

The Arch

# Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## Knights of Columbus – July 2025



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## We are Called!

Welcome to a brand new fraternal year and also the start of a new administration for 2025-2027. My theme for the next two years is simply: We Are Called.

We are called to this vocation of charity. Called to leave no neighbor behind by helping the needy and the outcast. Called to evangelization. But we are not here to preach but instead spread to the good word through our actions and to help good Catholic men be better husbands, fathers and even better practicing Catholics and share the faith with each other. Ultimately we are called to live in a way acceptable to Christ.

I am truly excited for the next two years! I believe I have assembled one of the best state teams. Every member of the team is passionate about his position. Plus with coming off two back to back Circle of Honor years we have incredible momentum as we enter the month of July.

Mark Kosobud is my State Growth Director and Mark brings years of management experience from his professional life. Mark is a motivational speaker and I believe he can appeal to everyone. Vic Lauterbach is my eMembership coordinator. I always refer to Vic (lovingly) as a squirrel on caffeine when it comes to helping councils convert eMembers to council members. If you ever have a question about eMembership or your prospect tab in member management, Vic will have the answer.

Bill Johannsen is our Arch Growth coordinator. Bill's dry sense of humor and matter-of-fact and concise remarks at meetings is a great asset. You can find his first article on the Supreme competition in this issue.

Robert Richter returns wearing the hat of not only a DD but also as the Arch Cor Coordinator. He has a passion for Cor and is also on the state liturgical team and works under State Cor Director Arron Meir.

John Hoffman is my State District Deputy Director. DDs are often our first resource when it comes to council questions and John is there to help support his

DDs throughout Ohio with answers if they come up short. John is responsible for running the two DD weekends each fraternal year, a daunting task at times. But with his organizational skills it's like clockwork.

Tom Hahn also joins the team with three hats to wear: Cincinnati Chapter President, District Deputy, and Arch DD Coordinator. Tom's project management and speaking skills are a great asset to the team.

¿No hablas español? No problem! Robert Hernandez continues his role as our K of C liaison to the Hispanic community. Supreme has now introduced mentors for new and struggling Spanish speaking councils so this will help Robert out as he can be found at any time all over the state. If you speak Spanish and are interested in becoming a District Deputy for the Spanish speaking community, please let Robert and myself know. We would love to bring you onboard.

Finally, don't worry, Andrew Nuckols isn't going anywhere. He is getting a well deserved rest after guiding us to back to back Circle of Honor years. Well, I'm not sure about the rest part as he is my State Staff Director utilizing his incredible organization skills.

The State Team is made up of Tim Mangan as State Program Director, Chris Crum State Faith Director, Michael Incorvati State Life Director, Matt Smith State Community Director, and Michael Friel our the State Family Director. I have also brought Greg Singlar on board in the new position of State Coats for Kids Coordinator to put together a better deal on coat purchases in bulk from Supreme via the state. More on that later plus a new spring role for him as well.

## Tempus Fugit

Sometimes it's hard to believe I am now the 63<sup>rd</sup> State Deputy for the great jurisdiction of Ohio. It seems like just yesterday I was running for State Warden. Thank you all for supporting me in the past and future.

*Lord I don't know what your plan is for me but  
I will humble myself to do the best I can for you.*

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy



## Fishers of Men: Extend the Invitation

July 1 - October 31, 2025

*A Supreme Growth Competition for Councils*

### Rules and Criteria

The United States and Canada are split into five territories as shown below. The top three recruiting councils by total membership gains and the top 25 recruiting councils by percentage of quota in each territory will receive money from the Supreme Council Home Office to use toward holding a council/parish event during the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

Councils must meet a minimum of 100% of their 2025-2026 fraternal year membership quota between July 1 - October 31, 2025, to earn the award. Refer to the breakdown of payouts above and the criteria for hosting your event below. A council can potentially earn the award in both categories, thereby receiving more money for their event.

By Total Gains (min. 100% of Quota)      1st Place (1 per territory) - \$2,000 + a film crew at event (details below)  
2nd Place (1 per territory) - \$1,000  
3rd Place (1 per territory) - \$750

By Percentage of Quota (min. 100% of Quota)      1st Place (1 per territory) - \$2,000  
2nd Place (1 per territory) - \$1,000  
3rd Place (1 per territory) - \$750  
4th - 25th Place (22 per territory) - \$250

### Winners Criteria

Each council that receives money for their event from the Supreme Council Home Office is **required to use the money to host a council/parish event during the 2025-2026 fraternal year**. The event should ultimately help drive additional growth for your council and attract men in your parish and community. For example, you might host a family friendly event, a charitable event, or parish men's retreat. Councils are encouraged to take pictures of their event, share them on Facebook and/or Instagram, and tag @kofc\_official so the Supreme Council can reshare your post with brother Knights around the world.

