

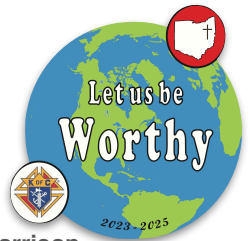


Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Knights of Columbus – January 2024

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Happy New Year

It may be the beginning of a new calendar year but not the start of a new fraternal year. As we pass the half way mark of the 2023-2024 fraternal year we start hearing into our busy season. As I write this I am getting ready for the mid-year District Deputy meeting which will kick off the 2024 Super Cash Bonanza. State Treasurer and SCB Chairman Jim Maslach has been working on a fun and exciting program theme for this year, and I think you'll like it.

A huge THANK YOU to Councils 13874 and 3382 for once again hosting the ticket distribution here in the Arch (details below). ***If you are in the southern part of the Arch and would like to pick up your tickets in Englewood, please let me know so that I have them ready for you.***

The 2023 **Coming of the Kings Christmas Pageant** is this Sunday, January 7th at the Krohn Conservatory in Cincinnati starting at 12:30 PM with the Chorus followed by the play beginning at 1:00 PM. This is a wonderful tradition for families and I had the opportunity to speak about it on Father Rob Jack's

Driving Home the Faith program on Sacred Heart Radio just before Christmas. Although I will likely still be in Columbus for the DD meeting

I hope you are able to attend and bring your children and/or grand children. There may even be a little snow on the ground which makes it even more special!

Shortly after Easter the **2023 Measure-Up** campaign will begin. Beyond our Gimme 5 initiative many councils have had success by "shaking their cans" in front of small businesses or placing their cans inside the businesses. Sometimes all it takes is asking. Some councils still do "street collections". This truly is our flagship charitable program to help those in our communities with developmental disabilities.

Finally, check out the **six winners** of this year's Ohio Charity Foundation High School Scholarship Program. This program shows our commitment to Catholic education in Catholic high schools. I encourage you to spread the word about this program in 2024.

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.



Brother Knights of the Arch,

As we near Epiphany ending the Christmas Season on Sunday, January 6, we have begun a new calendar year, and enter the second half of our fraternal year with membership growth trending up. On behalf of the State Growth Team, I hope you and your families had a blessed holiday season and are ready for new successes and challenges in 2024! As always, the key to growth is communication. Reach out to your fellow Catholic men who are not yet members of our order and invite them to join! Even with the recent improvement, our overall growth numbers are down compared with last year.

I know many of you are in parishes adjusting to major changes brought about by the Beacons of Light parish family groups. This process is, and will continue to be, a challenge for all of us. Take heart because this struggle, like every Cross we bear, is a call to even greater devotion and stewardship! Remember that most Catholics, worldwide, have dealt with few priests serving geographically large parishes for centuries. Most of them have never enjoyed the luxury of two priests in one parish, or a parish that encompasses just one town or one neighborhood. This change is Jesus calling us, the Catholic laity, and especially men, to greater participation, greater leadership, and greater personal devotion to God!

We must hear the same message when we see smaller numbers at Mass. The trend is clear: most people who were marginal or nominal Catholics don't participate. But those who do, especially young Catholic families, are very devout, serious, and committed to their faith! Those young fathers are the men who will revitalize our Order. Invite them to join and explain how they can live their faith more fully as a Knight of Columbus. They are the future leaders of your council!

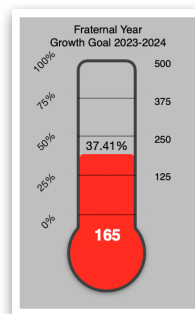
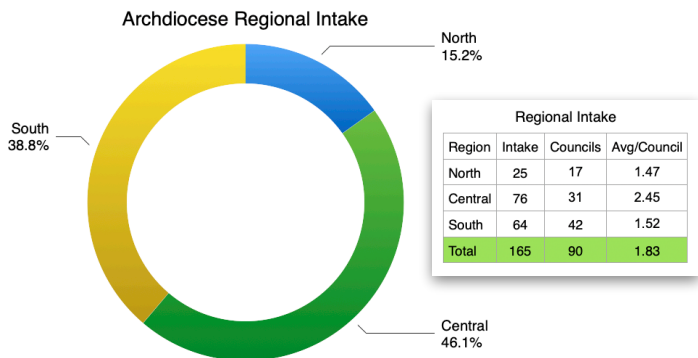
Looking ahead to the second half of your fraternal year, we have a mix of some councils doing very well, but many are struggling to grow. What's the answer? First and foremost, stop looking at membership growth as just one item on your agenda. Make growth a part of everything your council does! Any event, any project, any liturgy is a growth opportunity. Apply the three basic rules for attracting people: Number 1: Be VISIBLE. Knights wearing their council shirts are recruiting even before they speak! Number 2: Be POSITIVE. Knights enjoying a task attract attention. Spread the Good News! Number 3: Be HONEST. We need men to be active Knights, not numbers on a roster. A new knight doesn't have to do everything, but he must do something. A man who knows what he signed up for will follow through. Tell them why you are an active knight! Don't downplay participation, emphasize it!

