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Happy New Year!

Wow did 2026 come on fast. It seems like just the other day it was the start of the new fraternal year, and now it is six months later. As is mentioned during the installation of officers, there arises many opportunities to take stock of our advancement, both in the spiritual and material sense, to repair omissions, to correct errors, and to plan for a brighter future. A time when inventory must be taken, past achievements weighted, evaluated, and future plans, conceived, and appraised. Now is such a time.

So far in the first six months the councils in the archdiocese have been very successful in our recruitment efforts. Inviting men to join by utilizing the new Church Drive method (also referred to as the BCP: Brandon Chambers Process) has been very fruitful for new members.

No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lamp stand so that those who enter may see the light.

Luke 8:16

In the spiritual sense we have more councils implementing the Cor initiative than ever before. If you are thinking about starting Cor and need help your Cor Coordinator Robert Richter is more than happy to attend your council meeting to explain how easy it is. Just reach out to him (see last page).

Fifty nine of the eighty four active councils in the Arch are compliant with the Safe Environment Program. Compliancy is required to obtain Star Council. If you still have questions about are are having issues access the really easy training (good for three years) contact your district deputy, he can help with that.

This year was the inaugural year for the state level Coats for Kids program which allowed us to receive the buy one get one benefit from Supreme. Prior to becoming State Deputy this was a goal of mine to negotiate with Supreme and they were gracious enough to approve. Check your email for an extension of this program.

38 archdiocesan councils participated in the 2025 Measure-Up program with the top council in the state

being our own St. Joseph of the Three Rivers council 11550 collecting \$12,250 on their own! The Cincinnati Chapter's LaSalle council 5621 came in second place in the state in division 4 with \$2,339.40 collected. Thank you brother Knights and all the participating councils for your hard work. With that, however we were down this year by about \$10K over the previous two years.

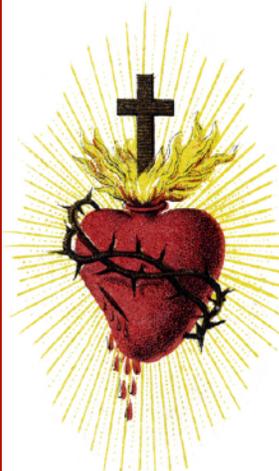
We had another successful Matching Funds campaign this year in support of religious education in the Archdiocese. Although I do not have the final numbers as of this writing but it is somewhere in the neighborhood of just over \$12K. Again, thank you brothers for your support.

All of this success does not even scratch the surface of all that our councils are doing every day and every week, too many to mention here. Keep up the great work for the second half of this fraternal year.

Fraternally,

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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	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



Congratulations Brothers - We're #2!

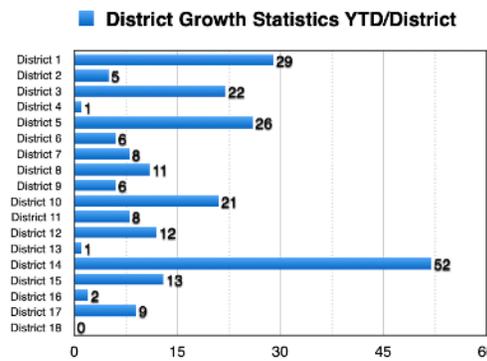
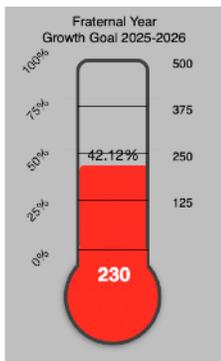
As this is being written the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is in second place with regard to our state diocesan goal for the 2025-2026 fraternal year tying the Cleveland diocese. This is important because as the largest diocese we have the highest total goal. Our conversion rate for eMembers to Council members (our "e" to "C") is good as well. Although we know we will never be able to move every eMember into a council it is important to continue reaching out those men on the financial secretary's "prospect tab".



The process is easy and Vic Lauterbach can check to see if there are any eMembers in your area you can reach out to.

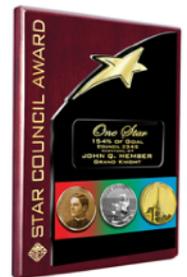
We have seen great success utilizing the *New Church Drive* method (a.k.a. the BCP). If you need help with running the *New Church Drive* contact your field agent and he will guide you through the process.

Here are a few statistics from the first half of this fraternal year:



Arch Council Growth Status

#Achieved 100%+	7 Councils
Non Recruiting	30 Councils
Recruiting	55 of 84 Councils
% Recruiting	65%



Our Mission

The E6 Catholic Men's Conference is designed to bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through: a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to good resources to aid them in living their faith as disciples of Christ. In a world that is losing a truly biblical understanding of masculinity, fatherhood and brotherhood, this conference aims at equipping men to put on the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) and stand as men of Christ.

