

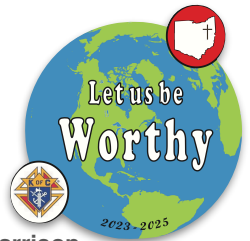


Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus – March 2024

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Fraternal Benefit Nights are Easy for your Council to Host!

Did you know that **Fraternal Benefit nights** are one of the **easiest** programs your council can host. It's basically five easy steps:

1. Get permission to hold a benefit night at your church or hall.
2. Invite **all** the parishioners of your parish family to attend - men, husbands and wives.
3. Your Grand Knight is the MC who kicks things off by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.
4. The Grand Knight then hands off the the rest of the program to the Field or General Agent.
5. Afterwards you just offer snacks and of course materials about joining the greatest Mens Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world!

Yep, it's that easy!

It is also the time of the year when we start putting together our state **"Of the Year"** recipients. We have som many unsung heroes in our councils, and what better way to honor them than nominating them. The best way to write this test up is to be concise year still provide a lot of details on all this things your "Of the Year" nomination has done.

Recipients and those nominated for this year's Paul Gruhler and Rieckelman Awards should be automatic entries for the state level awards.

The **State Convention** is coming up on us and I am excited that the Hospitality Rooms are Returning! That being said, my Arch hospitality team would greatly appreciate any **monetary or "bottle" donations** for the Archdiocese Hospitality room! Monetary donations may be sent to my home address listed on the last page. The first call letters will be in the mail this week. If you are not a delegate but would like to attend the Friday Night Party you will be able to sign up on the state website. The cost is only \$25 and the event will feature the entertainment of brother Knight Mike Davis.

Vivat Jesus!
 Michael J. Fellerski
 State Secretary

Próxima capacitación en español por Supreme:

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| 31 de enero de 2024 8:00 p.m. | <u>Capacitación del Diputado de Distrito 201</u> |
| 8 de febrero de 2024 8 :00 p.m. | <u>Programas para Cuaresma y Semana Santa</u> |
| 26 de febrero de 2024 8:00 p. m. | <u>Crecimiento de Membresía</u> |
| 29 de febrero de 2024 8 :00 p.m. | <u>Realización de Ejemplificaciones en Persona</u> |

If these dates, don't work, feel free to reach out to jon.olson@kofc.org our Regional Trainer, Supreme does have a Spanish trainers that he can put you in contact with.



Brother Knights of the Arch,

During these last three weeks of Lent, your knights will be working fish fries and other parish events. Showing potential candidates what you do and inviting them to help makes *all* those events the best recruiting activity. Encourage your members to leverage all their activities for growth by applying the three basics of successful recruiting that I shared in my last article, but I'll repeat here: 1. Be VISIBLE. Wear Knights of Coumbus shirts and other gear whenever possible (and appropriate). 2. Be JOYFUL. Nothing attracts people better than a positive atmosphere. 3. Be HONEST. The men you want to recruit are those who are truly looking for ways to help their parish, grow in their faith and form bonds with other Catholic men. Make sure every man you talk to knows what you expect *and* what they will get out of being an active knights. My personal recruiting 'elevator pitch' has always been, "We don't need you to do everything, but we do need you to do *something!*" Then I will give an example, preferably an upcoming council activity. Being a knight is like any other important activity, how much benefit a man gets from it is directly proportional to how much effort he puts into it.

As we move through the second half of our fraternal year, we must all work to keep growth trending up. On behalf of the State Growth Team, I hope you and your families have a 'productive' Lent, one that leads a significant and lasting gain in *grace*, the gift from God that helps us on our faith journey. Easter is the culmination of the liturgical year and should be a high point for us. It can also be the most fruitful time for recruiting. Don't let the joy of Easter go to waste.

