

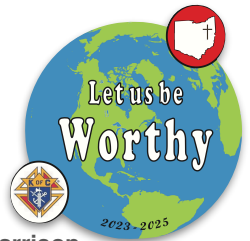


# Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## Knights of Columbus – July 2024

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## A New Fraternal Year Begins with a Fast Start...

Brother Knights of the Archdiocese: What an incredible way to start the new fraternal year. We coming off from hosting the State Convention, earning the Circle of Honor, and hosting the Seton Route of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it passed through the Archdiocese. Plus as of this writing we are number one in growth in the State for this new year!

So let's build on this momentum in our programs and our growth. Let's make this summer a **Fast Start so that We May [continue to] be Worthy!**

## Thank You for your Growth Efforts...

Brothers, in the issue you will find a great summary of last fraternal year's growth efforts in the Arch from Membership Coordinator - South, Mark Kosobud. We still have a number of eMembers on the roster available to be brought into our local councils. Make sure to reach out to them. If you have **ANY** questions on transferring (converting) eMembers to council members do not hesitate to reach out to Vic Lauterbach or Mark Kosobud. They are the experts.

## State Convention...

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's State Convention. As I look back everything went well in spite of some glitches. I had good feedback on the banquet being a buffet with the exception of some of the chicken being a bit dry. Everyone but one person I spoke with enjoyed the Friday Night Party featuring Mike Davis. I checked after the party and we really did drain the two kegs from that evening.

Of note, some of the ladies were disappointed they did not receive a challenge coin. If there are any wives who attended and would like one, just let me know.

## Speaking of Convention Gifts...

I have a number of the 125th Anniversary mugs and wine tumblers available for purchase at \$10 each. Let me know if you are interested. Father Butler Council purchased ten as golf outing door prizes. I also have the challenge coins available at \$15 each. If you have not seen them they have the 125th Anniversary logo on the front and the State Council commissioned Father McGivney icon on the obverse.

## District Deputy Changes for 2024-25...

First I would like to introduce our new District #11 District Deputy: **Robert Richter**. You might remember him from the State Convention's **Under Forty** group and as a member of the State Liturgical Committee along with Chris Crum (COL).

**Dave Senger** has taken over District #13 which contains a number of his former councils prior to the Beacons of Light re-alignment.

**David Weeks** has stepped away from District #6 to take on new responsibilities in the Fourth Degree. David did an excellent job and I wish he could have continued.

Districts #1, #4, and now #6 are in need of a District Deputy. Any former DD can attest that it is one of the best experiences a Knight can have in his K of C career. Please, if you have every considered being a DD contact the Archdiocese District Deputy Coordinator John Hoffman (contact information on last page). And yes, we do provide training!

Lastly, **Father Schmitmeyer** will be joining us on the State Tour stop for the presentation of the 2023-2024 Support our Seminarians donation. See you at Saint Leonard on Saturday, July 20th!

Finally to all my brother Knights, thank you for all that you do for our Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski  
 State Secretary

