 (tie)	Kettering 14995	Kettering	Cinn	1250

Honorees of the Year are due April 1

Has your council begun the search for its 2011 Honorees of the Year?

The selection process should be started now, as Honoree of the Year nominations are due to the various program directors by April 1. Five of the eight persons to be honored are mandatory activities in the state program.

From nominations received, the state directors will pick diocesan honorees and a State Honoree of the Year, who will be honored at the State Convention in May.

Knight of the Year	.....Mandatory	.....Robert Byers, Council Director
Family of the Year	.....Mandatory	.....Larry Droesch, Family Director
Volunteer of the Year	.....Mandatory	.....Michael Abfall, Community Director
Religious of the Year	.....Mandatory	.....Jack Campbell, Church Director
Youth of the Year	.....Mandatory	.....Ken Gardner, Youth Director
Lady of the Year	.....Elective	.....Robert Byers, Council Director
Chaplain of the Year	.....Elective	.....Fr. James Brown, State Chaplain
Blue Coat of the Year	.....Elective	.....Michael Abfall, Community Director

District, Regional Free Throw contests are coming up

The 2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is in full swing. Councils by now should have completed their local competitions. Now, by Feb. 15, all District Level contests should be completed. And by March 1, all Regional Level contests should be completed, according to State Youth Activities Director Ken Gardner, who is in charge of this year's competition.

The State Finals will be held at Bishop Ready High School, Columbus, on Saturday, March 19.

Regional Free Throw Contests:

- Cincinnati Diocese: Sunday, Feb. 27, at Lehman High School, 2400 St. Marys Ave., Sidney. Registration 1 p.m. Contest starts 2 p.m. Contact Steve Mangan, (937) 426-4276.
- Cleveland Diocese: Sunday, Feb. 27, at Avon Lake High School, 175 Avon Belden Rd. Registration: 7:45 a.m. Contest starts 8:30 a.m. Contact George Metz (440) 449-0081.
- Columbus Diocese: Saturday, Mar. 5, at Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Rd., Columbus. Registration 11 a.m. Contest starts 12 noon. Contact Ted Johnson (614) 539-5836.
- Steubenville Diocese: Sunday, Feb. 27, at St. Mary's School gym, 226 W. Main St., St. Clairsville. Registration 12:30 p.m. Contest starts 1:30 p.m. Contact Joe Solomon (740) 537-2333.
- Toledo Diocese: Sunday, Feb. 20, at Ottawa-Glandorf High School, 630 Glendale Ave., Ottawa. Registration 1 p.m. Contest starts 2 p.m. Contact Bob Boyer (419) 467-1888.
- Youngstown Diocese: Saturday, Feb. 26, at Warren JFK High School, 2550 Central Pkwy. E, Warren. Registration 8:15 a.m. Contest starts 9 a.m. Contact Jeff Killiany (330) 427-9874.

Obituary

Joseph Russo, District Deputy-24, dies

Joseph C. Russo, who had been serving as Ohio's District Deputy-25 in the Cleveland Diocese, died on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. He was 54.

Brother Russo, of Northfield, was returning home from Florida when his car went off the road and crashed in South Carolina.

He had volunteered in many leadership capacities in the Cleveland Diocese, among them being a member of the Cleveland Convention Committee. His District councils included 3126, 4893, 5391, 5559, 11831. He was a Fourth Degree Sir Knight with the Moses Cleveland Assembly.

Among survivors are his wife, Cindy, and three sons.

Councils urged to participate in food donations

The following was contributed by State Community Activities Director Michael Abfall.

The charity of Americans has declined, perhaps because of the state of the economy. But the charity of the Knights of Columbus continues at a high level to assist individuals and families in need. And that help is needed this winter to create new programs to combat the food crisis among the needy in Ohio.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has asked for Ohio Knights of Columbus participation as a state and outlining an incentive where we can receive a portion of \$1 million set aside to restock food banks/pantries. It is important for councils to fill out the accompanying report form in order for the state to be eligible for this incentive.

I suggest that councils with area food banks/pantries or soup kitchens make a major effort to donate food/cash to such agencies. To participate in the incentive program, this must be done prior to Feb. 25. Record your donations on the report form and send it to: Michael Abfall, 34175 Detroit Rd. Avon, OH 44011.

For councils without access to area food banks/pantries or soup kitchens, I suggest they consider establishing one in conjunction with other area churches, county human needs offices or any emergency center for food acceptance. Such also must be done by Feb. 25.

