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# THE LEADER LINE



**Take Up  
His Cross**  
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## FROM THE HELM

**TRY A PROACTIVE APPROACH AND JOIN THE GREAT OHIO MEMBERSHIP CRUSADE**

Fresh ideas are always important to the success of any council especially when it comes to membership. Ohio Jones' suggestion of a Sundae in September is a great way for you to "think out of the box." Has your council or district tried this recruiting idea? Hold a church drive or open house and instead of coffee and donuts, try an ice cream social. If your council wasn't able to do so this month, try it in October. Be creative and enthusiastic in your membership approach!

When it comes to membership, form a team within your council and work membership. Work with your parish(es) and schedule open houses, church drives or develop an organized one-on-one recruiting effort based on a team of recruiters. Use Ohio Jones' special coins to break the ice! Need ideas, then give State Membership Director Ken "Ohio Jones" a call.

As we approach the October Blitz, the message is this: be pro-active! There are many good Catholic men that need to be asked to join our Order. The Great Ohio Membership Crusade is off to a positive membership start. But we need your council to be part of this effort to "Take Up His Cross."

Remember the many great incentives available to you. Our first quarter membership incentives are very attractive. Any member who brings in a member during July, August and September will be placed in a drawing for a 2012 Four Pack of Season Passes to Kings Island, Cedar Point or Geauga Lake's Wildwater Kingdom in Ohio. All new members are also placed in this drawing. Send the names to Ohio Jones!

Councils bringing in three members during these months are eligible for a \$100 drawing. District Deputies reaching 25 percent of their District membership quota qualify for a \$200 drawing.

For example, the Father McGivney Degrees in August gave Ohio a boost during a traditionally slow summer month. Our incentive winners were the following:

\$100 Individual Winner: Jim Bischoff of Council 11550 in Cincinnati.

\$300 Council Winner: River East Mother Teresa Council 14344, Toledo.

\$100 District Deputy Winner: Tony Offenberger, a District Deputy from the Steubenville Diocese.

It's time for your council to develop a plan and join us in the Great Ohio Membership Crusade!

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**CIRCLE NUMBER 1** -- Ohio has its first Squires Circle of the new fraternal year. Squires Circle 5524 is now on books sponsored by St. Jerome Council 11450 in the Toledo Diocese. Congratulations are extended to this new circle. Does your council have Squires Circle potential? Contact State

Squires Director Marty Schumacher to learn more.

**TOPS IN OHIO, BARR NONE!** -- One of the highlights from the Supreme Convention in Denver was the selection of the Ray Barr Family as the first runner-up in the International Family of the Year program for the fraternal year 2010-11. With the accomplishment comes a \$500 donation made in their name to their parish and a plaque symbolic of this accomplishment. The Barrs were nominated by St. Peter the Apostle Council 13984 in Brook Park (Cleveland Diocese).

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Ohio Jurisdiction



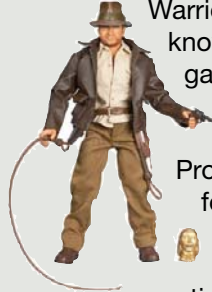
# Monthly Checklist

Program Steps and Things You Should Know About...

## Things you should know about the State Membership Program from...

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• September 1 numbers are in from Supreme Council and Ohio stands at a net of positive 81 members! We have brought in a total of 259 and lost 178 due to suspensions and withdrawals. The Steubenville River Raiders continue to lead with 36.5% of quota. Team Cleveland is still in second with 18.6% of quota, but has the highest recruitment with 70 new members! The Youngstown Super Committee is at 4.5% of quota and the Cincinnati Crusaders are at 3.4% of quota for third and fourth place. Columbus Knight Seekers are in unfamiliar territory in fifth place, but



are now out of the negative numbers and sit a net 0. Everyone else, watch your rearview mirror! The Toledo Warriors are still negative at -26, but I know they are planning some big gains.

• Be sure to review the State Program book for the requirements for membership program reporting. All activities claimed MUST result in a new or reactivated members, except for Step 62, Zero Suspensions or 1 for 1. If you hold an activity where you sign up a candidate, do not report the program until the gentlemen has had his First Degree.

• Note that any degrees entered into the State Website Degree Schedule between August 26 to August 30 will need to be reentered due to the website crash.

• September 4 was the deadline to submit your entry (if you were eligible for the drawing for the Fr. McGivney Degrees). Make sure to check out our State Deputy's column on page one of this issue for the list of winners.

• I hope all councils have planned their "Sundae in September" recruitment effort for September. Once again, see the flyer on the State Website under the "Membership Crusade" for all the details.

• You can also get your order form for "Consider Yourself Asked" coins on the State Website.

[www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)

The coins are \$5.00 delivered for each lot of 25 and make great recruitment tools for your October Blitz!

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

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### First...

