

# Supreme Knight's Awards Session

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# 2024 Awards Session

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors annually recognizes individual Knights, councils, assemblies and jurisdictions for outstanding achievement in the areas of membership growth, charitable outreach, fraternal leadership, and insurance sales and service. The Order's principles — charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism — continue to guide all of its programs and initiatives. This recognition showcases the best examples of those principles in everyday practice.

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# Fraternal Awards

## TOP RECRUITERS

The Order's top 10 recruiters from our Insurance Territories are recognized each year for their outstanding achievements in bringing new brother knights into the Order.

This year, we honor **Walter Streit** of Alberta as the 2023-2024 Orderwide Top Recruiter from our Insurance Territories for his recruitment of 242 members this fraternal year. We would also like to recognize the top recruiter from our Non-Insurance Territories: **Danilo Martinez** of Visayas, who recruited 447 members this past year.

The top 10 recruiters for 2023-2024 from insurance territories are:

### **WALTER STREIT**

Recruited 242 members – ALBERTA

### **MARLON URSULUM**

Recruited 103 members – ALBERTA

### **BRANDON CHAMBERS**

Recruited 80 members – SOUTH CAROLINA

### **THOMAS SCHMEIDLER**

Recruited 77 members – KANSAS

### **SERGIO LOZANO**

Recruited 69 members – FLORIDA

### **JUSTIN MANION**

Recruited 66 members – MISSOURI

### **MEYNARD INFANTADO**

Recruited 65 members – NEVADA

### **MIGUEL A. FLORES JASSO**

Recruited 55 members – NORTH CAROLINA

### **EDGAR D. NACAR**

Recruited 52 members – BRITISH COLUMBIA

### **KEVIN T. FAY**

Recruited 41 members – NEW JERSEY

## TOP GRAND KNIGHT

For the 2023-2024 fraternal year, the #1 Grand Knight in membership gain from an insurance territory is **Kevin Fay** of Council 5611 in Spring Lake, New Jersey with 1,528% of membership quota attained.

## TOP DISTRICT DEPUTY

For the 2023-2024 fraternal year, the #1 District Deputy in membership gain from an insurance territory is **Louis DiBello** of District 27 in New Jersey with 745% of membership quota attained.

## STAR COUNCIL AWARDS

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must be in compliance and good standing with supreme council requirements.

For the 2023-2024 fraternal year, **2,443 councils** received the Star Council Award.

## STAR DISTRICT AWARDS

The Star District Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, insurance and overall excellence by the councils within the territory of a district deputy. To earn this award, a district deputy must reach 70% of combined council membership quotas, the Founder's Award must be earned by every council within the district, and at least one council in the district must earn the Star Council Award.

For the 2023-2024 fraternal year, **748 districts** deputies received the Star District Award.

## CIRCLE OF HONOR

The Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award recognizes those jurisdictions who have led the Order through excellence in membership growth. This year state deputies and state membership directors who achieved 100% or more of their annual membership goals in addition to all other Circle of Honor Metrics are being recognized as Circle of Honor Award winners.

The 2023-2024 winners are:

### **Oregon with 100%**

State Deputy Kenneth Anderson

### **Hawaii with 100.79%**

State Deputy Randall Tom

### **Vermont with 100.84%**

Past State Deputy James Michael

### **Louisiana with 101.00%**

State Deputy Vince Whittington

### **Missouri with 102.08%**

Past State Deputy Douglas Kissinger

**Mexico West with 102.11%**  
State Deputy Sergio Vazquez Rodriguez

**Montana with 102.37%**  
State Deputy Martin Beatty

**North Dakota with 102.70%**  
Past State Deputy Kevin Boehm

**Saskatchewan with 104.04%**  
Past State Deputy Larry Packet

**California with 104.49%**  
Past State Deputy Gregory Marracq

**Massachusetts with 104.97%**  
Past State Deputy Thomas Butler

**Colorado with 105.07%**  
State Deputy Dwayne Enderle

**Ohio with 105.37%**  
State Deputy Jeffrey Kiliany

**Mexico Northwest with 106.02%**  
State Deputy Ihovanic Ordonez Castillo

**Mexico South with 106.47%**  
State Deputy Alejandro Arroyo Arroyo

**Ontario with 106.64%**  
State Deputy Bruce Poulin

**Utah with 107.45%**  
Past State Deputy William Kelly

**Kansas with 107.75%**  
Past State Deputy Michael Grothoff

**Quebec with 108.59%**  
Past State Deputy Pierre Montminy

**Michigan with 108.82%**  
Past State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec

**Mindanao with 108.89%**  
Mindanao Deputy Rogelio Tadura

**Georgia with 111.27%**  
State Deputy Thaddeus McCaustland

**Puerto Rico with 111.43.%**  
State Deputy Eric Colon-Rodriguez

**Pennsylvania with 111.82%**  
Past State Deputy Michael Kish

**Idaho with 112.28%**  
Past State Deputy George Mesina

**Poland with 112.46%**  
Past State Deputy Krzysztof Zuba

**Arizona with 115.38%**  
State Deputy Thomas Kato

**Florida with 115.40%**  
State Deputy Richard Hughes



## PINNACLE

The Supreme Knight's prestigious Pinnacle Award recognizes those jurisdictions who have led the Order through excellence in membership growth, in addition to meeting all other Pinnacle Award metrics.

