



# Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Knights of Columbus –April 2026



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## He is Risen!

A happy and blessed Easter!  
The tomb is empty - Vivat Jesus!

## Finish Strong – The Fourth Quarter

Fish Fries may be over but most of our councils have a lot planned for the fourth quarter of our fraternal year. Annual awards dinners and appreciation nights, mother’s day events, and of course the 2026 State Convention. This year the convention returns to the Hilton Easton in Columbus. You can find all of the information on registering for both the convention and the hotel on the State website: [KOFCHOIO.ORG](http://KOFCHOIO.ORG).

**Shoot for the Star:** Now is also a good time to review all of your requirements for the Star Council Award. Has your council grown with new members? If you are still short of your goal for new members it’s not too late to plan a church drive. Work with your DD, Archdiocesan Growth Coordinator Bill Johannsen and your field agent.

**OYP SEP:** IT professionals like me are big on acronyms but this one in particular is important to your council to earn awards. Office of Youth Protection Safe Environment Program is required of your Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director. If you need the link to take the online program (it’s really easy to complete) have your Financial Secretary resubmit your council’s Form 365 and you will receive an email link. Also check to see if your SEP certification is expiring before June 30 (it is good for three years). Your DD can help you determine if you need to “re-up”.

**Know Your Benefits:** Check with your Field Agent to schedule Fraternal Benefit Event for your council and/or parish. Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights can also get credit for their councils with individual meetings with their Field Agents. Reach out to your

Field Agent because there’s not time like the present to get that requirement checked off and to learn what new benefits are available to you for being a Knight.

**No Time Like the Present:** Now is a great time to start lining up all your information and submit your Form SP-7 the **Columbian Award Application** to Supreme with all of your program data. Even if you have a program scheduled but it hasn’t occurred, mark it down and send the form in upon completion. The deadline for submission of the SP-7 may be June 30th **BUT SUBMIT IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** in case Supreme has an issue. If that happens it gives you time to correct the problem before the deadline.

*Every Council in the Ohio Jurisdiction has the ability to be a Star Council. No matter how large or how small.*

*The entire State Team starting with your District Deputy up to the State Deputy is eager for your success and this there to assist you in achieving that goal.*

**Conclusion:** We, the Knights in Ohio, reach the revered Circle of Honor by the charitable works we accomplish. But to be recognized with that honor the Supreme Council needs to know we are doing the great things we do - and that can only be accomplished by every council submitting the *Columbian Award Application* Form SP-7.

## State Chaplain Video Series Delayed

Just a quick update, our Worthy State Chaplain Father John Paul Walker had a little outpatient

surgery at the very start of the month and with the flurry of activity which occurs during Lent he wasn’t able to complete the April episode of his monthly series. So it will be a bit delayed this month. Father is doing well in his recovery but please keep him in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy

We Are Called



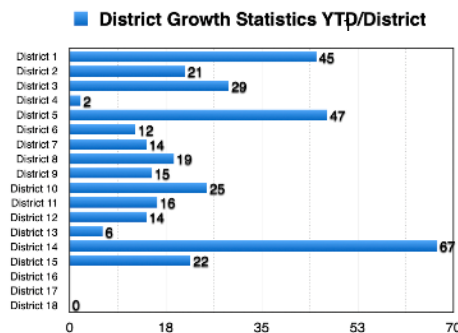
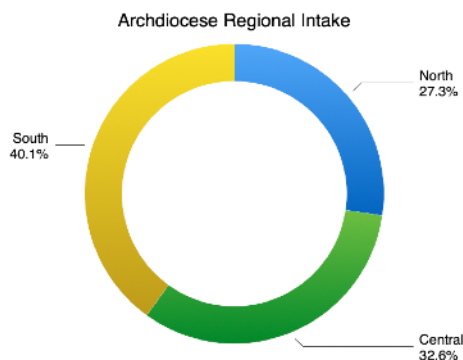
## March was a great month for a Growth – Thank You!

We continue to see great success with inviting men into our order one on one and with *The New Church Drive*. Some council have reported that they need help explaining the BCP Church Drive to their pastor. If this is the case let your District Deputy and your Field Agent know and they are more than happy to speak with Father or work with you on an alternative.

Don't forget there is still time to give "Welcome" cards to each of the (former) OCIA members who joined us in full communion with the Catholic Church this past Easter Vigil. For the men, provide a card with our JoinUs QR code and a *Why Join or 24 Hours Can Change Your Life* pamphlet. Make sure to include contact information in the card.

### plus...

You may wish to consider giving "Congratulations" cards to the first communicants "from the Knights of Columbus". This is also a great gesture which can also be applied to confirmandi.



## Archdiocese Council Leaderboard<sup>1</sup>

Council#	Dist #	Council Name	Goal	Intake	Needed for Star
1195	014	Archbishop Elder	15	33	-18
3890	003	St. Remy	7	13	-6
13608	012	St. John the Evangelist	9	14	-5
14834	012	Salve Regina	5	10	-5
3324	001	Fort Recovery	15	19	-4
5128	010	St. Malachy	7	11	-4
3730	005	Fr Wm P O'Connor	9	12	-3
12359	014	Joseph Cardinal Bernadin	10	13	-3
3724	005	Fairborn	14	15	-1
18217	005	Sagrado Corazón	5	6	-1
3873	006	Fr Wm Howard Bishop	5	6	-1
14400	009	Fr. Charles Mentrup	7	8	-1
16164	014	Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5	6	-1
10003	015	Fr John J. Wenzel, S.J.	7	8	-1
15533	017	St. Dominic - Delhi	5	6	-1
6144	005	A J Schutte	6	6	0
7981	005	Rev. J. Daniel Schuh	8	8	0
14563	010	Our Lady of Sorrows	5	5	0
2158	002	Fr. Kunkler	15	14	1
1756	003	St. Denis	15	14	1
14891	008	Our Lady of the Light	6	5	1
17092	009	Fr. Joseph Lutmer	5	3	2
14408	010	St. Francis Desales	5	3	2
15330	010	Holy Name of Jesus	5	3	2
10272	013	St. Susanna	7	5	2
1162	015	Norwood	5	3	2

