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DAYTON COUNCIL 500

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September 2026 Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

As we move into September, Council 500 has a busy fall ahead of us. But I believe our success this year should be measured by more than the number of programs we conduct or events we put on. It should also be measured by how many of our Brothers find a meaningful way to participate.

One of my goals as Grand Knight is to make it easier for every Knight to serve. Not everyone has the time or desire to become an officer or director, and that should not be a barrier to becoming involved. Sometimes what the Council needs is simply someone willing to give an hour, help with an event, take responsibility for a particular task, or lead a project that interests him.

To help make that possible, we are introducing a new volunteer signup system on the Council 500 website. As opportunities arise throughout the year, members will be able to see where help is needed and volunteer for specific jobs. Our Deputy Grand Knight will help coordinate this effort.

September gives us several immediate opportunities. The Reverse Raffle will be held September 11, followed by the St. Joseph Street Fair and our Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on September 13. These programs only work when Brothers step forward to help.

These efforts are connected by a simple idea: Council 500 should provide opportunities for Catholic men to pray together, serve together and build relationships with one another.

Some Brothers may volunteer once or twice a year. Some may lead a project. Some may become directors or officers. Some parish men we meet through our programs may eventually decide to become Knights themselves. There should be room for all of them.

I invite each Brother to ask one simple question this month: Where can I help?

Vivat Jesus!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPLAIN

Council 500 is pleased to welcome Fr. Frankline Rayappa, C.P.P.S., Pastor of Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph Parishes, as our new Council Chaplain. We thank Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, C.P.P.S. for his service as our previous Chaplain and look forward to working with Fr. Frankline as we strengthen the relationship between Council 500 and the parishes we serve.

BAINBRIDGE HALL

The annual Dayton 500 Home Corporation membership meeting will be held Thursday, September 24, at 6:30 PM.

All members of Council 500 are also members of the Dayton 500 Home Corporation, the nonprofit organization responsible for managing Bainbridge Hall and its building operations.

In addition to annual officer elections, we will discuss several important issues facing the Home Corporation, including rising maintenance and operating costs, declining rental activity, and whether it is time to consider selling the property.

All Council 500 members are strongly encouraged to attend, ask questions, and participate in this important discussion about the future of Bainbridge Hall.

Food and beverages will be provided following the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Sunday • 8:00 AM — Rosary at Holy Trinity

3rd Sunday • 9:45 AM — Holy Hour and Adoration

Friday, Sept. 11 • 6:00 PM — PGK/Council 500 Reverse Raffle

Sunday, Sept. 13 • Noon–3:00 PM — St. Joseph Street Fair / Soccer Challenge

Monday, Sept. 14 • 6:00 PM — Monthly Monday Membership Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 23 — 4th Degree Assembly

Thursday, Sept. 24 • 6:30 PM — Home Corporation Annual Meeting



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COUNCIL NEWS

2026-27 Budget Approved

Council 500 members approved the 2026-27 budget at the September 1 business meeting by a vote of 21-0. With the financial plan in place, the Council can turn its attention toward execution and regular review of actual revenues and expenses.

New Volunteer Signup System

Finding a way to help Council 500 is getting easier. Our new online volunteer signup system allows members to see specific opportunities and choose jobs and times that work with their schedules.

The Deputy Grand Knight will oversee volunteer coordination, helping connect members with opportunities throughout the year. The goal is simple: more opportunities for more Knights to participate without requiring a long-term commitment.

Thanksgiving Dinner Planning Underway



Planning has begun for the Council's Thanksgiving Dinner at Bainbridge Hall. The date is still tentative. The dinner is expected to be catered, with Knights assisting with the event and conducting a 50/50 raffle. Watch the Council website and future newsletters for the confirmed date, ticket information and volunteer opportunities.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This month's Knight of the Month is Dave Miller.

Dave is recognized for his contributions to the Monthly Monday Membership Meal. Dave runs the grill and has never missed the event. Dave also leads the First Babies of the Year donation program each year, consistently supporting the first-born child of the new year. This is a great event to show Council 500's support for new life at the start of the new year.



**Knight
of the Month**

Awarded to
Dave Miller

September 2026
For the Month of



Grand Knight
Dayton Council 500
Council

September 1, 2026
Date

WKLCC 500

OUR HISTORY



A Home for Council 500 — 1945-1980

Dayton Council 500 purchased the historic Huffman House on Monument Avenue in 1945 and dedicated it as its clubhouse the following year. For approximately 35 years, generations of Knights gathered there for council meetings, fraternity and social events.



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Council 500 Online



The Council 500 website has received a major update, with expanded information about Faith, Family, Community, Life, membership, programs and volunteer opportunities. Members are encouraged to visit kofc500.net regularly for current Council information, upcoming events and ways to get involved.

