



Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus – October 2026

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From the State Deputy's Desk

For the most part I do not use this column for personal non Knights articles but I thought I would divert from that a little. At the end of September, my wife Heather and I were blessed to attend our Daughter's wedding in Orlando to her fiancé of several years.

Your daughter's (or son's) wedding is a very joyous occasion where two families come together and become related and a couple becomes one. The difference for us is that my daughter's new father-in-law is a brother Knight. I am sure this happens a lot in Ohio but it is awesome to be a part of a family who already has so much in common before even meeting them.

Although I promised my wife we would not "talk Knights" the whole time, I found that was nearly impossible to accomplish. Heather also told me that I was not to mention "membership" in my *father of the bride* speech and toast. That promise I did manage to keep.

So along with the wedding it has been a very busy four weeks, hence the late edition of The Arch.

As state deputy it is very important that you keep your eye on the ball which is the growth of our Order. We SDs speak about it quite often. You may even be tired hearing about it, especially you older member who could give the so important pitch to grow.

We note that in the spring if a tree does not have any new leaves it is likely dying. That tree provides food and shelter to animals near it. That tree matters.

Our Knights of Columbus councils matter too. We do so many great things for our communities and our parishes that make a life changing difference. And we find that our new members are bringing new energy, new ideas, and manpower to our councils.

Some councils struggle to grow but we must continue to try. It takes a college council only one year of non growth to die but they are on a much shorter timeline. For the rest of us we cannot rely on "the next year", we must continue to invite men into our Order be it through the Culture of Invitation church drive or simple one on one conversation.

*"It is better to attempt something
GREAT and Fail, than to attempt
NOTHING and Succeed"*

Ken Latham
Territorial Growth Director

Every time I meet someone on my travels and they say they know about the Knights, I ask them if they are Catholic and then if they are a Knight. I tell them what a great organization we are and give them my business card which has the JoinUs QR code on the back. If they are not ready to sign up right then and there I tell them to give it some thought and check out the Supreme website. It's second nature. My wife can tell you I do this everywhere and I will never know how many new members I have brought in throughout the country.

I thank you for a successful growth this past September and for a great October so far. Let's keep it up!

Founders Award

There has been a lot of discussion (and confusion) regarding achieving the Founders Award in order to earn Star Council. Over the next few weeks we expect Supreme to offer additional guidance and clarification on the requirements and the process. Until then I ask Grand Knights to work with their Field Agents so you can make your online submissions of the Form #11077. They will be great help. And with that...

November

Yes, I do plan to put out a November issue of The Arch as soon as I get back from the 2026 State Deputy Mid Year Meeting. We have been told there will be quite a number of topics of discussion for the remainder of the fraternal year. I will relay all of that to you in both The Arch and the The Buckeye Bulletin.

As we begin close out October an begin November with All Saints day and All Souls day:

*May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Amen.

—Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy
We Are Called



Join & Serve Challenge

The Join & Serve Challenge continues!

To qualify councils must:

1. Fulfill their entire membership quota by November 30th.

AND

2. Participate in the Food for Families program (min. \$500 or 1,000 lbs donated).

Your Prize Includes

- 8 custom embroidered KofC aprons
- 8 custom embroidered KofC baseball hats
- Plus, a bragging rights competition – councils who submit photos of their gear in action will be entered in for a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate to Knights Gear!

Two councils in the archdiocese have already attained their growth (membership) goal as of this publication:

Achieved: 3123 Msgr. Gerdes
14834 Salve Regina

Within 1: 1610 Middletown
3369 Fr O'Donoghue
3698 Eaton

Within 2: 14882 Msgr Gilligan
15533 St. Dominic - Delhi



Join & Serve Challenge

Grow our brotherhood while serving your community and win big!

The Incentive
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Important Details

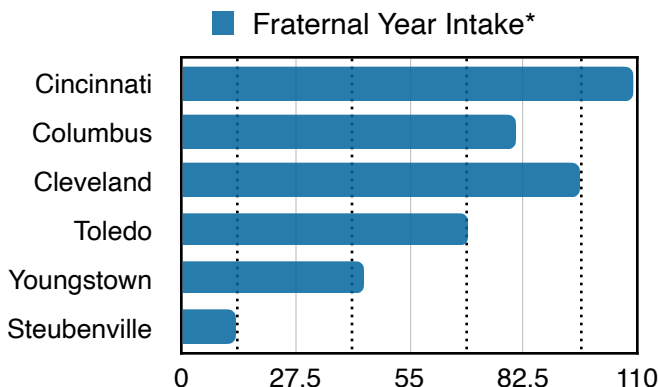
- Membership intake counts from July 1, 2026
- Membership quota deadline is November 30, 2026
- Food for Families participation is required by November 30, 2026
- Food for Families application must be received by January 1, 2027

Use this opportunity to welcome new men into the Knights while making a meaningful difference for families in your community. The more brother Knights we have, the larger impact we can all make!

