



Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

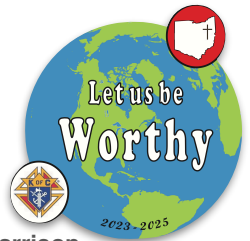
Knights of Columbus - Christmas 2023

Celina - Coldwater - St. Henry - Fort Recovery - Sidney - Versailles - Greenville - Russia
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 Urbana - Bellefontaine Fairborn
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North Bend - Monroe - West Chester - Carthage
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 Hillsboro - Greenfield - West Union - Waynesville



Merry Christmas!

Brothers of the Archdiocese I hope this special (early) Christmas edition of *The Arch* finds you and your families well. It is truly a time to be thankful to God for sending his only begotten Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

As you may be aware there was no November issue of *The Arch* this year. I was praying for a better outcome on Issue #1 this year and to be honest the passing of Issue #1 really knocked me down. I was sad, angry, and frustrated. But as many have said, we may have

lost the battle, but not the war. As Knights who believe firmly in the sanctity of life we will continue to change hearts and minds through our support of our pregnancy centers as we have in the past and now through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. There is a lot coming up and we're about to hit the busy season for us Knights.

But before all of that after the first of the year, take time to to enjoy all of the blessings our Lord has given us especially the gift of brotherhood.

Merry Christmas,

Michael and Heather Felerski

2023 Super Cash Bonanza Ticket Distribution Saturday February 10, 2023

Dayton Chapter Region and the Northern Archdiocese

Saturday, February 10, 2023

- 3:00 PM -

Hosted by Council #13874

at Saint Paul Church

1000 W. Wenger Road
 Englewood, OH 45322

Starting promptly at 3:00 PM

Cincinnati Chapter Region and Eastern Counties

Saturday, February 10, 2023

- 7:00 PM -

Hosted by Council #3382

at Saint Michael Church

11144 Spinner Avenue
 Sharonville, OH 45241

Starting promptly at 7:00 PM

IMPORTANT: Two (2) brother Knights from your council must attend the event in order to qualify for the additional ticket sales incentive.

My Brother Knights,

Measure-Up

If there are any council's that need to measure up rulers for their measure up collections please let your district deputies know how many boxes of 500 ASAP. I will have them available in January at their mid-year meeting.

Thanks and Merry Christmas - Tony Offenberger State Warden



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Men, listen up! It's time to gear up and make your way to the highly anticipated E6 Catholic Men's Conference. This event promises an extraordinary experience like no other, where faith, camaraderie, and personal growth collide. Grab your armor and get ready for an unforgettable time filled with powerful speakers, authentic worship, and fellowship.

But here's the icing on the cake: for a limited time only, we're offering an exclusive deal just for you! Score a fantastic \$10 off your ticket price, making this event even more accessible with code "Christmas".

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be part of a transformative event specifically designed for men on their faith journey. Armor up and let's make this Catholic Men's Conference the highlight of your year!



As we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill to Men!” We remember Pope Francis’ Prayer for Peace where he prays “Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!...Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last...”

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we’re busier than ever. But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.

2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that’s in there by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.

3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the “catch up” provision? Now is the time to start making plans. 4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received! All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I’d be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Vivat Jesus!

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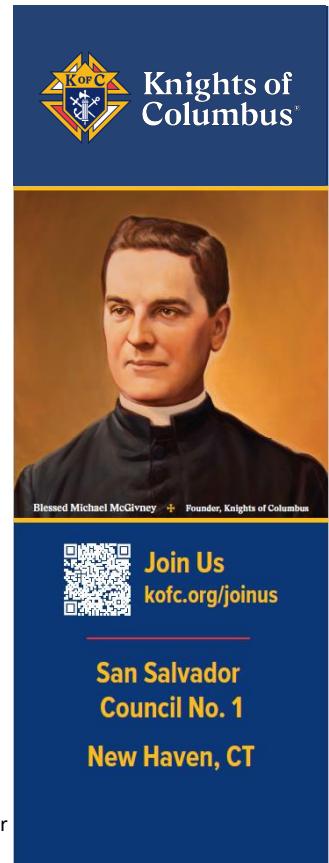


**Knights of
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A Supreme Membership Incentive for Councils

**Every Council who grows by
6 or more new members
from December 5, 2023, to
March 29, 2024, will receive a
KofC branded pop-up banner
for use at Council meetings,
recruiting drives, and
other council events.**