Council 500 is moving into a busy fall. Whether you can help for an hour, attend an event, participate in Cor, or take the lead on a project, there is a place for every Brother to contribute.

UPCOMING COUNCIL BUSINESS

Cor — Moving Toward Launch

Council 500 is preparing to introduce Cor, the Knights of Columbus initiative for Catholic men's faith formation. Our Evangelization and Faith Formation Director is in place, and we are coordinating with Fr. Frankline as the program moves from planning to implementation.

Opportunities for Leadership

Council 500 continues to seek Brothers interested in serving as Community Director, PR Director and Faith Director. Members don't need to take on a year-round Director position to lead. As programs develop, we also want Brothers to serve as project chairmen, join program teams, or take responsibility for individual activities.

Looking Toward October

The October business meeting will give members an

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reverse Raffle — Friday, September 11

Volunteers are needed to help with the Council 500 and PGK Reverse Raffle at Bainbridge Hall.



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opportunity to review progress on our fall programs, Cor, volunteer participation and other matters affecting the Council.

Have an idea? Interested in helping with a program or leading a project? Bring it forward. Council 500 is strongest when more Brothers participate in deciding what we do—and in making it happen.

PARISH NEWS

Downtown Parishes Moving Forward Together

Following the recent parish realignment, Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph are moving forward together as the three downtown parishes. Plans call for a Unified Parish Council and Unified Finance structure, with representatives from each of the three parishes.

Council 500 looks forward to continuing to strengthen its relationship with all three parishes and finding practical ways the Knights can support their ministries and parishioners.

St. Joseph Church will host the Second Annual Dayton Red Mass on Friday, October 9, at noon.

Archbishop Robert G. Casey will preside. The Mass is organized by the Dayton Catholic Lawyers Guild and is **free and open to the public**.

The Red Mass is a centuries-old Catholic tradition invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon those involved in the administration of justice and the making and enforcement of laws. Attorneys, judges, law students, legal professionals, public officials, their families, and members of the general public are invited to attend. People of all faiths are welcome.

A buffet luncheon will follow across the street in **St. Joseph Parish Hall**. Luncheon tickets are \$42, with registration required by **September 25**. Attendance at the Mass itself does not require a ticket.

For additional information or luncheon registration, visit the [Dayton Catholic Lawyers Guild Red Mass page](https://daytoncatholiclawyers.org/dayton-red-mass-2026) <https://daytoncatholiclawyers.org/dayton-red-mass-2026>

St. Joseph Street Fair — Sunday, September 13

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 500 SOCCER CHALLENGE!
TEST YOUR ACCURACY! • WIN BRAGGING RIGHTS!

SCORE POINTS!		
20	10	20
20	5	20

Scores based on where the ball hits the goal. Top scores win!

PART OF THE ST. GASPAR FAMILY OF PARISHES FAITH & FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 12:00 – 3:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
411 E. Second Street, Dayton, OH 45402

12:00 PM Procession begins at Emmanuel
12:30 PM Benediction at St. Joseph
1:00 PM Potluck & Activities Begin
SOCCER CHALLENGE 12:00 – 3:00 PM

COME JOIN THE FUN!
All are welcome to this family friendly celebration.

EMMANUEL
149 Franklin Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.2053

HOLY TRINITY
272 Bainbridge Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.1223

ST. JOSEPH
411 E. Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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Serving our parishes and our community

FAITH IN ACTION. + TOGETHER AS ONE. + WE ARE ST. GASPAR.

University of Dayton Ushers — This Fall



Join fellow Knights in supporting University of Dayton events by serving as an usher. Sign up for one event or several as your schedule allows.

The Knights of Columbus Ushers Association works University of Dayton men's basketball games and many other events at UD Arena. In the 2025–26 season, the association generated more than \$36,000 for local charities, with Council 500 Knights accounting for \$7,500. Contact Scott Skiple at (937) 430-0645 or sskiple@gmail.com for more information.



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Education & Social Action

Holy Trinity's Education and Social Action Ministry continues its work in areas including Respect Life, social action, education and outreach. Its September meeting will include updates on Respect Life and the death penalty, discussion of outreach efforts, and developments involving the Unified Council.

The ministry will also discuss a proposed Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, as Council 500 explores opportunities to work alongside parish groups while supporting parish needs and the community.

GATHER Connects Holy Trinity Ministries

GATHER — Group Assisting to Help Evangelize Responsibly — provides an opportunity for Holy Trinity's ministries to continue sharing information and coordinating their activities.

