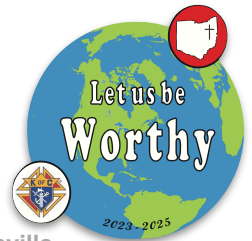




Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus – August 2023

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OYP Safe Environment Program Let's Get it Done!

As of this writing there are currently 32 councils in the Arch who are compliant with Supreme's Office of Youth Protection (OYP) and Safe Environment Program. It is extremely important that your council council's GK and directors (listed in the table below)

SEP ROLES	TRAINING	BACKGROUND CHECK	OFFICERS ONLINE REPORTS
Grand Knight	X		X
Program Dir	X		X
Family Dir	X	X	
Community Dir	X	X	

complete the SEP in order to obtain Star Council. Just as important is that our members interacting with children complete and continue training through the *SafeParish: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Arch. of Cincinnati Edition* program.

The Supreme SEP program only takes 45 minutes to complete. It is good for three years.

If I have taken the Archdiocese training why do I have to take the Supreme training? The different organizations do NOT and often CANNOT share information due to existing laws which is what both programs must be completed.

How am I notified that on how to take the training? When the FS submits the council's Form 365 with personal email addresses for the above SEP Roles (no generic email addresses) then an email will be sent to those addresses with information on how to access the training.

There is a time limit on completing training, what happens if I miss the deadline? If one of the three members listed above misses the deadline then the entire 365 MUST be RESUBMITTED to supreme either online or by email to start the clock over again for that individual. The Star Council Report will reflect this and show the 365 as not submitted (per Supreme).

For more information visit the Supreme Safe Environment website at: kofc.org/safe or contact Supreme at:

MEMBER HELPLINE:
YOUTHLEADER@KOFCC.ORG
 (203) 800-4940

OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION:
OYP@KOFCC.ORG
 (203) 752-4558

YOUTH PROTECTION HELPLINE:
 (844) 563-2723

125th State Convention - Cincinnati

Hard to believe that it has been three years since the state convention albeit a reduced version due to the pandemic has been held in Cincinnati and six years since we hosted a full sized convention.

2023-24 is an historical fraternal year for the Ohio jurisdiction. It is our 125th anniversary! Since it is not an election year but will be our 125th annual State Convention I want to pull out all the stops and make it a true **event** for the Knights here in Ohio. I already have had a number of Knights and their wives volunteer but I'm looking for more. Our Friday night social event is shaping up to have live entertainment and we look to sell a lot of 50-50. If you have any other ideas on fun fundraising games, please let Ken Gardner and Michael Freil know.

I have also reached out to our Worthy Master for Fourth Degree support. If you are planning on attending the convention and are a 4th Degree member with the current uniform please consider helping with presenting the colors, escorting our priests for the Masses and during the State Deputies Banquet.

Let's make this a weekend to remember!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski
 State Secretary



Worthy Knights of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati - Happy New (Fraternal) Year! The first month of the new year brought new faces to leadership positions and a renewed sense of purpose to councils across the Arch as we swing into gear and get programs up and running. Last year's excellent results at recruiting have also filled seats in our halls and given us new members with whom we can share the joy and sense of satisfaction in our Fraternal work. Now's the time to invite these new members to join our labor!

As August settles in and we turn our thoughts to the waning days of Summer and the cool breezes of Fall, it's time to ramp up our recruiting efforts to help give ourselves the manpower we need to accomplish the goals of the Charitable programs that are the basis of our Unity and our Fraternity! The most viable and visible way for councils to grow and succeed this year is when each of us takes a hand at asking someone to join our Order. New members are the very life blood of councils, bringing not only new, fresh faces and hands, but new, fresh ideas that stimulate and grow the reach of a council's charitable activities.

The Delta Church Drive is one of the most effective tools a council can use to help grow its membership. Following a detailed plan of action and using the proscribed materials leads to successful results which gives your council a head-start on growth. And at the moment, Delta Church Drive kits (which are free) can be ordered by council officers with no shipping costs! Order the kit, take the training available from Supreme, and schedule your councils drive today! And a special opportunity exists in the month of August; Blessed Fr. McGivney's Feast Day is August 13th, which is a Sunday this year! A great opportunity to share the passion of our Founder with your fellow Catholics!

The rewards of recruiting are, of course, new brother knights and more hands to share in your councils' charitable activities. As tradition has had it for many years, once again the Ohio State Council is hoping to encourage recruiting efforts by offering incentives to each of you, to your councils, to the Field Agents, and yes, even District Deputies! These incentives are offered to encourage everyone to start now, start fast – and move rapidly to achieving the Ohio Growth Goal of 1860 new members! And when you get those new brother knights, don't forget the Shining Armor Award! A great way to help get those newly recruited members active in our councils. Information on incentives and the Shining Armor Award is available from your Arch Growth Coordinator.