The accompanying report form must be sent to me by Feb. 25.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES REPORT FORM

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

LOCATION _____
CITY STATE

Council collects food for local food banks _____
Y/N

Number of Food Collection events the council has sponsored _____

Number of volunteer hours contributed by council members/families _____

Number of council members who participate in Food Collection events _____

Describe the outreach your council provides to local food banks: _____

Council has a program of volunteer outreach to local soup kitchens _____
Y/N

No. times council has prepared and served a meal at a soup kitchen _____

Total number of meals prepared and served by the council _____

No. of volunteer hours contributed by council members/families _____

No. of council members who participate in outreach of soup kitchens _____

Describe the outreach your council provides to local soup kitchens: _____

State Basketball Tourney is set in Worthington

The 2011 Knights of Columbus State Basketball Tournament will be held April 9-10 at the Worthington Community Center in Worthington (Columbus Diocese), according to State Basketball Director Richard Siefker.

Entry forms were mailed to all Grand Knights in January. Councils may form a district team or sponsor more than one team as long as entry requirements are met, Siefker said.

"Councils should use this activity to recruit younger members to their council," he added.

For information, contact Siefker at 13768 Rd. K, Ottawa, OH 45875; tel: (419) 538-6804.

How to describe the benefits of membership

The next time you consider inviting a fellow Catholic gentlemen to join the Order, consider using this list to describe the many benefits and opportunities that Knights of Columbus members and their families enjoy.

- COLUMBIA MAGAZINE – Free subscription to the Order’s monthly magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families.
- KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS ROSARY – Blessed by the Supreme Chaplain, presented during the First Degree exemplification to each new member.
- DAILY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST. MARY’S CHURCH – Mass for deceased members and their wives, and deceased members of the Squires program, at birthplace of the Order.
- INSURANCE – Portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care, and annuity products exclusively for members and their families.
- FAMILY FRATERNAL BENEFIT – For eligible families: a) Pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) Pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) Offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18.
- ORPHAN BENEFIT – \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
- MEMBER/SPOUSE FRATERNAL BENEFIT – Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost.
- WIDOW BENEFITS – a) Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) May purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance, or annuities up to one year after insured member’s death; c) Receives a free lifetime subscription to Columbia; d) Eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.
- SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children.
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organization skills, etc.
- FOURTH DEGREE – Eligibility to join the “Patriotic Degree.”
- HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP at Age 70 with 25 years of membership.
- MEMBERSHIP CARD – Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in nearly 13,000 councils throughout the world.
- ACTIVITIES (FAMILY, YOUTH, RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL, ATHLETIC) – Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by local councils.

Elyria Knights make wish come true

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Masses. Members went to area stores seeking donations. A generous gift card donation, for instance, was received from the Meijers Store. The council voted to underwrite cost of postage.

The members gathered such things as drink mix powders, non-perishable food, magazines and books, toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, etc.); first aid items (bandaids, cough syrup, etc.); coffee, stationery supplies (pens, pencils, notepads, envelopes, etc.); games, baseball caps, socks, T-shirts, religious items. And letters to the soldiers.

The collections were stored in the basement of the St. John the Baptist parish rectory. A team of members filled the boxes. Another team mailed them for shipment to Afghanistan.

“Our council is dedicated to this on-going project,” said Grand Knight Robert Burzynski.

3 new Squires circles formed; 1 reinstated

The following was contributed by State Squires Director Marty Schumacher.

Three new Squires Circles have been established thus far in the 2010-2011 fraternal year, one has been reinstated and others are on the horizon.

- September 2010 – St. James Council 2299, Logan (Columbus Diocese), started Circle No. 5434.
- Nov. 21, 2010 -- New circle investiture for Fr. Francis Hoffer Council 14504, Centerville (Cincinnati Diocese).
- Jan. 16, 2011 – New circle investiture at St. Anthony Council 14093, Columbus.
- Dec. 19 2010 -- Investiture for *reinstitution* of Norwalk Council 626 Circle 4552.

Several other new or reinstated councils are pending.

Ohio State Council Membership as of January 1, 2011

Diocese	Quota	Year to Date Gain	Year to Date Loss	Net	Percent of Quota	Needed
Cincinnati	465	272	153	+119	+25.60%	384
Cleveland	321	247	96	+151	+47.04%	170
Columbus	268	247	102	+145	+54.10%	123
Steubenville	80	30	16	+14	+17.50%	66
Toledo	420	212	127	+85	+20.20%	335
Youngstown	222	111	41	+70	+31.50%	152
TOTALS	1,776	1,119	535	+584	+32.88%	1192

Two councils receive new Charles Riesbeck Award

A new award, dedicated to the memory of the late Charles Riesbeck Jr., former State Deputy, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Director, was presented by State Deputy Paul Upman to two councils at the January District Deputies’ Meeting. The Charles Riesbeck Award honors councils for outstanding membership growth.

