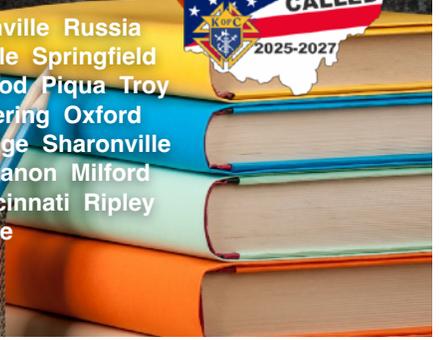


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Back to School Edition



Busy Knights...

If you have school age children you likely plan a lot of travel away from home during the summer months. I was recently asked if the Knights in Ohio shut down in the summer. “Not our Knights” I replied (except for a couple of councils who don’t meet), we still do things, a lot of things.

This past August Heather and I had the opportunity to visit our brother Knights in Toledo for the German American Festival. Fourteen of the sixteen councils in the Toledo Chapter were involved cooking and serving food, selling beverages, collecting trash, and even cleaning up overnight after each day. It is a labor of love, a great time, and it supports each council’s charity account. Over 500 Knights participated throughout the three day event. Very impressive.

Many councils here in the Arch work similar events. It is a fact that we don’t shy away from hard work which benefits our communities.

The next day we drownd down to Minster for the council’s annual Charity Awards Banquet at Father Kunkler council. The awards presented included scholarships, council awards, Knight of the year, lady of the year, and bluecoat of the year among others. It was a great event highlighting all the activities the council does for the community. Next up for 2158 will be the Minster October Fest. As I like to quote Archbishop Gibbons, the Knights “do things.”

New Membership Enrollment Cards Now Available...

At the end of August Supreme’s Fraternal Mission department announced *an item that will make your [growth] drives even more effective*: membership enrollment cards.

These cards, which can be handed out before Mass, give men an opportunity to fill out their information and

indicate their desire to sign up for e-membership. Supreme ...*strongly encourages councils to use the membership enrollment cards at your Church Drives – and if you haven’t planned at least one for this quarter, reach out to your pastor today to get on the calendar!*

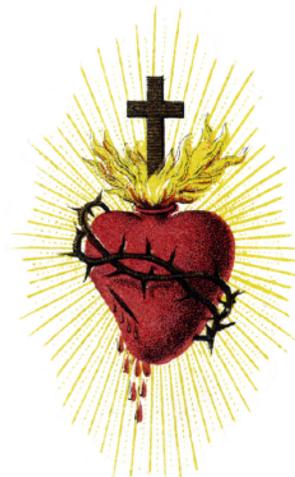
I see these as a modern cross between the prospect card and a Form 100. Your council’s Grand Knight and Membership Director should have received information on how to order materials and conduct a revised church drive utilizing the new cards.

Brother Knights thank you for continuing 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
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		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	0
2027	9-Jan	0



New member growth slowed down a little in August as more brother Knights and their families were taking in their last vacation days of the summer. Now that school is back in session we can focus on inviting men to join our Order.

GENERAL RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

Start with why.

Recruiting is our opportunity to build our brotherhood and help our communities. To grow is to be able to expand your service. Your community needs your council now more than ever and your council needs to continually grow to help meet growing needs.

Talk to your pastor.

A council that doesn't work with a pastor will struggle. Meet with him regularly. Talk about membership growth and ask him how you can work together. Ask if you can conduct membership drives at the church. Then ask if he will invite men he feels would be a good fit to join your council. Then ask what the council can do for him.

Challenge your members.

One of the most effective ways to recruit is a personal invite from a Knight. Challenge each of your members to bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. Everyone knows someone who should join our Order.

Schedule church drives.

Our Church Drive Program is helping councils bring in an average of three new members per drive. If you're not familiar with the program, review the [Church Drive Checklist](#) to find the steps to organizing a successful Church Drive for your council.

Set clear expectations on promoting membership.

