

2023

Fairy's Facts...



Welcome to 2023. I am hopeful that we can put Covid 19 behind us and put a swift end to RSV and all the flu bugs! It is time to remove all of that from our daily conversations. Please continue to protect yourself, your family and your friends.

I would like to thank all CLC members for representing CLC throughout the year while volunteering and donating to many charities. Part of being a Fraternal organization is giving to our families, churches, schools and community organizations. I am a firm believer that the more we give the more we receive. Thank-you for your donations and please include them as you report your volunteer hours and donations to CLC.

CLC offers 25-\$1,000 scholarships a year to eligible members. Scholarship applications are now available to any member who has had a life insurance policy for three years and will be continuing their education. Members are eligible to win a scholarship twice over the course of their education. The 2023 application is now available on our website, theclc.org. Make sure your student takes advantage of this fraternal benefit. All applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2023. Good Luck to everyone who applies.

The CLC Board members will meet in person in January. We also meet many times during the year via email and by zoom. The Board voted in December to raise the guarantee rate on all new CLC annuities, IRA's and Roth IRA's to 2.75%. This will take effect January 1, 2023 on all new policies issued. If you have any questions or need more information contact your local agent or sales director for CLC, AJ Angelo.

As our lives and families change, remember a perfect gift is life insurance. What a great gift to plan and protect our families for their future. It is also a perfect time to add to

15th to make 2022 additions. These are excellent ways to save for your retirement.

I am preparing the 2023 council President's letter. It will be mailed at the end of January to give you more information about CLC programs and activities.

It is also important to continue with the installation of Officers at your January meetings. The initiations include each officer's duties and the importance of their contributions to the council, meetings and communities.

Welcome your new officers and continue to give them your support at your local council meetings. Each council should also send in their audit, volunteer hours and donation forms you will find included in the President's letter.

The CLC Board, Staff and I wish you all a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Columbus Grove Council #166 Helping Make What Is Old New Again!



Very Reverend David Ritchie is accepting the check from Rosemary Langhals for St. Anthony Of Padua Church, Columbus Grove. The money will be used to paint the Sanctuary ceiling with Portraits of Saints and updating the lighting system. The picture behind is the plans for this project.

TIMES SQUARE BALL DROP

History of the Ball Drop in Times Square

It's no secret that one of the most popular destinations in the world for the most highly anticipated night out of the year – New Year's Eve – is New York City. It's all about the sights, sounds, and unique entertainment that this city has to offer—centered, of course, on the Times Square Ball. When you gather in Midtown to watch the Ball Drop, you're part of a long, rich history of partying!

In 1903, The New York Times newspaper was about to open their new headquarters, the city's second tallest building, in what was then known as Longacre Square. The paper's owner, Adolph Ochs, decided to commemorate their opening with a midnight fireworks show on the roof of the building on December 31, 1903. After four years of New Year's Eve fireworks celebrations, Ochs wanted a bigger spectacle at the building to draw more attention to the newly-renamed Times Square. An electrician was hired to construct a lighted Ball to be lowered from the flagpole on the roof of One Times Square. The iron Ball was only 5 feet in diameter! The very first drop was on New Year's Eve 1907, one second after midnight. Though the Times would later move its headquarters, the New Year's Eve celebration at One Times Square remains a focal celebration for the world.

The Ball has gone through some major transformations in its 100-plus years of partying. The original Ball was replaced in 1920 with a 5-foot, 400-pound iron Ball. This Ball lasted to 1995, when a third Ball debuted, adding rhinestones and a computerized lighting system

featuring strobe lights. For the arrival of the new millennium, an entirely new Ball was constructed. 1,070 pounds and measuring 6 feet in diameter, the fourth ball was covered with 504 Waterford Crystal triangles illuminated with 168 halogen bulbs outside. Internally, 432 bulbs of clear, red, blue, green and yellow colors along with strobe lights and spinning mirrors lit up the night. It was retired on December 31, 2006 newly rigged with light-emitting diodes.

In honor of the Ball Drop's 100th anniversary, a fifth design debuted New Year's Eve 2008. Manufactured again by Waterford Crystal with a diameter of 6 feet, weighing 1,212 pounds, it used LEDs, computerized lighting pattern, and can produce over 16.7 million colors, but only consumes the electricity of 10 toasters! The 2008 Ball was only used once— a sixth new Ball debuted on New Year's Eve 2009 and is still in use.

Today's Ball is 12 feet in diameter, weighing 11,875 pounds. While retaining the 2008 design, this Ball was rebuilt double its previous size. To accommodate this new Ball, the flagpole was also enlarged, now rising 475 feet above the street. It remains atop One Times Square year-round, reminding the people below of the most exciting night of the year, and building the anticipation. Where will you be this New Year's Eve? How will you become a part of the Ball's history?