- Geauga Council 3304 - Greatest percentage increase in membership, with 516.6% of its Supreme quota.
- Ottawa Council 1757 - Greatest net gain in new membership, with 36 new members (after suspensions and withdrawals).

Sprint to the End of the fraternal year

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to burning out existing “regulars” who tend to be the ones chairing committees and performing much of the work at council activities. Plus, as council members age, who will be there to continue the council’s work if there isn’t a plan to bring in new, younger members to replace them?

Every council has until **April 10** to complete the five needed activities to “Max” the State Membership Program! Your council can and needs to be one of them!

However, every council has until **June 30** to meet its Supreme goal in Membership Recruitment. To do this, I am strongly encouraging every council in the state to:

- Plan and conduct a “**March Membership Blitz**”!
- Hold an “**Open House**” or “**Church Drive**” at every parish served by your council.
- Conduct an “**Outreach**” to Inactive Insurance Members and invite them to rejoin the Order. (This can count toward a new member as well as a new insurance member.)
- Hold a “**Council Membership Campaign**”, offering an incentive to existing members for recruiting a new member. This could include entry into a raffle, a reduction in their dues, recognition via an award, etc.
- Work with your **Insurance Agent** to help conduct your open-house and encourage candidates to join the Order, and become insurance members.

If you need help in promoting membership recruitment in your council, please feel free to reach out to your District Deputy, your Diocesan Membership/Retention Chairman or me! There is still plenty of time to “Max” the State Membership Program and to meet your Supreme Membership Goal: so take action now!

Paul Barko can be contacted at (419) 388-4734, or via email at kofcpbarko@roadrunner.com.

Toledo Knights send supplies to troops

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he went to Elyria’s Westwood Elementary School to visit her, showing her pictures of Afghanistan and its people and culture – and their suffering.

“John certainly exemplifies the Knights of Columbus principal of Patriotism,” said Lynsky. “Please keep John and all soldiers in your prayers so that they may return safely to their families.”

Cpl. Resar, son of Dave and Mary Resar of Elyria, is a graduate of Elyria High School. During his first tour of duty in Afghanistan, Cpl. Resar conducted more than 70 combat patrols and six combat operations. He received a commendation from his commanding officer, Lt. Col. Cabaniss, “for exposing himself to enemy fire so his unit could facilitate rocket shots on the enemy firing positions”.

“Lance Cpl. Resar’s outstanding motivation and dedication to duty reflected credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps,” Lt. Col. Cabaniss wrote in the commendation.

Ohio State Council Website: kofcoho.org

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 around Ohio did their part to *Keep Christ in Christmas* during the holiday season.

Our Lady of Peace Council 4243, St. Clairsville, launched a pilot project designed to encourage Christians to *Keep Christ in Christmas*. According to Grand Knight John Swan, the project consisted of a colorful Christmas badge that read, "It's OK to Say Merry Christmas to Me". The badge was handed out to parishioners at Masses at St. Mary's Church. For more information about starting such a program, contact Swan at (740) 695-0366 Knights of Medina Council 4168 gathered at the Northview Manor Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols to the residents Geneva-Madison Council 5286 gave donations to Gifts for Yanks, Toys for Tots, Seneca Area Safety Forces, Share-a-Christmas, Geneva Police Drug Free Program, and Christmas Season flowers at two Catholic churches.

Holy Trinity Council 6373 had a float in the Bowling Green holiday parade, and also sold *Keep Christ in Christmas* magnets and Christmas Cards – as did a number of other councils around the state St. Michael Council 11445, Worthington, and many other councils, sponsored *Keep Christ in Christmas* billboards. There were at least 17 such billboards scattered around central Ohio Knights of Msgr. Boeff Council 5582, Navarre, rang the bell for the Salvation Army.

St. Hiliary Council 14551, Akron, conducted their "*Keep Christ in Christmas*" program with a Market St. billboard, a PSR poster contest, advertisements in local newspapers, church bulletin announcements, display of Supreme posters at church entrances and setup of a Nativity Scene Members of St. Edwards Council 10876, Granville, sold 86 boxes of Christmas cards, raising \$700 for distribution to needy families Harrison Council 2633 participated in the City of Harrison Christmas Parade with a Nativity Scene float. The council also had a live Nativity Scene in conjunction with the lighting of the city's Christmas tree St. Caspar Council 8829, Wauseon, donated food and gifts to 160 area families, and fruit baskets to approximately 20 shut-ins Knights of Westerville Council 5776 participated in the city's Christmas parade and sponsored a "*Keep Christ in Christmas*" billboard North Olmsted Council 4731 held its annual St. Augustine's Christmas Party for approximately 550 people and putting a smile on the faces of 300 children.

