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October 2026 Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

October finds Council 500 at an important point in its long history.

As you will read in this issue, the Dayton 500 Home Corporation membership has made the decision to sell Bainbridge Hall. For many of our members, Bainbridge represents decades of friendships, meals, meetings, celebrations, and service. That history deserves our gratitude and respect.

But Council 500 is more than a building.

Our mission remains the same: **Faith, Family, Community and Country**. We continue to pray together, serve our parishes, recognize deserving young people and Brother Knights, welcome new members, and look for practical ways to serve those around us.

The coming months will require some adjustment. We will need to determine where activities are best held, what programs match our available resources and volunteers, and how Council 500 can best serve the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes going forward.

We do not need to have every answer today. We do need to remain engaged, communicate with one another, and be willing to adapt.

Council 500 has served the Dayton Catholic community for more than 125 years. Our responsibility is to respect that history while making sure the Council remains capable of serving well into the future.

Vivat Jesus!

BAINBRIDGE HALL

Dayton 500 Home Corporation held their annual member meeting where the officers and Board of Directors presented the overall business performance and outlook. For the last 3 years, revenue has been very consistent while expenses have nearly doubled over the same period. In the last fraternal year, 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026, just the property taxes and utilities took 1-1/2 Saturday rentals per month to offset just those expenses. While new efforts to market the hall for events have been made including a website and banner on the building, rental opportunities are not growing. Overall, Dayton 500 Home Corporation had a negative operating loss of \$7,158. Building maintenance was presented and last fraternal year the water heater was replaced, the ice machine and fire monitoring system were repaired, the roof seams resealed, and window blinds replaced in the hall, meeting room and lounge. This year the west roof edge requires repairing and at least one of the hall HVACs needs to be replaced. Finally, there was a summary of the small number of volunteers who are keeping the building operating and concern was expressed that more help was needed.

After much discussion on the options to keep operating the building and offset the rising costs, a motion was made and passed to sell the property. Other councils in the area have faced similar issues - rising costs, reduced revenue and lack of volunteer staff - and have sold their facilities and invested the proceeds to sustain the councils and support their charitable work. Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3754 at our sister parishes in north Dayton made a similar transition not very long ago

LETTER FROM OUR WORTHY INSURANCE AGENT

Council 500,
Worthy brother Knights. As the representative of the Supreme Council for my local councils here in Dayton, I am directed to walk in the footsteps of Bl. Michael McGivney, and as a result, I am tasked to take care of and aid each one of you and your families in good times and bad. Here is an all-too-common perspective among many Knights: Avoiding the insurance agent avoids uncomfortable discussions. So let me take a few words to explain how one meeting can make a positive difference to you and your families.

Widows and adult children often need assistance after the passing of the Knights in their families. Agents hold a responsibility to care for those family members after they lose their husband or their father. Most families have no experience with financial claims, beneficiary changes, taxes, etc. So, if you would like a fellow Catholic to be there in your family's time of need, please let me know. One exchange of information with me, and I can ensure I'll be there to assist your family as a fellow Catholic praying for them, filing claims for policies outside of the Knights, and helping guide your loved ones through their emotional transition without you. It's hard to do when I don't know what the deceased wanted to happen. So, to be clear, this service is something I'm happy to do so long as I know what you wanted to happen after you pass on from this life.

Death is a guarantee for us and our wives; whether we like it or not. As Catholics, we have an opportunity to face our end faithfully and constructively for the benefits of our souls and the souls of our families. If you would like to simplify that transition for the benefit of your family and work with a guy who knows you, your family, and what you wanted to happen at that time, let me know; and I will do everything I can to be there to help your family reach the best spiritual and emotional outcomes in a very difficult time.

I'm eager and ready to help; all you have to do is ask. Thank you, brothers! Vivat Jesus!

Peter Holm

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NEW HOME CORP OFFICERS

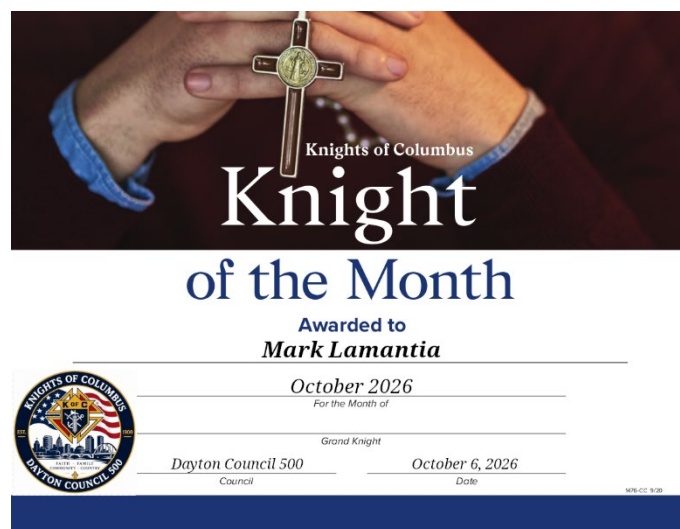
The following members were elected to one-year positions:

President - Eric Saunders
Vice President - Drew Hilgeförd
Treasurer - Harry Bossey
Secretary - Tom Wentling.

