



# Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## Knights of Columbus - May 2026



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### May – The (really) Late Edition

Brothers, April and May are some of the busiest months for the state officers and especially for your's truly. That is why this issue is a very condensed albeit late May issue of The Arch.

**2026 State Convention** was held Memorial Day weekend May 22 - 24 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus. It has been a number of years since we held our convention in Easton but they were able to work with us for good room rate and reasonable banquet costs. From all accounts everyone had a good time from the Friday night party through the Ladies and Mens luncheons on Sunday afternoon. A huge shout out to State Treasurer Christopher Sarka and his team for an outstanding job of organizing this year's convention.

During the weekend there were a number of Knights and councils from the Archdiocese who won awards for their outstanding efforts this past fraternal year:

**Deacon Mark Danis, Religious of the Year**  
 Nominated By: Fr. Alphonse Schumacher Council 1801

**Gabe Memering, Youth of the Year**  
 Nominated By: Fr. Alphonse Schumacher Council 1801

**State Best Family Activity:**  
 "Food for Families Program"  
 Fr. Andrew Kunkler Council 2158

**State Best Community Activity:**  
 "Rise Against Hunger"  
 Madonna Council 3891

**Kirwin Award Winner**  
 State Top Insurance Award  
 Peter Holm

**[State] District Deputy of the Year**  
 Jeremy Begines, DD #05

**[State] District Deputy Coordinator of the Year**  
 Thomas Hahn, Cincinnati Diocese

### Top Councils in Ohio

- #1 Archbishop Elder Council 1195
- #2 Msgr. Anthony P Boeff Council 5582
- #3 Fr. Bill Johnson Council 11665
- #4 Father Maruskin Council 10936
- #5 Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council 12359
- #6 Sandusky Council 546
- #7 St. Brendan Council 11208
- #8 St. Dominic-Delhi 15533
- #9 Fr. William O'Connor Council 3730
- #10 St. James Council 2299

**Archdiocese 1st Half District Deputy Award**  
 Jeremy Begines - District #5

**Archdiocese 2nd Half District Deputy Award**  
 Nicholas Kiel - District #1

These are just a sampling of the awards presented. You can find a full listing on the state website [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org). Search under "Activities" for the State Convention page which has a link to the PDF.

### State Chaplain Video Series on the Sacrament of Matrimony

Our Worthy State Chaplain Father John Paul Walker, O.P. has released the second video in his series: The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. You can find these and all of his videos by going to the state website or searching Ohio State Council on YouTube.

Let us be Bold in our Faith, Bold in our Catholicism, and BOLD in Charity as we finish this fraternal year STRONG!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski – State Deputy

**We Are Called**



## A Slow Month for the State but a Good Month for the Archdiocese

May was a slow month for growth overall in our jurisdiction, however it was a good month here in the Archdiocese. We brought 47 new members into our councils from eMembers through our Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplifications. That is the third highest month in new members over the last ten years. With May being the month of graduations and ordinations we can be really busy in May so thank you for your efforts.

Now is a great time to start planning to host church drives in June. The Ohio Jurisdiction really needs a strong Archdiocese to reach our state's growth goals. Let's continue our culture of invitation this month. Don't delay. Summer can be slow for us. Sign men up online in June and host an Exemplification in July with a barbecue or ice cream sundae social afterwards!

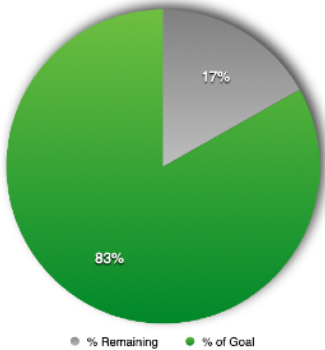
Remember to invite your field agent as well. He has all the materials and training to help you with your church drive.

Finally, make sure to submit your Form SP-7 for the Columbian Award, Founders' Award, and Father McGivney Award. Let's get Ohio to the Circle of Honor!

## Archdiocese Council Leaderboard <sup>1</sup>

Council#	Dist #	Council Name	Goal	Intake	Needed for Star
1195	014	Archbishop Elder (Madeira)	15	36	-21
14834	012	Salve Regina	5	12	-7
3890	003	St. Remy (Russia/Covington)	7	13	-6
8115	011	Fr. Roettele (Fairfield/Lindenwald)	6	12	-6
13608	012	St. John the Evangelist (West Chester)	9	14	-5
3324	001	Fort Recovery	15	19	-4
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
2158	002	Fr. Kunkler (Minster)	15	16	-1
3724	005	Fairborn	14	15	-1
18217	005	Sagrado Corazon (New Carlisle)	5	6	-1
3873	006	Fr Wm Howard Bishop (Troy)	5	6	-1
14891	008	Our Lady of the Light (Kettering)	6	7	-1
14400	009	Fr. Charles Mentrup (Franklin)	7	8	-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
4424	006	Our Lady of Peace (Huber Heights)	9	9	0
10215	008	St. Leonard (Centerville)	10	10	0
14408	010	St. Francis Desales (Lebanon)	5	5	0
14563	010	Our Lady of Sorrows (Monroe)	5	5	0
10272	013	St. Susanna (Mason)	7	7	0
3123	014	Mesgr. Gerdes (Batavia)	7	7	0
14504	008	Fr. Francis X. Hoffer (Centerville)	10	9	1
13813	015	St. Columban (Loveland)	15	14	1
5621	017	La Salle (Monfort Heights)	5	4	1
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

