

# Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## Knights of Columbus – April 2025



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Celina - Coldwater St. Henry Fort Recovery Sidney Versailles Greenville Russia  
Covington Wapakoneta St. Marys Minster Russells Point McCartyville Springfield  
Urbana Bellefontaine Fairborn Eaton Huber Heights Vandalia Englewood Piqua Troy  
Tipp City New Carlisle Dayton Xenia Beavercreek Centerville Kettering Hamilton  
Fairfield Harrison North Bend Monroe West Chester Carthage Sharonville New  
Burlington Norwood Shandon Wilmington Morrow Mason Lebanon Milford Loveland  
Springfield Middletown Miamisburg Franklin Trenton Cincinnati Ripley Fayetteville  
Hillsboro Greenfield West Union Waynesville

## Called...

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,  
be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

## The Archdiocese Welcomes a New Archbishop..

On April 3rd (my birthday) Archbishop-designate Robert G. Casey will be installed as the eleventh Bishop and tenth Metropolitan Archbishop of Cincinnati. He is a member of the Knights and I look forward to meeting with our new archbishop in the coming weeks. I have had a very good relationship with Archbishop Schnurr as a state officer and hope to continue that relationship with Archbishop Casey.

## There's a lot Due April 1st... No fooling!

When this issue reaches you April 1 will be upon us and a lot of things are due that day. Hopefully you have submitted your "Of the Year" nominations, and sent in your SOS donations. Super Cash tickets and money are also due to our State Treasurer James Maslach. Hopefully you have had a successful first turn-in. Keep selling - the drawing will be held May 17.

Don't forget that our next major deadline which is for program entries is *tax day*, April 15th.

## Traveling the Arch...

My dance card has been pretty full this month visiting councils and attending events. It all started with the German Dinner at Fr. O'Byrne Council 1592 in Saint Marys. Then a pizza party incentive at St. John the Evangelist 13608 in West Chester. Two days later I attended the third annual Night with the Knights dinner and exemplification at Mount Saint Mary Seminary.

The month of March plays host to the State Free Throw Competition in Columbus where the archdiocese had four state winners this year!

In Dayton I attended a special dinner, award presentation, and assembly meeting for Father Kuhlman Assembly 815 where Former Master Michael Gauder and Lady Carol received the Provincial Knight and Provincial Lady of the year awards. You can find pictures later in this issue.

That night I was also able to present District Deputy Jeremy Begines with his Star District Award for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. As you know DD Begines has been battling cancer recently and had great news to share that he was clear of lymphoma as of his last tests. Prayers do work and I urge everyone to continue praying for our brother Knights who are struggling with health issues including Pope Francis, Archbishop Schnurr, Father Dan Schmitmeyer, Hank Borchers, and many more.

The next day I was in Fort Recovery to celebrate Council 3324's 75th anniversary during their council meeting. Congratulations brothers! I wrapped up the month with a Patriotic Degree Exemplification at Saint Gertrude followed the next day by celebrating the 30th anniversary of Saint Joseph of the Three Rivers Council 11550 which back in the day I was their District Deputy.

My goal in writing about all of this is not to boast how busy I was but to showcase all of the great things happening here in the archdiocese. As then Archbishop of Baltimore Gibbons famously stated "*the Knights of Columbus do things!*"

Thank you for all you do for your council, parish, community, and let's grow our Order!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Secretary

### – Charity –

Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith — and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects



Worthy Brother Knights of the Arch,

It's hard to be unhappy when the temperature in mid-March is hitting the mid-70's! And it's hard to be unhappy when Ohio and the Arch are climbing upwards towards our Membership goals! But as we in Ohio know, the tease is often followed by the cold truth! And that applies to both the weather and Membership! We can't really help the surprises of Spring weather – but we can do something about keeping the Arch, Ohio, and the Order growing with new men!