Sample Banner

December & Into January Church Bulletin Blurb

The Christmas Season is here. The Knights of Columbus do many charitable contributions during the Christmas season, including our Keep Christ in Christmas kids' poster contest, Coats for Kids, and Food for Families programs. Want to become a part of that? Go to kofcoho.org and click on “Join Us”. For more information, please contact Grand Knight (*Name, Phone, Email here*)

Vivat Jesus,
Greg Singlar
State eMembership Coordinator



So we come at last to the end of the year and the joy of the Advent and Christmas seasons! A busy time for many and one filled with bright lights, red bows, and wrapped presents. Every council could wish for a few more new members in their stocking, but the fact of the matter is that all too often, the good intentions for recruiting get lost in this festive time. Don't let it! Keep up the work of recruiting by making use of this season and the opportunities it presents.

Here's a thought for a gift – give someone you know (or maybe don't know) the "gift" of become a Knight! While you can't actually "gift" him with becoming a Brother Knight directly, you can help show him how easy it is to do using the eMembership app! Remember to promote the fact that his first year of membership will be free (using the BlessedMcGivney promo code), a way to let him see for himself the advantages and benefits of being a member of the Order.

What better place to meet a potential new member than through the COR initiative, which actively seeks to invite all men of a parish to join in faith formation and prayer. COR gives councils a unique opportunity to be where men who seek fulfillment in their Faith can witness what the Order provides. It gives every participating Knight an opportunity to guide someone's steps to Knighthood. Your councils ongoing programs and, given the season, parties and gatherings, can also be the springboard to a man's journey to a more fulfilling Catholic experience through being a Knight.

When you meet that man, be ready! Put the eMembership link in your phone and know how to navigate the app! Be sure to use the promo code so the first-year dues are waived. Remember, tell the new member that he will receive an email within 24 hours (usually much less) asking him to respond to complete his membership process. Tell him to call you (or his sponsor) if he doesn't – and let your Diocesan Growth Coordinator (Vic or Mark) know right away if he didn't!

Get your new recruit to a CUF Degree as soon as possible. Council leaders, get your council to do a live CUF Degree so your candidate can complete his journey to Knighthood as quickly as possible. Your parish church isn't available? Do it in your normal council meeting space. No sashes? Just wear a dark suit with your council badging. Don't want to appear like amateurs? Just read the material carefully and slowly. What is important here is your acceptance and embrace of the new member as one who now belongs. Please don't wait! Have your candidate attend even a virtual CUF Degree while he's still fired with the enthusiasm of joining with fellow Catholic men.

As we approach the beginning of 2024, now is a good time to think about your growth goals for the last half of the Fraternal Year. Concentrate on steady growth and try to build enthusiasm through your charitable programs and outreach. Remember, in March we'll see another emphasis on growth, so now is a great time to order a Delta Church Drive kit and learn how to use it. As always, your Diocesan Growth Coordinators Vic and Mark, stand ready to help show you how to train and implement the kits.

Remember, 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!

May you and your families have a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas this year!

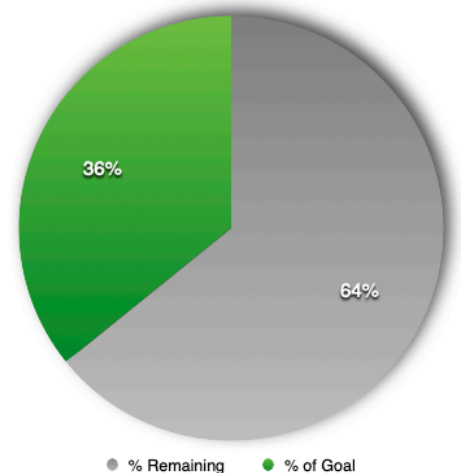
Till next month – Vivat Jesu!

Mark Kosobud

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Growth Report 2023-2024

FYTD Official Numbers from Supreme

As of 12/19/23	Goal	Intake	+ / -
July (Official)	27	16	-11
August (Official)	34	20	-14
September (Official)	37	30	-7
October (Official)	44	23	-21
November (Official)	42	44	2
December	36	25	-11
January	39	0	-39
February	41	0	-41
March	38	0	-38
April	38	0	-38
May	33	0	-33
June	32	0	-32
Fraternal Y-T-D	441	158	-283
Average/Month	37	26	



Arch Council Growth Status

#Achieved 100%+	3 Councils
Non Recruiting	44 Councils
Recruiting	46 of 90 Councils
% Recruiting	51%

Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2023-2024



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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April-May of
2024**

Super Cash Bonanza*

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February
2024**

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