**The five councils from each territory that earn first place for total membership gains** will be required to work with their state council and regional growth director on planning their council event. The Supreme Council Home Office will send a film crew to the event if it meets proper criteria (more details to follow). The video will be shared Order-wide and on social media, including YouTube, to highlight the council event and encourage other men to join the Order.

### **How can my council achieve 100% of quota and earn this award?**

**Work with your District Deputy to create a strategy.** Develop a membership growth strategy and action plan with your DD. Consider the tactics below as you create this plan. **There are many resources on Supplies Online** to help you invite new members to join — these include the "Fishers of Men" catalog and "Membership Videos" to use at events and on council social media accounts.

**Talk with your pastor. Your pastor is one of your strongest allies.** Work with him to find a weekend to hold a Church Drive after all Masses or during a parish-wide event. Additionally, ask him if there are men in your parish that he thinks would be good additions to your council. Using this list, utilize the invitational resources in the "Fishers of Men" catalog on Supplies Online. Extend personal invitations to these men by either sending a card, text message or email. Samples of these can be found in the *Fishers of Men* Guidebook. A great resource.

**Plan a Church Drive.** Plan at least one Church Drive during the quarter. Consider partnering with your local General Agent/Field Agent. They are professional recruiters and can offer excellent assistance with your event. Along with the Church Drive Kit available on Supplies Online, here are some suggested supplemental items to consider using:

- (11586) "Point the World to Jesus Christ" - Trifold
- (11730) Fraternal Benefits Card\_Generic (insert these into a brochure)
- (11689F\_E) - Join Online Card - Fraternal
- (10099E) - "24 Hours Can Change Your Life" Brochure
- (FOM-GUIDE) Sample Pulpit Announcement in the Fishers of Men Guidebook



Your 2025-2027 State Officers



Michael J. Felerski  
State Deputy



Fr. John Paul Walker O.P.  
State Chaplain



Jeffrey Kiliany  
IPSD



James Maslach  
State Secretary



Christopher Sarka  
State Treasurer



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State Advocate



M. Stewart Vetter  
State Warden

2025-2027 Archdiocesan and State Team



Thomas Hahn  
Arch District Deputy  
Coordinator



William Johannsen  
Arch Growth  
Coordinator



Robert Richter  
Arch Cor Coordinator



Andrew Nuckols  
State Staff Director



Robert Hernandez  
State Hispanic  
Coordinator +



Mark Kosobud  
State Growth Director



Vic Lauterbach  
State eMembership  
Coordinator



John Hoffman  
State District Deputy  
Coordinator



Jason Staas  
State Insurance Liaison

Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon

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.



YEAR	ASSIGNED DATE ON OR AFTER	CIN DD #
2025	COMPLETED ✓	1
	COMPLETED ✓	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
2027	31-Oct	0
	5-Dec	0
	9-Jan	0



As Catholics we are called to give

## BE A BETTER STEWARD OF YOUR MONEY

Generosity is at the heart of our Catholic faith. We are called to emulate God’s generosity by extending compassion, love, and aid to those in need. Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund helps cheerful givers maximize their generosity in a way that is distinctly and unapologetically Catholic. It’s who we’ve always been, and it’s who we’ll always be.

### Donor-Advised Fund

Make charitable contributions now, then recommend gifts later

### Aligned with Your Faith

Benefit charities that don’t conflict with the Catholic faith

### Give Smarter

More creative ways to reach your charitable goals

### Tax Benefits

Potentially increase amounts to charity & your tax deduction

Learn more about the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund at: <https://www.knightscharitable.org/>



**Contribute**



**Grow**



**Give**



## 2025 Ohio State Council State Tour

### Western Route



Michael J. Felerski  
State Deputy

#### Presentation of the Support Our Seminarians Check

Father Michael Willig, the Archdiocese’s new Vocations Director will be onboard had to receive our gracious donations collected as part of the 2024-2025 Support Our Seminarians program.

#### Saturday, July 12, 2025 Cincinnati Archdiocese

Bainbridge Hall  
267 Bainbridge St.  
Dayton, OH 45402

Host: Dayton 500 Council  
**Lunch @ 12:15 PM**  
**Meeting @ 1:00 PM**

#### Meet the New State Team

Several familiar local faces are a part of State Deputy Michael Felerski’s state team.

#### Free Money!

Pick up your 2025 Football Fund Craze tickets and earn free money for your council by selling them to your friends and neighbors!

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# Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2025-2026



## 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: [www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh\\_Arch\\_Newsletter.html](http://www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh_Arch_Newsletter.html)

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**Starting Now!**

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**Returns  
September 2025**

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**Returns in 2026**

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**Your Delta Church  
Drive & eMember  
Experts!**

## Archdiocese Growth Coordinator

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

## Super Cash Bonanza\*

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**Returns in 2026**

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**Due this Month**

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