As I write this, our March numbers look good! We need to keep our sense of mission strong and step out in faith to invite men to join us. This should be everyone's priority – not just the Grand Knight or Membership Director. There are ample opportunities as we journey through Lent towards the joy of the Easter season to do a bit of recruitment: retreats, Confirmations, Supercash sales, Fish Frys. All of these are wonderful moments when we can show the strength of our unity to our parishes – and ask someone to consider joining us! The Lenten season offers a wonderful chance to combine your recruiting effort with a COR event, allowing you to invite non-Knights to witness the power we have in our unity of faith, as well as our charity.

March and October are NOT the “only” two months when you can do a Delta Church Drive. Any time – and for any reason – is adequate – **recruiting is not a date, it's a mindset!** Ask your pastor about a date for a church drive, then put a team in place to take maximum advantage of it. Remember that getting the word out prior to that date helps drive awareness of your effort and a starting point in inviting men to join your council. Delta Church Drives, if done correctly (i.e. following the plan and timing Supreme has laid out) – will bring at least three new members into your council. It's not hard, but it does take a bit of persistence and the help of your fellow Knights.

When you get a candidate, get him to a CUF Degree as soon as possible! Be sure your council has a CUF team ready to go or volunteer to lead one if your council doesn't. Do a degree once a month, more if needed – try to plan a degree where a man's family can attend as well. The sooner a man (and his family) is a member of a council, the more likely he'll be to stay involved! Be sure your programs offer something for everyone to participate in, so they'll feel involved. And consider family-oriented activities so that the whole family can participate!

Both of your Archdiocese Growth Coordinators (Vic & Mark) as well as your council's District Deputy are ready and willing to assist your councils in setting up and running Delta in your parish (or parishes for those councils with multiple Beacons parishes) or other types of recruiting efforts based on your local needs.

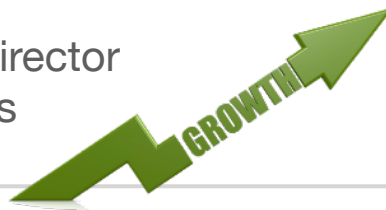
Above all, be ready to talk about being a Knight of Columbus. Keep it short and keep it personal. Just as we need to witness to our Faith, we need to witness to being a Knight. Keep the eMembership page bookmarked on your phone so you can call it up quickly. Be sure your prospect knows your council number and can apply it in the eMembership form. Every Catholic man should have the opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus! Someone once asked each of us to join - now it's our turn to go out and ask someone else!

Till next month – Vivat Jesu!



State Growth Director  
Andrew Nuckols

State eMembership Director  
Greg Singlar



## New Fourth Quarter Incentive!!

**The state team has taken a page from the Archdiocese playbook...**

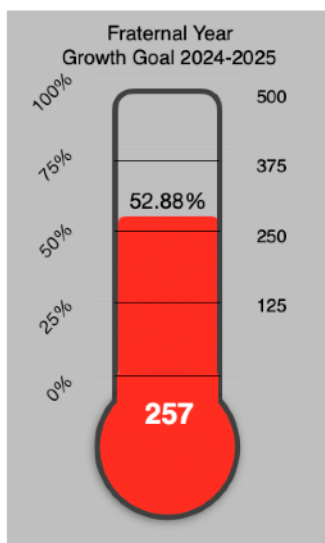
Recruiting a brother Knight is easier than ever! Utilizing E-Membership is the present and future of the Knights of Columbus. We have an incentive for all our councils to close out the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year!

From April 1, 2025 until June 30, 2025, the Top Council in Each Division (1-5) that brings in the most E-Members will receive a \$50 Domino's Gift Card! That's right, enjoy some pizza on the State's dime for all your hard work! They must be E-Members and on your council's roster or prospect tab by June 30, 2025. The winners will be presented on the State Tour this summer.

Come on Ohio! We can do it! Let's shatter last year's record for E-Members and hit 1,400 total E-Members recruited for the year! We can do it! For any questions, please contact Greg Singlar, State E-Membership Coordinator, at [gsing50@gmail.com](mailto:gsing50@gmail.com).

