



Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus - August 2026

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Why the Founders Award Matters

Starting this fraternal year the requirements for the Founders Award have changed. Gone are the Fraternal Benefit Events of the past. To earn the award, a number equal to 10% of Associate (non insurance) members on the July 1 council roster must meet individually with a field agent for a financial review (minimum of five and maximum of fifteen). A financial review with an insurance agent is a personalized check-in to evaluate your current financial protection, identify gaps or changes in your needs, and ensure your insurance and long-term financial strategies still align with your goals, family, and future plans.

So why is this important? Back in July my wife and I were called by hospice to let us know that my mother-in-law was starting her final journey. We went over to the nursing home and sat with her for two days. When she was not alert we went through the files and folders she had in her room to prepare for the inevitable. There is a lot to plan for the end of life and we knew time was short. We finally located a file with a notebook where my mother-in-law had "planned" to write down all of her end of life information. When we opened it, it was completely empty, not a single entry.

Your family service record

Meeting with your field agent gives you the opportunity to compile a family service record. This information is invaluable especially when a sudden loss occurs and you are going through an extremely stressful and emotional time. Even if you do not have a specific insurance benefit with the Knights of Columbus, your field agent will be there for your widow, or yourself to help guide you through the paperwork forest you might find yourself in. That is just one of the benefits of the Family Service Record.

Learn things you did not know

Another advantage to meeting with your Field Agent is to learn about *ALL* the benefits which membership in the Knights of Columbus offers. If you are a new Knight there is a lot to discover. If you have been a brother

Knight for 20 plus years I *guarantee* you there are benefits you probably did not know you had or that the Knights of Columbus offers.

My mother-in-law had all the intentions in the world to provide us with direction on her wishes upon death along with all her important financial and insurance information, etc. She just never got around to it and would tell us she would "get it later". Now it will take some time before we eventually locate everything.

It is always better to be prepared with more information and support. Reach out to you Field Agent today. He will help you document and offer insightful strategies make sure you and your family are fully protected.

In the One, we are one

The 144th Annual Supreme Convention held in Denver has come to a close. The theme this year was "In the One, we are one." This is the pope's motto, ["In Illo uno unum"] and is a reference to St. Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127. In the passage, the saint explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

In his video address, Pope Leo XIV called on the Knights of Columbus to be "prophets of harmony" by promoting the virtues of unity and charity.

"In an age all too often marked by division and pointed rhetoric, there's a great need for prophets of harmony who seek to build bridges and strive to reconcile opposing positions wherever possible."

"I express deep gratitude for your order's continued generosity to the less fortunate, and trust that your endeavors will continue to bear fruit for many years to come," the Holy Father said in a video message.

May we continue to do the things we do in Charity, in Unity, and with Fraternity. —Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy
We Are Called

The Founders' Award recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits. But it is much more than that.



Why should councils invite men to join our Order

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.

Reach out 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 ourselves

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

Updated Church Drive Kit Now Available

Church Drive Kits have now been updated to include membership enrollment cards to better help councils build a culture of invitation in their parish(es).

By using a highly personalized pulpit announcement and the membership enrollment card, councils can transform a *general invitation into a personal one*.

The kit also includes the Membership Outreach Guide, a step-by-step process on how to successfully implement a membership drive using the membership enrollment card, new resources and new approach.

The full kit includes:

- 250 - Membership Enrollment Card (Item # 11881)
- 250 - 24 Hours Can Change Your Life (Item # 0099)
- 250 - Fraternal Benefits Card (Item # 11730)
- 1,000 - Sacred Heart Icon Prayer Card (Item # 11520)
- 1 - Membership Outreach Guide (Item # 12012)

These aren't just new materials – they're proven tools. When introduced last year, we saw an average increase of 32% in the number of men recruited from September to December of 2025.

That's the impact of a personal invitation.

The kits are now live on the Supply Store and are **free to order**, containing materials for a successful Church Drive at a parish of up to 800 Sunday Mass attendees. Councils serving parishes with a larger number of attendees can order multiple kits.



Schedule and participate in a council church drive

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.

Opportunities abound

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. Speak about membership at every event in the next year.

Go ahead and 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.

Remember – Inviting it's a mindset, not a calendar date!



To Salve Regina Council #14834 serving St. Mary and St. Cecilia on being the first to reach their growth goal for this 2026-2027 Fraternal Year!

Keep up the good work and continue to invite even more men to join our Order.



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.



Support the Campaign How to make a donation

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The Ohio Charity Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization whose board of directors consists of current Ohio State Council state officers and past state deputies. Contributions may be tax deductible. Check with your financial advisor and tax consultant for details.

Why Cor?

Why? Because families need strong husbands and fathers, and the world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. Through Cor, men will be formed and sharpened as disciples of Jesus, who are committed to serving him and willing to boldly live and share their faith. It is the mandate of every Catholic man to bring Jesus to a broken world. To live his faith and engage in this mission, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments. Catholic men need to proactively invest in their ongoing faith formation, to be a part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them to be holy men, husbands, and fathers, and to engage in the mission of the Church.

The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each Cor gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.



Invest with Integrity

Align your faith with your finances through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

Competitive Returns Without Compromise

- As more Catholic investors shift to faith-friendly funds, it's natural for some to ask the question: Does investing according to Catholic teaching need to come at the cost of returns?
- We strongly believe the answer is no.
- Catholic investment principles can achieve competitive results. Catholic strategies and Catholic benchmarks have shown the ability in some cases to match or beat the returns of strategies and benchmarks that are not Catholic screened.

Why Choose Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors?

More than \$30B assets under management

Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors has one of the world's largest suites of Catholic investment solutions and services.

Depth of Experience

KoCAA is led by an experienced team of investment leaders who provide overall stability, vision and competitive investment performance

Pioneers in Catholic Investing

As managers of the general account of our parent company, the Knights of Columbus, we've established a legacy of providing investment solutions aligned with Catholic moral principles.

Charitable Impact

A choice to do business with KoCAA is a choice to help support Knights of Columbus and its charitable work around the world.

USCCB Compliance

We screen all of our investments for compliance with USCCB investing guidelines.

Moral Theologian

KoCAA investment team consults with a moral theologian to ensure compliance with Catholic teaching.

Put Your Faith First. Invest with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.



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Supreme Convention Memorial Mass - Thursday, August 6, 2026

State Chaplain Father John Paul Walker carries the relics of Saint Dominic during the entrance procession to the 144th Annual Supreme Convention Memorial Mass in Denver Colorado. Relics of various saints and blessed were available for veneration throughout the convention. Included in the relics were the Ulma Family whose relics visited the Cincinnati Archdiocese on July 6-7 at Saint Mary and Saint Gertrude churches.



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State Deputy Michael J. Felerski was honored to be the lector for the second reading during the Supreme Convention Memorial Mass.



Queen of Hearts Drawing, Delhi Pub - July 30, 2026

State Deputy Michael Felerski was on hand on Thursday, July 30 to pick the lucky winner of the Saint Dominic - Delhi Council #15533 Queen of Hearts drawing. Unfortunately the queen was not picked but the winner did collect \$50 and... "The Queen Lives On!"

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Quick Reference Guide 2025-2026



Web Sites...

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