

**Knights of Columbus  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

Knights of Columbus Council 3335 of St. Louis Church in Gallipolis has earned the distinction of Star Council, one of the organization's top awards, for the 2013-14 fraternal year (under the tenure of Grand Knight Matt Bokovitz). The organization's headquarters, located in New Haven, Connecticut, made the announcement. The award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service oriented activities in the parish and the surrounding community. The award was presented to the membership by the District #53 Deputy Don Frymyer of Pomeroy at the recent Council meeting.



In announcing the local winner of the Star Council Award, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, chief executive officer of the Catholic fraternal organization, said: "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. Your dedication to the Order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community, and the Order."

"Receiving the Star Council Award is quite an honor for us. We're very proud of this accomplishment and will continue to serve our Church and the people of Gallia County with renewed energy," proclaimed recently elected Grand Knight Mike Haas, head of the St. Louis council.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Church, their communities, and youth. With more than 1.8 million members in over 15,000 councils around the world, the Knights of Columbus annually

donates more than \$170 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes. The most prominent community activities of the St. Louis Council include the Coats for Kids campaign and Special Olympics at GDC. Please visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) for more information.

All faithful Catholic men of the area are invited to join the Knights of Columbus (call Bruce Davison at 256-1427). Members enjoy great fellowship along with family activities and opportunities to serve the parish and the community. A big bonus is the life insurance program to protect families. It ranks at the very top as to financial stability among all insurance organizations and companies. Any profits do not go to stockholders, but rather are returned to the insured in rebates and used for a number of charitable causes.

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