The following state deputies and state membership directors are recognized as 2023-2024 winners.

### **Texas with 121.02%**

Past State Deputy Terry Fruge

### **Virginia with 123.74%**

Past State Deputy Patrick Rowland

### **Delaware with 124.36%**

State Deputy Richard DeZao

### **Connecticut with 125.29%**

State Deputy Joseph Rahtelli

### **Visayas with 125.32%**

Visayas Deputy Obelon Mabutin

### **New Jersey with 127.02%**

State Deputy Raymond Sands III

### **Dominican Republic with 127.69%**

State Deputy Manuel Tejeda-Sanchez

### **North Carolina with 130.29%**

Past State Deputy Christopher Losack

### **Alabama with 132.29%**

Past State Deputy Danny Garcia

### **Luzon South with 133.42%**

Luzon South Deputy Danilo Sanchez

### **Luzon North with 134.05%**

Luzon North Deputy Pascual Carbero

### **Nevada with 134.36%**

Past State Deputy Meynard Infantado

### **District of Columbia with 135.00%**

Past State Deputy Le Nguyen

### **South Carolina with 141.13%**

State Deputy Jeffrey Crouch

### **Washington with 144.39%**

State Deputy Gregory Mahoney

### **Alaska with 146.15%**

State Deputy Jeffrey Gibson

### **British Columbia with 157.45%**

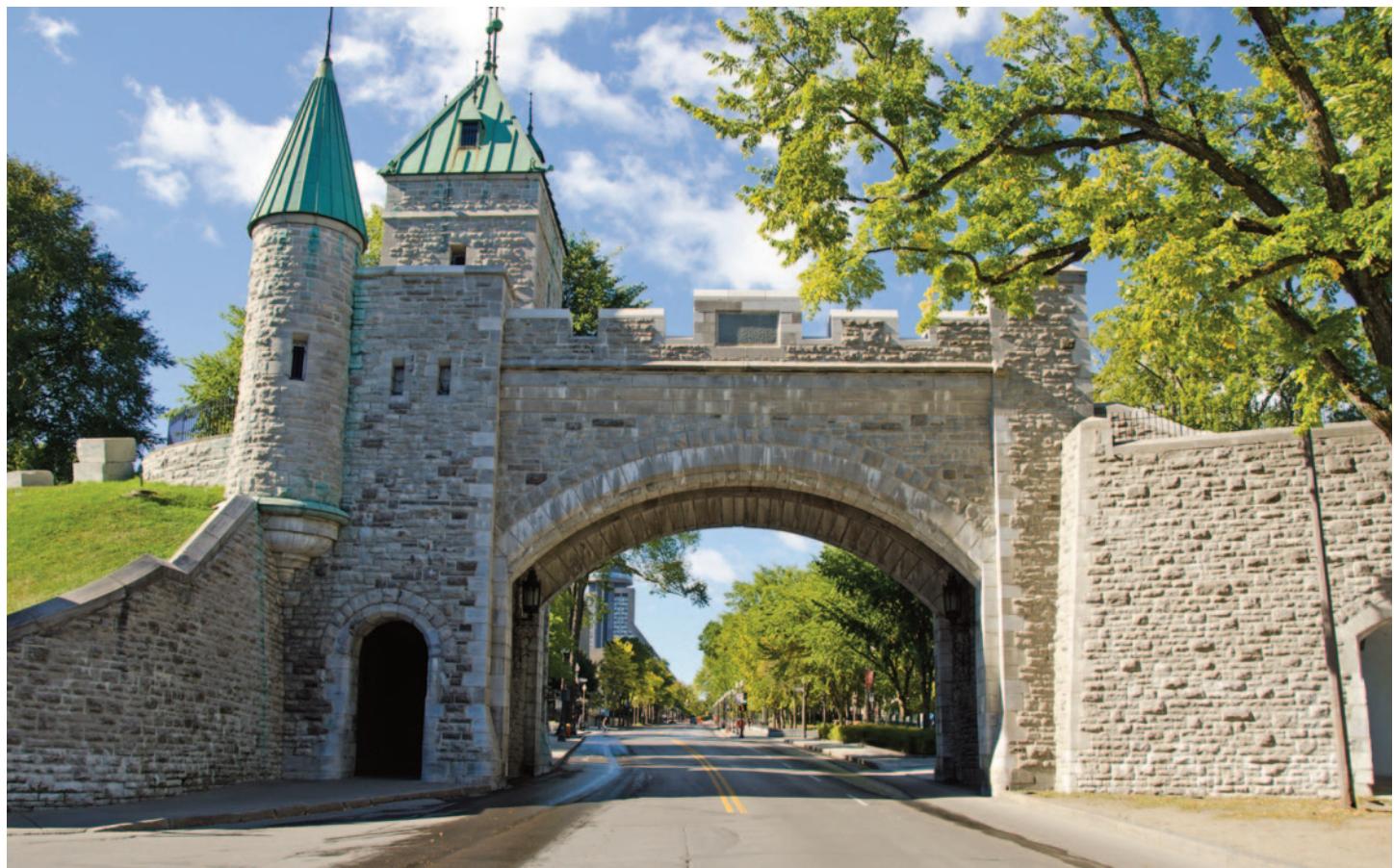
State Deputy Herbert Yang

### **Alberta with 166.02%**

State Deputy John Onyskiw

### **Ukraine with 232.39%**

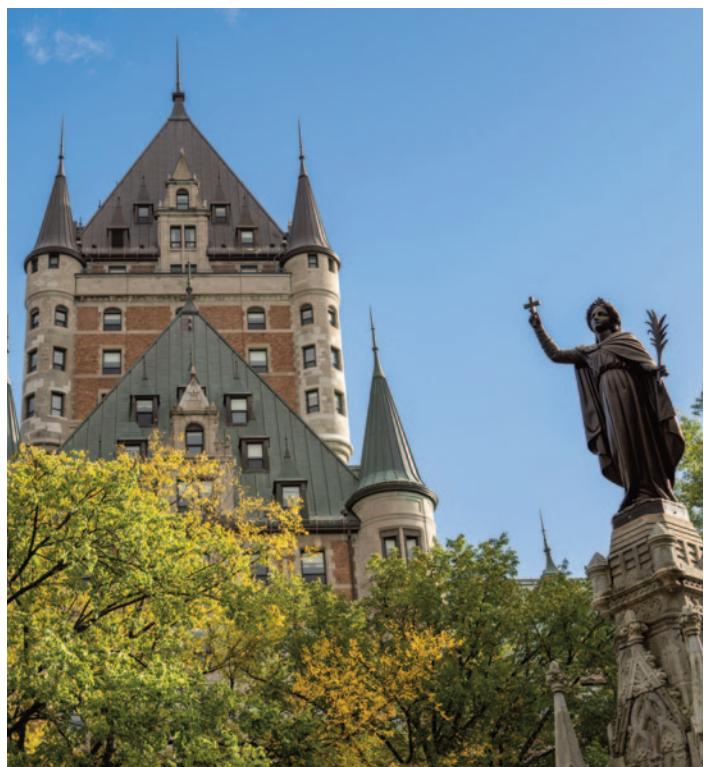
Past State Deputy Youri Maletskiy



