



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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DAYTON COUNCIL 500
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July 2026 Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

As we begin a new fraternal year, I want to thank each of you for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me Grand Knight. Council 500 has a remarkable 125-year history, and our responsibility is to honor that legacy while preparing the Council for the future.

Our priorities this year are straightforward: strengthen our Catholic faith, increase active membership, improve communication, support our Family of Parishes, and make Bainbridge Hall a tool that serves our mission. Every member has talents to contribute, whether through a single event or ongoing service.

I encourage every brother to invite a Catholic man to join us. Personal invitations remain the most effective way to grow our Order. If each active Knight invited one man this year, Council 500 would be transformed.

Please attend our meetings, volunteer when you can, and pray for our priests, our parish family, and our brothers who are ill. Together we will continue building a Council worthy of those who came before us.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Ed Sands
Grand Knight
Dayton Council 500
edsands@kofc500.org



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PGK

Council 500 has successfully completed all of the requirements for the Star Council Award for the second consecutive year. We have received confirmation that we earned the Columbian Award, the Founders' Award, and met the membership requirements for the McGivney Award. We are now awaiting official confirmation of the Star Council Award from Supreme. Congratulations to our Past Grand Knight, Drew Hilgefard, and to every Brother Knight whose hard work made this possible. When you see Drew, please congratulate him on this accomplishment. Not many councils can claim this honor and Drew has done it for his two terms as Grand Knight.



COUNCIL NEWS

New Officers for 2026-27 Columbian Year

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| • Grand Knight: | Ed Sands |
| • Chaplain: | Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam |
| • Deputy Grand Knight: | Tom Wentling |
| • Chancellor: | Drew Hilgefords |
| • Treasurer: | Bruce Comer |
| • Advocate: | Eric Saunders |
| • Warden: | Randy Bryan |
| • Inside Guard: | Steve Smith |
| • Outside Guard: | Greg Gannon |
| • 3-Year Trustee: | Paul Winner |
| • 2-Year Trustee: | Steve Falter |
| • 1-Year Trustee: | Rick Kaliney |

Program Directors:

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| • Program Director: | Tom Wentling |
| • Faith/EFF Director: | Paul Winner |
| • Life Director: | Dave Norckauer |
| • Family Director: | Rick Kaliney |
| • Community Director: | Open |
| • Membership Director: | Drew Hilgefords |

NEW PROGRAMS

Monthly Monday Membership Meal (MMMM)

On the 2nd Monday of the Month we hold a membership meal for Knights and families. It could be burgers/fries for one month, something different the next month. This is an opportunity to connect with or reconnect with your brother Knights. Bring your family, enjoy dinner, and spend time with your brother Knights in a relaxed setting.

Bainbridge Hall – K of C Lounge
267 Bainbridge St, Dayton, Ohio

Second Monday of Each Month
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

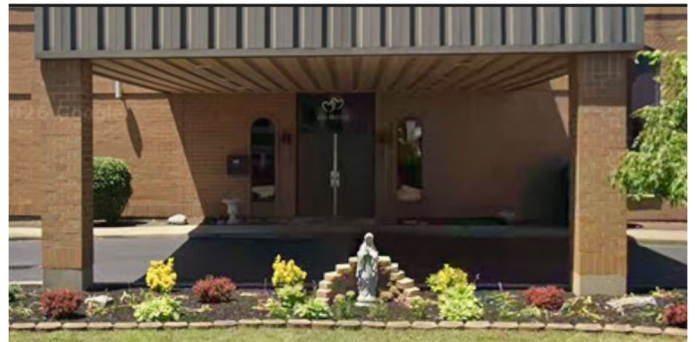
- ¼ lb Cheeseburger Meal – \$6 (fries & pop)
- ½ lb Cheeseburger Meal – \$8 (fries & pop)
- Kids Meal – \$5 (hot dog, fries, pop & ice cream)

Bring your family and join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

UPCOMING COUNCIL BUSINESS

At the next council meeting we will conduct an Officer Installation and discuss the proposed budget for 2026-27. All members are encouraged to attend as we begin the new Columbian Year together.

BAINBRIDGE HALL LOUNGE



One of the benefits of being a member of Council 500 is access to the Bainbridge Hall lounge. The door is locked and requires the use of mobile phone app or a key fob token to unlock the side door. If you need access to the lounge and have not set it up already, please make an appointment with **Leo Schaaf** (ljshaaf@sbcglobal.net 937-294-8425) to have a token setup.

Lounge Members hours:

Monday – Friday :12:00 noon – 10pm

Saturday and Sunday: 6am - 10pm



Cor

SK Paul Winner, our new Faith Director has agreed to serve as the Council Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) Director developing our Cor program for Holy Trinity, St. Joseph and Emanuel Parishes. Interested in joining our first Cor men's group? Contact Paul Winner.



