

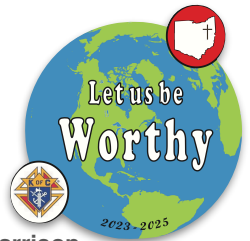


# Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## Knights of Columbus – April 2024

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## He is Risen!

Brother Knights of the Archdiocese; He Is Risen! The darkness of Good Friday is now the light of salvation on Easter. Let us take this time of Easter to not dwell on the bad but on the good and to thank our heavenly Father for the blessings he has given us through his life and resurrection. Let us continue the great works we do as Knights in our Cincinnati Archdiocese communities and parishes, in his honor, so that we may be worthy.

## Thank You for an Awesome Growth Month in March!

Brothers this pas March we had our best recruitment efforts in the last eight years with a total of 55 new brother Knights brought into our Archdiocesan councils. It reminds me of the old March Blitz we would host. Whatever you're doing let's keep doing it. I feel like we're finally out of the "funk" we've been in.

Statewide we have seen an uptick in younger members. Make sure to get their picture with their proposer, council Growth Director or Grand Knight into the church/family bulletins and on social media/council website. Thank you for making the effort to recruit at Delta Church Drives and council service projects.

I met a young man right out of college at the Salve Regina fish fry at Saint Mary school. He was selling beer. We talked and he was going to sign up using the QR code on the back of my business card once he was done working the booth. I know the council will keep him active, in a way they already do.

## State Convention

The 125th Annual State Convention is quickly approaching. As the host diocese I am encouraging all our councils to not only send delegates but also considering attending the **Friday Night Party**. The cover charge for the Friday Night Party featuring the dulcet tones of our own brother Knight Mike Davis is only \$25/person and includes beer, soda pop, and snacks. Plus make sure to stop in at the hospitality rooms afterwards for some fraternity. Go to the state website to pay for your Friday Night Party ticket:

[kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) > **Activities > State Convention**

If you're not a delegate please consider getting a room for the night or both nights and attend the Saturday Memorial Mass then explore the area Saturday followed by the closing Mass on Sunday morning.

## Under 40s to Meet

Our own Robert Richter, Grand Knight of Father Butler Council 968 Cor representative will be hosting a first ever Under 40 gathering at the Marriott on Friday Afternoon at 3:30 PM. There will be both discussion and fraternity on the commonality of being young members of our order.

As we begin to come to the conclusion of our fraternal program year this April 15th I want to thank you my brother Knights of the Archdiocese for all that you do within your communities, parish families, councils and for our Order in Blessed Michael McGivney's honor. Let us Be Worthy!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski  
 State Secretary



This is the last/final call reminder to register for the 2024 Ohio State Council State Convention if you have not already. We are once again at the Marriott RiverSide and Embassy Suites Hotels, Covington.

Info and registration at:  
[KOFCOHIO.ORG](http://KOFCOHIO.ORG) > **Activities > State Convention**  
 Registration deadline: Friday, April 26th 11:59 PM  
 Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime event!

Events include:

- Friday Golf Outing Devou Park
- Friday Night Party, "A Night in Vegas with Mike Davis"
- Euchre Tournament
- State Deputy Banquet
- Hospitality Rooms



By the time you are reading this, we will be into the joyous Easter Season with its bursting hope of the Glory revealed in the Resurrection! Spring will (finally) be warming both the land and our hearts as a preview of the Summer to come! Hopefully, your council had a successful March Recruiting Month and if you held any type of church drive at your parishes, it was productive for your council. I know many councils have delayed doing a church drive due to conflicts with Lenten activities and that's okay. It's not "when" you do it, but that you do "do" it! Recruiting, after all, is not a date, but a mindset!

With that in mind, your council still has several months left in the Fraternal Year to hold a recruitment drive at your parish. Many great opportunities (and warmer mornings as well) abound in the next three months for showcasing your council's presence in your parish and the support you provide for it. One of those excellent opportunities is Father's Day, June 16, 2024. What better way to show your parish and the world the strength of our Unity and the Fraternal bonds that join us than to witness to those very principals on this day set aside for Dads, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers.

Consider using the Delta Church Drive. The new, process-oriented approach which includes helpful web-based assistance works and works well. When last checked, the kits (up to two) were still free and still shipped free. Training for the process is available on the Supreme website and both of your Diocesan Growth Coordinators, Vic and myself, will be happy to help ensure you succeed!

Another approach to getting the message out to Catholic men in your parishes would be to consider holding a month-long church drive. Yep, I mean having a presence at your parishes Masses for four weekends, being "visible" as Brother Vic would say (KofC shirts, other gear), being friendly and joyful, and being willing to answer repetitive questions time and again. The advantages of this approach? The first week plants the thought. The second week allows a man to ask a few questions. The third week allows you to add more details. The fourth week – hopefully they're in the eMembership app signing up!

