



# Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## Knights of Columbus – April 2023



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# Easter Sunday

# He Is Risen

The Stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone

A Blessed Holy Week to you my brother Knights and your families here in the Archdiocese. For Catholics it is a time to reflect. And for Knights it's a busy time; reports are due, the Super Cash Bonanza is in full swing, Measure-Up is just around the corner, and the State Convention is not very far off. My home council, 8115, is even hosting they're final fish fry of Lent on Good Friday by request of our pastor and council Chaplain!

At 67% of our membership goal and I have no doubt we can hit 100% by the end of the fraternal year. Check out articles from the Arch's own brother and State Membership Director Michael Freil plus a bonus article from State E-Membership director Stewart Vetter. An opportunity for fraternal benefit credits and learning in an upcoming seminar can be found on page 5. Plus check out the fraternal training opportunities on page 4.

We have a bit of packed issue this month. Page 2 you'll find a request from not only the Arch State Convention Hospitality team but also from my wife Heather for support of the State Officers' wife's convention basket raffle for charity. Any item you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you for all the Super Cash Tickets you have turned in so far – and don't quit now, there is still plenty of time to keep selling for Charity!

Vivat Jesus!  
Michael J. Felerski  
State Treasurer

## Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Ohio State Free Throw Championship!



Winners of this year's Basketball Free Throw held at Bishop Ready High School in Columbus. Pictured are on either side are State Community Director Duane Bassett (left) and State Deputy Mark Siracusa (right).

The winners' score sheets will be sent to Supreme Council in New Haven, CT and be entered into the International Free Throw Championship!!

Sydney Koester	(Girls, Age 9)	Council 2238
Jack Clark	(Boys, Age 9)	Council 1362
<b>Makayla Barga</b>	<b>(Girls, Age 10)</b>	<b>Council 1756</b>
<b>Alex Hemmelgarn</b>	<b>(Boys, Age 10)</b>	<b>Council 1756</b>
Sarah Pelzer	(Girls, Age 11)	Council 10863
Ryland Ellerbrock	(Boys, Age 11)	Council 1757
<b>Jessica Pate</b>	<b>(Girls, Age 12)</b>	<b>Council 13608</b>
<b>Carson Meinerding</b>	<b>(Boys, Age 12)</b>	<b>Council 1592</b>
Hayden Merillate	(Girls, Age 13)	Council 7552
Jake Pitcock	(Boys, Age 13)	Council 5253
Mary-Claire Willison	(Girls, Age 14)	Council 5776
Landon Harrison	(Boys, Age 14)	Council 10063

**Bold type denotes winner from the Archdiocese.**



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## Hospitality: We're Going to Make the State Convention Fun!

April 2, 2023

Dear Brother Knights,

The 2023 State Convention is right around the corner May 19-21, 2023. This year the **Hospitality Rooms are returning!** There will be three: Our Worthy State Deputy, the candidate for state warden, and the remaining four dioceses (together) will share a room and split duties.

Since this is a combined effort I am asking for help from individuals and councils with either small monetary donations or bottle/"can" donations to represent the Cincinnati archdiocese in our room. Checks may be made out and sent to my hospitality treasurer:

**John Hensley, P.O. Box 18-355, Fairfield, OH 45018.**

## For Charity – A Request from the State Officers' Wives

While we are on that subject, the state officers' wives will again be raffling off baskets of goodies. Here is what my wife Heather is requesting for the Archdiocese:

*The State ladies are putting together baskets to raffle off for this year's state convention. The proceeds will be going to charity. I am preparing a **basket featuring breweries from the Arch**. So I'm looking for brewery related merchandise to place in the basket. If your council would like to donate, please contact Mike. I'm sure that you know of breweries which produce high quality products which I haven't been aware of yet.*

*Thank you in advance,  
–Heather Felerski*

Thank you for all you do for your community, parish, and council.

Fraternally yours,

Michael J. Felerski  
State Treasurer  
Ohio State Council  
Knights of Columbus



From the Desk of  
State Membership Director  
Michael Freil

Growth

Ohio State Council  
Membership-Growth News

APRIL 2023

**MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD POINTS \*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

There are about 26 different Councils from throughout the State that have submitted Membership Programs and are seeking Points. Those 26+ need to go back in the program that has been REVIEWED and not awarded, and send back the information requested, and I will reward Your Council with Points. **I WANT EVERY COUNCIL TO MAX OUT IN MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM Points.** I will give the points, but please supply the information requested by me and resubmit the report AGAIN. I check the website Membership Program every 2 days. I WANT TO GIVE YOU POINTS, just submit the pertinent information.

It is looking like March will be a very good recruiting Month for Ohio. Many Councils held your Mandatory MEMBERSHIP MARCH BLITZ Drive. The numbers coming in are looking good. Two New Hispanic Councils are in the works as we Speak. One in New Carlisle, Oh (Arch) and the other in Columbus. Both have enough Men that signed up to start a Council. We are waiting after Holy Week for them to take their Hispanic Exemptions, then we are a GO!!!