Arch Council Growth Status

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| #Achieved 100%+ | 6 Councils        |
| Non Recruiting  | 23 Councils       |
| Recruiting      | 65 of 88 Councils |
| % Recruiting    | 74%               |



Growth report as of Monday, March 31. Our eight year average is 41 new members for March. Our COVID (two year) average was 35 new members and our highest March was last year with a monthly total of 55.

At this time last year we had a total of 297 new members.

## Bulletin Blurbs:

### April

What does charity mean to you? Does this mean going to volunteer your time for a local organization? Does this mean volunteering your time and talents to your local Catholic Church? Does it mean supporting the local veterans who gave their lives to our country? Or does it mean all of that and more? The Knights of Columbus can help you with continuing to fulfill that journey. Want to be a part of that? Go to [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

### May

Unity has many meanings to it. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that with unity we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So, we stick together and we support one another. Want to be a part of that? Go to [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

## Have you...

- Created a prospect list?
- Recruited in teams?
- Used your insurance agent?
- Asked your Pastor for recommendations?
- Asked your Archdiocesan Growth Director and District Deputy for help?
- Advertised regularly in your parish bulletin?

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it will take your prospective members right to the JoinUs website.





Brothers,

Are you on track to reach your financial goals? Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals?

As your agent, I'm dedicated to helping you find the right insurance solutions, no matter your stage of life. Whether you are in your working years with young kids, living paycheck to paycheck, or knocking on the door of retirement, I'm excited to help you protect what matters most and build financial security with insurance-based solutions tailored to meet your priorities.

The first thing to consider is whether your family would be financially taken care of if something happened to you. Would they struggle to meet the mortgage payments or to pay off other debts?

Term life insurance can be an affordable option to give you protection in case of the unexpected. You'll also have the option to convert to a permanent plan in the future without additional underwriting. Terms and conditions may apply.

Second, start preparing for retirement, no matter how far away it may seem. The Knights of Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed.

Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you.

I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. I'm here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve.

If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

***Vivat Jesus!***

Jason Staas, FICF, CLTC

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## Devoted to the Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon

Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.

Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, councils organize a Sacred Heart Holy Hour featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.



The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart and time for silent prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may also be included. Following the holy hour, families are encouraged to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their homes by placing an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor and conducting an enthronement ceremony.

Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 191,000 council and parish prayer services with some 23 million participants have been held.

Contact your District Deputy regarding scheduling within your district. If you do not currently have a district deputy contact Arch District Deputy Coordinator John Hoffman (contact information cannot be found on the last page in every issue of The Arch)

| YEAR | ASSIGNED DATE<br>ON OR AFTER | CIN  |
|------|------------------------------|------|
|      |                              | DD # |
| 2025 | 1-Mar                        | 1    |
|      | 12-Apr                       | 2    |
|      | 24-May                       | 3    |
|      | 28-Jun                       | 4    |
|      | 2-Aug                        | 5    |
|      | 6-Sep                        | 6    |
|      | 11-Oct                       | 7    |
|      | 15-Nov                       | 8    |
|      | 20-Dec                       | 9    |
| 2026 | 24-Jan                       | 10   |
|      | 28-Feb                       | 11   |
|      | 4-Apr                        | 12   |
|      | 9-May                        | 13   |
|      | 13-Jun                       | 14   |
|      | 18-Jul                       | 15   |
|      | 22-Aug                       | 17   |
|      | 26-Sep                       | 0    |
|      | 31-Oct                       | 0    |
| 2027 | 5-Dec                        | 0    |
|      | 9-Jan                        | 0    |

## Supreme training...

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at [kofc.org/training](https://kofc.org/training).



### April 1, 2025 8:00 PM | Advertising Council Events

This webinar will be looking at methods where councils can use newsletters, church bulletins and social media to inform the community of an upcoming event and thank them for attending. We will also work on what information will attract positive attention to your messages.

