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Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Knights of Columbus - June 2026



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Closing out the Fraternal Year Strong

It might be a cliché but it is hard to believe that a fraternal year has already passed since I was first elected to the office of State Deputy. I had several goals but most importantly I wanted to help lead our great jurisdiction of Ohio to the Circle of Honor.

In order to do that first we needed to reach our Supreme designated growth goal. Brother Knights we did just that by the first week in June and the Knights in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati were a huge part of that. Together we developed a culture of invitation which encouraged and helped bring men into our Order by offering a message which resonated with them. Now with more men we can accomplish even more in our communities and parishes. But our work is not done.

The Columbian Award and Star Council. The second part of reaching Circle of Honor is to have 60 Star Councils in the state. Seems simple enough with over 375 active councils statewide. As of this writing we are coming up a bit short. However in the Archdiocese we are currently seeing 20 Star Councils out of 83 total.

Apply NOW for the Columbian Award. Brothers I need every council within the Arch to fill out and submit a Columbian Award application (a.k.a Form SP-7) Even if you do not believe you have achieved Star, filling out the form let's Supreme know you are active and *doing* things, and that the Knights in the Arch are making a difference. You may just achieve Star at the last minute.

If you need help your District Deputy can walk you through the process. If he is not available any number of the members of the State Team can help.

Is your Council Missing an FBE

One of the requirements for the Founders Award is attending two FBEs also known as Fraternal Benefit Events. Depending on the size of the council you will have a total number of required to attend. Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights can also schedule a one-on-one meeting with the council's Field Agent which helps satisfy the requirement.

Time is running out to meet this requirement however there are two ways to achieve this. First there is an

upcoming online FBE on **Monday, June 22 , 2026 starting at 7 PM Eastern Time.** This is the webinar which was rescheduled from earlier this month. You can register for the webcast here:

<https://bit.ly/4ocXHJM>

You can even set up a "Watch Party" for your your council but you must report it on a Form 11077 and PLEASE let your Field Agent or General Agent know you are hosting one. Good news: If you have already registered - you do not need to register again! Look for an email.

If you need an inperson FBE for your council DO NOT HESITATE to reach out to your Field Agent or our General Agent (Jason Staas) to schedule one as time is running out. They promise to do their very best - what ever it takes - to male this happen for you.

BIG Changes Coming for 2026-27

Supreme is making BIG changes in the Faith in Action program for the upcoming fraternal year of 2026-2027. You may have already received an email regarding it. make sure to attend the upcoming **State Tour** to learn more about the changes to both the Supreme and State Program. The tour will be hosted by Dayton 500 Council on SUNDAY, JULE 19th. This is a change from our usual Saturday tour stop.

All Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors and interested Knights are invited. Check this issue for details; you won't want to skip it.

Finally, thank you for a fantastic fraternal year. Our growth, charity, and activities have shown that Columbianism is strong here in the Cincinnati Archdiocese. We continue to actively live out Blessed Michael McGivney's vision for our Order. Here's to a great 20267-2027!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy

We Are Called



Schedule a CUF for July but sing up that new member today!

We all know that waiting to invite a man to join our Order by waiting for an exemplification may result in losing him. Make it a goal to plan for an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in July but have him become a member online right away this month.

When these new members complete their CUF Exemplification make sure to take a photo and submit it to your parish bulletin.

There are only two weekends left and although it may be too late to plan one of the New Church Drives at you parish, Father's Day weekend is still a great time to invite men to join. If you happen to have any Saint Joseph prayer cards, hand them out before or after Mass. You may have the opportunity to leave some in the pews with *Join Us* cards or *24 Hours a Knight* pamphlets. Opportunities abound.

Look into the final weekend of June to host a *New Church Drive*. Remember to invite your Field Agent and if he is not able to attend, the Staas Agency will find a brother agent to step in.

Good luck on a strong finish, see you next fraternal year.

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Growth Report 2025-2026

FYTD Official Numbers from Supreme



Category	Count
#Achieved 100%+	28 Councils
Non Recruiting	15 Councils
Recruiting	70 of 83 Councils
% Recruiting	84%