## PAST STATE DEPUTY RECOGNITION

State deputies work year-round to promote the principles of the Order: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. After their term of service, they remain a valuable source of encouragement, wisdom and leadership for their successors and the Order as a whole. The board of directors annually recognizes the dedication and accomplishments of immediate past state deputies. The 31 past state deputies honored this year for their service are:

Alabama – **Danny Garcia**  
Arkansas – **Lloyd Cambre**  
California – **Gregory Marracq**  
District of Columbia – **Le Nguyen**  
Idaho – **George Mesina**  
Indiana – **Scott Schutte**  
Kansas – **Michael Grothoff**  
Kentucky – **Thomas Johnson**  
Maine – **Jon Harvey**  
Manitoba – **Thomas Kraemer**  
Maryland – **Christopher Powers**  
Massachusetts – **Thomas Butler**  
Michigan – **Christopher Kolomjec**  
Minnesota – **Daniel DeCrans**  
Missouri – **Douglas Kissinger**  
Nevada – **Meynard Infantado**  
New Mexico – **Bernard Ela**  
North Carolina – **Christopher Losack**  
North Dakota – **Kevin Boehm**  
Nova Scotia – **W. Frank Howell**  
Pennsylvania – **Michael Kish**  
Poland – **Krzysztof Zuba**  
Prince Edward Island – **Michael White**  
Quebec – **Pierre Montminy**  
Rhode Island – **David Bebyn**  
Saskatchewan – **Larry Packet**  
Texas – **Terry Fruge**  
Ukraine – **Youriy Maletskiy**  
Utah – **William Kelly**  
Vermont – **James Michael**  
Virginia – **Patrick Rowland**  
Wisconsin – **John Huttonhoff**



