

Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus –February 2026



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Brrrrrr

If anything the Knights in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are determined and unstoppable in our support of our communities even during a prolonged arctic blast. Due to the weather we thought recruitment would be down a bit – nope. Maybe programs would be canceled – nope, just postponed. We even considered that meetings would be canceled but instead we found warmth in our churches and council halls. When our communities needed us the most we were there shoveling driveways, delivering food, and checking in on brother Knights, family, and neighbors. It is what we do and is the first principal of our Order.

Why Confession?

February brings the start of a new two part video series from our Worthy State Chaplain, Father John Paul Walker O.P. on *Why Confession?* As always, Father offers practical insights into our faith and Lent is an important time to reflect on the sacrament of Reconciliation. You can find Father’s video and all the state videos on the state YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@ohiostatecouncilknightsofc5755>

These short ten minute videos can be shared with your council members and family. They can also be used for your council’s Cor gathering. Not hosting Cor? Why not start now with Father’s video. Invite all the men of your parish to attend, watch the video, discuss the topic as it relates to everyone. Then enjoy some homemade chili or soup (meatless if it’s Friday) and see if your council chaplain can offer confession at the conclusion.

Time for a Check Up

Now is a great time to check on your council’s progress in achieving the Star Council Award. Often overlooked is the **Safe Environment Program**. Remember it is **required** that the council Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director

complete the course. Honestly it does not take all that much time to complete both parts and once completed and you are certified you are good for three years.

Fraternal Benefit Events. Make sure to reach out to your field agent to schedule Fraternal Benefit Events (FBEs). Set up a night to invite all the members of your parish to attend. You will not only learn something but you might just gain some new members. Benefits are like an iceberg, there is a **lot** more under the surface.

Programs. Make sure to enter your programs online at the state website. It’s super easy to do even on your phone and when the fraternal year ends it provides a repository for all your Form SP-7 information.

Never underestimate your council’s ability to earn Star Council. Earning it is easier than you think!

Stay warm brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

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
		2
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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



Congratulations Councils

As we close out January the following councils met, exceeded, or are within reach of their *Growth Goal* for this fraternal year. Congratulations and keep on inviting more men to become members:

Council	Dist	Name	Goal	YTD	Need
1756	003	St. Denis	15	13	2
3890	003	St. Remy	7	9	-2
3724	005	Fairborn	14	12	2
3730	005	Fr Wm P O'Connor	9	8	1
6144	005	A J Schutte	6	6	0
3873	006	Fr Wm Howard Bishop	5	4	1
14400	009	Fr. Charles Mentrup	7	5	2
5128	010	St. Malachy	7	10	-3
14563	010	Our Lady of Sorrows	5	5	0
15330	010	Holy Name of Jesus	5	3	2
13608	012	St. John the Evangelist	9	13	-4
14834	012	Salve Regina	6	5	1
1195	014	Archbishop Elder	15	30	-15
12359	014	Joseph Cardinal Bernadin	10	12	-2
10003	015	Fr John J. Wenzel, S.J.	7	5	2
15533	017	St. Dominic - Delhi	5	5	0

Note: The above numbers were taken from the January 30th Supreme Membership Progress Report.

How are these councils so successful? Many of them utilized the *New Church Drive* (a.k.a. the BCP). Several councils have church drives scheduled for February when, along with March, we should see our best period of intake. Work with your pastor, district deputy, and field agent to schedule one. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Think of all the things your council could accomplish with ten new members. And yes it is possible in one weekend to achieve that. If you run a proper *New Church Drive* and don't welcome at least one new member Mark Kosobud will eat his own hat!*

Although the Arch is in third place among the dioceses in Ohio based on our growth goal we have still brought in more members overall. If you have any questions you can reach out to me any time.

Financial Secretaries please **check your prospect tabs** in Member Management. You never know when out of the blue someone decided to sign up online and would like to join your council (a.k.a transfer). Then have a brother Knight reach to him and invite him attend a meeting and a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification so he can transfer in.

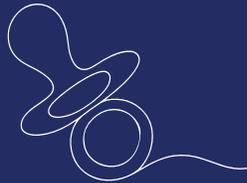
*Ok, I probably should check with Mark before I wrote this.



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Join ASAP – Council Incentive

**Provide life saving
support to women
and children in your
community
– join ASAP!**



Council Benefit:

- Earn an additional \$250 donation for one pregnancy resource center or maternity home your council supported through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program.

The Bonus:

- The top 10 recruiting councils will also receive an additional \$750 for the pregnancy resource or maternity home, bringing the total incentive to \$1,000 for those winners!
 - o Please note, the top ten recruiting councils will be chosen based on the February 1st through March 31st time frame.

The Requirements:

- Exemplify a minimum of 3 new members from 02/01/2026- 03/31/2026
- Participate in the ASAP program (min. \$500 donation) any time from 7/1/25 - 6/30/26
- To qualify, councils must apply for ASAP through the online form at kofc.org/asap or this link. Councils that have already received a grant through ASAP in the 2025-26 fraternal year do not need to reapply. This \$250 will be in addition to the standard amount your council already earns(ed) as part of the standard ASAP program.

Help your council's impact reach new heights this year. Extend the hand of brotherhood and encourage Catholic men to Join ASAP!

*For Insurance jurisdictions only. Other restrictions apply.



Worthy State Deputy:

The funds provided by the Ohio Charity Foundation were used to fund a Kentucky Fried Chicken luncheon for the patients at the Dayton VA. This is very popular with the patients due to the welcome change from institutional food, which is their usual diet.

Vivat Jesus!



