

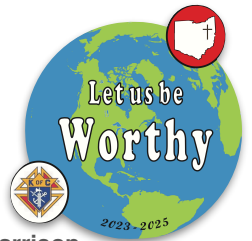


Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus – September 2024

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Autumn means full steam ahead...

Brother Knights of the Archdiocese, Now that summer comes to a close many of our councils are moving full steam ahead into the next phase of the fraternal year. There are several programs and events kicking off this fall and a few items to wrap up from the summer Let's take the momentum from our Circle of Honor award winning year last fraternal year and ride that wave of charity, unity, and fraternity

Support Our Seminarians...

Last Friday I had the honor on your behalf of presenting last fraternal year's Support Our Seminarians check to Archdiocesan Vocations Director Father Dan Schmitmeyer. Father has been very busy this summer recruiting seventeen new seminarians who began their discernment this August and this was the first time he was able to meet me in person to receive our check for \$19,486. Father asked me to thank all of the councils in the Archdiocese for for their support and prayers for our seminarians. He said this will mean a huge difference in their lives.



Please keep Fr. Schmitmeyer in your prayers as he continues to battle cancer.

Supreme Convention...



This year I had the honor of attending the Supreme Convention held in Quebec City, Quebec. It was a long drive but well worth it. You can see pictures from the States Banquet at kofc.org

(search for 142nd Supreme Convention) and photos featuring our own State District Deputy Director, Chris Dodson front and center during the playing of our state song "Hang On Sloopy".

Matching Funds Program has begun...

The Matching Funds program has begun and we need to get our donations in support to the Archdiocese Officer of Evangelization and Faith Formation in **EARLY!** Remember, the first \$25,000 donated (sent to State Advocate Chris Sarka, see address on last page) will be matched dollar for dollar by the Ohio Charity Foundation - our 501c3. Many councils make this a budgeted item to get their checks in quicker based on their charity fundraisers from earlier this calendar year. The check will be presented to the diocesan representatives at the January District Deputy Meeting in Columbus.



State Per Capita is due...

State Per Capita invoices were sent out the first week of July. If you have sent in your payment for the 2024-2025 fraternal year, thank you! If you have not or did not receive an invoice, please email me and I will send you a PDF copy of it for payment.

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- 2024 Soccer Challenge
- September Fraternal Benefit Event for All
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Brothers, as always, thank yo for all that you do for your councils, parishes, communities and throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski
 State Secretary



Worthy Brother Knights of the Arch,

We're two months into the new fraternal year and our growth numbers are improving thanks to your efforts. As we head into Fall and the Holiday Season, there are three major things to remember and focus on as you plan growth activities *integrated with* the faith, family, community and life events you do. These things are:

- 1) Recruit the family NOT just the man,
- 2) Hold timely exemplifications, and
- 3) Understand the procedures for former members.

First and foremost, keep in mind that every council activity is a growth event. Men who see what you do will be inspired to join you! Emphasize that the Knights are a family organization. We need men to help us do our good work, but we can also help them! A young father with a child starting in Catholic school (or public school and GIFT) is our most valuable resource.

Talk about *Cor*, and stress that in the Knights, family always comes first! If you impress his wife, you'll get him. The second most important group is single Catholic men. In the Knights, they will enter the social and spiritual life of their parish and meet people like themselves!

Second, focus on exemplifying every candidate before you have held two meetings! Form a CUF team of 5-7 men and hold a live CUF before every other monthly meeting. Don't rely on other councils to hold CUFs for your candidates. The CUF is the first impression your council makes on a man. It can be a showcase for our brotherhood and inspire that man to get involved!

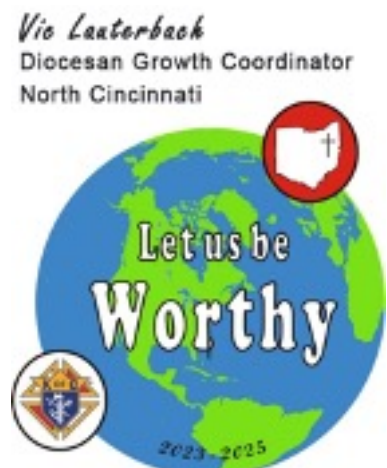
Third and lastly, recruiting former members is a great idea and an under appreciated resource for growth. Some men join the knights when they have multiple young children, jobs that require

travel or other responsibilities that prevent them from participating, so they drop out. When those men get older, they often have time to be active knights, but many do not realize they are welcome to return! Take ten minutes during your next meeting to review how easy it is for these men to rejoin your council. Your FS can explain or it, or any officer can who has read the relevant pages in the *FS Handbook* (document #1410 12/9).

