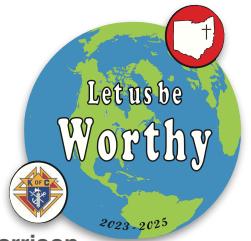




Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus – February 2024



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Lent So Soon?

This year is definitely off to a fast start with January in the rearview mirror and Lent just a week and a half away. Speaking of which, it also starts on Valentine's Day. So much of going out to dinner with your wife or girlfriend and enjoying that big steak. Instead we will enjoy a nice piece of fish or some seafood. As my former pastor Father Norm Langenbrunner used to say when asked if eating lobster was observing the true meaning of Lent he would respond that yes because if you're like me "as you drive by the local restaurants the smell of a hamburger or steak grilling never smells so good as it does during Lent, so yes it is a sacrifice."

Speaking of fish fries they are a great opportunity to set up a table and promote all the good things your council has done and to invite men to join. Let's call it a "soft sell". Dust off some of those awards and enlarge and display some picture of council activities in all four of our Faith in Action areas. Place council brochures on tables or into carryout bags.

One other idea is to give everyone a dollar (or two) off their fry dinner if they purchase a **Super Cash Bonanza** ticket right there on the spot! You can rebate the money to the fish fry committee because you'll likely make more money in Super Cash rebates in the end!

One other think to keep in mind is that the **Feast of the Annunciation - Day of the Unborn Child** has been moved to April 8, 2024 from it's traditional March 25th due to Holy Week. My home council hosts a rosary prayer service at our sister parish which is part of our family. We invite our brother Knights from Father Butler Council to join us since both councils are in that family.

We have some great articles in this issue on growth, Cor, benefits and upcoming Mens Conferences. Hopefully I'll see you at this year's E6!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski
State Secretary

2024 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.



As with many things in life, we sure fly by without a lot of our active help. Here we are, already halfway to our special Sprint to Founder's Day recruiting goal, it's me for the Super Bowl, and Lent is here. And Lent will bring with it fish fries and the many special devotionals of the Lenten season. All providing your councils with fantastic opportunities for recruitment.

The men who are in our parishes and should be the target of our recruiting efforts are devout men, seeking Spiritual peace in a world in trouble. The young Catholic fathers of today, the men who will lead the Order in years to come, will look to see what we are *DOING*, not just how many meetings we're attending or what new raffle tickets we're selling. While fund raising does offer a recruiting opportunity, it stands out best when we can show the potential new Brother a strong, charitable, and Faith-filled reason for our actions. Don't be shy about sharing the successes of any of your councils' activities, especially those which lead to Spiritual growth, and let your parishes know what you are doing for them and the broader community around them!

As Lent takes us on our journey to the joy of the Easter season, we need to remember the Brother Knight's that fill our council halls. The Lenten season would be a wonderful time to get behind your council's COR Director and implement some of the many devotional activities it offers. Once again, not only potential Brother Knight's, but those Brothers you rub elbows with every day, are looking for the support and the strength that comes from mutually shared faith formation. Here is another wonderful opportunity for recruitment, as all COR gatherings can be an open call to all the men of your parish who seek to grow their love of Christ and His Church.

Don't overlook the basic, though perhaps more mundane, techniques of recruiting a new Knight – simply asking someone to join, a membership social at your parish, a church drive or even better, a Delta Church Drive. Ask your council to obtain a supply of Form 11358 from Supplies Online and always have a few in your pocket. Be sure to put your council number on the card so if the potential candidate decides to use the eMembership system to join, he can be assigned to your council.

We can't encourage everyone enough to consider doing 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 all free and all 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.

Are you part of a parish that has a strong Hispanic presence? Let us know! We have resources available, both print and in-person, to provide Spanish language assistance to these potential Knights. If your parish supports a large Hispanic attendance, it might be possible to start a second council at your parish, a stand-alone Hispanic one. Again, please contact us and we'll get the right people involved!

I know this is a touch repetitious, but please consider using the eMembership system, either the app or at www.kofc.org/joinus, to begin your recruit's journey as a Brother Knight (again being sure he has your all-important council number!). 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 theDegree, 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.