<https://www.kofc.org/cor/>

NEW MEMBERS

Ethan Coppel	Kevin Kates
Alex Hilgefard	George Loney
Eric Hilgefard	Zach Tipps
Paul Jobe	Fr. Epitasy Makala

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Marvin Barga	Fr. Epitasy Makala
Daniel Beemsterboer	Braden Norckauer
David Doughty	Daniel OConnor
Thomas Drake	Roger Owens
Michael Harman	Fr Ken Pleiman
Chris Hickey	David Ratay

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Day Date Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 st Sunday 8:00 am	Rosary at Holy Trinity
3 rd Sunday 9:45 am	Holy Hour and Adoration
Tuesday 7/7 6:30 pm	Officer Installation
Tuesday 7/7 7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Monday 7/13 6:00 pm	MMMM
Thursday 7/23 6:00 pm	Home Corp Meeting

KNIGHT(S) OF THE MONTH



	For the Month of _____
	Grand Knight _____
	Dayton Council 500 _____ Council _____ Date _____

This month's knight(s) of the month are **Harry Bossey** and **Rick Kaliney**.

Harry is honored for his volunteer work as Financial Manager for Bainbridge Hall and his service to St. Joseph's Parish.

Rick is honored for his volunteer ushering at University of Dayton, Caretaker work for Bainbridge Hall events, his service as a Trustee and Family Director, and his service to St. Joseph's Parish.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider volunteering for one of these events. Even a few hours of service makes a tremendous difference.

Daniel Horning
John Kiley
William Leibold
John Ludwig
Bradley Luedtke

Joseph Reiss
Eric Saunders
Thomas Shannon
James Zimmerman

Bainbridge Hall Event Caretakers Needed

Part of maintaining a parish hall like Bainbridge Hall is the need for volunteers to serve as Caretakers during event and ensure the hall is returned to normal after events.

If you have availability to make a difference and help with the hall, please let **Eric Saunders** (saunders.es@gmail.com) know. Here are some events needing Knights to step up and cover caretaker shortages in July:

We use several methods to keep members informed about Council news and upcoming events.

- Bulletin Board notices posted in Council Meeting Room
- Email notices from Grand Knight and Financial Secretary.
- The GK is at Bainbridge Hall 8am before the 8:30 mass at Holy Trinity Church if you would like to chat over coffee.
- Monthly KNIGHT WRITER Newsletter emailed and printed version mailed on request.
- Membership Survey: <http://survey.kofc500.org>
- Facebook Private Group:

- 7/12 Sunday 3-11 PM HALL, Family Party (CARETAKER NEEDED)
- 7/18 Saturday 4-9 PM COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, Bridal Shower (CARETAKER NEEDED)
- 7/25 Saturday (TENTATIVE), COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, Bridal Shower (CARETAKER NEEDED)
- 7/26 Sunday 2-10 PM COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, Baby Shower (CARETAKER NEEDED)

1st Sunday of Month Rosary at Holy Trinity Church

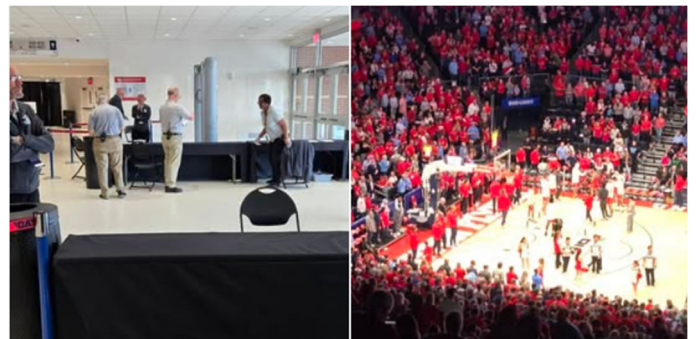
First Sunday of every month, the Knights of Council 500 will be leading the Rosary promptly at 8:00am at Holy Trinity. If anyone would like to lead the rosary, please reach out to Larry Clark.

3rd Sunday of the Month Holy Hour and Adoration at Holy Trinity Church

Council 500's Holy Hour and Adoration is at 9:45am at Holy Trinity on the third Sunday of each month.

UD Ushering:

If are interested in becoming an usher for University of Dayton Events please contact Scott Skiple. Last year our volunteer efforts allowed us to bank hours and contribute \$7000 to local charities.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kofc500>

- Facebook Public Site:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587304130060>



- Website: <https://www.kofc500.net>
- Website Upgrade (In Progress)



CLOSING

Be the Catholic Man Our World Needs

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a simple vision: faithful Catholic men strengthening their families, parishes, and communities through charity, unity, and fraternity.

That mission is just as important today.

Every Council meeting, Rosary, Holy Hour, and act of service is an opportunity to grow closer to Christ. Our greatest witness is not found in what we say, but in how we live our faith each day.

As we begin a new Columbian Year, let us challenge ourselves to deepen our prayer life, support one another as brothers, and invite another Catholic man to experience the fellowship and purpose found in the Knights of Columbus.

When we become stronger in our faith, our families grow stronger, our parishes become more vibrant, and our community sees Christ through our actions.

May God bless our Council, our priests, and every brother Knight as together we continue the work begun by Blessed Michael McGivney over 140 years ago.