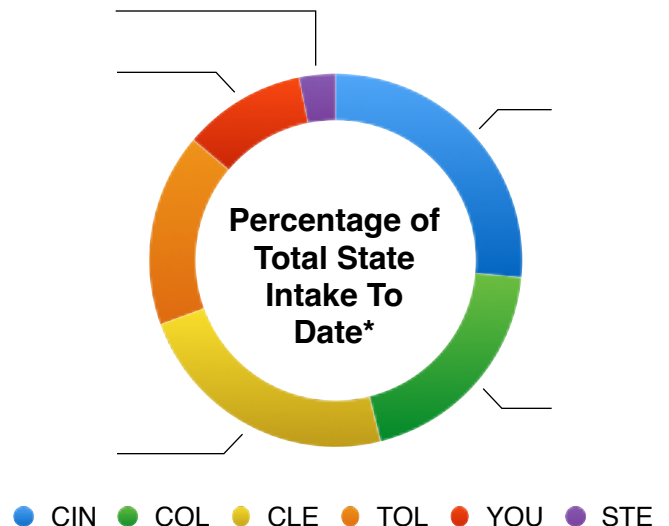
* For insurance jurisdictions only. Other restrictions apply

If you need help with holding either the new Church Drive or coming up with recruitment ideas reach out to myself, State Growth Director Mark Kosobud or your field agent. We WANT to help you succeed!

Bill Johannsen



*As of 10/21/2026





Worthy Arch DDs, the **Arch Regional Soccer Challenge** has been
RESCHEDULED due to the weather conditions on the original Sunday

The NEW DATE is this Sunday, October 25th:

Same Location

John XXIII Catholic School
3806 Manchester Rd, Middletown, OH 45042
Starting at 1pm sharp!

Vivat Jesus!
Thomas Hahn
tjhahnkofc@outlook.com

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: November 13

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

SAFE

ENVIRONMENT

PROGRAM

Protecting Those We Serve

As Knights of Columbus, we recognize that all Catholics, including Brother Knights, share a responsibility to protect children and vulnerable persons served in and by the Catholic Church. Like the Church, the Knights of Columbus is committed to the protection of children and other vulnerable persons.

As Catholic men, Brother Knights live out their fatherhood, irrespective of whether they have children of their own, when we serve those entrusted to our care. In the words of our Supreme Knight: "Protecting our children is the sacred duty of every Knight."

Make sure your council is compliant today, it's easy!



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.kofcoho.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.



Honoring Our Founder

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. Fellerski, 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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Fraternal
Benefits

Brothers,

Nearly half (47%) of adults say they would have trouble paying living expenses within six months of their primary wage earner's death.¹ While no one wants to think about tragedy striking their family, planning ahead about how your family might manage financially can be an important part in caring for those you love.

Your decisions today have a direct impact on your family's financial future. By working with me to consider your life insurance and income replacement needs, you can prepare for the unexpected while also carrying forward a legacy that has been at the heart of the Knights of Columbus since our founding.

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, he was witnessing firsthand the precarious situation widows and orphans faced when a father died. He sought to create a way to relieve their burdens and care for those in need. Today, we are proud to continue that tradition of guarding what matters most to our members — their families and their faith.

Income replacement through life insurance can be one part of that protection. As your financial circumstances and family needs change over time, I'm here to help you consider whether your coverage continues to align with your goals and priorities.

That's why every year, we ask for an update on any big life changes — such as whether you've bought a home, had a baby or retired. This annual Financial Protection Survey gives my team important insight into your evolving financial needs so we can provide the personalized, faith-based service you deserve. It also helps us know how well we're fulfilling the Knights of Columbus mission in our roles as licensed professionals. Complete your survey online at <https://survey.kofc.org>

That mission is straightforward and hasn't changed for more than 140 years: to help Catholic men grow in faith, serve others and financially protect their families.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful response. Our agents truly appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your family.



¹ LIMRA & Life Happens, 2025 Insurance Barometer Study

Guard — Grow — Give

Take the Guesswork out of Faith-Based Investing with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors



2025 - 2026 STAR Council and STAR District Awards

Councils around the archdiocese have begun receiving their Star Council Awards presented by their district deputies. District #3 District Deputy Ben Tobe presents awards to Noah Barga, 2025-2026 Grand Knight of Council 1756 in Versailles. District Deputy Tobe also presents the Start Council plaque to Allen Schulze, 2025-2026 Grand Knight of Council 3890 St. Remy in Russia (not sure the bottle came with the award but it would be a great incentive going forward).



Below are District Deputies who where presented with their Star District Awards at the October Cincinnati and Dayton Chapter meetings

We Are Called - and We Answered the Call



District Deputy #11 - Robert Richter



District Deputy #15 - Ken Bernier



Former District Deputy #14 - Tom Hahn



District Deputy #10 - Charlie Gneuchs



Former District Deputy #8 - John Brown



2026 State March for Life

In spite of the rain the Cincinnati Archdiocese was well represented at the 2026 March for Life at the Ohio State House on October 2nd.

Oktoberfest for Seminarians

Members of St. Maximillian Kolbe Council 11355 held their annual Oktoberfest in support of seminarians (RSVP) on October 12th of this year. The results of this year's event supports nine seminarians. Pictured is State Deputy Felerski and Grand Knight Brett Rose.



Cincinnati Archdiocese

Quick Reference Guide 2025-2026



Web Sites...

State Council Website: www.kofcoho.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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2026-2027*

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