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August 2026 Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

As we move into August, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and willingness of so many Brother Knights to help shape the coming Columbian Year. We have already begun planning new programs, preparing for COR, strengthening our Family of Parishes, and organizing opportunities to put our faith into action.

Council 500's future will be built by men who choose to become involved. Whether you volunteer for the Soccer Challenge, support OCIA, attend our Monthly Membership Meal, or simply invite a Catholic man to join us, every act of service strengthens our Council.

I'm also excited that our new Council website is nearing completion and will soon become another way to keep our members informed and connected.

Thank you for everything you do for Council 500. Please continue to pray for our priests, our parish family, and our Brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

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



PGK REVERSE RAFFLE

You are invited to attend the 2026 PGK Reverse Raffle, being held on Friday, September 11, 2026. If you've ever attended, then you know that this is a great value at just \$40 for two people. Food is always good with a good variety. Also, a full bar. We will give away \$2,375 in cash prizes plus other donated prizes.

You can get your tickets from any Past Grand Knight or you can call Bob Babal at 937 275-9668 for any information.

Dave Norckauer is mailing members a letter with a ticket request form on the back. See below:

Main raffle	ticket #
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K of C 500 PGK Club	
Annual Reverse Raffle	
1 st ticket drawn wins \$100.00	
Every 25 th ticket wins \$50.00	
Last ticket drawn wins \$1,500.00	
2 nd raffle ticket	
Last ticket drawn wins \$600	
This ticket is	
Admission for 2 Adults	
Only 200 tickets SOLD	
Winner need not be	
Present to win	
Bainbridge Hall	
267 Bainbridge St.	
Donation: \$40.00	
Friday Sept. 11 th 2026	
7:00 to 10:00pm	
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2nd #	XX

COUNCIL NEWS



Congratulations!

Council 500 has earned the
2025-2026 Star Council Award!

Brother Edward Sands,

Congratulations!

Council 500 has earned the 2025-2026 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (100% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance.

Your council's award plaque will be shipped to your District Deputy or state council office for presentation. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledge the hard work of you and your Brother Knights.

To celebrate this accomplishment and promote your council, please use this [bulletin announcement](#) and [press release](#). These great resources will highlight your good works in the community and draw more men into your council.

There is still much work to be done, and we need your council to lead the way. Keep the momentum going and start planning now for another successful fraternal year! The 2026-2027 Star Council requirements, which can be found at [KofC.Org/Star](#), will help guide your council to excellence in the year to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

John Moulder
Vice President, Fraternal Operations

Robert J. Ennis
Vice President, Membership Growth

Robert Nayden
Vice President, Evangelization and Faith Formation

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UPCOMING COUNCIL BUSINESS

At the August Council Meeting, we will review and vote on the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

PARISH NEWS

Thank you, Father Makala,

Father Epitasy Makala, C.P.P.S. was ordained 15 years ago and has been a part of the St. Gaspar parish family since October 2025. The parishioners of Holy Trinity, Emmanuel, and St. Joseph are grateful to have Father Makala serving as their Parochial Vicar. Father Makala is a member of Council 500 and completed his

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August 2, 2026

Dear Dayton Council 500 Members:

You are invited to attend the 2026 Past Grand Knight's Club Reverse Raffle being held on Friday, September 11, 2026 (for adults only).

A single ticket for \$40.00 will provide you and a guest admission to the Reverse Raffle with food provided (ie, sandwiches, other finger food and accompaniments, plus adult and other beverages) and an opportunity to win a portion of the cash prizes. Please see the reverse side of this note for the list of cash prizes on the dummy ticket. The winner does not need to be present to win. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Ticket availability is on a first come first served basis.

If interested in a ticket(s), please mail me your \$40.00 check per ticket, payable to K of C 500 PGK Club, ASAP, to Dave Norckauer, PGK, 961 Van Arden Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377. Please complete the Dummy Ticket on the reverse of this note and provide your name and phone number and check the box yes or no if you are of the last three numbers drawn and wish to split the pot. I will complete the actual ticket stub and mail the admission portion to you. Please note, at the bottom of the admission portion will list your reverse raffle numbers for the 1st and 2nd drawings.