List of councils who either met, exceeded, or are within one or two members of their fraternal year growth goal. Councils who obtain their goal, submit programs, and attend or host a Fraternal Benefit Event are eligible to achieve Star Council<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Numbers as of report dated April 8, 2026 not including eMembers who have not taken their exemplification.

<sup>2</sup>Council must also be SEP compliant.

### Excerpt from *The New Church Drive* pulpit announcement...

*"Knights of Columbus provides us the tools and resources we need to be better men, husbands, fathers and Catholics, and to be leaders in our homes, parish and community.*

*All men over 18 years old, please stand up.*

*Can you imagine the positive effect all of these men working together in brotherhood could have? Men, if you are 18 years or older, I invite you to join me, my family and the Knights of Columbus as we work to point the world to Jesus Christ."*



Jason Staas – General Agent  
 Jeff Cummons – Assistant General Agent  
 Chad Muhlenkamp – Assistant General Agent

Fraternal  
 Benefits

Brothers,

Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full.

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time.

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights has products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at [www.kofc.org/calculator](http://www.kofc.org/calculator). With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs.

If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

*The Knights of Columbus and its agents are not authorized to provide financial planning, legal or tax advice.*

*Life insurance, annuities, long term care insurance and disability income insurance is offered through Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Cash value growth is gradual and may take time to accumulate. Guarantees are based on the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance company. Access to the policy's cash values is through loans and withdrawals and will reduce the policy's cash value and death benefit, may result in a taxable event, and could cause the policy to lapse if not properly managed. Policy loans accrue interest.*





March 14, 2026 - State Deputy Michael Felerski rolls the ceremonial first ball to start the 2026 State Bowling Tournament.

The result was a 5-10 split.



State Bowling Tournament  
BeaverVu Bowl



**Congratulations to the 2026 State Basketball Free Throw Competition Winners held March 21st at Bishop Ready High School, Columbus**

GROUP	CONTESTANT	DIocese	COUNCIL	SCORE
9 year old boy	Kamden Blatch	Youngstown	10183	22
9 year old girl	Jillian Bright	Columbus	5429	15
10 year old boy	Charlie Siefker	Toledo	1757	21 + 5
10 year old girl	Brielle Vorst	Toledo	2238	17
11 year old boy	Aiden Callahan	Cleveland	7970	23
<b>11 year old girl</b>	<b>Cameron McNeilan</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>21</b>
12 year old boy	Joey Kessinger	Columbus	5776	23
12 year old girl	Parker Reynolds	Toledo	1362	24
<b>13 year old boy</b>	<b>Kellen Shepherd</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>8115</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>13 year old girl</b>	<b>Makayla Barga</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>14 year old boy</b>	<b>Joseph Nagel</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>10003</b>	<b>25</b>
14 year old girl	Sabrina Evans	Youngstown	11801	18

March 25, 2026 - At the conclusion of the annual Night with the Knights event held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary the Cincinnati Chapter Degree Team hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity to four seminarians and one lay person in the Bartlet Center on the Athenaeum campus.



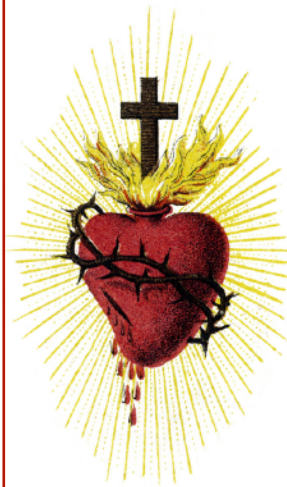
The new brother Knights were presented with their rosary and pin by seminarian Grand Knight Seth Rinderle.



Archdiocesan Annual Night with the Knights



**Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon**



YEAR	ASSIGNED DATE ON OR AFTER	CIN DD #
2025	COMPLETED	1
		2
		3
		4
		5
2026	COMPLETED	6
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		8
		9
		10
		11
		12
		13
		14
		15
		17
2027	COMPLETED	0
		0
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		0

**Praying the Steps in Mount Adams**



"At 12:01 A.M. each year on Good Friday in Cincinnati, Ohio, something extraordinary happens. People [many of whom are Knights] begin to gather at the base of the steps leading up to Holy Cross-Immaculata Church in Mt. Adams, preparing to take part in the tradition known locally as Praying the Steps."

Susan Hines-Brigger, St. Anthony Messenger

**Patriotic Degree Exemplification**

March 28, 2026 - Former Vice Supreme Master Edward Ponder addresses the new Dominican novices who were knighted into the Fourth Degree at Saint Gertrude school



# Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2025-2026



## Web Sites...

State Council Website: [www.kofcohio.org](http://www.kofcohio.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)  
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## About The Arch...

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Past Due*

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**They are ready to help you with your growth efforts.**

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