

Supporting Vocations in November

As I write this column it is Vocations Week as designated by the USCCB. There are three ways we can support our seminarians and our future seminarians. First by our councils donating to our state Support Our Seminarians (SOS) program (formerly known as Pennies for Heaven). All the money donated comes right back to the Archdiocese with a check presented to our Archdiocesan Vocations Director Father Michael Willig durning the July State Tour stop.

Another way is via the Supreme Refund Support Vocations Program (a.k.a RSVP). This program provides an additional $100 for every $500 a council donates to a seminarian. For some councils this is a budgeted item and others hold fundraisers like Saint Max council 11355 who hosts an annual Oktoberfest dinner where they are able to support eight seminarians with the money raised. More information on the program's notoriety can be found in the *Events Around* the Archdiocese section of this issue.

Finally we have the Father Peterka Fund started by the Dayton and Cincinnati Chapters. This fund is made up of donations from councils around the archdiocese for emergencies which a seminarian may encounter.

> Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

The archdiocese has been very blessed with a good number of seminarians these past few years and the trend seems to continue. We were the only seminary who needed to build an additional dormitory building due to the increase of vocations. As you know, the cost to attend seminary is expensive and we want to do everything we can so that seminarians do not have to worry about expected or unexpected expenses. Thank you for your support for each of these programs.

Veterans Day

Thank you to all of the sir Knights and brother Knights who attend the return Honor Flights at Dayton and Cincinnati International airports. I have heard from many veterans how much this means to them.

While Honor Flight is a tremendous program we can also thank our veterans on Veterans Day. As an example my own Father Butler Assembly 814 will be handing out pins to veterans after the noon Mass at Saint Julie Church in Hamilton.

We can also support our veterans by way of the Warriors to Lourdes program. Since 2013, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, to sponsor the annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Each year, wounded, ill and injured U.S. warriors (as well as non-wounded) are accepted to participate in a five-day retreat in Lourdes culminating with the events of the International Military Pilgrimage. Selected pilgrims spend this time of prayer and reflection taking meaningful steps in their journey toward healing from moral injury and finding inner peace.

Knights accompany and support our warriors and their families throughout the course of the pilgrimage which occurs during the annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) in Lourdes, France.

Every $3,000 raised sends a warrior to Lourdes. Donations can be made online at: https://www2.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/warriors-to-lourdes.html

A Day of Thanks

As I travel around the archdiocese and the state I am inspired by all of the great activities, initiatives, and programs our councils run in support of our parishes and communities. We are called to do great things and you have answered that call and I thank you for all that you do to better people's lives.

On behalf of my wife Heather and myself I wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving.

—Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy

We Are Called

Loads of Membership Growth Incentives this Fall:

State Growth Director Mark Kosobud has announced the return of his "**Fall Harvest**" **COUNCIL** growth incentive. This incentive runs from November 1, 2026 to December 14, 2026 and is based on the highest council intake of new members (they must appear on your roster, a.k.a. have completed a CUF Degree). The numbers are determined by the information on the Supreme Membership-Insurance Progress Report (available from an Officers Online login).







Supreme continues with their **Go For Two More** **INDIVIDUAL** growth incentive for members who recruit two men between September 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026. Members who achieve this will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize of $2,000 with 10 second place winners receiving a customized Knights football jersey.



2026-2027 Growth Growth Goals as of Nov 3, 2026:

Achieved:	3123 Msgr. Gerdes
	14834 Salve Regina
Within 1:	1610 Middletown
	3369 Fr O'Donoghue
	3698 Eaton
Within 2:	14408 St. Francis DeSales
	14882 Msgr Gilligan
	15533 St. Dominic - Delhi

The Arch 2026 Regional Soccer Challenge Results:



Congratulations!

Name	Age	Council	Council Score	District Score	Regional Score	Regional Tiebreaker Score
BOYS						
Valery Imani	10	3724	90	175	225	15
Ben O'Sheal	11	1801	70	190	225	NA
Luke Harlamert	12	14995	170		155	10
Nick Mbonimpa	13	14995	145		165	15
Parker O'Sheal	14	1801	145	225	220	10
GIRLS						
Nora Moritz	10	14995	125		140	25
Ashton Hartke	11	14995	155		255	10
Anna Richardson	12	14995	140		175	35
Audrey Hogue	13	14995	130		200	40
Lily Williamson	14	14995	160/75		225	20

Free Throw Championship

Basketball season is here! I encourage councils to participate in a Free Throw Contest by contacting your local schools to schedule a competition date.

Information about the program, including submission deadlines and a guide to run a contest can be found in the Supreme Free Throw Guidebook #1928.





The distribution point for pick-up of BOGO orders only:

Date: Friday, November 13th

Location: St. Francis of Assisi
6245 Wilmington Pike
Centerville, OH 45459
(same location as last year)

Ohio Charity Foundation
Knights of Columbus High School
Scholarship Program



Purpose: The Ohio Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program was established to provide tuition assistance to Catholic High School students attending an Ohio Catholic High School.

Rules:

- Applicant must be a Catholic High School Student currently attending an Ohio Catholic High School.
- Application must be prepared and submitted by the student.
- A current grade transcript, or grade card for freshmen, must also be submitted.
- Current GPA must be at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applications must be received by the end of business deadline of Monday, December 1.
- Applications may not be accepted by mail requiring a signature confirmation.
- No high school will receive more than one $1,000 scholarship in a school year.