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM AWARDS

The Annual International Program Awards competition recognizes councils that conduct an outstanding program in each of the Faith in Action program categories: faith, family, community and life. State Council winners are eligible to compete at the Supreme Council level. The first-place winners and a brief description of their activity can be found below:

### FAITH PROGRAMS

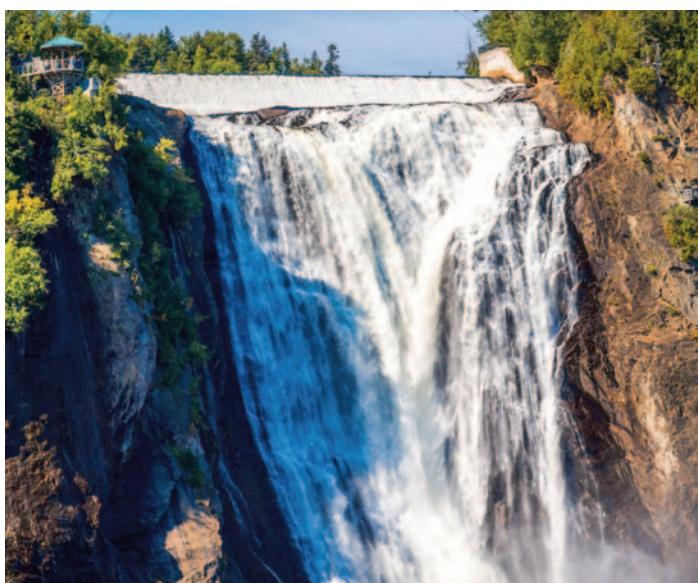
**St. Thomas Aquinas Council 15294**  
**Southeast Missouri State University**  
**Cape Girardeau, Missouri**  
***Anima Christi '24***

In March of this year, 50 members of St. Thomas Aquinas Council 15294 hosted a week-long Eucharistic Pilgrimage with the goal of fostering greater devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. More than 600 pilgrims participated, and the pilgrimage spanned the entire length of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau in Southern Missouri.

The pilgrimage made stops at 22 parishes in the diocese and included all-night Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hours, and 13 Eucharistic Processions.

On the last day of the pilgrimage, Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Edward Rice, the bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, followed by the final Eucharistic Procession of the week. This procession included Fourth Degree Knights as well as other Knights from across the state.

Through social media, the procession received 80,000 views from people across the world, making an impact far beyond Missouri.



## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Mason Council 9182

Mason, Michigan

#### *Tragic Farm Accident*

After a tragic farm accident killed Jason McMahon of Council 9182, his brother Knights came to his family's aid, providing help on their farm and funds for immediate expenses. Desiring to do more, the council held a pig roast to raise money for the children's education fund. More than 500 people attended the event, which began with Mass, and also included a band, games, rides, a raffle, a silent auction, and more. Thanks to its efforts, the council presented the family with a check for \$30,000. The event brought together the entire community in a time of disaster and grief.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 17913

Lviv, Ukraine

#### *Support of a Family-Type Orphanage*

Council 17913 launched a program to support a family-type orphanage in the village of Bortnyki, Stryi district, Lviv region. The program's main goal was material, spiritual, and psychological support for the children in the home. As part of this program, the council provided all children with winter jackets, multi-season shoes, sweets, and other food products. An important part of this program was joint participation in the Eucharist, prayer activities, and fellowship between the council and children.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Pope Pius XII Council 5295

Narragansett, Rhode Island

#### *Jacob's Ladder, Men on a Mission*

Council 5295 established a partnership with Jacob's Ladder, an orphanage in Jamaica, to help care for children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

Council members take annual mission trips to the facility, helping with construction and repair projects, participating in spiritual activities, such as Mass and daily prayer, and organizing recreational activities for residents.

The council organized the shipment of seven 40-foot shipping containers to the facility, containing adult diapers, clothing and other goods, valued at over \$200,000. The council has also helped to replace the roof, paint the facility, and provide plumbing services. Additionally, with support from other donors, the council provided water heaters, washing machines, golf carts for transportation around the grounds, and an aquaponics system to the facility. Overall, the value of support from the council was nearly \$500,000.

## LIFE PROGRAMS

### Pope St. John XXIII Council 15968

Spokane, WA, USA

#### *Recovery Program for Newborns*

Council 15968 contributed 450 volunteer hours and \$6,500 to constructing shelf storage and assembling 24 backpacks filled with baby supplies for a local clinic called Maddie's Place. Maddie's Place is 1 of 3 clinics in the U.S. that provide a recovery nursery for babies experiencing withdrawal due to prenatal substance abuse. The clinic also provides non-judgmental care and housing for their mothers.