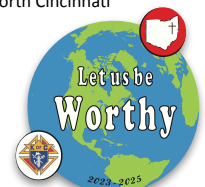
I know that the Beacons of Light changes continue to challenge all of us, but this process must be viewed as a necessary adjustment to the reality that we have fewer priests to serve the faithful of the Arch. View this as an opportunity. Fewer priests means the value and need for active, committed Catholic laity is greater than ever! Beacons of Light is Jesus calling us to participate and lead. Both of those actions lead to our real goal—*true discipleship*, the biggest step on our faith journey.

Easter provides us with an opportunity to reach out to new Catholics. Engage with your parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) team and make sure that a knight addresses the catechumens and candidates during one of their program sessions. That audience is exactly who we need to reach! Men joining the Church are all potential knights, but every woman and child joining the Church who hears about us and what we do becomes an apostle to all the men in their family— fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins... RCIA also tends to attract young fathers and they are the men who will revitalize our Order. The opportunity offered by the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil is also presented every time your parish has a baptism during or after Mass. Talk to the person who schedule and coordinates baptism and work out a way to contact the family. Your message should be a very short, upbeat invitation to learn more about the Knights. The goal is just to create awareness of your council and make a positive impression. Simple things work best.

Remember that growth is not an item on your council meeting agenda. It is the lifeblood of your council. Growth must be part of every event and project that your council gets involved in. Whenever you talk to a potential knight, have one upcoming or recent event in mind that you can tell him about and use as an example of what an active knight does. An abstract recruiting pitch isn't impressive, but some concrete, "Here's how we could use your help!" appeal is. When you recruit, use www.kofc.org/JoinUs on his (or your) smart phone. If you are struggling with growth, don't get discouraged. Several councils doing well now were low or zero growth last year. All it takes is ordinary knights willing to *ask, invite and inspire* each man they meet. Put Lent to good use, have a blessed Easter Season and we will all finish this fraternal year strong.

Vivat Jesus!

Vic Lauterbach
Diocesan Growth Coordinator
North Cincinnati





State eMembership Director
Greg Singlar

Growth

NOW EXTENDED ANOTHER MONTH!

Our Parish Bulletin Incentive is now extended until Sunday April 7, 2024!

For all Councils that recruit new members via E-Membership using one of the Ohio State Council Parish Bulletin Blurbs will receive one of the following:

- All Councils that recruit 1 new E-Member get a \$25 Walmart Gift Card
- All Councils that recruit 2 new E-Members get a \$50 Walmart Gift Card
- All Councils that recruit 3 or more new E-Members get a \$100 Walmart Gift Card

For councils to qualify for the incentive, they must submit the names of the E-Members recruited and a copy of their parish bulletin to State E-Membership Coordinator Greg Singlar via email – gsing50@gmail.com. This can be a link to their parish bulletin or a PDF attachment of their bulletin. All recruited E-Members must be on the council’s Prospect Tab or roster by Sunday April 7, 2024.

Please check the Ohio State Council’s Monthly editions for the Beacon for Greg’s bulletin blurbs or go to kofcohio.org/membership for the bulletin blurbs. You can use any of them for any month! Good luck brother knights and Vivat Jesus!



Arch District Deputy Coordinator
John Hoffman

Community



<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Council #</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Council #</u>
Girl Age 9	Cora Shumaker	10215	Boy Age 9	AJ Beyke	2640
Girl Age 10	Remy Raterman	2640	Boy Age 10	Elijah Grieshop	2324
Girl Age 11	Makayla Barga	2640	Boy Age 11	Fin Sullivan	14995
Girl Age 12	Reagan Raterman	2640	Boy Age 12	Joseph Nagel	10003
Girl Age 13	Jessica Pate	13608	Boy Age 13	Thomas Sunderman	8115
Girl Age 14	Izzie Arcuri	10215	Boy Age 14	Jacob Rister	5239