Landeck CLC Council #84

Looking back through the year of 2022, we averaged 21 members per meeting. Matching funds were split between two local families. We donated money to Cainan's Purpose, Lego fund for helping hands. We also used our quarter auction money to help purchase Legos for Cainan's Purpose. We laughed through Laughter Yoga by Katie Maag. Many members braved the heat wave in June to visit Maria Stein Shrine and the Do Good Restaurant for our summer fling. Charitable donations were used to fund the summer concert in the park. We donated to Our Daily Bread, Lima Ohio and the Clinton County Homeless Shelter in Wilmington,

Ohio for make a difference day. Christmas cards, and many get well / thinking of you cards were sent out to our shut-in and sick members. Together, we wrote 1,085 Christmas cards for Ohio Veterans at Veterans Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, to the Veteran Home in Sandusky and for the Ohio Veteran Home in Georgetown. We also have several masses said for our living and deceased members. Come join us at Landeck CLC. You are sure to have fun while supporting your community, your family. Our next meeting is at 7pm at the CFO Hall in Landeck Ohio. All are welcome!

Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

Each year CLC Life Insurance is proud to offer 25 scholarships (in the amount of \$1,000 each) to any full-time student, holding an active policy with CLC for at least 3 calendar years. Students can win this scholarship up to 2 times and the awarded funds can be applied towards tuition, books, room and board, or general education expenses, no questions asked. We encourage all of our student members to apply for this scholarship.

CLC Life Insurance is excited to help support you in your educational goals! Applications are accepted January 1 – February 28. All materials must be postmarked by February 28, 2023 for your application to be considered. Scholarship applications will be judged on the basis of the information that is provided. Judges' decisions are final. Members will be furnished a copy of the scholarship guidelines upon request. Send your questions to society@theclc.org.



Q: What is a New Year's Resolution?

A: *Something that goes in one year and out the other.*

Making History As The Youngest Director Elected!



During the Ohio Fraternal Alliance meeting Lydia Rall (pictured above, third from the right), CLC's Vice President, was asked to run for the OFA Board. She was elected and sworn in to serve as one of the Directors.

Lydia was the youngest attendee and I am sure she will be a benefit to the Ohio Alliance. Congratulations Lydia and help keep them going in the right direction.

Time To Update Your Policies!

In many board games, the key to winning is making investments properly and checking on them when the board brings you back around. Be sure to treat your life insurance policies seriously, with the same regular check-ins to ensure that you're paying into a policy that will protect your family the precise way you have intend it to.

If you need to make updates, a printable form is available on the CLC website at theclc.org. Complete the form and return it to the Home Office. If you need further assistance or have questions in regard to your policy(ies), contact your agent or the CLC Sales Director, AJ Angelo @ 614-306-2615.

ATTENTION:
All 1099's will be mailed, to your address on file, no later than **January 31, 2023.**

A Note From AJ...

I am excited to say that 2022 was a wonderful year for CLC. We have been able to accomplish many of our goals and are looking forward to continuing our momentum as we move into 2023. Even in these uncertain times, with the ups and downs of the economy, we were able to reduce the cost of our life insurance products across the board and increase our annuity rates. This led to a significant increase in production, especially in our life insurance business, which was one of the main goals for 2022.

Looking on to 2023, we will continue to work diligently to increase our sales production. This year our focus will be increasing the number of agents on the CLC sales team. We believe that this will be a win, win, win, for all involved. A win for CLC to strengthen our society. A win for the communities. Most importantly a win for our members. CLC will bring in more revenue to make us stronger. This will be used to increase the support to our communities.

My wish to you and your loved ones is a safe, healthy, and blessed 2023.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Originating in the 19th century, the New Year's meal typically consists of black eyed peas, cabbage, and cornbread. Each of the foods has a symbolic meaning for the new year. The black eyed peas have a different meaning for some people.

Some believe they represent health, while other traditions hold that peas symbolize prosperity due to the fact that they swell when they are cooked. They are typically cooked with a hambone or some form of pork product for a strong flavor. Aside from the flavor, the pork also has a symbolic meaning in the New Year's meal.

The pork is meant to represent a positive move into the new year. This meaning stems from the fact that pigs root forward when they are foraging. The cabbage represents wealth and financial well being in the new year. Collard greens, mustard greens, and turnip greens, are used as popular substitutes for the cabbage. The bright yellow cornbread is said to represent gold. Altogether the meal is a staple of southern soul food and is a great example of the rich folk heritage to be discovered in the South.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members share in the spiritual benefits of being enrolled in a perpetual membership with the Sisters of Notre Dame. If you need a special prayer, individual requests can be sent directly to Sister Deb by sending an email to clcprayerrequests@gmail.com. Local councils have annual Masses for their living and deceased members. If requested, CLC council members will offer prayers at a member's funeral services. Even in death, CLC supports and honors our members.

REMINDER: THERE IS NO FEBUARY EDITION OF THE INDEX.