

Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Knights of Columbus – October 2025



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October BLITZ...

Sound familiar? I'm sure it does. It is that time of the fraternal year to start planning and putting on our October Church Drives as part of our *Culture of Invitation*.

I hope you have heard of the new **Brandon Chambers Process** for inviting men to join our order. As a matter of fact District Deputy Charlie Gneuchs and members of Our Ladies of Sorrows (Monroe) and Holy Name of Jesus (Trenton) councils along with our General Agent Jason Staas, Field Agent Dennis Schwind, State District Deputy Director John Hoffman, and State Growth Director Mark Kosobud hosted the new drive and it turned out to be very successful. OLOS reached their growth goal and HNOJ is not far behind.

This process is a surefire way to grow your council. To find out more contact either your district deputy, field agent or reach out to our Arch Growth Coordinator Bill Johannsen. They can help you plan yours.

Your Council Cor...

Is your council hosting monthly Cor gatherings? Are you hosting Cor together with another council? Please make sure your council has a Council EFF Director registered each fraternal year by going to:

<https://info.kofc.org/EFF-Onboarding-LP>

Even if you are working together with another council make sure to have a council EFF director and he is registered. This will greatly help with council communication and coordination.

Did you know that Supreme offers over six years of Cor materials and videos for your Cor gathering?

If you are unsure of what Cor is or how to host Cor or a Cor Retreat at your parish you can find out more at kofc.org/cor or you can contact our Arch Cor Coordinator Robert Richter at: cor@cincykofc.org

Safe Environment...

Make sure that your Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director have completed their Safe Environment training (including required background check for the family and community directors). Remember too that Grand Knights may only hold one of the additional director roles listed. If a director has not completed the online program in the allotted time or a director has changed, the FS must resubmit the council Form 365 to Supreme with the new information to restart "the clock" form completing the online SEP program.

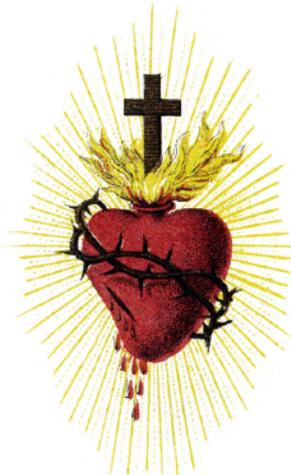
Brothers let us continue to be:

Strong in Faith
Bonded in Fraternity
and Generous in Charity.

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy

We Are Called

Devoted to the
Sacred Heart of
Jesus Pilgrim
Icon



YEAR	ASSIGNED DATE ON OR AFTER	CIN
		DD #
2025	COMPLETED	1
		2
		3
		4
		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
	31-Oct	0
		5-Dec
2027	9-Jan	0



HOW TO RECRUIT FORMER MEMBERS

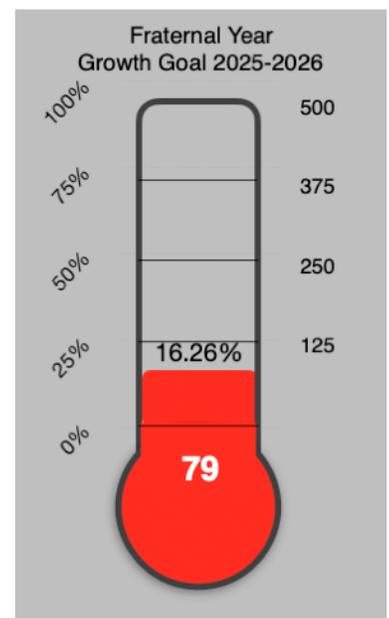
Former Knights are men who are familiar with the ideals of Columbianism. They left the Order at one time but represent a pool of prospects councils should not overlook in striving for membership growth.

- Appoint a special “Welcome Back Brother” or “Operation Re-Member” committee specifically to recruit former members. Past grand knights familiar with circumstances of earlier departures are especially suited.
- Obtain a list of “Former Members” (those who took withdrawals/suspensions) and “Inactive Insurance Members” (those who took withdrawals/suspensions but maintain K of C insurance policies) from the Department of Fraternal Mission. Check with your financial secretary for additional names and most recent addresses.
- Review the list to determine former members known to be residing in the area and still eligible for membership.
- Prepare information for a presentation for former members highlighting changes, new programs/ activities/benefits and recent council achievements.
- Order promotional materials from Supplies Online. Prepare kits of these materials for distribution.
- Contact each former member by phone to arrange a personal visit or invite them to a reception for former members.
- If conducting personal visits, it may be helpful to utilize two members to meet with the former Brother and to tailor the presentation to highlight new changes/benefits, etc.
- If planning a “Welcome Back” or former-member reception be sure to invite your council chaplain and insurance agent to speak at the event.
- Ask every former member visited or those at reception to provide their complete contact information which then can be used to process them through the candidate tab on the Member Management application in Officers Online.