Recent GATHER discussions have included parish finances, liturgy, health, social action and education, building needs and social activities. Council 500 is participating in these conversations as we look for areas where the Knights can complement—not duplicate—the work already being done by parish ministries.

Confirmation — November 8

Confirmation will be celebrated Sunday, November 8, at Emmanuel with Archbishop Robert Casey. Please keep our young people preparing for Confirmation, their families, sponsors, catechists and clergy in your prayers.

Holy Trinity Bazaar — November 7

Holy Trinity's Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. Organizers are currently looking for businesses that may be willing to provide donations in support of the event.

Knights in Parish Life

Our relationship with the parishes should extend beyond Council-sponsored activities. Brother Knights are encouraged to participate in parish ministries, attend parish events, volunteer when needs arise, and look for opportunities where Council 500 can be of

Find a Way to Serve

We are introducing an online volunteer signup system to make getting involved easier. Instead of simply asking for “volunteers,” we will post specific jobs, times and needs so you can choose an opportunity that fits your interests and schedule.

Whether you can give an hour, an afternoon, or take responsibility for a project, there is a place for you to help.

Visit kofc500.net/volunteer/ to see current opportunities and sign up.

Don't see something that interests you? Have an idea for a Council service project? Let us know. Some of our best programs can begin with one Knight willing to take the lead.

PROGRAMS

Faith

Council 500 continues the Rosary at Holy Trinity on the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 AM and Holy Hour and Adoration on the third Sunday at 9:45 AM.

Cor

A preliminary plan for the new Cor initiative is being developed around its three key elements: Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. Additional scheduling and program information will be announced as plans are finalized with Fr. Frankline.

We are looking for 2–3 volunteers to help establish Cor for the downtown Dayton parishes. If you are interested, contact Paul Winner at pgwinner2718@gmail.com.

Family

Additional information regarding the Thanksgiving Dinner will be communicated as planning is finalized.

Community

The Soccer Challenge at the St. Joseph Street Fair is the immediate September community program. The Council is also reconsidering the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, including a stronger school-based approach.



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Strong parishes make for a stronger Council—and an engaged Council can help build stronger parishes.

AROUND THE OHIO KNIGHTS

Membership Growth and Engagement

Ohio leaders continue to emphasize membership growth, with increasing attention to engaging new Knights after they join through council activities, Faith in Action programs, fraternal benefits and personal invitations.

Ohio March for Life — October 2

Knights throughout Ohio are encouraged to participate in the Ohio March for Life in Columbus. The day begins with the Ohio Mass for Life at St. Joseph Cathedral, followed by activities at the Statehouse and the march.

Changes Coming in 2027

Beginning with the 2027–28 Columbian Year, Supreme is simplifying the required council officer structure. Chancellor, Lecturer, Inside Guard and Outside Guard will no longer be required elected positions, although councils may continue to appoint members to those roles. Councils will be required to elect only one Trustee instead of three, and the Financial Secretary will become an annually elected council officer rather than a Supreme appointment.

Additional implementation guidance will follow from Supreme. No changes are required for the current Columbian Year.

<https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/events/supreme-conventions/2026/resolutions/amending-section-126/>

Membership

Council 500 will have a membership booth at the St. Joseph Street Fair. Members are encouraged to personally invite Catholic men and help new members find meaningful ways to participate.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Norckauer (1st) • Albert Thompson (1st) • Richard Meyer (8th) • Michael Doyle (9th) • Thomas Scott (9th) • Kevin Ivory (11th) • Farest Wedig (11th) • David Hinders (13th) • Lawrence Lehmann (13th) • Emmanuel Lon (13th) • Sukir Sinnathamby (16th) • Ralph Burger (17th) • Timothy Drake (17th) • Christopher Duffy (17th) • Robert Finnegan (19th) • Patrick Mathes (20th) • Michael Watercutter (20th) • Harry Bossey (22nd) • Mark Lamantia (25th) • William Fisher (26th) • William Keechle (27th)

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into the fall, there is a great deal happening in Council 500. New programs are taking shape, familiar activities are returning, and we are continuing to look for better ways to serve our parishes, our community and one another.

None of this happens because of one officer, director or small group of members. Council 500 is strongest when Brothers bring their own ideas, talents and experience to the work of the Council.

You do not have to attend every meeting or volunteer for every event. Find something that matters to you and get involved. Give an hour at an event. Attend Cor. Help at a parish activity. Usher a UD event. Volunteer for a project—or offer to lead one.

And if you have an idea for something Council 500 should be doing, bring it forward. Our programs should not exist simply because “that’s what we’ve always done.” We should continue asking where our Council can make a meaningful difference and be willing to try new approaches.

Thank you to every Brother who continues to give his time, talent and support to Council 500.

Vivat Jesus!