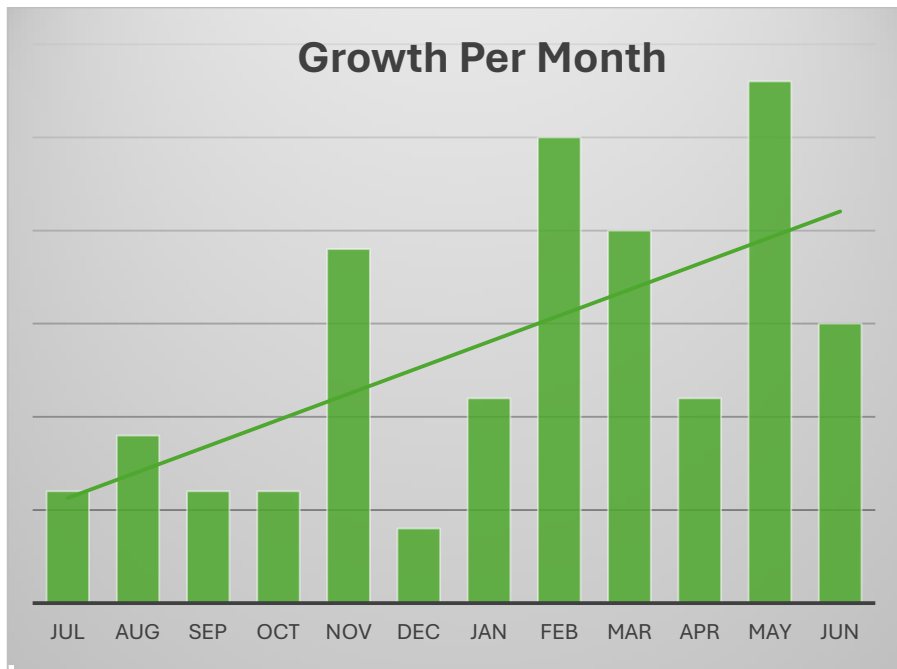


## Growth Recap for Fraternal Year 2023-2024

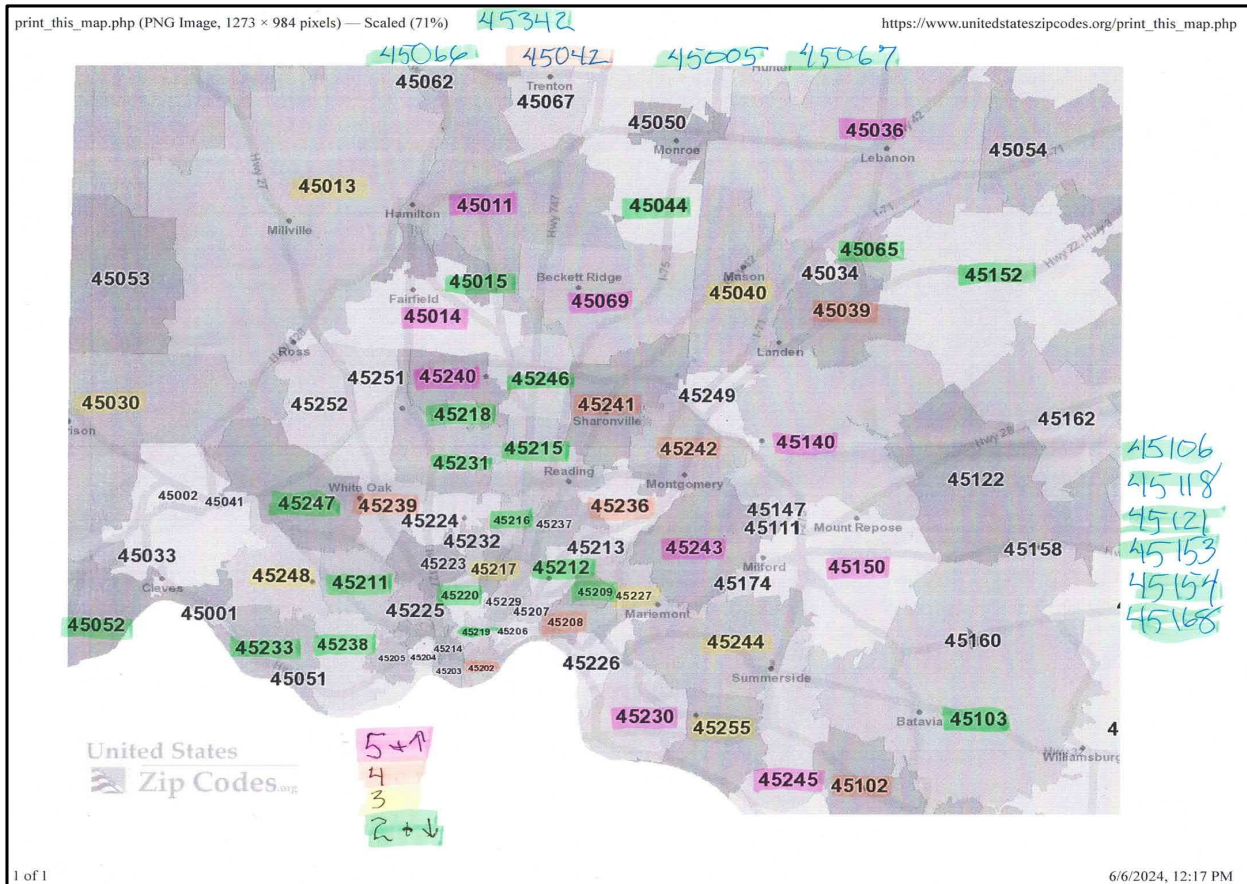
### Archdiocese of Cincinnati – South

The Arch-South area includes 7 Districts (11 through 17) plus two councils in District 10, 14408 and 5128, both of which operate more in the Cincinnati Chapter area, their data is included in this report. This represents 39 separate councils across a wide range of urban, suburban, and rural areas with a diverse population.

Overall growth for this past Fraternal Year ended up at 174 new members added to the various rosters. This was only 56% of Supreme’s Growth Goal for the year, but we were able to provide a healthy 94% contribution to the Circle of Honor Goal. Looking at these numbers across the months, the first and second quarters started a bit slow, and it does look like the time spent working to defeat the ballot initiative did impact the September and October numbers. The surge in November was gratifying, only to be followed