NOTE: Reinstatements, readmissions or reapplications qualify the council for membership additions for the Father McGivney Award.

Newly elected Pope, Leo XIV said to the youth of the world: "You are the promise of hope for so many of us. The world looks to you... and says, we need you. We want you to come together to share with us in this common mission... announcing a message of true hope and promoting peace and harmony among all people."

As of September 30th



Two councils in the Archdiocese are within 2 new members of reaching their growth goal!



Matching Funds Campaign Continues

The Knights of Columbus Matching Funds Campaign has a real and lasting impact on the future of the church in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

*Please be
Generous*

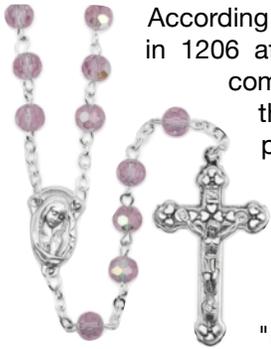
This year's Matching Funds campaign continues with the "match" still available, but you had better hurry! The monies donated go directly to the Cincinnati Archdiocese Center for the New Evangelization which provides *additional* support for these programs:

Marriage Preparation – Infertility & Loss – Marriage & Family NFP – Chastity Resources

Make checks payable to: **Ohio State Council K of C**
Send checks to: State Advocate Tony Offenberger
15200 Muskingum River Rd
Lowell, OH 45744-7115

All Monies
Donated Remain
in the
Archdiocese

The Month of October is Dedicated to the Holy Rosary



According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary.

Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most



State Community Director
Matt Smith



Community



Reminder: Arch Regional Soccer Challenge

Just a reminder that the Archdiocese Regional Soccer Challenge will be held:

Date: Sunday, Oct 19, 2025

Location: St. John XXIII School
3806 Manchester Rd
Middletown, OH 45042

Times: 12:30 p.m. - Check-In and Warm-Up
1:00 p.m. - Competition Begins

and



Make sure to order your Basketball Free Throw Kits for 2026



State Life Director
Michael Incorvati



Life

OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE

OCTOBER 3, 2025

11:00 a.m. - Rally

12:00 p.m. - March for Life

1 Capitol Sq
Columbus, OH 43215



FIND OUT MORE AT:
OH.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG

Scheduled Speakers:

Melissa Ohden
ABORTION SURVIVORS NETWORK

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Aaron Baer
CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN VIRTUE

Felicia Pricenor
MARCH FOR LIFE

Savannah Marten
BELLA VITA NETWORK

Kate Makra
RIGHT TO LIFE ACTION COALITION
OF OHIO

Schedule of Events

- 09:00 am Mass for Life
St. Joseph Cathedral
212 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
- 10:00 am Pre-Rally Concert
- 11:00 am Rally - Main Stage, West Lawn
- 12:00 pm Ohio March for Life
Following the Rally, we will line up along S High St., starting at the corner of S High and E Broad. The route will begin and end at the statehouse grounds.





Family of the Month:

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention. For Family of the Month/Year resources, visit www.kofc.org/familyofthemonth.

Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegates tasks as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with the grand knight, and then set up subsequent parish ministry collaboration meetings.



Working with your pastor, put together a committee of council and parish leaders to serve as that year's Family of the Month Committee.

Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order the Family of the Month resources through Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).

Each month, hold a committee meeting to select the Family of the Month. To be selected as Family of the Month, each family should stand out as an exemplary model to others in the parish. They should meet the following criteria:

- Is the family tight-knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?

Once the Family of the Month has been selected, formally present the [Family of the Month Certificate \(#1843\)](#) to them. Make sure that they are duly recognized! This could be after a Mass, at a Knights of Columbus event, or at another parish event. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.

Use the Family of the Month sample [News Release \(#10667\)](#) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.

Recognize the Family of the Month in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

- Bulletin announcements
- Pulpit announcements
- Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages

At the end of the fraternal year, prior to your state convention, select one of the previous twelve monthly winning families to represent your council and parish as Family of the Year. Use the Family of the Year Entry Form (#10680) to submit your entry to your jurisdiction.

Fill my inbox with great family of the month submissions!



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

**Fraternal
 Benefits**

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits? Do yours?

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.” One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow tax-deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness. No one expects a devastating diagnosis, but if it happens, you’ll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately – while you and your family need it. One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for!

The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It’s a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible. Set up time to meet with me, and we’ll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs.

Thank you!

Jason Staas



What are policy riders?
 A policy rider is an additional benefit under an existing insurance policy that provides additional coverage.

How can I find my agent?
 To find your local Knights of Columbus agent, visit:
<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/insurance/find-an-agent.html>
 and enter your zip code or, if you are a Knights of Columbus member, your council number.

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

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