Archdiocese Regional Intake



Archdiocese Council Leaderboard¹

Council#	Dist #	Council Name	Goal	Intake	Needed for Star
1195	014	Archbishop Elder (Madeira)	15	37	-22
3890	003	St. Remy (Russia/Covington)	7	15	-8
3324	001	Fort Recovery	15	22	-7
14834	012	Salve Regina	5	12	-7
8115	011	Fr. Roettele (Fairfield/Lindenwald)	6	12	-6
13608	012	St. John the Evangelist (West Chester)	9	14	-5
5128	010	St. Malachy (Morrow)	7	11	-4
3730	005	Fr Wm P O'Connor	9	12	-3
11355	011	St. Maximilian Kolbe (Liberty Twp)	10	13	-3
12359	014	Joseph Cardinal Bernadin	10	13	-3
18217	005	Sagrado Corazón (New Carlisle)	5	7	-2
4424	006	Our Lady of Peace (Huber Heights)	9	11	-2
14400	009	Fr. Charles Mentrup (Franklin)	7	9	-2
14408	010	St. Francis Desales (Lebanon)	5	7	-2
2158	002	Fr. Kunkler (Minster)	15	16	-1
3724	005	Fairborn	14	15	-1
3873	006	Fr Wm Howard Bishop (Troy)	5	6	-1
14891	008	Our Lady of the Light (Kettering)	6	7	-1
16164	014	Mt St. Mary's Seminary	5	6	-1
10003	015	Fr John J. Wenzel, S.J. (Milford)	7	8	-1
15533	017	St. Dominic - Delhi	5	6	-1
1756	003	St. Denis (Versailles)	15	15	0
6144	005	A J Schutte	6	6	0
7981	005	Rev. J. Daniel Schuh (Beavercreek)	8	8	0
10215	008	St. Leonard (Centerville)	10	10	0
14563	010	Our Lady of Sorrows (Monroe)	5	5	0
10272	013	St. Susanna (Mason)	7	7	0
3123	014	Msgr. Gerdes (Batavia)	7	7	0
13813	015	St. Columban (Loveland)	15	15	0
14504	008	Fr. Francis X. Hoffer (Centerville)	10	9	1
2927	015	Bishop Fenwick	6	5	1
5621	017	La Salle (Monfort Heights)	5	4	1
1796	003	Greenville	7	5	2
1801	005	Fr. Schumacher (Xenia)	9	7	2
4022	008	Maria-Joseph (Kettering)	7	5	2
17092	009	Fr. Joseph Lutmer (Waynesville)	5	3	2
15330	010	Holy Name of Jesus (Trenton)	5	3	2
1162	015	Norwood	5	3	2
11550	017	St. Joseph of the 3 Rivers (North Bend)	10	8	2

List of councils who either met, exceeded, or are within one or two members of their fraternal year growth goal. Councils who obtain their goal, submit programs, and attend or host a Fraternal Benefit Event are eligible to achieve Star Council².

¹Numbers as of report dated June 17, 2026 not including eMembers who have not taken their exemplification.

²Council must also be SEP compliant.



Supreme is making MAJOR changes to the Faith in Action program and the requirements for Star Council in the upcoming fraternal year of 2026-2027. Many of the requirements are actually easier to obtain meaning more Star Councils here in the Arch. Please plan to attend the upcoming **State Tour** to learn more about the changes to both the Supreme and State Program. The tour will be hosted by Dayton 500 Council on SUNDAY, JULE 19th. This is a change from our usual Saturday tour stop.

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2026 State Tour



Michael J. Felerski
State Deputy

Major Supreme and State Program Updates



Western Route

New Supreme Reporting Processes
Football FundCrazz Ticket Pick up

<p>Friday, July 17, 2026 Toledo Diocese</p> <p>Country Inn & Suites 903 Interstate Dr Findlay, Ohio 45840 Host: Leo Council #957</p> <p>Meeting @ 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Saturday, July 18, 2026 Columbus Diocese</p> <p>St. Paul's Catholic Church (School) St. Carlo Acutis Discipleship Center 313 N State St Westerville, OH 43082 Host: Westerville Council #5776</p> <p>Lunch @ 12:15 PM Meeting @ 1:00 PM Mass @ 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Sunday, July 19, 2026 Cincinnati Diocese</p> <p>Bainbridge Hall 267 Bainbridge St. Dayton, OH 45402 Host: Dayton 500 Council</p> <p>Lunch @ 12:30 PM Meeting @ 1:00 PM</p>
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Jason Staas – General Agent
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Fraternal
Benefits

A great opportunity to satisfy your Fraternal Benefit requirement for Star Council but even more importantly to learn about the tremendous number of benefits of being a member of the largest Catholic mens fraternal organization in the world!

Rescheduled from earlier VIRTUAL FBE

How Your Field Agent Can Help Your Family

Please join us on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 at 7 PM Eastern Time where Regional Agency Executive Consultant and General Agent Sonny Sangemino will discuss the many ways your Knights of Columbus Field Agent or IAR can assist you and your family.

Sonny has been working for the Order for 28 years and is General Agent to a successful agency in Ontario, Canada and oversees our Canadian Agencies.

Sonny has been training and public speaking for years and is able to communicate complex scenarios in an entertaining and engaging manner.

This presentation applies to both Canadian and American members.

Join us for this educational and entertaining topic by registering below by scanning the QR code:

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Monday, June 22nd, 2026 at 7 PM

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