The council received the shelving units from a local grocery store and installed them for the clinic. To collect donations for the backpacks, the council introduced Maddie's Place staff to parishioners during six Lenten fish dinners that followed the Stations of the Cross. The backpacks were filled with necessities purchased by the council, such as baby bottles, baby wash, diaper rash ointment, a baby grooming kit and more. The council also donated funds collected during the dinners to the center through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program.





*The Ampe Family*

## **FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2023-2024**

### **The Ampe Family**

**Msgr. Nolan B. McEvitt Council 689**  
**Marquette, Michigan**

The Ampe family – Joseph, his wife Tiffany, and their 13 children, Kelsey (24), Evan (22), Lucille (19), Abigail (17), Sean (15), Ryan (13), Blaise (9), Mella Margaret (8), Zygmunt (8), Cazimir (7), Henrik (6), Isadora (5) and Quintus (7 months) – serve as a tremendous model of a faithful Catholic family.

Joseph is a member of Council 689 in Marquette, MI, and he has been a Knight for 6 years. He and his family are very active in their parish and community. Tiffany aids in faith formation, prayer groups, and ministries to the sick and needy, and the children are also involved in many of these functions.

The Ampe children are homeschooled, and their family lives a homestead lifestyle where they grow their own produce and raise their own farm animals. They also have a consistent family prayer life, praying the rosary together every evening.

In 2018, Joseph and Tiffany adopted two children with Down Syndrome from Ukraine while Tiffany was pregnant with Isadora. Initially, they had planned to only adopt one child from Ukraine, but after praying and discerning when they arrived in the country, they decided to adopt a second child. The Ampe family's decision to adopt Cazimir and

Henrik is a testament to their incredible generosity and selflessness.

Since the war in Ukraine began in 2022, the Ampe family has taken several trips to Ukraine and Poland to deliver over \$200,000 worth of medical supplies, clothing, toys, religious items, and money to Ukrainian hospitals struggling to serve victims of war.

The Ampe family's actions demonstrate that everything they do is rooted in faith and charity. Their family life serves as inspiration for every Catholic family.

## **BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY MEDAL**

This award is given annually to a Knights of Columbus chaplain whose priestly zeal and exemplary service are in the finest traditions of our Founder.

The 2023-2024 recipient of the Blessed Michael McGivney Medal is:

**Very Rev. Chad Wilhelm**  
**State Chaplain of North Dakota**  
**Jamestown Council 1883**  
**Jamestown, North Dakota**

Fr. Wilhelm is a priest of the Diocese of Fargo who serves as the state chaplain of North Dakota, a position he has held for 27 consecutive years. Fr. Wilhelm also serves as the chaplain for Council 1883. In addition to his pastoral work



Very Rev. Chad Wilhelm

with Knights and their families, he is also a prolific recruiter, having earned multiple “Top Recruiter Awards” for the Knights in North Dakota.

Fr. Wilhelm is a true teacher who fosters spiritual growth in the men of his council and parishioners. One practical way he does this is by leading a “Holy Half Hour” before monthly council meetings.

Moreover, Fr. Wilhelm started an altar server program at his parish, is instrumental in the council-parish “thrift store,” and has played an essential role in remodeling his parish chapel and Catholic school.

He is also an avid supporter of his community. He is an advocate of his local women’s pregnancy resource center, and he goes above and beyond to protect life. Additionally, he is the chaplain of the local fire department, Catholic Daughters, and the North Dakota State Highway Patrol.

Fr. Wilhelm is an exemplary model of a Catholic priest who is dedicated to his parishioners and brother Knights and spends himself in their service.

## COLLEGE COUNCILS’ AWARDS

The 58th Annual College Councils Conference was held September 29th-October 1st. We had over 190 attendees representing 60 schools, including 7 State College Coordinators.

In 2023–2024, **29** college councils in the U.S. and Canada that earned Star Council Awards last fraternal year will be recognized at this year’s College Councils Conference.

The following awards were presented during the 2023 College Councils Conference:

Council 1477 at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, received the award for **highest net gain in membership**, bringing in 55 new members. Council 13295 at University of Maryland in College Park earned the award for **highest percentage gain in membership** by expanding its roster by 480 percent.

Council 15457 at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, was recognized for the **highest net gain in insurance members** by adding 5 new insurance members. Council 14384 at St. Vincent’s College won the award for **highest percent gain in insurance** with 5.8 percent growth.

The **Faith Activity Award** was presented to Council 6568 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin for their Men in Liturgy Nights. Throughout the year, the council offered different opportunities for men to come and learn more about the liturgy and the priesthood through prayer and fellowship with seminarians from around the state. It was an opportunity for council members to learn how to read the Roman Missal, incense during Mass, and pray the Liturgy of the Hours, while also enjoying time with each other having dinner and cigars.