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 10/6 7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Friday 10/9 6:30 p.m.	Monthly Membership Meal
Thursday 10/22 6:00 p.m.	Home Corp Meeting
Sunday, 10/25 7:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, 10/28 7 p.m.	4 th Degree Assembly
Saturday, 10/31	Hauntfest Parking

AWARDS



This month's Knight of the Month is **Mark Lamantia**.

Mark is recognized for helping with council programs, UD Ushering, and Bainbridge Hall Stewardship

Book an appointment with me:

<https://tinyurl.com/pcholtm-kofc-bookings>

UPCOMING COUNCIL BUSINESS

Vote for "Youth of the Year" Award Nomination

Knight of the Month Award

Bainbridge Hall Recap Discussion

Pancake Breakfast/Hauntfest Volunteers

PARISH NEWS

New KofC Council 500 Section in the parish bulletin

Knights of Columbus Council 500

Being a Knight doesn't always mean organizing a major event.

Sometimes it means helping at a parish activity, ushering at Mass, praying the Rosary with others, serving as an OCIA sponsor, participating in parish meetings, assisting a family in need, supporting a young person, or simply giving an hour when an extra pair of hands is needed.

That is how Knights of Columbus Council 500 hopes to serve Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, and St. Joseph: Catholic men finding practical ways to put their faith into action.

There is no single way to be a Knight. Some of our members lead programs. Others volunteer occasionally, participate in faith activities, or quietly help wherever they are needed. What matters is a willingness to serve.

If you are a Catholic man interested in finding a way to become more involved in your parish and community, we invite you to learn more about Council 500.

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MEMBERSHIP

October Membership Meal

This month's Membership Meal has been moved to Friday, October 9th 6:30pm – 8:30pm



New Knight Candidates pending Exemplification

Chris Braun
Frederick Holley
Colin Monroe

PROGRAMS

Notes from Program Directors Breakfast

1. Program Director

Planning continues for programs during the 2026–27 fraternal year. Updated State program progress will be presented at the October Council meeting.

2. Faith Director Report

First Sunday of every month, the Knights of Council 500 will continue to lead the Rosary at 8:00am at Holy Trinity.

Council 500's Holy Hour and Adoration is at 9:45am at Holy Trinity on the third Sunday of each month. For October, this will be Sunday the 18th.

3. Family Director Report

Plans are being made for the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner to be held in November.

4. Life Director Report

Planned October activities include 40 Days for Life, the State March for Life, and Fr. Emmanuel's 25th ordination anniversary.

5. Community Director Report

GK will serve as interim Community Director. September's Soccer Challenge at the St. Joseph Street Fair was successfully completed. Youth of the Year nominations are underway, and the Pancake Breakfast is October 25.

6. Membership Report

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the membership booth at the St. Joseph Street Fair. We have three new candidates and will schedule an Exemplification soon.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Thomas Ruffin 10/2

Aaron Ramert 10/3

Donald Morris 10/6

Joseph Minham 10/6

William Madory 10/7

Martin Moix 10/9

Karl Behnke 10/9

Kevin Brown 10/10

Jack Thein 10/14

Richard Kaliney 10/14

Bruce Armstrong 10/16

Edward Grantonic 10/19

David Grieshop 10/22

Kevin Ripp 10/28

George Moore 10/31

Robert Craven 10/11

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pancake Breakfast

Please contact Drew Hilgeford if you would like to volunteer for the Pancake Breakfast on October 25th.

Hauntfest Parking Fundraiser

We need volunteers to sign up for the Hauntfest Fundraiser. Please contact Drew Hilgeford if you would like to volunteer.

Thanksgiving Dinner — November — Date Tentative

Planning is underway for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Bainbridge Hall. Volunteer opportunities will be announced as plans are finalized. Please contact Family Director Rick Kaliney if you have questions about the Thanksgiving Dinner.

UD Ushering

The 2026-27 University of Dayton season has kicked off, and Council 500 ushers are back at work. If you would like to join the gang, let Scott Skipple (sskipple@gmail.com) know. You can work as many events as you like, and all of our work benefits local charities

COR

Planning continues for the COR initiative, focusing on Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. Two volunteers are needed to assist with the program.

CLOSING

As we enter another month, I want to thank the Brother Knights who continue to give their time to our Council, our parishes, Bainbridge Hall, and the wider community.

There will be changes ahead, but there will also be opportunities.

***Buildings, programs, and circumstances change.
Our responsibility to serve does not.***

Please continue to support our parish activities, consider volunteering when opportunities are announced, and keep our Brother Knights, our parishes, and the young people preparing for Confirmation in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Sands
Grand Knight
Dayton Council 500