Bob Burns, FDD, PGK, PFN
VAVS Representative
Dayton Chapter



Dayton Chapter



Save \$10 on your registration by using the promo code: **KOFC**



11TH ANNUAL

E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE Put on the Armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. -Ephesians 6.11

Four Pillars for Godly Men

FAITH INTEGRITY WITNESS SACRIFICE

8AM TO 3:30PM
FEBRUARY 21 Saturday 2026

EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

35 minutes NW of Cincy
60 minutes SE of Indy
1 Trojan Place
St. Leon, IN 47022



Fr. Jonathan Meyer Tim Francis Ryan Olohan Devin Schadt Kevin Wells

WWW.E6CATHOLICMENSCONFERENCE.COM

Congratulations



State Deputy Michael Felerski presents District Deputy Jeremy Begines with the Star District Award for the 2024-2025 fraternal year during the November Dayton Chapter Meeting. Jeremy was also the recipient of the District Deputy of the first half of the fraternal year award which was presented at the DD Mid-Year Meeting in January.

Service

State Deputy Michael Felerski is pictured here with the Archdiocese Director of Faith Formation at the Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting in January.

During the Saturday night dinner State Advocate Tony Offenberger presented Mr. Ater with a check in the amount of \$12,038.16 from this year's Matching Funds Campaign. This included a match of \$5,400 to the archdiocese from the Ohio Charity Foundation. Thank you brothers!



Faith



Kevin Grieshop from Live Vertical receives a \$5,000 check from Ohio Charity Foundation president Michael Felerski.

Live Vertical applied for a grant from the foundation in January. Live Vertical "guide[s] teens to Christ while working with high school campus ministers and staff to build up structures and systems for long - term and transformative evangelization" within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati promoting Eucharistic Adoration and more.



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!



Bring Your

A-TEAM

to the 2026 Super Cash Bonanza Road Show(s).

Dayton Chapter Region and the Northern Archdiocese
Saturday, February 14, 2026
- 3:00 PM -
Hosted by Marian Council #3754
at Saint Paul Church
1000 W. Wenger Road
Englewood, OH 45322
Starting promptly at 3:00 PM

Cincinnati Chapter Region and Eastern Counties
Saturday, February 14, 2026
- 7:00 PM -
Hosted by Saint Michael
Council #3382
11144 Spinner Avenue
Sharonville, OH 45241
Starting promptly at 7:00 PM

IMPORTANT: Two (2) brother Knights from your council must attend the event in order to qualify for the additional ten cents per ticket sales incentive.



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

Fraternal
Benefits

Do you want to *waive* your ^{Supreme} *per capita* this year?*

Recruit your top men to become Knights of Columbus Financial Professionals! Just **one** successful candidate equals 100% reduction in assessment.*



1

Promote the Career to Your Members

Learn more about the career at www.kofc.org/agentcareers and visit Supplies online to find all promotional materials

2

Have Your Candidate Apply

Scan the QR code below, and be sure the candidate uses the referral code: **2026Incentive**

3

Your Candidate Becomes an Agent

After becoming an Agent, he will complete a training program

4

Your Agent Completes Six Months

Your candidate must complete six months under contract as an Agent for your council to qualify

5

All Per Capita Fees Waived

All per capita fees waived at the end of the applicable billing cycles



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To apply, scan the QR Code, using the referral code: **2026Incentive**



Referral Incentive only applies to FA's with at least 6 months of tenure.
 Per Capita includes all Supreme Council Assessments for the 2026 Fraternal year.

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**This applies only to a council's Supreme per capita. Council State per capita payment is not waived.*



Salute to Religious and Vocations
Immaculate Heart of Mary
7820 Beechmont Ave
Cincinnati (Anderson), OH 45255
Thursday April 09, 2026

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter Knights of Columbus will present its biannual "Salute to Religious and Vocations" on Thursday April 09, 2026, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (7820 Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45255).

The principal speaker will be Archbishop Robert Casey of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Program for the evening is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m. - Cocktails
7:20 p.m. - Invocation & Dinner
8:10 p.m. - Speakers Program
9:00 p.m. - Closing Prayer & Adjournment

We look forward to your participation in honoring the priest, deacons, religious and seminarians of the Greater Cincinnati area, along with honoring our Clergy and Religious of the Year recipients. We will select a clergy of the year and a religious of the year. (Please email your nomination to stevfeis@gmail.com). Please invite all priests, deacons, and religious in your council parishes, including your RSVP seminarians, to this important event.

Reservations must be received no later than March 26, 2026. As in past years, table location and seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be NO dinner seating sold at the door. Cost will be \$35.00 per person, with each council paying the dinner costs of all priests, deacons, or religious invited by that council.

Steven Feist - Chairman 513-965-1073

RESERVATION FORM

Council # party will include (Number) people.

Enclosed is \$ @ \$35.00 per person.

Make checks payable to: GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER KofC

Mail to: Steven Feist
4198 S Gensen Loop
Cincinnati, Ohio 45245

Payment must accompany reservation form before seat assignment is made. There will be no refunds. Net proceeds will be given to the Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

2026 Coats for Kids

Ohio was #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, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi Church (Centerville).

Shout out to to all the brother Knights who helped make this happen including Arch DD Coordinator Tom Hahn.

Measure-Up



Ohio Charity Foundation president Michael Felerski presents a check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Measure-Up Campaign to Kim Nuxhall for the Joe Nuxhall Hope Center building project to provide year round activities for those with developmental and other disabilities.

Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2025-2026



Web Sites...

State Council Website: www.kofcohio.org
 Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/
 Dayton Chapter: www.daytonkofc.org
 Cincinnati Chapter: www.cincykofc.org
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