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

**Seton Route - Archdiocese
of Cincinnati**

The 2024 Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming up fast. Did you know that the Cincinnati Archdiocese is one of only three dioceses through which the pilgrimage will be passing and hosting events? The event will culminate in the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Sean Ater, Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation for the Archdiocese is asking his brother Knight to turn out in force to support this once in a lifetime event. Help your pastor at the pilgrimage sites - 3rd and 4th degree members. Wear your Knights of Columbus shirts and carry with you literature on joining our Order in case you are asked. We are the Strong Right Arm of the Church and this is a tremendous opportunity to put our **Faith in Action!**

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON ROUTE (EAST)

- 07/01/24** 4:30 PM - 7:00 AM St. Brigid 175th Anniversary Eucharistic Celebration
St. Brigid Church, 312 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH 45385
- 07/02/24** 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM Holy Mass & Solemn Procession to Xenia Station
St. Brigid Church, 312 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH 45385
Procession from St. Brigid to Xenia Station
Xenia Station, 150 S Miami Ave, Xenia, OH 45385
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Holy Hour featuring Rosary Meditation
St. Francis de Sales Parish 20 Desales Ave, Lebanon, OH 4503
- 07/03/24** Holy Mass with Solemn Procession - St. Francis de Sales through downtown Lebanon
20 Desales Ave, Lebanon, OH 45036
Morning Mass and a Solemn Procession through downtown
Lebanon to end at Harmon Park.

END LOCATION: Harmon Park 300 S East St, Lebanon, OH 45036
- 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM St. Gertrude, Evening Prayer Vigil for our Nation
St. Gertrude Parish 6543 Miami Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45243
- 07/05/24** Holy Mass with Solemn Procession from St. Gertrude through downtown Maderia
St. Gertrude Parish 6543 Miami Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45243
After morning Mass, solemn procession through downtown Maderia
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Food for the Journey: An Eastside Evening with the Eucharist
St. Cecilia Catholic Church 3105 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45209
Join the Eastside Family of Parishes for Adoration, fellowship, and
Eucharistic procession through Oakley and Hyde Park.

START LOCATION: St. Cecilia Catholic Church 3105 Madison Rd,
Cincinnati, OH 45209

END LOCATION: St. Mary, Hyde Park 2853 Erie Ave,
Cincinnati, OH 45208

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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

**Seton Route - Archdiocese
of Cincinnati *continued***

- 07/06/24 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Jesus is Here: A Day with the Eucharist in downtown Cincinnati
Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains
325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati OH 45402
A special Mass, Solemn Procession through the streets of Cincinnati,
and Eucharistic Festival on Fountain Square.
- The Jesus is Here Eucharistic Event in downtown Cincinnati will include
a special Mass with Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr at the Cathedral
Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Following Mass will be a solemn
Eucharistic procession through the streets of downtown Cincinnati. The
event will conclude with a Eucharistic Festival at Fountain Square that
will include Adoration, speakers, live music, the Sacrament of
Reconciliation, food trucks, and other family activities.
- START LOCATION: Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains
325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati OH 45402
- END LOCATION: Fountain Square, downtown Cincinnati OH
- 07/07/24 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM St. William Bilingual Holy Hour with Cookout
St. William Parish 4108 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45205
Bilingual Holy Hour & Cookout
- 07/08/24 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Mass, Procession, and Breakfast
St. William Parish 4108 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45205
Join us for Mass, a short procession, and breakfast!
- We will process from St. William to St. Teresa after Mass. We'll enjoy
breakfast with the Perpetual Pilgrims before they head into Indiana.
- START LOCATION:
St. William Parish 4108 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45205
- END LOCATION:
Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 1175 Overlook Ave, Cincinnati,
OH 45238

For a more detailed schedule and more information on the Pilgrimage and
Eucharistic Congress, visit:

www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org



Heart to Heart

I'm no longer a field agent with the Knights of Columbus, but during my time in that role – the better part of a decade – I sat down a *lot* of brother Knights and their wives. You will recall from sit-downs with your own agent (you've met with him recently, right?), that numbers figure prominently in the discussion. Income figures, expenditures, how much have you saved, how much has been lost in a struggling market. Looking over the financial tools made available to us through the Knights of Columbus. Reviewing such numbers and figures is a critical part of those conversations, and had to happen at pretty much every time I huddled up with a member.