When you talk to a man and he agrees to sign up, always ask him if he was a member at some time in the past and emphasize that is not a problem. You just need to know so that you can correctly fill out the eForm 100. Your FS can then look up his membership number.

In conclusion, we are fortunate that it's never been easier to bring a man into our order! Use the many resources provided by our State and Supreme Councils to enhance and empower your growth efforts. Make sure every knight in your council knows how to sign up a man using eMembership. Talk to a man to get to know him, inform him about the knights, and inspire him to join. Signing him up should be a trivial part of that conversation. Keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus!





OYP Safe Environment Program: Let's Get it Done!

Staying current with Supreme's Office of Youth Protection (OYP) - Safe Environment Program are necessary to achieve the Star Council Award each year. It is extremely important that your council council's GK and directors (listed in the table below) complete the SEP in order to be compliant for Star

SEP ROLES	TRAINING	BACKGROUND CHECK	OFFICERS ONLINE REPORTS
Grand Knight	X		X
Program Dir	X		X
Family Dir	X	X	
Community Dir	X	X	

Council.

It is also important is that our members interacting with children complete and continue training through the *SafeParish: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Arch. of Cincinnati Edition* program as well. The Supreme SEP program only takes 45 minutes to complete. It is good for three years.

If I have taken the Archdiocese training why do I have to take the Supreme training? By law the different organizations CANNOT share information which is why both programs must be completed.

2024 Soccer Challenge

The 2024 Soccer Challenge season has kicked off and we are excited to announce that the Regional Soccer Challenge will once again be held at St. John XXIII school.

The event will be held on either Sunday October 6 or Sunday October 13 at 1:30 PM. Sundays were recommended by participants parents last year.



EXACT DATE will be announced within the next two weeks.

How am I notified that on how to take the training? When the council's Form 365 with personal email addresses for the above SEP Roles (no generic email addresses) is submitted to Supreme emails are sent to those addresses with information on how to access the training.

There is a time limit on completing training, what happens if I miss the deadline? If one of the three members listed above misses the deadline then the entire 365 MUST be RESUBMITTED to Supreme either online or by email to start the clock over again for that individual. The Star Council Report will reflect this and show the 365 as not submitted (per Supreme).

For more information visit the Supreme Safe Environment website at: kofc.org/safe or contact Supreme at:

MEMBER HELPLINE:
YOUTHLEADER@KOF.C.ORG
(203) 800-4940

OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION:
OYP@KOF.C.ORG
(203) 752-4558

YOUTH PROTECTION HELPLINE:
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Fraternal Benefits



Join Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future.

Use the attached flyer (next page) to help share the upcoming webinar to all!

Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30 ET | Register now:



[Protect Those You Love the Most - 1681743 \(webcasts.com\)](https://www.kofc.org/webcasts.com)

NEW for the 2024-2025 fraternal year:

Virtual FBEs hosted by the Supreme Council will automatically be credited towards your council's Founders' Award progress! A confirmation email will be sent to the Grand Knight after the event.

You will not need to submit a Fraternal Benefits Event Report (#11077) unless one of the following issues exists:

- You believe there were more attendees from your council than we recorded. If this is the case, contact your State Deputy for a list of recorded attendees and submit form 11077 to report additional member or member-eligible attendees not included on that report.
- You held a watch party for the event where one person registered for the event, and multiple people attended. Submit a form 11077 for all member or member-eligible attendees that did not register on their own.



COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 4
2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 a.m. – Pre Rally Concert
- 11:00 a.m. – Rally
- 12:00 p.m. – March for Life





Protect Those You Love The Most

Join Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future.

Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30PM EST

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCSept10>



No purchase is necessary to attend this event. This event is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial, tax, or legal advice. A Knights of Columbus insurance agent may contact you following the event. Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, 06510

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MIRACLE MIKEY EVENT



September 15, 2024
7:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Church

6543 Miami Ave.,
Cincinnati, OH 45243

Come hear Daniel and Michelle Schachle tell the powerful story of their son Michael, who was miraculously healed in utero. This miracle was the official Vatican-approved miracle that led to Father Michael McGivney's beatification in 2020.

Reception to follow the event.

stgertrude.org



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Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2024-2025



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:

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

Or at kofcoho.org > For Members > Diocesan Pages > Cincinnati

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**Checks may be sent at
any time during the
fraternal year however
the first turn-in is Dec 15**

Matching Funds*

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**Started
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**Start wrapping
up and send in
your checks**

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**THANK YOU for
helping us
surpass \$1
Million in sales!
See you in Feb!**

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