Website: https://www.ohiocharityfoundation.org

Key Dates:

- Early September – Applications, Rules, and Bulletin Board Announcements are emailed to all Ohio Catholic High School Principals and Guidance Counselors. They are also posted on the Ohio Knights of Columbus Website at: http://www.kofcohio.org/scholarships
- December 1 – Scholarship submission deadline.
- Mid December – Scholarship winners are notified by email. All schools are notified by email of all winners and the Winners' List is posted on the Ohio Charity Foundation Website.
- Mid-January through March – Checks are formally presented to the winners.

A Special Place to Honor Our Founder here in Ohio

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 to support Catholic families, strengthen parish communities, and provide charity to those in need. More than 140 years later, his vision continues to inspire millions of Knights around the world.

The Ohio Knights of Columbus are proud to partner with Sorrowful Mother Shrine to construct a dedicated chapel honoring Blessed Michael McGivney and his enduring legacy of faith, charity, unity, and fraternity.

This chapel will serve as a place of prayer, reflection, and celebration of the Holy Mass for pilgrims visiting one of Ohio's most beloved Catholic shrines. *I am so excited about this great opportunity to honor our founder here in Ohio – Michael J. Felerski, State Deputy.*



Support the Campaign,
Here is how to make a donation…

Make Checks Payable to:

Ohio Charity Foundation
Memo: Father McGivney Chapel

Mail to:

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Marietta, OH 45750
Questions, please email:
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Brothers,

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could have a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?



I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care.

November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month. With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out.

WhatCareCosts gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether or not you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus.

Visit www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus and enter sponsor code "KofC" to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you of your 2026 Financial Protection Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven't already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so.

This year, all survey respondents will be entered into a drawing for a Knights of Columbus RTIC® cooler, with several chances to win!*



Please fill out the survey as soon as you can at: https://survey.kofc.org.

Whether you have questions about the survey or want to talk about setting up an extended care plan, I'm here to help you.

Thank you!

Have you completed your

Financial Protection Survey?

Complete your survey and take the first step towards helping our council achieve the Founders' Award!

Scan the QR code to access your individual survey using your membership number.

As a thank you for completing your survey, you'll be entered to **win a Knights branded RTIC® cooler**, with several chances to win!



Life changes, take a few minutes to complete your survey so we can help you protect what matters most.

No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Only current members of Knights of Columbus who respond to the survey are eligible. KofC employees and agents will be excluded from the drawing. The cooler giveaway starts September 1st and ends December 11th, 2026. Winners are selected by random drawing. Odds of winning are approximately one in five thousand. Winners will be notified on December 16th, 2026. This giveaway is not sponsored, endorsed or administered by or associated with Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

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Saint Max Council 11355 to be Featured on Upcoming FLA Live!

Grand Knight Brett Rose of Saint Maximillian Kolbe Council 11355 in Liberty Township was interviewed along with State Deputy Felerski for an upcoming FLA (Fraternal Leader Advisory) Live event to be broadcast at a future date. Grand Knight Rose spoke on the council's successful Oktoberfest which is held annually to raise funds for seminarians. Supreme Director of Fraternal Training & Communications hosts the monthly webinar program which is streamed live. Make sure to check you inbox for an email invite to register. Actual date to be determined.

We Are Called - and Council 11355 Answered that Call!



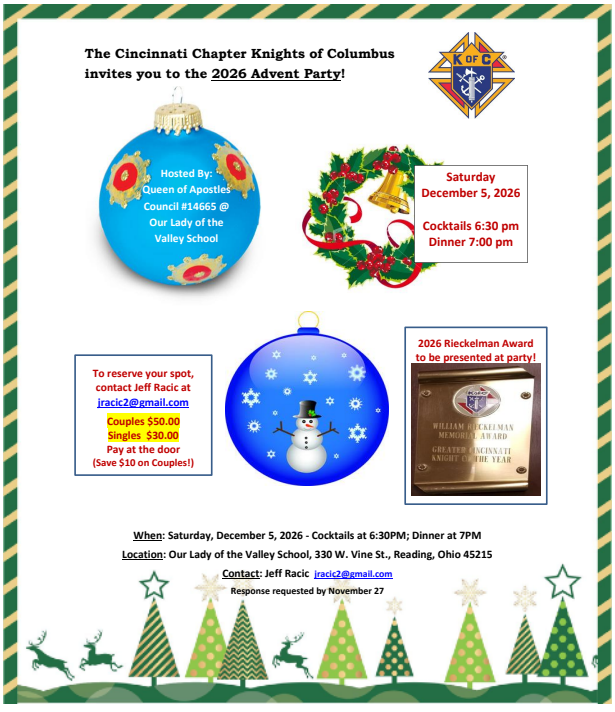
Fourth Degree District Masters Sworn In

Fourth Degree Masters of all three Ohio Districts (OD) along with their Michigan counterparts were sworn in by Vice Supreme Master Walter Winkle during the Provincial Meeting the weekend of October 23-25, 2026 in Monroe Michigan.

◀ From left to right: Dean Moshier, OD 1 Master (COL & STU). Dan Roggelin, OD 2 Master (Cin & Tol). Chris Dodson, OD1 Master (CLE & YOU).

State Deputy SK Michael Felerski and Lady Heather were also on hand for the event which took place at Saint Mary Church, Monroe, MI.





2026 Regional Soccer Challenge

The 2026 Regional Soccer Challenge was held at John XXIII school in Middletown on October 25, 2026 after the original challenge was rained out two weeks earlier.

Pictured is Diocesan District Deputy Coordinator Thomas Hahn checking in contestants. Results can be found on page 3 of this issue



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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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Road Show - last weekend of January 2027

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