Council 5202 at St. Mary’s University in Winona, Minnesota was the recipient of the **Family Activity Award** for hosting the St. Joseph’s Pilgrim Icon. With the encouragement of their state council, this college council hosted a St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon in their seminary chapel, while also holding special Mass and Holy Hour with the icon for the whole community and had the involvement of almost 20 knights. Though a widely promoted program, it was wonderful to see a college council support such a program and to see council members and seminarians build a devotion to St. Joseph in their community.

The **Community Activity Award** was presented to Council 13015 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska for their Marian Men’s Conference. This year, Council 13015 sponsored a Marian Men’s Conference to gather men from around their campus community to learn and grow in fellowship with our Blessed Mother. This conference featured a talk on love and devotion to Mary from a Catholic youth minister from Omaha, as well as the distribution of Rosaries to all 40 conference attendees from around campus. The council took the lead on this event and used it as a way to show the importance of a fellowship between Catholic men and our Blessed Mother.

Council 1477 at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana was the recipient of the **Life Activity Award** for their You Are Loved Week Rose Garden Watch. In partnership with their school’s Right to Life organization, Council 1477 at the University of Notre Dame organized a Rose Garden Watch during You Are Loved Week to promote the sanctity of life. During the week, the Knights of this council planted roses, each one representing 100,000 babies lost to abortion, while also handing out flyers and

pregnancy resource pamphlets and coordinating with ND Right to Life to hold lectures, a formal dance, and more throughout the week.

The recipient of this year's ***Outstanding College Councils Award*** was Council 9542 at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. This year, the council emphasized the importance of life, vocation and faith formation in their community. These Knights came together to hold a Celebration of Consecrated Life fair, in which students were exposed to over 30 religious orders to help discern vocations, while also holding a Hunger & Homelessness Awareness 5K to help benefit those organizations that specialize in homeless and hunger outreach. This council also promoted the dignity of life by raising awareness on campus for persecuted Christians suffering in Ukraine and Nigeria through speakers and special Masses, winning "Pro-Life Program of the Year" by their state and utilizing the ASAP program to benefit local pregnancy centers. They further served their community by assisting with the freshman retreat, hosting a welcome BBQ for the new Dominican chaplains, sponsoring Holy Hours throughout Lent, held a Super Bowl party, and assisted the order at LifeFest and the March for Life.

The ***Second Place Outstanding College Councils Award*** was awarded to Council 5787 at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. The council promoted the ideals of faith and fraternity within their council and on campus together as Catholic men. They hosted guest talks for their campus community from Brian Caulfield and Fr. Jonathan Kalisch OP on the life of Bl. Michael McGivney and the order's

efforts in Ukraine. The council also coordinated with the local Knights of Malta to co-sponsor a Malta Walk to feed the homeless throughout Providence, while also sponsoring two Eucharistic processions on campus this year, one of which was attended by Bishop Richard Henning of Providence and Tim Glemkowski, Director of the National Eucharistic Congress. They also held a Family Life Lecture from a member of the Theology faculty, an annual Super Bowl party, Dominican Cemetery Rosary Vigil, end of year pig roast and many discussions on the Into the Breach series.

The ***Third Place Outstanding College Councils Award*** was presented to Council 15294 at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Council 15294 led their community to build a culture of faith and life on campus. Most notably, they led their community in a Good Friday procession in which they processed a crucifix they had made through their community while also leading everyone in the Stations of the Cross. The council also supported a culture of life on campus by holding a pancake breakfast for life, in which the proceeds went towards the ASAP program. Additionally, the council also held a 1000 Rosary challenge, a welcome back BBQ, a food drive for families during Lent, supplied new deaconate vestments and a Book of Gospels for their Newman Center, and most notably implemented Cor into their council formation activities.

These awards only briefly highlight the charitable, fraternal, and evangelization efforts performed by the Knights of Columbus on over 300 college campuses worldwide.





## **“TO BE A PATRIOT” AWARDS**

Established in 1985, the “To Be A Patriot” Awards annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year. Entries are judged at the district, provincial and international levels.

The 2023-2024 “To Be A Patriot” Award winners are:

**Monsignor Herman P. Fedewa Assembly 2050**  
**Howell, Michigan**  
**Rescuing One to Heal Another**

Many veterans suffer from strong feelings of separation, isolation, loss of hope and lack of support. Too often many of these men and women suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) have been driven to suicide. Members of Assembly 2050 decided to do something and come to the aid of at risk veterans and firefighters through supporting the Rescuing One to Heal Another Program. The program begins with the assembly rescuing dogs destined to be euthanized. These dogs undergo several months of therapy dog training through Blue Star Service dogs and are then matched with an at-risk veteran. The entire year long process – which is supported by volunteer labor and financial support from the assembly, also works to raise awareness of the program.

