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It is not too late to submit your SP-7 !!

and why you should

Brother's there is still time to submit your Form SP-7. It is due by the last day of June. I still get asked: "Why should a council submit an SP-7, we didn't make our growth goal?" The reason is that the SP-7 is not just about Star Council.

When you submit your SP-7 you have the opportunity to be awarded up to three Supreme awards:

COLUMBIAN AWARD

This award recognizes excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award your council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. You've done the work so why not get credit?

FOUNDER'S AWARD

The Founders' Award recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal **benefits**. All councils must host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefit Events during the fraternal year. You may **still have time** to book a Fraternal Benefit Event (FBE) with your field agent. This was the a key par of why Blessed Michael McGivney founded our order.

FATHER MCGIVNEY AWARD

This award recognizes excellence in your council's membership growth. To earn this award your council must meet or exceed its yearly membership quota. The quota is 6% increase in the council's membership as of July 1 (intake only, minimum of five and maximum of fifteen). This can often be the toughest to achieve but is very doable. **Financial Secretaries**, check the portal and prospect tabs in Member Management, there may just be an eMember sitting out there waiting to be invited into your council! If

Financial Secretaries: If you don't know how and where to look, contact one of our Diocesan Growth Coordinators, Vic or Mark and they will check for you!

BE BOLD

Regardless of which award your council earns you will have the bracing rights for your parish bulletin and for your community. So **BE BOLD** and lunge for the finish line - there's still time!

We have a new State Warden elect!

At this year's State Convention there was a great horse race for the office of State Warden and the delegates elected M. Stewart Vetter to be that next State Warden for the Jurisdiction of Ohio. Many of you will remember Stew's father and also Stew's days in the Squires as Chief Squire.



Congratulations to Steward and his lovely wife Melissa. You will make a great addition to the team.

State Deputy elect Visits Supreme

As you can imagine my dance card has been pretty full the last few weeks which explains the tardiness of this issue. Eight days after the conclusion of the State Convention Heather and I were on our way to New Haven, CT for five days of Supreme training during the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies. Four and a half full days of meetings and on Friday June 6, 2025 in Saint Mary's church we attended the Mass and Conferral of Medals of Office for the state deputies-elect.



We had a wonderful time but now, as my lovely wife put it, the real work begins. That you brother Knights who have supported me all these years through the chairs. It has been an incredible journey and now a new one begins.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy - Elect



First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Graduations. Sounds like the end of Spring with Summer just around the corner! This often means it is time to look back and reflect on the year and start planning for the next. And with officer elections, budget proposals for the new Fraternal year, it can be a busy time, making it easy to overlook our inviting efforts. Please don't let it! We need to finish the year strong and that means everyone needs to be out inviting men to join our ranks and fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's vision of a strong, united Order.

This is not just the Grand Knight or Membership Director job! There are ample occasions to do a bit of inviting wherever your council is active in you parish or parish family. All of these are moments when we can show the strength of our unity as well as our charitable activities – and ask someone to join us! For those councils with a COR program underway, consider combining your inviting efforts with your COR event, allowing you to invite non-Knights to witness the power we have in our unity in faith, as well as our charitable works.

Remember, March and October are NOT the “only” two months when you can do a church drive! Any time – and for any reason – is adequate – inviting is not a date, it's a mindset! Ask your pastor about a date for a June church drive (Father's Day weekend?), then put a team in place to take maximum advantage of it! Use the Delta Church Drive process to get the word out prior to the date, this helps drive awareness of your effort and is a starting point in inviting men to join your council. Delta Church Drives, if done correctly (i.e. following the plan and timing Supreme has laid out) – will bring at least three new members into your council. It's not hard, it just takes a bit of persistence and the help of your fellow Knights.

When you get a candidate, get him to a CUF Degree as soon as possible! Be sure your council has a CUF team ready to go or volunteer to lead one if your council doesn't. Do a degree once a month, more if needed – try to plan a degree where a man's family can attend as well. The sooner a man (and his family) is a member of your council, the more likely he'll be to stay involved!

Go for STAR! The requirements are not overwhelming and when you achieve that recognition, be sure your parish knows of your success! Follow up on the details like Fraternal Benefit Evenings and Safe Environment requirements now, early in the month. Don't wait until the last week to do this, only to be shut out of the reward due to technicality!