Woo Hoo....we made it through the first major challenges in the Take Up His Cross General Program! That is the database crash, data recovery, and DD data issues. I know it caused some councils to re-enter their reports from between August 25-30, and for our Directors to re-grade those reports, but it seemed to work out....even though it was a pain. I do apologize to all Councils, Program Directors, and State Directors for the inconvenience. This has been a proven system in the past, and I still trust it, but know it is not perfect. This is the first time in the

six years of using this, that we ever had an issue.

### Second...

Please remember when entering reports to double check your information, especially the Activity date and the Reporting Period date. Also DO NOT DUPLICATE any report.

### Third...

Please only report 2 (TWO) program reports per Reporting area per Reporting Period. This assures your council the ability to make sure the Program helps your council and that you get proper credit for the Program Contest.

### Fourth...

Keep up the great questions and sharing your ideas. I love them! Feel

free to call your State Directors or myself anytime!

## Things you should know about the State Church Program from...

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### Step #1

Matching funds has started, this is a MANDATORY step worth 100 points, but the important thing is getting your donation matched by the Ohio Charities Foundation, for your Diocese Education Office. Send your check to the State Advocate Kevin Miller; checks made payable to the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus.

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**Step #4**

Back to Our Roots, Support our Sacraments; Remember this is to support the sacraments in your parish, helping with reconciliation, first communion, confirmation and RCIA, by getting material and showing spiritual support through letters/cards/cookies/balloons etc. Worth 50 points.

**Step #6**

Round Table, get your round table together and send in report #2630 to Supreme, the State Deputy, District Deputy and Jerry Karpinsky. See details on page 41 of your program book. Worth 50 points.

**Step #9**

Pennies for Heaven, do not forget to pass the jug and if holding an activity, start planning now. Worth 50 points.

**Things you should know about the State Youth Program from...**

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**2011 SOCCER CHALLENGE DATES:**

**Council Level**

Complete local Challenges by September 10, 2011

**District Level**

Complete District Challenges by October 1, 2011

**Regional Level**

Complete Regional Challenges by October 22, 2011

**State Level**

Saturday November 5, 2011 at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio

**Things you should know about the State Council Program from...**

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- Patriotic activity: Sponsor an educational program, essay contest related to American History, promote patriotism in the local school
- Honor our troops and families in a special way.
- National Brotherhood Week, third week in February, make plans today.

**And Finally...**

**The Shining Armor Award**

How many of our council are taking part in this program?

Cost related to the program, Lapel Pin \$3.00 each, Certificates of Recognition \$0.25 each. Qualification Cards (Free), Shining Armor Flyer (Free).

A new member receiving this award will be remembered, or a lifetime.

Please, I know that there are council out there bring in new members weekly, are the members coming in coming from the new member? If so, these members should be honored. Here is the qualification that a member needs.

- Be involved in at least (3) three council service programs.
- Attend at least (3) three council business meetings.
- Receive their Second and Third Degrees.

**We are where you are Online!**



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- Meet with their council's insurance representative or general agent.
- Recruit at least one (1) new member

Members who don't qualify for the Shining Armor do however qualify for the "VIP Award. Please order #2488 "VIP" Club Recruitment Flyer.

Let me know who in your council has achieved this award.

A shining armor pin on your label is great, a VIP pin also great, but to have both a Shining Armor and a VIP pin is outstanding.

Good luck with membership and all Council programs!



**Knights...  
Those guys  
you see frying  
fish**

## Pro-Life Program

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### Worthy District Deputy:

This is the most important pro-life message I have sent to date and perhaps ever will. PLEASE forward this on to your councils and all pro-life supporters with the utmost urgency. Thanks!

### Worthy Grand Knight-for immediate distribution to all council members:

The pro-life cause is near and dear to each of us and to the Knights of Columbus as a whole. We always want to know that our own individual efforts can make a real difference in saving the lives of the most innocent among us, especially the most vulnerable of all: pre-born babies. NOW YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO DO JUST THAT!

What are you, your family, and friends doing on Tuesday, September 20? How about heading to Columbus to show your support for the Heartbeat Bill at a huge rally to be held in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (prayer time and other activities in the hours before and after the rally)? I will be there and am hoping to have a 4th Degree honor guard as well, as requested by the rally sponsors. They have also requested that I say a few words about our Order's commitment to the pro-life cause. We must have a strong pro-life turnout in order to help secure the remaining 17 votes needed in the Ohio Senate to pass HB 125-The Heartbeat Bill-as already passed by the Ohio House.

But why is this so absolutely critical? How about the likelihood of outlawing over 90% of all abortions without the time and trouble of working towards a Supreme Court test of Roe v. Wade that is still several years away? How can that happen? Here's what the Heartbeat Bill would do if passed by the Ohio

Senate and signed by Governor Kasich...

The Heartbeat Bill, H.B. 125, introduced by Representative Lynn Wachtmann with 50 co-sponsors in the House, primarily does three things:

1. It requires the abortionist to check to see if the unborn baby the pregnant woman is carrying has a heartbeat. Sec. 2919.19(C).