Think a month-long church drive might be a bit tough on your manpower? Consider joining forces with other nearby councils! This would work especially well in Beacon's Families that have multiple councils across their area. Pulling together to coordinate a multi-council approach would also showcase your willingness to help support the individual parishes within your Family and help them grow

closer as the Beacon's consolidations continue in the upcoming months.

But don't think joining with other councils to forge broad recruiting opportunities is limited to just Beacon's Families. Consider asking your District Deputy about setting up a recruitment team in his District, one that helps councils struggling to recruit. Sometimes a fresh, non-local perspective can see the opportunities that can often be overlooked in the day to day of our parish lives.

Also, don't overlook the basic, though perhaps more mundane, techniques of recruiting a new Knight – simply asking someone to join or a membership social at your parish, maybe just an open house. If your council is implementing the COR process, you've another opportunity to invite Catholic men into your presence and let them see what it means to be a Knight. This is also true for councils holding a Fraternal Benefits Night. Letting the broader parish family around you know of the advantages of Knighthood is always and everywhere a positive recruiting activity!

I know this is a touch repetitious, but be ready to use the eMembership system, either the app or at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus), to begin your recruit's journey as a Brother Knight! The eMembership process is quick, easy, and gets him recruited and onto your Prospect Tab right away. Then, help him obtain his Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Faith Degree as soon as possible. Doing the Degree in your council, by your council, is the best and most Fraternal approach – the materials are available from Supreme, can be read, and do not require any special items. If necessary, use the online versions, either the twice monthly Ohio State version or the on-demand Supreme version. If you're fortunate enough to have a nearby Degree Team offer the Degree, that's great as well. No matter how you approach it, getting your new candidate to an Exemplification quickly helps to secure that member as a full Knight of the Order and gets him involved as quickly as possible.

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful and Blessed Easter Sunday and that the joy of this Season of Resurrection brings hope to the world-weary heart! Please keep recruiting, don't stop for anything! Remember, recruiting is not a date, but a mindset! Every Catholic man should have the opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus! Someone once asked each of us to join - now it's our turn to go out and ask someone else!

Till next month – Vivat Jesu!



## UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR YOUR COUNCIL

One way to publicize your council and gain more interest – and more members – is gaining publicity from social media. **Get your light out from under the basket!**

There are a lot of types of “social media” including Twitter, Reddit, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and others. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has commented that “Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community” This month we are focusing on Facebook. If your council does not have a site – consider creating one!

Remember that you represent your council as well as the Knights of Columbus as a whole. Model social media presence after that of the Supreme Council and the State Council. Sharing content from Supreme/State’s social media pages (see below) and maintaining a positive presence are important ways to advance our mission and to gain publicity and membership.

## WHAT CAN SOCIAL MEDIA DO FOR YOU?

**BEGIN WITH FACEBOOK:** Your council does not need to be on every social media platform to make an impact. A robust presence on Facebook, the most popular social media platform (especially with our demographic) is an optimal place to create your council’s social media base.

**USES OF FACEBOOK:** Your council can use a Facebook page to: share council news, advertise council fundraisers, share resources from Supreme and State, and encourage Catholic men to join the Order. I would be happy to help your council in any way – and would ask you share your social media link with me at [michaeldthomas@aol.com](mailto:michaeldthomas@aol.com)

### • **BASIC THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

- **SOCIAL MEDIA IS PUBLIC:** A public Facebook page can be seen by everyone and all of your posts. This is not a place for private council business, or personal conversations.
- **STAY POSITIVE:** All content should be appropriate, positive, and follow the [Knights of Columbus Member Social Communications Policy](#), which is available on the Officers’ Desk Reference.
- **BE RELEVANT:** Content should be relevant to current members as well as potential members, your parish community, and other Catholics. Consistent posting about council events, charitable initiatives, parish activities and Order-wide news will increase engagement both online and on the ground.
- **PRESENT A QUALITY SITE:**
  - Post Relevant stories and post often:
  - Reply timely/appropriately to comments and messages you may receive.
  - Post Pictures. Photos showing your council in action convey the principle of charity in a concrete way. Encourage members to take photos of activities.
  - Share Catholic Resources: Share content of general interest to your followers such as videos and articles – see resource links below!
- **LINKS TO USEFUL SITES TO PUBLICIZE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
  - [Supreme Facebook](#)
  - [Supreme Twitter](#)
  - [Supreme Instagram](#)
  - [Supreme LinkedIn](#)
  - [Supreme YouTube](#)
  - [Ohio State Council Facebook](#)

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Tony Offenberger  
State Warden

## Programs

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Brother Knights,

Thanks to those councils that are holding prayer services with the Silver Rose while it is in the Arch from June Brothers check the State website for the schedule and attend one of these services as we continue to defend life here in Ohio.

The Annual Measure up campaign to benefit people with mental disabilities is fast approaching. Brothers this is our flagship program here in Ohio. I know it keeps getting harder to find places to collect money but let's get creative with our measure up drive this year and help these individuals with mental disabilities. The drive dates are April 25-27 and May 2-4, however money can be collected anytime until the final turn in date of August 1st. Once your collection is done go to the State website and fill out the grant form and send the form and check made out to Ohio State Council to Tony Offenberger 15200 Muskingum River Rd Lowell OH 45744. A copy of the insurance policy will be available on the website as well. Any questions contact Tony at [tonyoffenberger@gmail.com](mailto:tonyoffenberger@gmail.com).