When a man does agree to join us, use E-Membership (www.kofc.org/JoinUs) instead of a paper Form 100. It's faster and more dependable than paper. Lastly, I want to highlight the following councils that are leading the way on growth:

- In District 2, Fr. Anthony Wolf Council #4378
- In District 5, Mary Help of Christians Council #3724
- In District 6, Fr. W. Howard Bishop Council #3873, and Fr. William O'Connor Council #3730
- In District 14, Archbishop Elder Council #1195, and Joseph Cardinal Bernadin Council #12359

If you are struggling with growth, reach out to a leader of one of these councils. Talk to him about what he's doing. Look up and read their posts on the parish website and in bulletins. Things that work for them may work for you or spark an idea you can put into action. Not trying is the only way to guarantee failure. Be creative, be upbeat and be persistent!

Vivat Jesus!



Our 2023-2024 Fast Start Winner
- Cincinnati -
Roll Up Retractable Banner

Fr. William O'Connor
Council #3730
District #5

Congratulations



PRAYER – FORMATION – FRATERNITY

Happy New Year Brothers! A new calendar year is a good time to start a new initiative. The newest series from the Knights is “Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family” this is a 5 part series about marriage and family life. 5 parts means it’s perfect to start now, with meetings once a month it will be over by the end of the fraternal year.

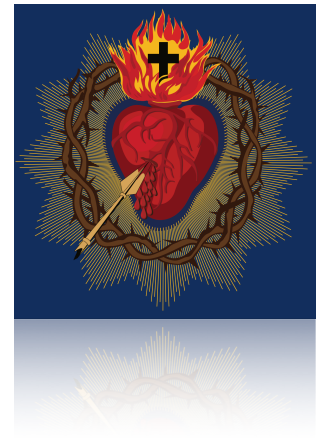
We are also looking forward at the calendar to Lent. For us Knights, this can mean more than just Fish Fry’s. It means an increase in opportunities for Holy Hour, or Stations of the Cross - these can become Cor activities. If you’re looking for something to attract younger guys, Exodus Lent is also an option

Please reach out to me if you want me to come to a council or officer meeting, or if you need assistance with a kickoff plan.

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Vivat Jesu,

Robert Richter



Knights of Columbus Ohio Charity Foundation

Congratulations

2023 – 2024 Archdiocese Scholarship Winners List

<u>Award Winner</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>In Honor or Memoriam of</u>
Serena Paul	Archbishop Alter	9	Cincinnati	\$1,000	Ohio Charity Foundation
Adriana Ahrens	Archbishop Carroll	11	Cincinnati	\$1,000	Ohio Charity Foundation Grant
Gerry McDonald	Elder	12	Cincinnati	\$1,000	Albert Schrand, PGK
Nate Gerhardstein	LaSalle	12	Cincinnati	\$1,000	Ohio Charity Foundation
Helena Hennessy	Mercy McAuley	12	Cincinnati	\$1,000	Ohio Charity Foundation Grant
Marisa Poff	Seton	11	Cincinnati	\$1,000	Ronald Edmonds, PGK

Presentation of the scholarships is scheduled prior to the February Cincinnati and Dayton Chapter Meetings



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.



As promised we have made changes for easier reporting! Instead of just one council choice in each of the four Faith in Action (FIA) programs there are now THREE council choices. Councils still must do TWO FIA programs. The points remain the same for reporting programs: 125 points.

Youth Compliancy has also been updated and as of December 22, 2023, all councils that have any or all four of their member compliant are reflected in your points total for your council. For Youth Protection we get this report from Supreme.

The Youth Compliancy will be updated every month.

Mike Jordon
General Program Director
Let Us Be Worthy!



Below are the winners of the Lauterbach-Kosobud Growth Challenge. For every council who brought in 2 or more members in November (per Supreme official report) would receive a pizza party during an upcoming council meeting. The contest was extended to December 15 per the State Secretary since he felt he personally had not done a good job spreading the word (it was announced at the Dayton and Cincinnati Chapter meetings):



<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Gain</u>
1195	014	Cincinnati	13
3724	005	Fairborn	8
4378	002	Russells Point	4
624	004	Springfield	2
1801	005	Xenia	2
3730	005	Dayton	2
13608	012	West Chester	2
3861	014	Cincinnati	2
13813	015	Loveland	2



Spotlight on: Permanent Life Insurance

What is it?

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die, and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic.

Who needs it?

Permanent life insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution for people who are interested in:

- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of an untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Giving a donation to a charity or special interest.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes.

How does it work?

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away – guaranteed.

All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase, so you won't have to worry about any surprises.

Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used as cash, either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy*, or as collateral.

What options do I have?

The Knights Advantage Series of permanent life insurance products are flexible to fit your needs.

Product Options

Limited Pay Whole Life—Our flagship policy for maximum flexibility. You choose how many years to pay premiums, with a five-year minimum payment period. Selected when you apply, the payment period is fixed and guaranteed...precise and perfect for just about any life insurance planning need, even up to and through your retirement years.

Single Premium Whole Life—Secure protection and start your legacy with one, single payment.

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Graded Death Benefit Whole Life—No underwriting (limited underwriting in Canada) required for this final expense product.

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