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Boardman Council 11915, at the request of Youngstown Diocese Bishop Maury, hosted a joint meeting between the diocese's Men's Fellowship Committee and the Knights of Columbus at several area parishes. Purpose was to help promote a spirit of working together on common causes Archbishop Purcell Council 2898, Cincinnati, held its 46th Annual Greater Catholic League High School All-Star Football Banquet on Dec. 8. The event is dedicated to give recognition to outstanding athletic and academic performances of Cincinnati area Catholic football players. Featured speaker was Cincinnati Archdiocese Bishop Dennis Schnurr.

St. Francis Council 1234, Galion, held a Sunday Super Soup Sampler luncheon, raising \$900 that went toward the St. Joseph Church bell tower and choir loft repair project Fr. Martin Gilligan Council 14882, Dayton, held a winter coat, hat, gloves and thermal underwear drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Men's Homeless Shelter last Dec. 12 Cuyahoga Falls Council 2362 is planning a Magic Show featuring the "Illusions of Angelon" in February St. Jerome Council 11450, Walbridge, has scheduled a rummage sale in March Knights of Msgr. Dury Council 505, Zanesville, responded to the request of Fr. Jordan Turano, pastor of St. Aquinas Parish, to spend some volunteer hours straightening and re-positioning grave markers in an old parish cemetery Knights of Fairborn Council 3724 usher at all Wright State University home basketball games Msgr. Breslin Council 14995 conducted an Entertainment Book sale to financially assist the St. Charles Grade School in Kettering Knights of Fr. Francis Hoffer Council 14504, Centerville, built a retaining wall for a memorial garden and fountain at St. Catherine Church Fr. Maruskin Council 10936, Stow-Hudson, conducted its annual USO collection, raising more than \$1,000 The Northwest Ohio Kidney Foundation has presented Brother Knight Kenny Kregg, of Msgr. Lang Council 1039, Defiance, with an award for his many years of service to the Lollipop Campaign.



Akron Council 3410's *Keep Christ in Christmas* billboard was one of many scattered around Ohio.

2011 Ohio K of C Family Campout is slated for July 29-31 in Shreve

It may be the middle of winter, but it's time to think about that Ohio Knights of Columbus fun summer vacation – the annual Ohio K of C State Family Campout. It will be held during the week of July 29-31 at the Whispering Hills RV Park in the heart of Ohio's Amish Country. It is located along State Rt. 514 in the town of Big Prairie, near Shreve and southwest of Wooster in Wayne County. Nearby are such Amish settlements as Millersburg, Berlin, Walnut Creek and Sugarcreek.

K of C Chairman of this 43rd Annual Campout is Dan Metz, a Past Grand Knight of Harrison Council 2633 (Cincinnati Archdiocese). Harrison Council is planning the various activities for the campout.

Camping for Friday and Saturday is \$80.00, and \$38.00 for each additional night. For those interested in enjoying Saturday only, the fee is \$8.00 which covers the Saturday activities and evening meal.

"Firewood will be provided. Every site has a picnic table," said Metz. "Forty-eight sites are full hook-up and 38 others have water and electric with free pumping service, if needed. Cabins are available.

"We have swimming, a golf outing, putt-putt golf, ladder golf and Frisbee golf – all free (bring your own Frisbees)," he continued. "Such games as Trivial Pursuit, bingo, euchre. Even a patriotic bicycle parade (bring your own decorations). Pets are permitted on short leash.

"We'll even have a fishing tourney for children ages 2-12; a hayride, corn hole and kickball for ages 13 and up; karaoke and dance. There will be plenty of prizes and awards."

It's not too early to sign up for this family-oriented vacation. To receive a registration form, and for further information, contact Dan Metz at (513) 202-1354; cell phone (513) 560-2702, or email ohiofamilycampout2011@yahoo.com.



Archbishop Purcell Council Honors 67-Year Member

Archbishop Purcell Council 2798, Cincinnati, last October honored 67-year member Howard Schutte, who celebrated his 101st birthday on Dec. 1 – the same date that he took all three of his degrees in 1943. In attendance with Brother Schutte (front) were his son Robert; grandson Joseph, and grandson-in-law Jeff Tuttle (who is Grand Knight of Mother Seton Council 3376, Cincinnati).