Continue to recruit, not just in March, but EVERY MONTH, EVERY DAY!! Don't stop recruiting New Members. Remember, the more men we recruit into the Knights, the Stronger the Church will be., for they will be better Husbands, Fathers, and better Catholics.

**Important things to remember for Membership in Fraternal year 2021-2022**

Just about every month throughout the Fraternal year, there will be some great \$\$ Incentives for the Proposer who brings in New Members. Usually it is \$35 for each new member. However that will change in the coming months. Keep watching for the changes.

**In order to claim the monthly Incentive, the Proposer needs to email to me [mcfreil2019@gmail.com](mailto:mcfreil2019@gmail.com) The name and Membership number of the New Member,& the proposers home address, so that I can get the check mailed to you. Each month is different. Sometimes we limit it to the First 10 Proposers who sign up a new member, so keep checking the monthly flyer.**

**IF YOU DO NOT ASK MEN TO JOIN, THEY WILL NOT.**

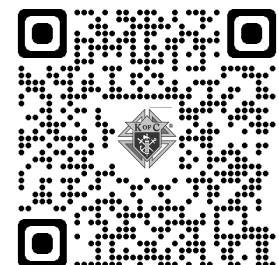
Ask men of your Parishes to JOIN US. Have them go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org), click on the JOIN US gold banner and have them fill out the brief form

Good Luck, I am hoping that every Council in OHIO becomes STAR Council

Vivat Jesus !

*Michael Freil*

State Membership Director  
Ohio State Council





## Delta Drive

4/10/23 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1307619921896762966>

- Come learn how to do the Delta Church drive method. this highly effective process of growth through communication will help you go from prospects to members and answer the why of growth.

## You are your programs

4/17/23 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7040346005772109148>

- Understand the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members.
- Construct a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. u Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life.
- Identify the council's flagship program(s).
- Access the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendar.
- Develop a calendar for the next 6-12 months that responds to the council's mission statement and addresses some of the council's strengths and weaknesses identified above.
- Understand the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

## Council Growth

4/19/23 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5639279020427676255>

The presentation will help Fraternal leaders resolve to leave councils, parish, and community better than how they found it. Leader should also learn how to develop a simple, specific, year-round plan in place for growing council membership, that involves participation from the whole council. Attendees should commit to work with their pastor(s), field agent, and DD to accomplish their goals. Leaders should understand the importance of hosting regular ceremonies, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives

## Enhancing Member Experience

4/24/23 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3969568359068507480>

- Understand what's meant by the terms membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.
- Complete the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.
- Understand that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.
- Learn the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again.
- Discover tools that will help address deficiencies in your council's current member engagement as based on your councils engagement score.
- Understand that retention issues result when a council has failed to engage a member and show the value of his membership. These issues can be overcome by discovering where this breakdown occurred.

**Jon Olson – Fraternal Trainer**

**Please save the dates for the upcoming seminars we will be hosting:**

April 13th at 8:00 PM EST - Jim Effner “**Importance of Whole Life as part of Retirement Plan**”  
Link: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril13>

May 23rd at 8:00 PM EST - Tom Hegna “**Who Wants to be a Millionaire**”  
Link: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCHegnaMay23>

June 27th at 8:00 PM EST - Jim Effner “**Importance of Whole Life as part of Retirement Plan**”  
Link: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerJune27>



**Jim Effner presents**  
**Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan**

**Jim Effner** is founder and President of P2P Group and specializes in training financial services professionals. Previously Jim was Managing Partner of one of the largest Northwestern Mutual offices in the country. He built the Effner Group to nearly 150 full-time and college advisors, insuring over 65,000 policyholders.

**You are invited to join our webinar featuring Jim Effner, who specializes in financial services and has been helping thousands of families with financial planning.**

April 13, 2023

Date

7:00 PM CST

Time

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril13>

RSVP



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Stewart “Stew” Vetter  
E-Membership Director

# eMembership

Happy Easter, Brothers. As we move to the last quarter of the fraternal year and eyes begin to focus on accomplishing membership goals, do not forget the e-members sitting in your candidate tab. The state got credit when they joined as an e-member but it’s time for your diocese and your council to get credit toward completing your membership goal and achieving Star Council.

As you transfer those e-members, I’d like to offer some helpful reminders. Though we all prefer live degrees, the outstanding e-members can be brought in through Wednesday night Ohio virtual degree or degree on demand from Supreme. Truth be told, we all get more out of the degree the second time so get them in via virtual degree but take them to a live degree when it’s offered. The biggest thing is to get them transferred and active in your council. Second, e-members can be transferred by sending a form 100 in to [form100@kofcohio.org](mailto:form100@kofcohio.org) but it will take 5-25 days. You can move them instantly using the candidate tab. Your FS or GK can add e-members back to your candidate tab by using the search feature. You’ll need member number, name, and birthdate. After you add them through the candidate tab, be sure they get full credit for the degree by going into member management and adding their second and third degree dates.