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

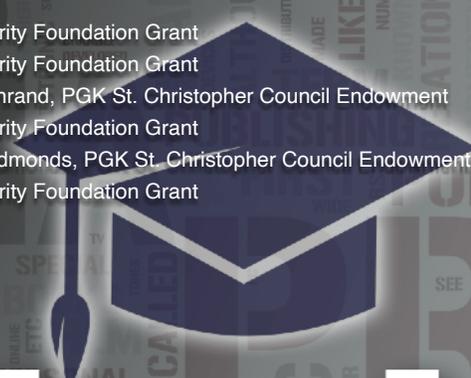
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Congratulations

Cincinnati Archdiocese

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| Gabriel Memering | Archbishop Carroll | Ohio Charity Foundation Grant |
| Andrew Farmer | Chaminade Julianne | Ohio Charity Foundation Grant |
| Jonathan Knapp | Elder | Albert Schrand, PGK St. Christopher Council Endowment |
| Dominic Daly | La Salle | Ohio Charity Foundation Grant |
| Bethany Temaj | Seton | Ronald Edmonds, PGK St. Christopher Council Endowment |
| Anna Evers | Stephen T. Baden | Ohio Charity Foundation Grant |

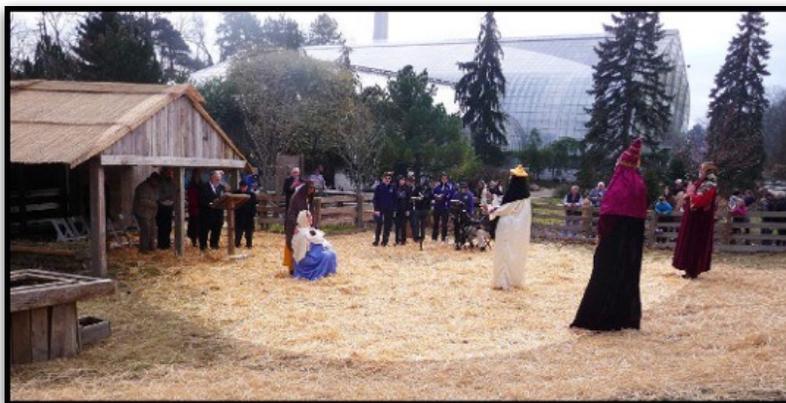


2025-2026

Scholarship Awardees

Supported by the Knights of Columbus in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Coming of the Wise Men to the Crib of the Nativity Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 12:30 pm



Since 1939, the Western and Southern Financial Group, the Cincinnati Chapter Knights of Columbus, and Dixie View Nursery have presented the Visitation of the Three Kings at the outdoor Nativity scene in front of Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park. This event occurs Sunday, January 4th, 2026, at 12:30 p.m., with the Choir singing 30 minutes of Christmas carols. At 1:00 pm, the play begins. After the actors exit the stage, they assemble by the stable for audience photos while the choir continues caroling for 20-30 minutes.

Knights are cordially invited to bring family and friends to witness this long-running production of the 'Greatest Story Ever Told'!

Respectfully yours,

Ed Stadnik
Chairman of the Keep Christ In Christmas Committee
Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Knights of Columbus

Presented by
Western & Southern Financial Group
The Biedenharn Family/ Dixie View Nursery
The Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Knights of Columbus



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...

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

Brother Knights,

Brad Wolf was a husband, a father and a Knight of Columbus.

When he passed away suddenly in 2023, his decision to obtain a Knights of Columbus insurance policy became a lifeline for his family – allowing his wife, Dena, and their daughter, Riley, to remain in their home.

A past grand knight for his council in Texas, Brad couldn't foresee the future when he purchased his policy. But his choice made all the difference for Dena and Riley as they grieved and felt themselves supported by their Knights of Columbus community.

"That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about," said Michael Bryant, the Wolfs' Knights of Columbus field agent. "We're there to assist that person that is left behind, to make sure that they're cared for, for the rest of their life."

What would your loved ones' financial reality be if you or your spouse passed away unexpectedly? Like Brad, you can give them the same level of personal attention and care that the Wolf family experienced after his passing. You can shield them from financial hardship. And you can partner with a dedicated field agent like Michael who carries out Blessed Michael McGivney's legacy of serving brother Knights and their families.

It starts with reaching out to your agent to learn more about the affordable insurance solutions he can offer.

We are here for you and your family.

Fraternally,

Jason Staas



Knights Around the Arch

Faith in Action



Kudos to Fort Recovery Council 3324 for having 270 kids along with their parents at their annual "Kick Off to Christmas" party this year. "The Children learned about Mary and Joseph and the reason for the season."



Faith and Community



State Deputy Michael Felerski presents District Deputy Ken Bernier (left) and Thomas Hahn (right) with the Star District Award for the 2024-2025 fraternal year during the December Cincinnati Chapter Meeting respectively.

Chapter Advent Party and at the November Cincinnati Chapter Meeting respectively.

On Mission

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
 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: www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh_Arch_Newsletter.html

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September '26*

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*Starts this
spring*

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*Starts in
February*

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