by the Christmas season’s low return. The second half of the year began a much better series of months, first with a great February and then an even better May.

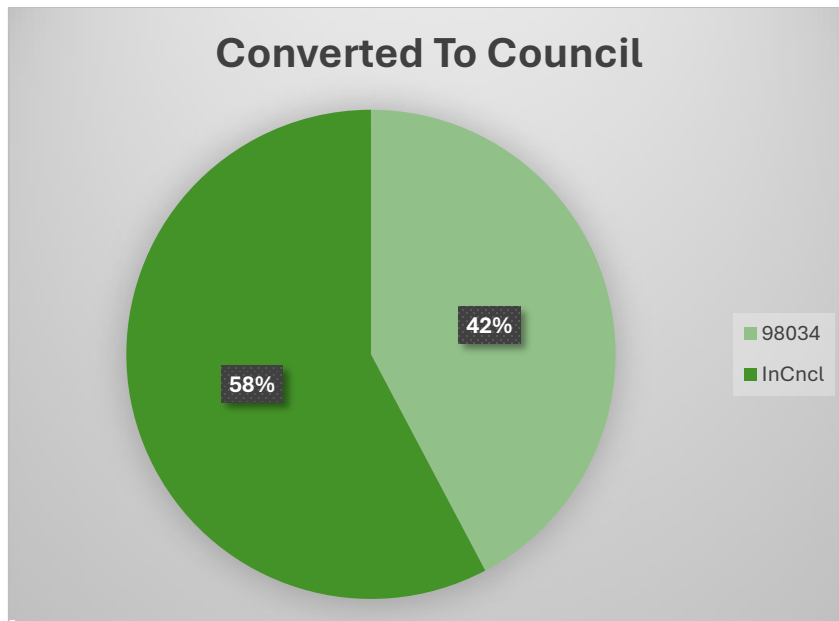


Participation by our councils improved through the year. Of the 39 councils in Arch-South, 31 (or 79%) brought at least one new member on board. Again, councils across the area participated in bringing in new members. However, the (very) rough heat map at the top of the next page shows the hot zip codes for recruitment and is highly suggestive that our best efforts are occurring in the highly urbanized areas. This was supported by discussions with the DD’s representing more rural zip codes. Their comments pointed out not only the difficulty of longer distance travel to participate in council activities, but also the seasonal nature of the recruiting effort – suggesting these areas for our focus for the Fall and Winter seasons and the urban / suburban core in the Spring and Summer months.



