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## Hearthstone® Players Become Knights of the Frozen Throne™ in August

*Pry 135 new cards from the Lich King's icy grasp in upcoming expansion for Blizzard Entertainment's internationally acclaimed digital card game*

*Transform heroes into Death Knights and wield powerful new abilities with legendary Hero Cards*

*Claim the Frozen Throne in a series of free missions*

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- For those in the service of the Lich King, death is only the beginning. . . . Blizzard Entertainment today announced *Knights of the Frozen Throne™*, the new expansion coming this August to *Hearthstone®*, Blizzard's smash-hit digital card game. Adventurers will soon travel to Northrend, where they'll confront the Lich King and be raised as Death Knights, wielding otherworldly powers and stealing life from their opponents, and ultimately ascending Icecrown Citadel to claim the Frozen Throne—and 135 frosty new cards—for themselves.

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In *Knights of the Frozen Throne*, players storm Icecrown Citadel, the Lich King's frozen fortress, in pursuit of the forbidden might of runic magic. Rumor has it the Lich King seeks champions to imbue with the icy essence of undeath: players will soon receive his favor in the form of nine new legendary Hero Cards that, when played, transform *Hearthstone's* heroes into fearsome Death Knights, granting frost-rimed armor and modified powers. The Lich King has also decided to bestow players with a new power from beyond the grave: "Lifesteal," a chilling new keyword, heals players for damage dealt.

Those not content with merely serving at the Lich King's behest can challenge him directly in a series of free missions that *Knights of the Frozen Throne* will offer to all players. Step into Icecrown Citadel in the prologue mission, then venture through the citadel's two wings as you fight iconic bosses like Professor Putricide and Sindragosa on your way to a final epic showdown against The Lich King himself. After completing the prologue mission, players will receive a random legendary

Embrace powers from beyond the grave in *Knights of the Frozen Throne™*, the upcoming expansion for *Hearthstone®*, Blizzard Entertainment's smash-hit digital card game. (Graphic: Business Wire)

Death Knight Hero Card.

Coming to Windows® and Mac® PCs; Windows, iOS, and Android™ tablets; and mobile phones, *Knights of the Frozen Throne* card packs will be winnable in *Hearthstone's* Arena mode and purchasable with in-game gold or real money at the same prices as *Hearthstone's* other card packs. Starting today and up until the expansion is released, players eager for an audience with the Lich King can pre-purchase *Knights of the Frozen Throne* card packs in a special 50-pack bundle, on any platform, for a one-time price of \$49.99 (one purchase per account). Those who do so will be granted a unique themed card back from the Lord of the Scourge himself.

Get your first taste of undeath at [thefrozenthrone.com](http://thefrozenthrone.com).

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*\*Based on internal company records and reports from key distribution partners.*

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