Finally, is your council part of a District to which no District Deputy is appointed? Have questions that you need help with but aren't sure where to turn? Don't despair! Both of your Diocesan Growth Coordinators, members of the Ohio State Council staff, Director's, and your worthy State Officer Mike Felerski are always available to answer questions and help when needed. The names and contacts are available on the Ohio State Council website and can also be found at the end of this very publication. Please don't hesitate to call or email and let any of us know you need assistance.

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!

Till next month – Vivat Jesu!

Mark Kosobud



State eMembership Director
Greg Singlar

Growth

Brother Knights of the Arch,

A new incentive for our Parish Bulletin Initiative is going on now until Sunday March 3, 2024!
For all Councils that recruit new members via E-Membership using one of the Ohio State Council Parish Bulletin Blurbs will receive 1 of the following:

- All Councils that recruit 1 new E-Member gets a \$25 Walmart Gift Card
- All Councils that recruit 2 new E-Members gets \$50 Walmart Gift Card
- All Councils that recruit 3 or more new E-Members gets a \$100 Walmart Gift Card

For councils to qualify for the incentive, they must submit the names of the members recruited and a copy of their parish bulletin to State E-Membership Coordinator Greg Singlar via email – gsing50@gmail.com.

This can be a link to their parish bulletin or a PDF attachment of their bulletin. All recruited members must be on the council's Prospect Tab or Council Roster by Sunday March 3, 2023.

Please check the Ohio State Council's Monthly editions for the Beacon for Greg's bulletin blurbs or go to kofcoho.org/membership for the bulletin blurbs. You can use any of them for any month!



Good luck brother knights and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Greg Singlar
State E-Membership Coordinator



Arch District Deputy Coordinator
John Hoffman

Community



2024 Cincinnati Archdiocese Regional Free Throw Competition

When: Sunday February 25, 2024
Where: Bishop Fenwick High School
 4855 State Route 122
 Franklin, OH 45005
Times: Check in at 12:30 PM
 Contest begins promptly at 1:00 PM

Councils: Make sure your District Deputy has all of your winner's score sheets.

District Deputies: Have your District winner's score sheets to me as soon as your District Competition is complete.

– John H.



Happy Valentine’s Day!

I’ve been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine’s Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine’s Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I’m also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections. The celebration of love is always popular. After all, isn’t love what every holiday celebration is about?

It’s all about love!

Whether it’s a birthday, wedding anniversary, or holiday, it’s all about love! Valentine’s Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for another. Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he’s not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons. Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves. Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income.

Protecting the ones we love.

Less worries for the ones we love. All the products we have available are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let’s meet and discuss what you want.

Vivat Jesus!

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Robert Richer
Archdiocese Cor Director - South

Cor

Brothers, we are fast approaching lent, what a great time to try Cor with your council! Lent means more opportunities for Holy Hours, Stations of the Cross, and Penance. An idea for a Cor meeting could be a Stations of the Cross with reflections and catechesis, then a short fraternal gathering afterwards. This can be done any day or night of the week (not just Fridays).

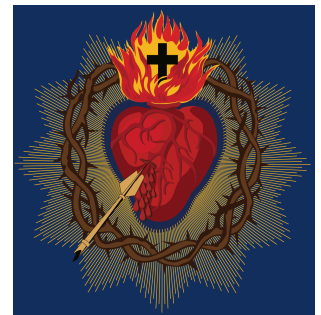
The number one question I have received about Cor is for parishes that already have existing men's groups. Does your council have a formal partnership with this group? Is it possible for the council to provide material needs for this group? This would count as Cor!

Please reach out to myself, or Chris Bozell for any questions or concerns.

Cor@cincykofc.org

Vivat Jesu,

Robert Richter





NORTHWEST MEN'S CONFERENCE

God's Gameplan for Your Life



We are happy to announce that tickets are now on sale for the 2024 Northwest Men's Conference! It will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Romer's Catering in St. Henry, Ohio.

This year's theme is "God's Gameplan for Your Life." We are finalizing the itinerary and hope to share with you soon. Stay tuned!

Buy your ticket today at nwmc.eventbrite.com



Keynote Speaker
Craig Stammen, former MLB Pitcher

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Dayton Chapter: www.daytonkofc.org
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