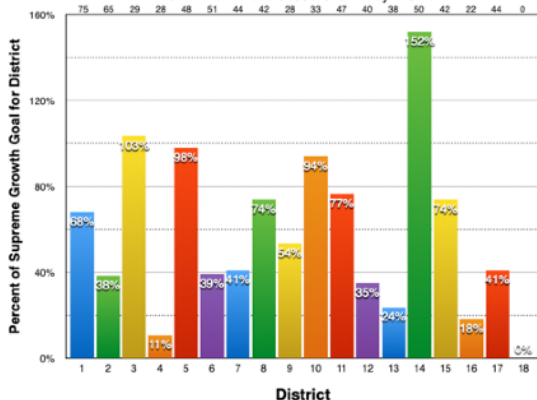
FYTD Official Numbers from Supreme



Arch Council Growth Status

#Achieved 100%+	26 Councils
Non Recruiting	17 Councils
Recruiting	68 of 83 Councils
% Recruiting	82%

Cincinnati Archdiocese Growth by District



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 Council<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Numbers as of report dated May 30, 2026 not including eMembers who have not taken their exemplification.

<sup>2</sup>Council must also be SEP compliant.



## Faith, Family, Fútbol

### OVERVIEW

Gather fellow Knights, parishioners, friends and families for this summer's international soccer games! Councils are invited to set up a 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge, host a watch party and organize a membership drive in their community.

Councils that exemplify at least 3 members between June 1 and July 31 and host a 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge event will receive a special edition t-shirt for two members of their choice. Summer Soccer Challenge winners will also be selected as state champions and receive t-shirts.

### ACTION STEPS

1. Talk to your pastor to develop a plan.
2. Find/reserve the venue and equipment needed.
3. Test the equipment such as projector, Wi-Fi, laptops, streaming service, etc.
4. Decide whether the council will provide food for the watch party or if families will participate in a potluck.
5. Ensure the council or parish has the necessary equipment for the Soccer Challenge and membership drive (soccer balls, *Soccer Challenge Playbook* (#4576), *Entry Forms* (#11964), *Membership Enrollment Forms* (#11881), etc.).
6. Promote and host the watch party and 2026 Summer Soccer Championship for the youth in the parish and community.
  - During the event, organize a membership drive using Knights of Columbus resources to welcome new men into the Order.
7. Following the Summer Soccer Challenge event, submit Entry/Score Sheet #11964 to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) to receive credit for participating. If your council exemplifies three members and submits a completed form between June 1 - July 31, you will automatically qualify to receive two t-shirts for the members of your choice.



Submit the winning entry form for each age category, for both boys and girls, to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) by July 31st. The highest score in each jurisdiction will receive a special Soccer Challenge T-shirt.

**Please be sure to include the child's shirt size on their report form to ensure the correct size if named State Champion.**



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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!

## VIRTUAL FBE

### How Your Field Agent Can Help Your Family

Please join us on **Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 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:



Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 7 PM EST



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**Scholarship Award Presentation**

On April 9, 2026 - State Deputy Michael Felerski had the honor of presenting an Ohio Charity Foundation scholarship check to Bethany Temaj, a freshman at Seton High School in Price Hill.

Bethany was unable to attend the Cincinnati Chapter meeting this past February when the scholarships were presented to the other three recipients.

**Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity**

Five men were exemplified with the degrees of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on April 27th at St. Margaret of York parish in Loveland by the District 15 Degree Team. 4 men joined St. Margaret of York Council #13429 and 1 man joined Archbishop Elder Council #1195. Current members of SMOY Council stand in the back. Deacon Mike Muse – a member of SMOY Council capably serves in the role of Chaplain for the District 15 Degree Team. Welcome to the Knights, Brothers!



**Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon**

YEAR	ASSIGNED DATE ON OR AFTER	CIN	
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2025	COMPLETED	1	
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	13-Jun	14	
	18-Jul	15	
	22-Aug	17	
	26-Sep	0	
	31-Oct	0	
	5-Dec	0	
2027	9-Jan	0	

Statewide First Place Elite Award presented to GK Bill Shefick and Council Chaplain Fr. John Paul Walker of Elder Council 1195



**Sample of State Convention Award Presentations**



Superior Award presented to GK Bill Shefick of Elder Council 1195



State youth of the Year winner Gabriel Memering submitted by Fr. Alphonse Schumacher Council 1801

Excellence Award presented to Michael Vondenhuevel of Fr. Andrew Kunkler Council 2158



Glorious Award presented to William Shula of Msgr. Gerdes Council 3123

Excellence Award presented to GK Todd Holt of John the Evangelist Council 13608



District Deputy Danny Sprouse received the Excellence Award on behalf of Dayton 500

# Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2025-2026



## Web Sites...

State Council Website: [www.kofcohio.org](http://www.kofcohio.org)  
 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)  
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## 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: [www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh\\_Arch\\_Newsletter.html](http://www.daytonkofc.org/DayCh_Arch_Newsletter.html)

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*Wrapping Up  
for 2026*

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*See you Next  
Year*

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