Vivat Jesus,  
Tony Offenberger State Warden

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Michael Jordan  
State Program Director

## Programs

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Worthy Brothers it's now crunch time.

When you get this today April 1st you will have until midnight to get those of the years into the directors.

The next important deadline is April 15th. Yes, this is Tax Day, but it is also the last day of reporting. At midnight our Worthy Web Master will be turning off the website. Before the deadline make sure all your programs are reported. This means if you are doing programs in May or June, you must report them before April 15th.

Lastly these two very important programs must be completed for your council to be star council and to max out the State Program. First you must have complete two Fraternal Benefits nights with the council under 100 members having 10 eligible members in attendance. (This is total for both Fraternal Benefits Nights. example 5 one night and 5 the second night.) Council with over 100 members must have at least 14 eligible members attend. (example 7 first night and 7 the second night).

The final program that council need to do is to make sure that they are Youth Compliant. You can see this on Brother Ken Girls Star council report. This report is sent out no later that the 5th of the month. Brother being youth compliant is very important since we stress doing Family activities. Council we do the soccer challenge, basketball free throw and many other activities that involve the youth.

Asking all councils between now and April 13 to make sure that your point total is correct.

I pray that you all had a very Blessed Easter. He is truly Risen and is working in our lives daily.

Vivat Jesus  
Mike Jordon  
General Program Director





### State Free Throw Champions

GROUP	CONTESTANT	DIOCESE	COUNCIL	SCORE	PLACE
9 year old Boy	AJ Beyke	Cincinnati	2640	21	WINNER
9 year old Girl	Emmy Biedenbach	Steubenville	1641	16	WINNER
10 year old Boy	Elijah Grieshop	Cincinnati	3324	28	WINNER
10 year old Girl	Remy Raterman	Cincinnati	2640	21	WINNER
11 year old Boy	Colton Weimerskirch	Toledo	1362	23	WINNER
11 year old Girl	Makayla Barga	Cincinnati	2640	24	WINNER
12 year old Boy	Charles Mazza	Columbus	10863	28	WINNER
12 year old Girl	Reagan Raterman	Cincinnati	2640	21	WINNER
13 year old Boy	Grant Stoner	Steubenville	1641	21	WINNER
13 year old Girl	Haidyn Beros	Steubenville	1641	21	WINNER
14 year old Boy	Justin Britton	Youngstown	5589	23	WINNER
14 year old Girl	Brylee Geary (Alternate)	Toledo	1362	22	WINNER

### State Free Throw Runner-Ups

GROUP	CONTESTANT	DIOCESE	COUNCIL	SCORE	PLACE
9 year old Boy	Camden Hommel	Toledo	1362	20	RUNNER-UP
9 year old Girl	Cora Shumaker	Cincinnati	10215	13	RUNNER-UP
10 year old Boy	Benny Rodriguez	Toledo	5139	23	RUNNER-UP
10 year old Girl	Kinzley Blatch	Youngstown		20	RUNNER-UP
11 year old Boy	Landon Honecker	Steubenville	4243	21	RUNNER-UP
11 year old Girl	Molly Kill	Toledo	1362	23	RUNNER-UP
12 year old Boy	Joseph Nagel	Cincinnati	10003	27	RUNNER-UP
12 year old Girl	Hayden Cymbolin	Toledo	8829	20	RUNNER-UP
13 year old Boy	Vinny Dietrich	Cleveland	310	20	RUNNER-UP
13 year old Girl	Lilly Zeedyk	Toledo	1039	19	RUNNER-UP
14 year old Boy	Nick Elchert	Toledo	10749	22	RUNNER-UP
14 year old Girl	Audrina Glenn	Columbus	5801	15	RUNNER-UP



### Faith in Action Faith

PFN/FDD Dale Bottoms presents a Chalice in memory of Former Master Dick Wysong to Matt Montag, a transitional deacon during the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity held at Mt. St. Mary's seminary this past March 14.

Rev. Mr. Matt will be ordained this May.





We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert, to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son.

With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God. As Spring settles in, I observe the many rituals of the season. I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planning. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Schoolchildren begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down...perhaps without the joy of the children! Spring seems to elicit looking forward.

As my team I look forward this Spring, we are renewed in our mission to meet with my members. We want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. We hope you will keep us apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reach your goals.

The Order offers a diverse array of products and services to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and helps discover any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family.

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Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/](https://www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/)

Dayton Chapter:

[www.daytonkofc.org](http://www.daytonkofc.org)

Cincinnati Chapter:

[www.cincykofc.org](http://www.cincykofc.org)

Facebook Page:

Search for: ArchCincykofc

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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](http://www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh_Arch_Newsletter.html)

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your support!**

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April-May of  
2024**

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