The Knights raised \$12,712.85 for the program in the past year. The funds were raised in a variety of ways including a car show and spaghetti and wild game dinners. Blue Star successfully pairs approximately 16 service dogs per year with a deserving veteran or firefighter.

**Nuestra Senora de la Escalera Assembly 3579**

**Nasugba, Batangas, Luzon North**

**Three Stars and a Sun – 251 Odes to Freedom**

The Philippines flag is an emblem of that country's freedom. The most symbolic parts of it are the three stars and sun featured on it. The three stars represent the country's major islands – Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The sun's eight rays represent the eight provinces that rebelled against the Spanish occupation. Assembly 3579's Three Stars and a Sun – 251 Odes to Freedom Program aimed to display the Philippines flag at the homes of the assembly's 251 members in preparation for the celebration of the country's national flag days May 28 through June 12, 2024. The goal of the project was to visibly express patriotism and the appreciation for the sacrifices Filipinos have made to protect their country's freedom. Following the display of flags, all the assembly members and their families gathered and recited the country's pledge of allegiance to the flag. The assembly obtained the flags for the program with funds from the donations of members. The flags were installed at the homes of assembly members from April 9-17, the same period as the Bataan Death March during World War II.

**St. Dominic Assembly 3678**

**Wichita, Kansas**

**“Doc” Exemplification**

On Veterans Day 2023, 95 Knights of Columbus members – including seven priests – became Sir Knights when they participated in the Fourth Degree exemplification held at the “Doc” Hanger and Museum in Wichita. Seventeen assemblies, mostly from south-central Kansas, were represented at the event including the four Wichita-area assemblies (St. Dominic 3678; Blessed Stanley Rother 3336; Bishop Mark K. Carroll 2138; and Columbia 287) who co-hosted the ceremony. The event was specifically dedicated to Father Emil Kapaun as its honoree and his nephew, Ray Kapaun, was the guest speaker. The degree was followed by a patriotic rosary and Mass. Among the dignitaries at the event was Supreme Master Michael McCusker who spoke of his experience as a U.S. soldier deployed to Afghanistan. The “Doc” Hanger and Museum is home to one of the last B29 Superfortress aircraft still capable of flying.

## **CIVIC AWARDS**

The Civic Award is presented annually as a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified in activities conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies. Assemblies conducting a minimum of four different patriotic programs during the fraternal year are eligible for the Civic Award.

During the 2023-2024 fraternal year, **543** assemblies received the Civic Award.

# Insurance Awards

The insurance program is an integral facet of Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus, and its continued success is due to the exceptional performance of our general agents and field agents.

These men provide top-rated life insurance products as devoted and concerned brothers, professionally trained to serve Knights and their families.

They are second-to-none in their willingness to help a fellow member learn how the Knights of Columbus can protect him and his family.

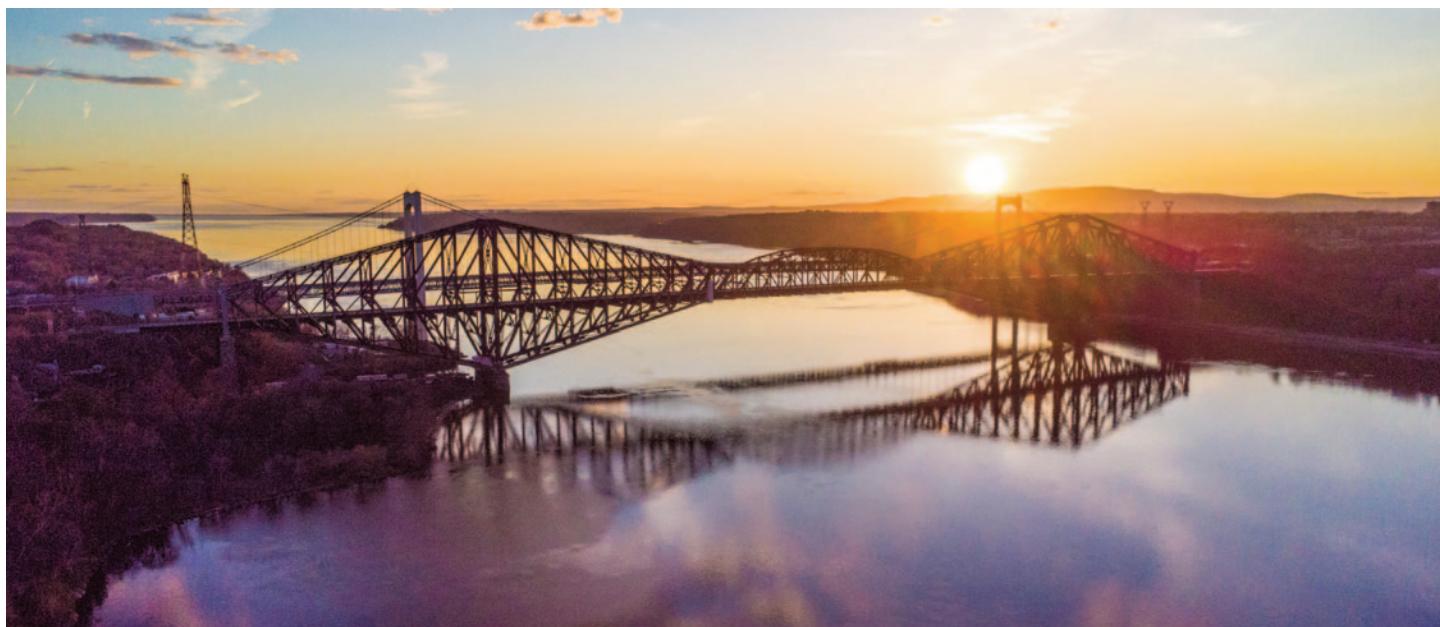
Annually, the Board of Directors recognizes the leading general agents and field agents for their sales and service during the preceding calendar year.