Both of your Archdiocese Growth Coordinators (Vic & Mark) as well as your council's District Deputy are ready and willing to assist your councils in setting up and running Delta Church Drive in your parish (or family of parishes) or other types of inviting efforts based on your local needs. Additionally, we're here to help you with all of your Growth questions!

Above all, always be ready to talk about being a Knight of Columbus. Keep it short and keep it personal. Just as we need to witness to our Faith, we need to witness to being a Knight. Keep the eMembership Join page bookmarked on your phone so you can call it up quickly. Be sure your prospect knows your council number and can apply it in the eMembership form. Every Catholic man should have the opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus! Someone once invited each of us to join - now it's our turn to go out and invite someone else!

Till next month – Vivat Jesu!

Mark Kosobud

In person Exemplification of Charity - Unity - Fraternity
Tuesday Jun 24, 2025 · 7pm – 8pm
K of C St. John's West Chester
9080 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd
West Chester OH 45069



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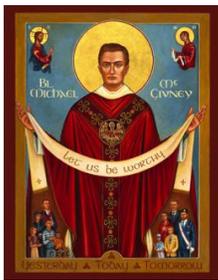


Keep Ohio in the Circle of Honor

Ohio Brother Knights, we had a strong third quarter of membership Growth. Let us keep that going and keep Ohio in the Circle of Honor for the second year in the row. State Deputy Jeff Kiliany wants to reward all the councils for their hard work.

Any council that makes 130% of Council Growth Goal for the entire year will have option of either 16 x 20 unframed print of Blessed Fr. McGivney Icon or 24 x 36 Membership Drive Banner – Custom Council from Knights Gear. Ohio membership goal of 2,000 new Brother Knights, we are 500 members away.

Blessed Fr. Mc Givney Icon



Membership Drive Banner



Fourth Quarter Member Incentive:

The Fourth Quarter Incentive runs from April 1st until June 30th. No reporting necessary, just bring in new Brother Knights into Ohio!

Any council that brings in two members will entered into a drawing for \$300.00. If your council brings in three new members, it will receive a \$25.00 Gift Card in addition to being entered in the \$300 drawing. Any council that brings in four or more members will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card in addition to being entered in the \$300 drawing.

Any District Deputy that brings in six or more members for his district will receive \$50.00 Gift Card.

End of Fraternal Year Incentives:

Top Council in each diocese (Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Steubenville, Youngstown) with the highest Growth percentage intake for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year will receive \$150.00 check. The top council with Total new members in each diocese will receive a \$100.00 check.

Bulletin Blurbs:

May

Unity has many meanings to it. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that with unity we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So, we stick together and we support one another. Want to be a part of that? Go to kofcoho.org and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).

June

Fraternity is the third principal of the order of the Knights of Columbus. United by Baptism and the Eucharist, we stand ready as brothers to bear one another's burdens. Where there is a spiritual or material need, we assist one another by prayer, counsel and practical support. With that, our Lord calls us to live in fraternal communion, and to encourage one another. Want to learn more and be a part of that? Go to kofcoho.org and click on Join Us. For more information contact Grand Knight (name, phone, email here).



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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefit

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home, except for the exclusions. This benefit is given at no cost to all members (and their wives) residing in countries that have been designated as insurance territories by the Supreme Council.

Benefits

Years of Continuous Membership	Non-Insured Member Benefit	Insured Member* Benefit
Less than 5 years	\$1,500	\$3,000
5 years or more	\$2,500	\$5,000
Age 65+	\$1,500	\$1,500

The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member's benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,500. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid.

Beneficiaries

The accidental death benefit will be paid to the next of kin in accordance with Section 71.2 of the Order's laws. The claim for this accidental death benefit must be received at the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus within three years of the date of death.

Exclusions

This accidental death benefit will not be paid if death results from: suicide, self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness or disease (except bacterial infection resulting from accidental cut or wound); flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled airline; or injury from driving or riding in a speed or organized contest.

Family Fraternal Benefit

The Family Fraternal Benefit provides the following benefits to insured members*:

- a). Pays \$5,000 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception
- b). Pays \$5,000 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days
- c). Offers guaranteed-issue insurance - up to \$10,000 - to any child under age 18.