### April 2, 2025 10:00 PM | Preparing for and Conducting Council Elections

The election of officers is an important milestone in a council's annual cycle. In this session we will look at procedures and best practices for planning, organizing, and conducting Council Elections. In addition, we will cover hosting elections during in-person and virtual/hybrid meetings.

### April 3, 2025 8:00 PM | Managing the Safe Environment Program

As Knights of Columbus, we share a responsibility to protect those entrusted to our care. In this training, you will learn how to manage your council's Safe Environment compliance, as required by the Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection which leads the Order's initiative to protect children and other vulnerable persons we serve.

### April 29, 2025 8:00 PM | Grand Knight Training: Part One

The Grand Knight Training: Part One webcast training is designed to help you become a successful leader. You will learn duties and responsibilities, how to engage your fellow officers, the method to form your council into a team, tips for working with other councils on larger initiatives, and what it takes to be the "go-to guys" for your pastor. In addition, you will discover what it takes to make charitable works the focus of your council and make it the premier parish organization for all eligible Catholic men to join.



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## Fraternity

### Cincinnati Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 7:00 PM  
Fr. Roettele Council 8115  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church  
400 Niles Road  
Fairfield, OH 45014

### Dayton Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 7:00 PM  
Dayton 500  
267 Bainbridge St  
Dayton OH 45402-2208

### Gaspar del Bufalo (Chapter)

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 7:00 PM  
Saint Marys Council 1592  
427 Spring St.  
Saint Marys OH 45885



Worthy Brother Knights of Ohio,

My name is Greg Singlar, the current Ohio State E-Membership Coordinator. I am a member of River East Mother Teresa Council 14344 in East Toledo and a 4th Degree Sir Knight for Monsignor Robert J. Yates Assembly 2800 in Perrysburg. I have been a

member of the KofC since I was a 22 year old college student. Now, at the age of 34 and after receiving a tremendous amount of support from my lovely wife Erin, I have made the prayerful decision that I am running for State Warden for the upcoming May 2025 elections!

My theme is Family First. Family Forward. Family First simply means everything we do will be about keeping the families involved, the ultimate vision of the way Fr. McGivney wanted it to be when he founded the order. Family Forward has 4 key pieces to my campaign, Family, Faith, Youth, and Technology.

By keeping our families involved, we can grow our faith through initiatives such as COR and use technology to recruit younger members through E-Membership. I will be at all of our Diocesan Meet the Candidate Nights and look forward to talking with all of you then!

If you have any questions regarding my campaign, please feel free to contact me!

Vivat Jesus!  
Greg Singlar  
Candidate for State Warden  
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*Candidates are elected during the business session of the 2025 State Convention being held the weekend of May 25. Councils must be in "Good Standing" (state per capita paid for 2024-2025 fraternal year) in order for their delegates to be eligible to vote.*



My name is M. Stewart Vetter and I'm running for state warden. I grew up in the Knights of Columbus as a child of a Knight then as a Columbian Squire. I have been an insurance member of the Knight of Columbus for 30 years. I am a past State Chief Squire of Ohio, past Grand

Knight of Bellevue council #752, and former District Deputy. I have served the state council for the past ten years in a variety of positions: state family director, state squires and youth director, state membership director, state e-membership director, and state life director. I firmly believe programs are the best source of membership. Programs are also the key to involving families, attracting younger members, and retaining our current members while keeping them active. Trying new things can be scary but there is no reward without a little risk. Councils need to be willing to try new things; especially if a new member is passionate about that event and wants to be involved in planning and execution. If that new event succeeds, you had a great event! If that event flops, you know it does not work, that way, and you have an active new member who feels heard and wants to stay active.