Thanks for your support and good luck!

Past Grand Knight Club
SK David T. Norckauer, PGK

Number of tickets requested _____ x \$40.00 each

total _____

For example: 1 ticket = \$40.00
2 tickets = \$80.00

Make check payable to:
K of C 500 PGK Club

Please complete your name and phone number for each ticket purchased.

First Ticket for Main raffle and 2nd raffle

name: _____
phone number: _____

Second ticket for Main raffle and 2nd raffle

name: _____
phone number: _____

Third ticket for Main raffle and 2nd raffle

name: _____
phone number: _____

Please include your address so I may mail you the admission stub with your lucky numbers

name: _____
address: _____

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Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity last year.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA is the ancient process established by the Catholic Church for individuals to prepare and learn about the Catholic faith. A new OCIA class begins Thursday, September 3, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel School Building and runs for 26 weeks. We have 19 people who have expressed interest in joining this year's class. I have signed up as a catechist and sponsor. We need 16 sponsors to support these new catechumens. If you have some time and desire to help grow our faith, consider signing up with Deacon Rusty Baldwin (deaconrobaldwin@gmail.com)

Parish Representatives

One initiative we will be developing this year is the appointment of Parish Representatives—active members of Council 500 who regularly attend one of our three parishes and serve as the Council's liaison to that parish.

These representatives would:

Build relationships with the pastor, parish staff, and ministry leaders.

Attend parish meetings when appropriate or invited. Communicate parish needs, opportunities, and upcoming events back to Council 500.

Help coordinate Knights' support for parish ministries and activities.

Promote Council 500 programs and membership within their parish.

Help strengthen unity across our Family of Parishes.

Emmanuel Church

Father Frankline has asked the parish groups to sponsor donuts for a couple of weeks during the year. We won't be buying the donuts, only distributing them out at Emmanuel. We haven't picked a date yet. Once we do, we will need some volunteers.

BAINBRIDGE HALL

Our Home Corporation Annual Meeting is coming up on **Thursday, September 24 starting at 6:30 p.m.** All members of Council 500 are also members of the Dayton 500 Home Corporation, the nonprofit organization that manages Bainbridge Hall. In addition to holding our annual elections for president, vice president, treasurer and security, we will be presenting the financial health of the organization, the sales and rental trends over the last couple of years and discussing the costs and maintenance of the building. There will be important motions presented to the members for discussion and decisions, so all are encouraged to attend and provide their input on Bainbridge Hall operations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Day Date Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 st Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Rosary at Holy Trinity
3 rd Sunday 9:45 a.m.	Holy Hour and Adoration
Tuesday 8/4 7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Monday 8/10 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Membership Meal
Thursday 8/27 6:00 p.m.	Home Corporation Meeting

KNIGHT(S) OF THE MONTH

This month's knight(s) of the month is **Larry Clark PGK** and **Dave Norckauer PGK**.

Larry is recognized for mentoring new generations of Knights, serving as our Past Faith Director, and his work on the Holy Trinity Parish Council.

Dave is recognized for mentoring new generations of Knights, serving as Life Director, ushering at the University of Dayton, supporting Fr. Emmanuel's missions in Africa, and volunteering at Emmanuel Church.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Joseph's Church

Council 500 will do the Soccer Challenge for the Downtown Dayton Catholic Block Party on Sunday, September 13 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's. We will be needing some knights to set up the goal net, keep score, fetch balls. We also need some knights to sit at the membership table and promote the council.

St. Joseph parish is holding its monthly Brunch on Sunday, August 9th at the Parish Lift Center after the 10:30am Mass. If you can, bring a dish to share at 10:00 a.m. Wear your knights' shirt.

Holy Trinity Church

Lynda Middleton, the parish administrator, is retiring this month. The Liturgy Ministry addressed the need for a Bereavement Committee now that Lynda is retiring. If anyone is interested in being a coordinator please contact the office.

We are also in need of someone to open the church for Mass on Monday and Tuesday mornings. The church would need to be opened at 6:30 a.m. for the 7:30 a.m. Mass. If interested in assisting, please contact the parish office.