The leading general agent of 2023 is **Kevin Pierce of Oklahoma/Kansas**.

Kevin finished the year at 232.98 percent of his quota, with a volume per member of \$16,505.90 and a gross volume of \$187,672,000.

The general agents who, along with Kevin, was our top managers in 2023:

General Agent/Jurisdiction	Percent of Quota	Volume/Member	Gross Volume
<b>Hector Lebron-Sanabria</b> /Puerto Rico	182	\$ 6,539.85	\$ 26,421,000
<b>Ronald Sandoval</b> /California	171	\$ 6,498.40	\$185,562,000
<b>Anthony Swanson</b> /Nebraska	160	\$12,555.41	\$133,439,000
<b>Darin Reed</b> /Kansas	157	\$10,477.01	\$143,378,000
<b>Cleophas Castillo</b> /Manitoba	156	\$11,124.96	\$ 75,405,000
<b>Neil Pfeifer</b> /Nebraska	146	\$10,146.47	\$214,466,000
<b>Dustin Dean</b> /Louisiana	146	\$ 6,439.02	\$ 82,310,000
<b>Thomas Rangel</b> /Texas	138	\$ 7,582.31	\$139,272,000



Our two leading field agents in 2023 were **Kevin Garza of the Sandoval Agency in California** and **James Booritch of the Spinelli Agency in Florida**.

Kevin reached 509.96 percent of quota, with a volume per member of \$24,966.08 and a total gross volume of \$24,292,000.

James reached 459.07 percent of quota, with a volume per member of \$19,692.88 and a total gross volume of \$18,275,000.

Rounding out the 2023 list of top producers were:

<b>Field Agent/Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Percent of Quota</b>	<b>Volume/Member</b>	<b>Gross Volume</b>
<b>Joseph Carlin</b> Carlin Agency, Texas	425	\$21,922.06	\$18,283,000
<b>Wade Bormann</b> Bormann Agency, Iowa	403	\$37,978.18	\$33,079,000
<b>Brian Almond</b> Swanson Agency, Nebraska	399	\$28,048.44	\$24,318,000
<b>Cody Honas</b> Reed Agency, Kansas	389	\$20,097.47	\$17,525,000
<b>Gregory Waddle</b> Bormann Agency, Iowa	384	\$62,874.56	\$53,632,000
<b>Paolo Pacana</b> Sandoval Agency, California	313	\$ 5,364.18	\$ 4,463,000
<b>Max Abbate</b> Virginia	286	\$20,041.89	\$18,178,000
<b>Noah Pfeifer</b> Pfeifer Agency, Nebraska	274	\$18,880.00	\$16,048,000

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Achievement Award is presented to all managers and agents who meet or exceed 100 percent of their assigned quota for the calendar year.

In 2023, 29 General Agents, 71 Assistant General Agents, and 241 Field Agents earned this honor.

## AGENCY INCENTIVE AWARD

Top-producing general agents and field agents earn a trip for themselves and their wives as an incentive award at the end of each year. In 2023, those who qualified for the incentive trip were 30 General Agents, 59 Assistant General Agents, and 139 Field Agents.

## SUPREME KNIGHT'S SALES CLUB

In 2023, the top 21 General Agents, top 37 Assistant General Agents, and top 60 Field Agents were recognized as members of the Supreme Knight's Sales Club.





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