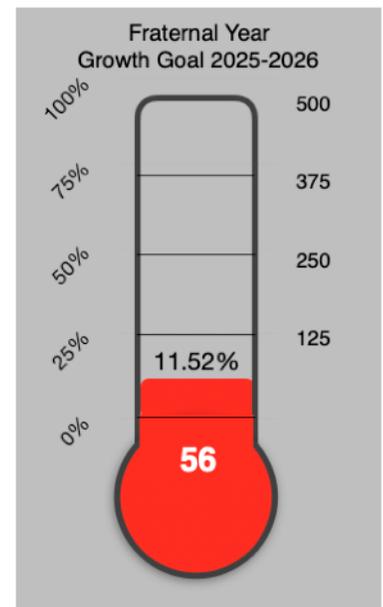
Every fish fry, every pancake breakfast, every charitable activity, every event that draws a crowd is an opportunity to ask a man to join. These events are concrete proof of your council's good works. Talk about membership at every event in the next year.

Step outside of your comfort zone.

We hear a lot of stories from men who waited decades for someone to ask them to join the Knights. All it took was a personal invite. Go beyond your everyday circle. Talk with parishioners at Mass. Be visible. Reach out to the young and old. Reach out to all ministries and ethnic groups in your parish.

Start by visiting KOF.C.ORG > For Members > Inviting Men to Join. There you will find everything you need for recruitment best practices, recruitment resources, and recruitment strategies to help you get started with council growth – for any size council – and you will find the *right* strategies for recruiting new members to your council including finding/inviting prospects, personal & team recruiting, assembling a growth team, and even recommendations on recruiting former members.

As of August 31st





Matching Funds Campaign Kicks Off September 1

Please be Generous

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

This year's Matching Funds campaign will continue to contribute to the successful implementation of the multi-year process of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Parishes are the centers of missionary outreach. Families of Parishes are finding new ways to foster missionary discipleship among all the baptized. Schools, parishes, and indeed the domestic Church itself will be centers of this essential work.

In order for our parishes to be centers of missionary outreach they need to continue their evangelization plan attending to the following vision points:

- **Missionary Discipleship:** Implement a simple and clear discipleship process for all ages that ultimately equips and commissions missionary disciples for personal apostolate and vocation.
- **Grounded in Discernment:** The pastor, staff, and lay leaders prioritize prayer, formation, and discernment in order to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire their evangelization efforts.
- **Family Partnership:** The domestic church is the primary place of evangelization of young people and is well supported by the parish.
- **Prioritize Adult Formation:** The principal form for evangelization and catechesis is directed toward adults and is given priority.
- **Effective Schools:** Parish schools become an essential ministry of the parish by being an "effective vehicle of total Christian formation" for young people and their parents.
- **A Culture of Vocation:** Prepare individuals to discern and embrace their vocation. Support parents as they cultivate vocations within the family, help single young people actively discern their vocation, and accompany couples through the marriage catechumenate.

These funds will be reinvested by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Pastoral Planning Process especially in the planning for evangelization. Your donation today will help shape the church in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the one hundred years.

Once again our Knights of Columbus Ohio Charity Foundation is matching the FIRST \$25,000 so we need to get our Matching Funds donations in as soon as possible.

Councils who have already budgeted for this program should be able to send their checks in without a motion from the floor.

Make checks payable to: **Ohio State Council K of C**

Send your checks to: State Advocate Tony Offenberger
15200 Muskingum River Rd
Lowell OH 45744-7115

All Monies Donated Remain in the Archdiocese



District Deputy Coordinator
Thomas Hahn



Community



K of C Soccer Challenge - Regional Competition

I am excited to announce this year's Archdiocese Regional Soccer Challenge will be:

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



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.





Ohio Charity Foundation Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

Program Facts...

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.