Orphan Fraternal Benefit

The Orphan Fraternal Benefit provides the following benefit to the children of insured members*:

- a). Pays \$500 monthly allotment for each eligible orphan of up to age 19
- b). Pays up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships up to a maximum of \$20,000 per eligible orphan

* Insured members, for this and for all fraternal benefits, are defined as those members who have, at minimum, one in-force life insurance policy on the member or spouse with a minimum annual premium of \$300, or permanent life insurance with a face amount of at least \$15,000.

This brochure does not include all of the eligibility provisions of the Order's program of fraternal benefits. Please contact your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent for these important details. Terms and conditions apply.

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2025 We Are Called State Tour coming to the Cincinnati Archdiocese



Saturday, July 12, 2025

Bainbridge Hall
267 Bainbridge St.
Dayton, OH 45402

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

*Learn about the upcoming programs and incentives,
Pick up your Football Fund Crazz Tickets!
Have Lunch on Us!*

June 17, 2025 8:00 PM | Grand Knight Training Part Three

This is the final part of our Grand Knight Training. We focus on operations and tips on conducting successful and productive meetings, and once again provide you with the resources needed to empower all Grand Knights to become successful leaders.

[Register](#)



June 18, 2025 10:00 PM | Council Officer Training

Join us in this introductory session as we unpack the basics of Council Officer Roles and Responsibilities. Every Officer role from Grand Knight to Outside Guard will be discussed, while also touching on the roles of the Program and Membership Directors. In addition, we will review the main print and digital resources available to council officers.

[Register](#)

June 23, 2025 8:00 PM | District Deputy Training Part Three

In this third installment we discuss the administrative side of the District Deputy position: the role you play in affiliate membership, safe environment, and the 944 annual report of council status. We cover the steps to help a council recover from being dormant, the importance of email communications from Supreme and the navigation of the Supreme website to find training, leadership resources, and necessary forms. Also includes a walkthrough of the Officer's Online area all District Deputies have access to and Supreme awards criteria.

[Register](#)



At the 2025 Ohio State Council State Convention District Deputy #14 Thomas Hahn was announced as the State District Deputy of the Year award.



PGK Chris Bergman – member of Salve Regina Council #14834 in Cincinnati – was installed as a Permanent Deacon by Archbishop Robert Casey at the Deacon Ordination mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati on April 26. Chris will serve the Eastside Family of Parishes. Serving in the Honor Guard for the mass and flanking Deacon Chris are Sir Knights Joe Kletz and Chris Parker of Salve Regina Council and Brother Hugh Henderson Assembly #3691.



Left to right: State Deputy - elect Michael Felerski, The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic is the 12th bishop of Cleveland, The Most Reverend Michael G. Woost auxiliary bishop of Cleveland, State Deputy Jeffrey Kiliany.

The 2025 Ohio State Convention



Elder Council 11595 wins the "Best in State Award". Pictured left to right: William Shefcik - Grand Knight, Jeffrey Kiliany - State Deputy, William "Skip" Beckett - Chancellor.

State Deputy - elect Michael Felerski introduces the new State Warden - elect Stewart Vetter to the ladies in attendance at the 126th Annual Ohio State Council Convention Ladies luncheon on Sunday afternoon



Brother Knights from Ohio and Kentucky along with Bishop John C. Iffert, and Archbishop Robert G. Casey "Crossed the Bridge for Life". The event took place on June 1 and is an annual event.



"Archbishop Elder Council #1195 conducts an annual Baby Bottle donation drive for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Care Center each April at St. Gertrude parish. Council members hand out baby bottles after all masses on Saturday and Sunday and collect the bottles over the next 2 weekends. This year's collection set a new record of \$15,492 collected for the only pregnancy center in the Cincinnati area connected to a Catholic church. In addition, the council will submit for the ASAP program which will result in an additional \$400 from Supreme. Over the last 15 years that Elder Council has conducted this fundraiser, the generous parishioners of St. Gertrude have donated over \$122,000 toward the pro-life efforts of Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. Presenting the check to Director Barbara Rose are (L to R) PGK Pete Marcello, Life Director Kevin Graham, PGK Phil Motz, and DGK Bob Wurzelbacher."

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Web Sites...

State Council Website:

www.kofcoho.org

Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/

Dayton Chapter:

www.daytonkofc.org

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www.cincykofc.org

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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:

http://www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh_Arch_Newsletter.html

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