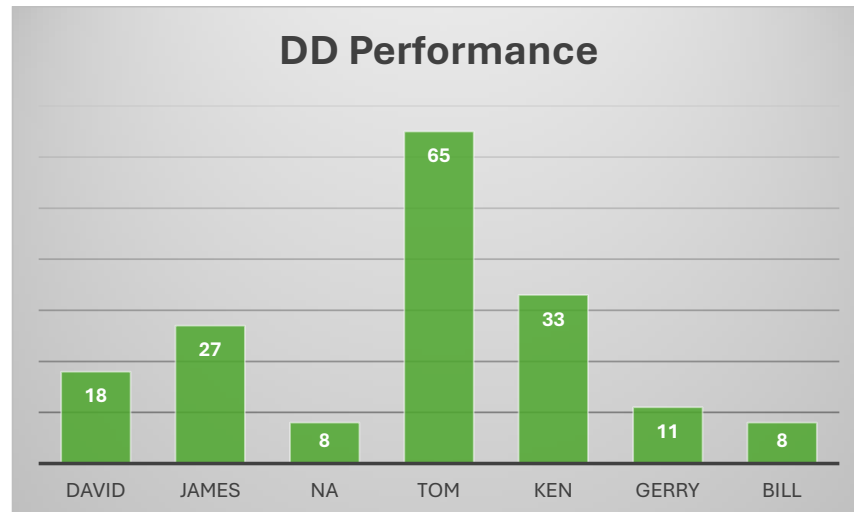
Heat Map 1

Arch-South embraced the challenge of the eMembership approach in a major way. Fully 97% of all new members in our 39 councils came into the Order via the eMembership approach. Once in the system, Arch-South did an increasing better job of converting them into fulltime council members. Of the total eMember intake for the year, 58% are already seated in councils.



Arch-South also contributed to the Circle of Honor Goal of 59 STAR Councils, adding five to that list, including one Double STAR council, as of the 28<sup>th</sup> of June.

All seven of the District Deputies posted gains for FY23/24 – even the untenanted District 13.



Tom, Ken, and James and David were the beneficiaries of the strong growth in the urban zip code areas.

Potentially the biggest gain for the upcoming Fraternal Year 2024/2025 will be plugging the gap in District 13, giving Arch-South a full complement of DD's. David Senger took it upon himself, after his change from DD11 to DD13 was approved for the start of FY24/25, to start visiting the councils involved and get reacquainted with the Brothers in them.

Goals for the next Fraternal Year:

1. Continue to push the use of eMembership; and as a subset of this, helping to get the GK's and FS's to understand the ease of using the Prospect Tab to move candidates into their councils. To this end, the new electronic Form 100 will also be a help to those who just can't give it up.
2. Continue to promote growth across the year. Use of a forecast prediction product in November suggested that growth would center around 15 candidates per month. We wound up at 14.5 for the year. This suggest we could make some gains by increasing our monthly intake numbers.
3. Helping everyone understand they need to put the desired council number into the eMembership form!
4. Urge councils to take on the responsibility for doing the CUF Exemplification in their councils, and when time is at a premium, getting a candidate to an online degree to ensure he becomes a member of the council right away.
5. The formation of the anticipated Hispanic Council would be a big plus for Arch-South. Of the current eMembers sitting in 98034, fully 15% are slated to join this council.
6. Encourage councils to get the Fraternal Benefit Evening's and the Safe Environment protocols underway at the beginning of the year, and to monitor them as they go through the year.



# **Cincinnati Archdiocese** **2024 State Tour Stop!** ***New Location!***

**Saturday**  
**July 20, 2024**

**Light**  
**Lunch: 12:30 PM**  
**Meeting: 1:00 - 3:00 PM**



**Wellness Center**  
**at St. Leonard**  
**8100 Clyo Rd**  
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# Cincinnati Archdiocese Quick Reference Guide 2024-2025



## Web Sites...

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Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/](https://www.facebook.com/OhioKnightsOfColumbus/)  
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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:

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and send in  
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