2. If the child has been found to have a heartbeat, it requires the abortionist to let the mother know this. Sec. 2919.19(D).

3. If the baby is found to have a detectable heartbeat, that child is protected from being killed by an elective abortion. Sec. 2919.19(E).

It's that simple! And the bill, as drafted, has been thoroughly reviewed by constitutional law experts who have stated that it should withstand a court challenge to its constitutionality. But here's even more exciting news: 30 states around the U.S. have declared that they are waiting in the wings for Ohio to lead the way by passing H.B. 125-our Heartbeat Bill. Once it is passed and enacted, there will be a pro-life tsunami sweeping our great country unlike anything seen before. Imagine eliminating over 90% of all abortions by doing an end around of Roe v. Wade!

And for those worried that the Heartbeat Bill rally is political, IT IS NOT ABOUT POLITICS! THIS IS ABOUT DEFENDING PRE-BORN CHILDREN; NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS. The Supreme Council admonishes us to avoid the slippery slope of partisan politics by supporting-or appearing to support-a particular candidate or party. Please note that there is not even a single mention of a political party or candidate. But in order to push through critical pro-life legislation, we must present our case to the politicians in Columbus.

Now is the time! NOW is our opportunity to make it happen. Here's how every brother knight along with his family and friends can help:

Come to Columbus on September 20 if at all possible. And wear red, along with K of C gear to show our support in numbers! Click here for the Heartbeat Rally website >>> <http://heartbeatbill.org/>.

Call your state senator [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and these four key state senators:

State Senate President Tom Niehaus: 614-466-8082 (Senator Niehaus is especially important since he decides if the bill goes to the floor for a vote)

State Senator Keith Faber: 614-466-7584

State Senator Shannon Jones: 614-466-9737

State Senator Peggy Lehner: 614-466-4538

Leave the following message: **"Please pass the Heartbeat Bill without delay!"** If your budget allows, you can even send red, heart-shaped balloons to your state senator or all of them! You'll find the balloon links near the bottom of the website.

Sign the online Heartbeat Bill petition on the Rally website.

Invite others to attend the rally and/or offer their support by clicking on the various links on the rally website. You can print rally flyers and other materials as well.

Get informed! There is a great deal of valuable information including videos about the Heartbeat Bill on the website. You will also find The Facts on H.B. 125, The Heartbeat Bill attached. Once you read that, you will see that our goal is real and within reach.

And Finally,

## Things you should know about the State Community Program from...

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We are off to a great start with a lot of councils reporting online.

### Projects for the less fortunate

**Step #12 - Care for Our Less Fortunate Friends** have been outstanding this fraternal year. Councils have been donating time and energy to worthwhile projects such as clothing drives and helping with food banks. Involvement and

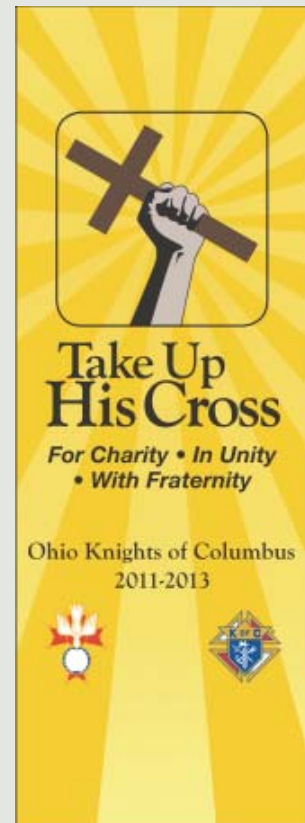
dedication working within your communities has really shown, and will not be overlooked. Thank you for helping the less fortunate during these hard times.

Also we are doing a great job on,

**Step #15 - Make a Difference – Help Our Senior Citizens.** Councils have been chipping in helping our senior citizens. They have been doing a lot of yard cleaning. Keep looking around your parish and community for senior citizens who need special assistance.

Keep up the great work and don't forget about some of the other activities in the Community program like...

**Step # 14 – Conduct a Lecturer's Program,** and **Step # 16 – Go Green – Keep America Clean.**



The new Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe was launched August 3rd at the Supreme Convention in Denver. The homilist was Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Texas.

Speaking about the Marian Prayer Program, he said, *“Through this initiative, we all pray that the world may know new hope, for Mary appears at the dawn of our salvation and her gift to the Church is always to be a new Advent, a new hope and an inspired response to the gift of salvation given by her Son, a gift she received in her mind and carried in her womb.”*

He urged Knights of Columbus to be confident and firm in their faith as laypersons in the world. *“We must be confident witnesses to Jesus Christ, witnesses who count on the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God ... May the Eucharist today and our intimacy with Jesus continue to shape and transform us into his image.”*

“Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!”

-- Knights of Columbus Supreme Website