But there was another element to those meetings: at nearly every meeting, we'd speak frankly about what made them afraid. What was keeping them awake at night? What were they *hoping* for – not just for themselves, but for their wives, their children. Even their grandchildren and beyond. This was where members could speak freely about their personal vision, the drivers that kept them going every day. The numbers around life insurance or retirement savings were important, but they didn't *mean* anything without the vision.

As I said, I had a lot of meetings which included both elements, the numbers and the vision. Which 'piece' of these meetings do you think I remember now? Here's a hint: it's not the accounting part.

It's those *heart to heart* discussions, where my brother and I got to reveal a bit about ourselves to each other, making a connection that goes beyond the mechanics of doing business.

The Knights of Columbus' new COR initiative is like that, too. The Knights of Columbus continues developing programs and outlooks with an eye toward extending our impact on the world. As we do this, it's imperative that we remain alert to what that impact should be: the salvation of souls by virtue of spreading the Gospel. This evangelization is the primary mission of the Church and, as the Church's strong right arm, the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Historically, we have accomplished this through service: service to our members, service to our parishes and their priests, and service to our community at large. This can be seen as analogous to the number crunching side of an agent meeting: critical to what we do, and we will never stop.

From this perspective, COR steps in as the *heart to heart* piece of our mission. It provides a structured way for the Knights to reach out to the men of our parishes (regardless of whether they are members of the Order), and do together what many of us already do on our own: pray, read spiritual works, take in uplifting media, discern what is right for us and the world. In concert, we make our own efforts at spirituality an invitation for other men to similarly lift their own spiritual work. An invitation to holiness in a world that offers so many invitations to become less than we should be.



Work with your own council to establish Cor activity in your parish. Here, I've spoken in some generality. But the Knights is not leaving us to invent another wheel – check out the website to find thoughts and suggestions on how to structure your own Cor activity. And talk with each other about developing ways tailored to our own parishes' needs! To get moving, here is a link the KofC.org site with some starter ideas: [Cor Structure | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/cor-structure)



Time is running out to take advantage of this great incentive...

Growth

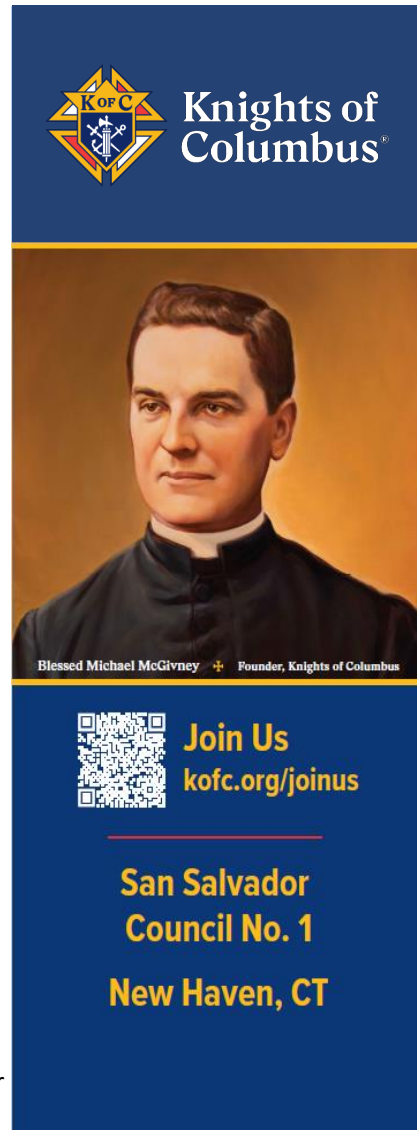


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www.daytonkofc.org

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www.cincykofc.org

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