Finally, while we hear about the importance of growth for the success of our Order, and we know of the various incentives to help boost recruiting, here's one more thing to think about. Ask yourself, "who do I want to have next to me?". Who's the guy I've seen or known or perhaps worked with in another ministry that I would like sitting next to me in a Cor meeting, or perhaps helping serve at a pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner? Ask him. Though he might join on his own, he's far more likely to join if you ask him. So ask him. And yes, it may take asking more than once, maybe a lot more. Ask him. Use the eMembership tools and help him to easily and quickly (and for free at the moment) join us in the work we do. To echo Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, every Catholic man should have the opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus! Someone once asked each of us - now we need to ask them!

Till next month – Vivat Jesu!

Mark Kosobud

Arch Membership Director
South



SPREAD THE GOOD WORD!!

Brother Knights –

As you know – a man can join the Knights of Columbus because you asked HIM – or he can join because he asked YOU! Wouldn't it be wonderful if men were asking YOU the question of "HOW DO BECOME A PART OF WHAT YOU MEN ARE DOING?"

One way to help with that is PUBLICITY! Get your light out from under the basket!

Over the next few months, I will be reaching out with tips on how to publicize the good that your Council does. Each Council has a Membership or Growth Director – but also, I request that you please appoint a Public Relation Director. At Mass on July 23rd, we heard in the Gospel about the man that sowed good seed. In this instance, PUBLICITY is that good seed that helps sprout new members!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Appoint a Council Public Relations Director

- Send me their name/phone/email at OhioKnightsPR@gmail.com .

2. Develop publicity tools

- Council website, Facebook page, Council brochure, and an email newsletter

3. Send me photos and summaries

- A picture is worth a thousand words!
- Send pictures of council activities – I will be working to get your council's activities in the state newsletter, the state Facebook page, and in local media.

SHINE A LIGHT ON YOUR GOOD WORKS!

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Ohio Charity Foundation Grant Presented



Members of the Father James O. Byrne Knights of Columbus Council 1592 in St. Marys recently heard from Priscilla and Greg Wilt of Morgan's Place. This organization was established to assist families through the grieving process when experiencing the loss of a baby. Morgan's Place aids this process by memory-making, birth planning, funeral and burial services, and post-partum support groups for parents.

Following the presentation, Past State Deputy Dave Helmstetter representing the Ohio Charity Foundation (OCF) presented a \$3,000 grant on

behalf of the OCF to further assist Morgan's Place mission. The OCF supports local Knights of Columbus councils across Ohio and engages in multiple projects and fundraisers to facilitate the good works of Ohio Knights.

Shown in the photo are (l-r) Nick Kiel, Grand Knight of Council 1592, Dave Helmstetter, Past State Deputy, Priscilla and Greg Wilt, representing Morgan's Place.

Fairborn Council's Young Eagles



This past weekend Brother Knights, Steve Glass and Percy Gros of Fairborn Council 3724 once again gave their time, talent, and money to the Young Eagles program. Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated over 30 years to giving youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. Thank you Brothers Steve & Percy and all the other dedicated pilots!

Wapak Council Scholarships



Wapakoneta Council 1272 presented two scholarship checks recently to Lance Deffenbaugh and Andrew Mosler. Congratulations!

Paul Gruhler Award

Tim Mangan, State Family Director was honored by the Greater Dayton Chapter with the Paul Gruhler Award for 2023 at their July chapter meeting.





Jason Staas – General Agent

Fraternal Benefits

I was watching television the other day and saw an advertisement with the theme “Shop Local.” The ad touted the many benefits of putting your dollars to work with businesses that are owned and operated by those folks who live and work right in your community.



In addition to supporting the local neighborhood and community, the ad pointed to the personal service and the unique products one can find locally. Big box stores are great, they are convenient and provide goods at competitive prices. But

many products are uniform; you can get the same thing at many other places. Their service is sometimes wanting; I can remember wandering in a big box retailer looking for help. However, when I shop at some of my favorite local spots, I always get a genuine greeting, personal help and the feeling that they really appreciate me being there and supporting them. All this got me thinking about our local councils.

The Order is doing great things in countries far and wide. We have big ideas, big plans...and they are important and have tremendous impact on making our world better. But on a local level you members are the face of the Knights of Columbus. When our local Catholic community thinks of the Knights of Columbus, I’m sure it is you members who come to mind. Our Catholic community sees all the good works you do locally. They see you volunteering to help at parish events, supporting your pastor in his needs. Local folks see you handing out coats for kids, holding fundraisers to help local families, taking the lead at sacramental events, visiting the homebound.

For the Catholics in the council and in the parish—you, my Brother Knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. You represent all that is good in our Order. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles. Our Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida, will highlight many of the accomplishments from the previous fraternal year. I think we can all be justly proud of the difference the Knights of Columbus makes. Thank you for all you do! I want to congratulate you on your contribution to the Order’s success and especially for the impact you in this council have had on the local Catholic community!

Vivat Jesus!

- PERMANENT LIFE INSURANCE
- TERM LIFE INSURANCE
- RETIREMENT ANNUITIES
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- DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE
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(Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund)

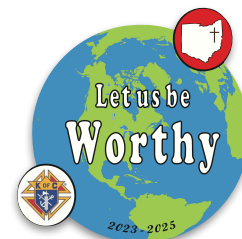



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