PROGRAMS

Program Director Report

The first Program Directors' Meeting was held on July 25, 2026, at Bob Evans Restaurant. Based on our first meeting, we have begun planning activities for the 2026-2027 Columbian Year and are working toward completing the requirements for Star Council.

Faith Director Report

1. A preliminary plan for the new COR initiative will be developed over the next few months. It will include the key elements of Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. The new initiative will be coordinated with Father Frankline.
2. Paul Winner has been appointed as the Council Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) Director. Faith Director responsibilities may be shared

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

UD Ushering

Ten of your fellow Council 500 Knights worked as ushers for a wide variety of events at the University of Dayton Arena for the 2025-2026, earning a total of \$7,500, all of which is sent directly to a variety of charitable causes. Dayton-wide, the Ushers Association netted over \$36,000 this season, and over \$750,000 in the past 56 years. If you would like to be a part of the Usher team next season (which starts with UD football on August 29) contact Scott Skiple (sskip1e@gmail.com). Time commitment is approximately 5 hours per event, and you can work as many or as few events as you like.

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 8:00 a.m. 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 9:45 a.m. at Holy Trinity on the third Sunday of each month.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Thomas Rawers (1st)
Darold Pierron (3rd)
Thomas Lucente (4th)
Thomas Mc Crate (4th)
William Cross (5th)
James Bunn (6th)
Albert Stoff (8th)
David Quinter (11th)
Gregory Beemsterboer (13th)
Michael Gauder (13th)
Charles Hickey (13th)

Shawn Martin (17th)
Michael Mc Cutcheon (19th)
Gary Yarnall (21st)
William Newlin (23rd)
Gary Seitz (23rd)
Richard Wallin (23rd)
Gregory Gannon (24th)
Norman Magoto (26th)
Paul Nozar (28th)
Thomas Miller (30th)
Robert Bangerter (31st)

among additional volunteers as needed based on workload.

3. On the first Sunday of every month, the Knights of Council 500 will continue to lead the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity.

- Council 500's Holy Hour and Adoration is at 9:45 a.m. at Holy Trinity on the third Sunday of each month. This month will be Sunday the 16th. Please join us in spending an hour with our Lord.

Family Director Report

- Activities like the Thanksgiving dinner will be planned in the next few months.

Life Director Report

- Life activities are in the planning stages and may include activities like:
 - 40 Days for Life
 - Kumbo Kids Spaghetti Dinner
 - Healing Mass

Community Director Report

- Grand Knight Ed Sands will fill in as the temporary Community Director until a Community Director is named. Community activities are in the planning stages and may include:
 - Soccer Challenge at St. Joseph Street Fair
 - Citizenship Essay
 - Coats for Kids

Membership Report

- This year's Father McGivney Award membership quota has increased from 13 to 14 new members.
- Plans for membership recruitment will be developed over the next few months.

COR

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to help Paul Winner in establishing *COR* for the downtown Dayton parishes. *COR* is centered on establishing men of prayer and friendship, close to each other and the heart of Christ. If this is something you're interested in helping to establish in our community, please reach out to Paul Winner at pgwinner2718@gmail.com. Thank you, and God bless! Vivat Jesus!

Paul Winner (16th)

CLOSING

Building the Next 125 Years

For more than 125 years, the men of Council 500 have answered the call to serve Christ through charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Each generation has faced different challenges, yet each has left the Council stronger than they found it.

Today, we have the same opportunity.

The strength of our Council is not measured by our building or our traditions alone, but by the faith of our members, our willingness to serve, and the relationships we build within our Family of Parishes. Every prayer offered, every volunteer hour given, every new member welcomed, and every act of charity helps write the next chapter of Council 500's history.

As you read this newsletter, I encourage you to find one way to become involved this month. Whether it's attending a Holy Hour, helping with the Soccer Challenge, supporting OCIA, joining the Monthly Membership Meal, or simply reaching out to a Brother Knight you haven't seen in a while, every act of service strengthens our Council.

Together, we are building not only a stronger Council, but a stronger Catholic community for future generations.

May God continue to bless you, your families, our priests, and Dayton Council 500.