History: 1995 – Scholarship program originally funded.
1997 – First scholarships awarded.
1998 to present – 887 Scholarships have been awarded worth over \$887,475.00
During the 2024 – 2025 school year, 24, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

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:

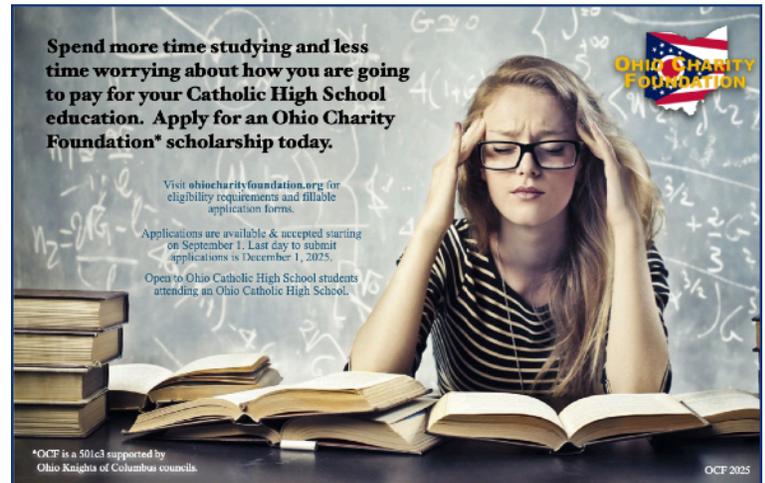
- Early September – Applications, Rules, and Bulletin Board Announcements are emailed to all Ohio Catholic High School Principals and Guidance Counselors. They are also posted on the Ohio Knights of Columbus Website at: <http://www.kofcohio.org/scholarships>
- December 1 – Scholarship submission deadline.
- 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.

Key Considerations:

- Financial need as presented by the student.
- Scholastic achievement (GPA).
- Scholastic honors and extra-curricular school activities.
- Involvement in parish programs and activities.
- Involvement in local community programs and activities.
- Preference may be given to children of current Knights of Columbus in the event of any ties.

Scholarship Donations:

A \$20,000 donation or bequest investment may provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to the school of your choice in your name. If you are over 70½, you can make a tax-free contribution (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from an IRA. Contact Robert F. Collins, Jr., Scholarship Chair, at kofc.ocf.scholarships@gmail.com for more information.





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INVEST WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSET ADVISORS

Value with values: that’s what we offer. By investing with us, you’ll know your money is working for good, with companies that don’t conflict with Catholic values. And you can be sure your money is working for you, with the Knight’s financial expertise & experience behind your investments.

CATHOLIC INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Your investments should suit your individual financial and spiritual goals. To that end, we offer a wealth of faith-based investment vehicles, all designed specifically for Catholic investors.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Mutual funds offer convenience, ready-made diversification, and professional management, all at an affordable cost. KoCAA mutual funds offer more: socially responsible investments managed by experienced Catholic financial professionals.



INSTITUTIONAL CATHOLIC INVESTMENTS

As an institutional investor, you seek competitive performance from your investments. As a Catholic institution, you want to do good in the world. Now you can do both, with faith-based investment opportunities managed by the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

CHARITABLE DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

The world could use more philanthropists. Maximize your giving—no matter how much—through a Knights of Columbus donor-advised fund that ensures your money is going to charities and causes aligned with your faith.



GENEROSITY GUIDED BY FAITH



"It was a family affair at Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #12359 on July 15th! 18-year-old Justin Dettmer joined his father Dave (9 years) and his grandfather Roger (62 years) as members of the council. Attending the CUF ceremony was his mom Kim and his sister Hannah. Congrats to the Dettmer family!"

New Brother Knights



Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity presented by the Cincinnati Chapter Degree Team at Saint Cecilia Church on August 27. Five men were exemplified that evening. Two candidates are pictured with one having his wife in attendance.



State Chaplain Father John Paul Walker O.P. presented on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney immediately following the exemplification. With him he brought along a first class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney for veneration.

Awards Banquet



State Deputy Michael Felerski and his wife Heather attended the Father Kunkler Council annual Charity Awards Banquet held at the Minster K of C Hall.

Toledo GAF



Over 500 Knights and their wives work the festival each year. Pictured with the State Deputy are Eric Loprete, Andy Seifert, Greg Singlar



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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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