I would like to be a state officer to serve the members in Ohio and especially the Toledo diocese. There is no substitute for experience and, as you can see from above, I bring experience. I also bring a passion for the Knights of Columbus and for our mission. The councils around Ohio are truly charitable and we do not appreciate the magnitude of that charity. The Toledo diocese is the second largest diocese by membership in Ohio and is a great diocese. In recent years, we have been plagued by divisions: urban vs rural, in chapter vs out of chapter, east versus west, the "forgotten" corners of the diocese, this personality versus that personality. The one vision Greg and I share is a united Toledo diocese. One massive, amazing, diverse, active Toledo diocese with one set of objectives and one mission. All the stallions facing the same direction and pulling toward the same goal: number one in Ohio in programs, charitable giving, growth, and member retention. I firmly believe Ohio will be Better with Vetter.



# SWING INTO SPRING

## Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

*Archbishop Elder Council will use funds to donate wheelchairs to The American Wheelchair Mission*



### WHEN & WHERE

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

*Check-in and registration will begin promptly at 10 a.m.*

#### Topgolf

9568 Water Front Drive  
West Chester, OH 45069

### COST

**Regular Rate:** \$70/person

Cash, check, and credit card accepted.

Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus

**Early Bird Discount Offer\*:** Purchase a bay for \$375 for your group (up to 6 people per bay).

*\*Ends March 15, 2025.*

### CONTACT

For more information, please contact Phil Motz at (513) 444-5072

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

#### Golf Activities

- Three hours of Topgolf, including one team tournament round
- Closest to the Pin and Putting Contest
- Free tips and game instruction from a roving golf coach
- Complimentary clubs (or bring your own)
- Lifetime membership to Topgolf

#### Food & Drinks

Rise & Shine Breakfast, which includes scrambled eggs, smoked bacon, house skillet potatoes, fresh seasonal fruit, assorted danishes, coffee, tea, orange juice

### REGISTRATION

To register, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/2025swing](https://bit.ly/2025swing).



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Night with the Knights was held on March 12, 2025 at Mount Saint Mary of the West Seminary. The evening began with a brief introduction and thank you followed by dinner.

After the dinner an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was held in the Bartlett Center which culminated in five new brother Knights joining our Order.



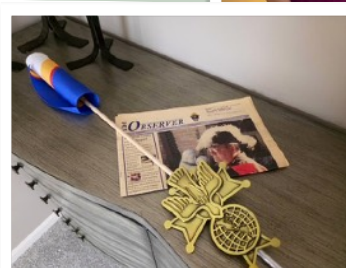
The Cincinnati Chapter Degree Team conferred the degree.



Council 14400 set up the Dayton Right to Life "Cemetery of the Innocents" pro-life crosses at Saint Mary of the Assumption Saturday. The display will remain up during the 40 Days of Lent (40 Days for Life) as a reminder that Christ's saving sacrifice was completed once for ALL —born and unborn children.



Vice Supreme Master Edward Ponder and State Secretary Michael Felerski had the honor of presenting a Fourth Degree gravesite flag holder to Mrs. Patricia Neri and her son Michael. Mrs. Neri's husband Bart was a dedicated and very involved member of the Fourth Degree in Illinois and other locations where they lived.



State Secretary Michael Felerski presents a 75th Anniversary certificate and letter from Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly to Fort Recovery Council 3324 Grand Knight William Link at their March 27, 2025 council meeting.

## 2025 State Free Throw Shootout Archdiocesan Winners



| Age | Name           | Council | Age | Name          | Council |
|-----|----------------|---------|-----|---------------|---------|
| 10  | Leah Ranly     | 2158    | 13  | Joseph Nagel  | 10003   |
| 9   | Patrick Breetz | 8115    | 11  | Andrew Lennon | 1801    |



Vice Supreme Master Edward Ponder presents the Provincial Knight of the Year and Provincial Lady of the Year awards to Former Master Michael and lady Carol Gauder at a special Assembly 815 March Dinner and meeting March 26, 2025.





# Cincinnati Archdiocese

## Quick Reference Guide 2024-2025



### 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:

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**Final turn-in  
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*Returns  
September 2025*

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*Starting at the  
end of this  
month!*

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**First Turn-In  
April 1, 2025**

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