E-membership is strong in Ohio thanks to your council. Ohio’s conversion rate is 63% which is better than most of the order. That is wholly due to your efforts. Thank you for recruiting hard and utilizing e-membership to get those men in your council and active.



Tony Offenberger  
State Faith Director

# Faith

Brother Knights of the Arch Diocese of Cincinnati,

Our Lenten journey has come to a close as we roll into holy week and the most spiritual time of the year. Say a prayer for our priest’s as they have a busy week preparing us for the crucifixion and the resurrection of our Lord and savior. Happy Easter Brother Knights.

Your friend in Christ,

Tony Offenberger Faith Director



“Those who tell you the truth love you. Those who tell you what you want to hear love themselves.”

— **Mother Angelica**



Joe Hartle  
State Family Director

Family & Fraternity

**55th Annual Ohio K of C State Family Campout**  
**July 25-30, 2023**  
**Mercer County Fairgrounds**  
**1001 West Market Street, Celina, OH 45822**

Greetings Brother Knights and Families!

Make your plans to attend! The 54th Annual Ohio Knights of Columbus Family Campout has been scheduled for Tuesday July 25 thru Sunday July 30, 2023 at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio, hosted by Harrison Council #2633. Join us for a weekend of fun, food and friendship!

Come early in the week and enjoy some local attractions on your own....Maria Stein Heritage Museum, Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics, 39 Mile Scenic Byway featuring The Land of the Cross Tipped Churches, Celina-Coldwater Biking/Walking Path, Franklin Township Greenway Trail for biking or walking, Grand Lake St. Marys, Niekamp Farm & Flea Market, Tony Stewart's Eldora Speedway Kings Royal Race, Bicycle Museum of America, Armstrong Air and Space Museum, Saturday Farmers Market.

Camping for Friday and Saturday is \$60 with \$30 for each additional night. Indoor activities will be held in the air-conditioned Jr. Fair Building. All sites are electric. Picnic tables will be provided. A hose will be available to fill your water tank if you do not bring water with you. Firewood will be available. Ice available for purchase.

Anyone local not camping but wishing to visit and enjoy the Friday and/or Saturday activities and meals must pre-register as a Visitor so we have enough food available. The fee will be \$10 per person per day.

If you are not camping folk and live farther away but want to join the festivities following are a few local hotels: just be sure to pre-register as a Visitor.

- Best Western, 2020 Holiday Drive, Celina, Ohio 45822; 419-586-4919
- West Bank Inn, 1055 West Bank Road, Celina, Ohio 45822; 419-584-3625
- Romer's Westlake Hotel Villas, 1100 S Main St, Celina, OH 45822; 419-584-1444
- Americas Best Value Inn, 1421 State Route 703, Celina, OH 45822; 419-586-4656
- The Gels Home Bed and Breakfast, 507 N 2nd St, Coldwater, OH 45828; 419-678-3288

We hope to see you at the 55th Annual 2022 State K of C Family Campout! Register by mailing the registration form before July 1, 2023. Reservations after this date cannot be guaranteed a site.

We are accepting donations to help defray the cost of the campout and would greatly appreciate any monetary or raffle gifts you may want to send.

For more information you may call Joe Bruns 419-852-2361 or [ohio2023kofcfamilycampout@gmail.com](mailto:ohio2023kofcfamilycampout@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing you July, 2023!

District 1 KofC Councils State Campout Committee

# Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2022-2023



## Web Sites...

State Council Website: [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)  
Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/](https://www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/)  
Dayton Chapter: [www.daytonkofc.org](http://www.daytonkofc.org)  
Cincinnati Chapter: [www.cincykofc.org](http://www.cincykofc.org)  
Facebook Page: Search for: ArchCincykofc

## About The Arch...

A newsletter featuring relevant news and information for Knights in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati published twelve times a year! It can be viewed and downloaded at:

[http://www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh\\_Arch\\_Newsletter.html](http://www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh_Arch_Newsletter.html)

Or at [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) > For Members > Diocesan Pages > Cincinnati

To subscribe for delivery directly to your email inbox, please contact Michael Thomas at:

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## Support Our Seminarians\*

**Pass the Jug!**

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**Returns in  
Sep 2023  
under new  
leadership!**

## State Membership Director

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## Measure Up\*

**Begins this Month!**

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## Super Cash Bonanza\*

**I NEED YOU!**

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**To Supreme:  
Forms #1295,  
#185, and #365  
may STILL be  
submitted.**

## State Per Capita Payments\*

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**2022-23  
past due:  
Councils  
must be in good  
standing for  
delegates to vote  
at the State  
Convention.**

## State Program Director

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**All 10784 program  
submissions due  
April 15th!**

\*Make Checks payable to: Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus