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Advent and the Gift of Brotherhood...

When I was young it seemed like Advent went on forever. By the time I was in the first week of Advent I had already dog eared both the Sears and J. C. Penny catalogs. Sure it was all about the toys but in a household of Polish decent it was also about the food. My family attempted midnight Mass several times and even coming home at two in the morning we opened presents. Everyone was exhausted. When my brother and I were teens it wasn't so bad since we liked staying up late anyhow. With mom and dad it was a different story.

Although it wasn't until I had hit my late teens and early twenties that the miracle of the birth of Jesus meant more than the gifts and food. But what also made a impactful difference was the birth of our first child and joining the Knights of Columbus.

Our Mission:
The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country.

Why is that I thought? It took me a little time to figure out why: It was the *fraternity*, the sharing of this special time with others. You see when Heather and I moved to Fairfield we moved away from most of our family and friends. But through a strange coincidence two college friends Barry and Ann had moved to Fairfield as well but they were busy with their own family and activities.

A couple of years in both Barry and I joined our council at the same time. Now we had more than just new friends, we had a new family, a Knights of Columbus family. I joined to drink beer and fry fish (I don't play cards, not well at least) and make a difference but so much more came in to focus as time went on. The benefits of belonging well outweighed the hard work on so many council programs.

It's sad to note that many of the great Knights I got to know have passed on over the years but we have made so many more new friends – brother Knights and their wives who I never would have met if it had not been for the Knights. Spiritually I know I am a better Catholic now. There were years before the Knights I

would not have prayed a single rosary or had one on my person. Now I've even memorized prayers I didn't know existed before joining. I grew spiritually in the Catholic faith though the examples of not just the older but also the younger Knights I've met.

A state deputy is always extremely thankful for all of the support he receives from his fellow Knights but more importantly for me is the gift of getting to know all of you and being able to call you my friend and my Knights of Columbus family. The *gift* of brotherhood.

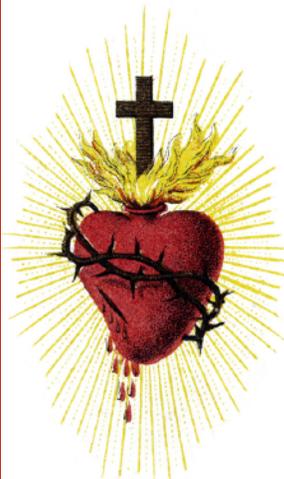
As we reflect on the great gift God gave us of his son and savior of the world let us enjoy this time with our families, continue working in charity, and building up His body together which is the church.

May you have a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas.

Faternally,

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy

Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon



YEAR	ASSIGNED DATE ON OR AFTER	CIN DD #
2025	COMPLETED	1
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	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
	5-Dec	0
2027	9-Jan	0



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Ohio State Council announces an end of the year special promotion for all councils!

Extend the Christmas cheer into the New Year by earning extra bonus cash this Advent!

Take part in the **Knights Before Christmas Holiday Incentive!**

The details:

OSC Knights Before Christmas Holiday Incentive
November 23rd (Feast of Christ the King)
through December 31st

For all Councils that gain new members between November 23rd and December 31, 2025:

- Councils that gain 2 new members get **\$25** cash bonus
- Councils that gain 3 new members get **\$50** cash bonus
- Councils that gain 4 new members get **\$75** cash bonus
- Councils that gain 5 new members get **\$100** cash bonus

Note that this reward requires you to ‘Transfer In’ these members.

They must be on your council roster on December 31st to earn the reward!

On Dasher, On Prancer, On Donner, On Blitzen! Time to invite!

Give the gift of Knighthood to those you love and care about!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Vivat Jesu

Mark F Kosobud
State Growth
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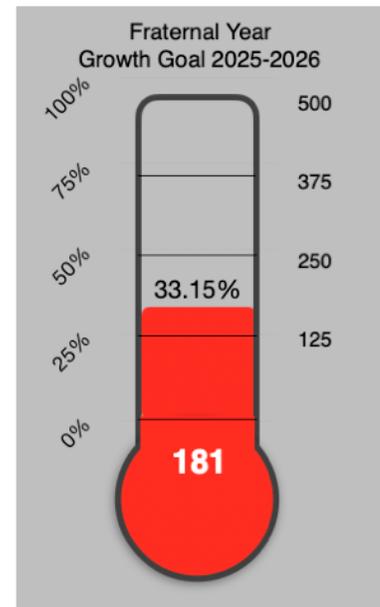
Why Council Mentors Matter

Back not long ago our council primarily relied on proposers to help bring along prospects and new members into our councils. With online membership some of that has changed however the need is still the same.

Often your council’s field agent is the first person the new member meets and the field agent may not belong to your council or attend all events. New members need a “mentor” to help bring them along into the council at least through the first year. Mentors work with these new members to introduce them to not only their brother Knights but also invite them to the activities and programs the council is involved in.

So now is the time to activate that welcoming committee and enlist the help of those brothers who would like to be council mentors.

As of November 30th





Our Mission is to give every Catholic School student in America an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration every month

I taught high school math in Ohio and Oklahoma for 8 years; 6 in public schools and 2 in Catholic. Towards the end of my career, I decided to incorporate "Motivational Mondays" within my weekly lesson plans. Why? Over time, I discovered it was more valuable for my students to learn faith and virtue over variables and equations.

It was the year 2018. One week, I decided to focus on a very specific theme: silence. I introduced the topic, I played a music video, and I led the class in a brief discussion. Afterwards, the Holy Spirit moved me to do an impromptu and informal survey. I asked all 7 classes, "How many of you just really enjoy silence? You're by yourself. Nobody is around to bother you. If this is you, raise your hand." To my surprise, almost all the students' hands went up.

With the results not aligning with my theory, I clarified the term silence in my follow-up. I said, "Now when I say silence, I don't just simply mean that you're by yourself with nobody bothering you. I mean - no phones, no music, no earbuds, no video games, no TV, no nothing...no controllable distractions; simply you, yourself, and your thoughts." The student response this time? Nearly every hand went down across all 7 class periods.

Why do I share this story? In a very real and tangible way, this experience revealed to me just how challenging it is for our youth to sit in silence. Maybe they are afraid to be alone by themselves, buried in the thoughts that run rampant in their minds? If a person is unable to break free of distraction, how can they discover their identity and purpose? Let's relate this theory to prayer. If prayer is a conversation with God, yet one can't sit in silence, how can a friendship with Him be developed? The world is noisy, and God whispers.

Right now, our youth are bombarded with more distractions than ever in human history. We are also living in a world with the highest anxiety, depression, and suicide rates amongst teens. This is no coincidence, and Satan is having a field day. However, to combat this evil, God gave us Jesus, Jesus gave us the Church, and the Church gave us the Sacraments.

Live Vertical believes that Jesus in the Eucharist is the Answer to the world's problems. In our years of experience, Live Vertical has discovered that students are truly desiring a relationship with Jesus. They want to learn how to pray. They are actively seeking truth and joy in a world filled with chaos and confusion. On a national level, there's proof of this yearning when you consider over 16,000 youth recently attended NCYC in Indianapolis. 16,000! We are in the midst of a Christian movement from the youth, and Live Vertical is here to help. How do we do it?

Our Mission is to give every Catholic School student in America an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration every month, culminating in a personal relationship with Jesus and a deep-rooted conviction to participate at Mass for the rest of their lives. We also serve schools in other ways. Our 4 Pillars are:

- 1) Guided Prayer in Eucharistic Adoration
- 2) Eucharistic Formation and Training for Staff
- 3) Eucharistic-Centered Retreats
- 4) Communal Eucharistic Consecration.

To demonstrate how important this ministry is to the Live Vertical Team, we serve at schools at no expense to them. We truly believe God is calling us to be His instrument, at this specific time, to convert hearts, to build up the Church, and to ultimately bring more souls to the eternal wedding banquet in heaven. I encourage you to visit our website at livevertical.org to learn more. Email me at kevin@livevertical.org if you would like to join us in this mission.

Kevin Grieshop
Area Director
Dayton/Cincinnati





Date and Location for the 2026 Regional Free Throw competition for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati:

Once again, it will be at Bishop Fenwick High School in Franklin on the fourth Sunday in February (February 22, 2026)

Thanks again to Brother Ryan Mulligan from Middletown Council #1610 for his help in securing the gym and setting up the event.

When: Sunday Feb 22, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.
Doors open and registration begins at 12:15 p.m.

Where: Bishop Fenwick High School
4855 State Route OH-122
Franklin, OH 45005

Hope to see many of you there along with the winning children from your district council competitions!



November 24, 2025



Big "THANKS" to Mike Felerski, State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus Ohio State Council for stopping by with a generous donation for The Hope Center. The Hamilton & Fairfield K of C organizations and it's members have been long time supporters of our mission. We appreciate you all and the great work you do in our communities all over the state of Ohio.

—Kim Nuxhall

This donation was made possible by the fundraising efforts for the Knights here in the archdiocese through the annual Measure-Up program. This year the \$1,000 donated was matched by the Hatton Foundation's million dollar match which ends this coming December 31st. The Hope Center facility will allow for indoor activities and the year round operation of the Joe Nuxhall miracle Fields.



Vision of the Order

Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic men's organization. Guided by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we build lifelong relationships with our members and families. We are multigenerational and international. We offer formation, mutual aid and financial security to members through our charity, products and outreach. We aspire to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus and to extend our charitable reach as widely as possible.



Jason Staas – General Agent
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Fraternal Benefits

Brothers,

A blessed Advent to you all.

As we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas, it’s undoubtedly a busy time of year for so many of us. There are meals to prepare, gatherings to attend and gifts to buy, but we know these are labors of love. We love our families and want this holy time of year to be special for them.

These moments we share with our families are precious, and they should cause us to reflect on what it is we cherish in our lives and strive to protect. What would life look like if the unexpected were to happen?

I invite you this season to consider protecting what matters most through the gift of life insurance.

The right life insurance coverage can mean financial security for your family. It can mean the ability for them to have income to help minimize the impact of an untimely death on their level of financial comfort. It can shield against debt or remaining mortgage payments, so your family is protected if you or your spouse dies unexpectedly.

Depending on your policy, it could also be the seeds of a growing financial legacy — a foundation to give your loved ones so they can continue to build upon what you’ve worked for.

Simply put, life insurance is the gift of protection and stability for the most important people in our lives.

Let’s schedule time to connect before the end of the year so we can explore affordable options together that can help make a big difference for your peace of mind in 2026 and for years to come.

Thank you!

Jason Staas





St. Dominic Delhi Knights of Columbus #15533
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This week PGK Joe Binder delivered coats from our new Coats for Kids program to Our Lady of Victory Food Pantry and St. Dominic school. A total of 72 coats were purchased with funds from our council and a generous donation from Joe. Additional coats will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society, the St. Dominic Giving Tree, and other worthy organizations.

👍👍 St. Dominic Delhi Knights of Columbus #15533 + 12 3 comments

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Supporting our Seminarians



State Family Director Michael Freil, Rev. Ryan T. Ruiz, S.L.D. Vice Rector and Director of Formation Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, State Deputy Michael Felerski attending the October 2025 Taste and See event at The Athenaeum of Ohio.



Measure-Up



Fairborn Council 3724's long term champion for Measure-Up is Brother Knight Harry Yarwick generating money through recycling cans. Brother Harry along with Grand Knight Tom Pitstick presented much needed checks to long term partners; Four Oaks Early Childhood Intervention of Greene County and Developmental Disabilities of Clark County.

On Mission

State Deputy Michael Felerski presents District Deputy Jeremy Begines with the Start District Award for the 2024-2025 fraternal year during the November Dayton Chapter Meeting.



State Deputy Michael Felerski pictured here next to the oldest Colorado council's charter while attending the Mid-year Meeting of State Deputies in Denver. Colorado will be the host jurisdiction for the 2026 Supreme Convention



#4 of all the jurisdictions



State District Deputy Director John Hoffman reported: "Everything went well" for the huge archdiocese Coats for Kids distribution which took place the afternoon of Friday November 14 at St. Francis of Assisi Church (Centerville). Shout out to all the brother Knights who helped including Arch DD Coordinator Tom Hahn.



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Web Sites...

State Council Website: www.kofcohio.org
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