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Mission Statement

To promote the Catholic values of all families and particularly the families of the membership of St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council, through activities and assistance, and to proclaim the teaching of our Catholic faith while sharing our material wealth with those in need of our help.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5th	Pet Blessing
October 12th	Rosary Rally 4 PM St. Joe
October 14th	Business Meeting
October 18th	Eucharistic Procession
October 23rd	Bingo
October 24th	Special Mass for People with Disabilities
October 28th	Social – Discussion on the Vietnam War

See Page 3 for more dates

Grand Knight's Report

Let me start by thanking Dan Warnock for cooking for the September business meeting, Mike Groh has volunteered to do the October Social. Please consider taking a meeting. If interested let me know.

We worked our 2nd Bengal game of the season 9/14 and earned over \$2000.00 thanks to 13 brothers and spouses who worked. This fund raiser generates the majority of funds which enables us to make all the wonderful donations throughout the year. We REALLY NEED MORE HELP!!! With at least eight more games to go we need to get more of You involved. Please consider getting registered to work and sign up for a game or 2 or 8!! The same

group cannot continue to carry the load. Without these funds our Budget will need to be reduced. Please contact Joachim Fischesser (513-335-4066) to get involved.

Our Pilgrimage Bus trip to Maria Stein Shrine of the relics was a beautiful and special day. Thanks to Bob Rischmann for coordinating, my wife Barb for food prep and logistics and Deacon Mark Alexander for leading us in prayer on the bus ride to and from. A great time was had by all. If you have never been there, you should make a plan in the future for a 2 hr. drive to a very spiritual place.

1. Please Congratulate John Hughes who has agreed to be our councils first Evangelization Faith Formation (EFF) Director. For now he will be introducing COR to the 3rd Friday men's group at Visitation. John and I attended the September meeting and both Father Don and Father Jonathan Jergens attended. Much more to come in the future.

2. Business meeting 10/14 with Rosary starting at 6:40

3. Social meeting 10/28 we will have our Veterans celebration, Thank you to all who have served!!! The meeting will be a panel discussion led by Charlie Wilke.

4. Football Crazz is still ongoing – Sell those tickets and WHEN you need more see Jim Bicknell.

5. Sat 10/18 we can use your help to assemble and install 50 wood crosses at St Jude. See Paul Leisring for details

6. Sunday 10/19 there will be a rosary rally at St Joes and we have been asked to cook the meat. More information to come but mark your calendar and plan to attend with your families.

Lastly, we need to recruit new members, please invite a Catholic man that you know or see at church to come and check us out.

Need a St. Joe K of C Shirt ?
Polo or Blue Dress shirt
Email: Paulbeck@zoomtown.com
Orders being taken for group order!

My Contact information is email- Frog827@gmail.com,
Cell phone is 513- 295-0260.
Vivat Jesus! Ed

Lecture's Moment by Dan Warnock

Monks, Brewing Tradition!

The history of friars and monks making beer dates back to the Middle Ages, when monastic orders began brewing for their own sustenance, for guests, and to fund their charitable work. While the brewing tradition is most closely associated with monks, some specific friar orders, such as the Minims, also developed a strong brewing tradition. The practice flourished for centuries, particularly in Germany and Belgium, and laid the foundation for modern brewing techniques and styles.

In the Middle Ages, beer was often a safer beverage to consume than water, which was frequently contaminated. The boiling process in brewing sterilized the water, making beer a cleaner and healthier option for monks and visitors alike.

The quality of their brews became famous, and many monasteries began selling their beer commercially to support the abbey and fund charitable activities. Monastic rules often required periods of fasting from solid food, particularly during Lent. However, the monks considered beer to be a liquid bread and thus a permissible form of nourishment. They developed rich, strong, and nutritious beers, such as the German doppelbock, to sustain them during these fasts.

The Paulaner brewery in Munich was founded in 1634 by friars of the Order of Minims, which was started by St. Francis of Paola. The Augustiner brewery in Munich was established by Augustinian monks in 1328, who quickly developed a reputation for high-quality beer. The Friars of St. Elizabeth of Hungary are a Franciscan order that still brews beer today under the label Friar's Brewhouse.

So to all my fellow knights I lift my stein up high and shout zicke zackie, zickie zacke, hoi hoi hoi. Zig Zag my friends.
PROST!

Football Fund Crazz Tickets

Everyone needs to turn in all sold tickets to me no later than October 25 so that I have time to send them to Ohio State Council before the sweepstake begins on November 2. We need participation from all of our members to help fund our many programs and charities. Any council member who sells 6 or more tickets will automatically have their December yearly dues paid. If you need more than the 6 tickets that were mailed to you please email me at jbicknell@zoomtown.com or call me at 513 503-6723. You can turn in your sold tickets to me at any council meeting or drop them off at my house at 3317 South Road 45248. Thanks again for your participation...Jim Bicknell

Paycor Bengals game volunteers Joachim Fischesser

We made it through the first game. A big thanks to all those that worked. Please remember I have to check in all workers 36 hours before the game with no exceptions. If you can work please sign up early.

Recruitment Incentive

Knights who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st, 2025 will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500!* Ten second-place winners will receive a customized, K of C-branded football.

Knights who recruit four men in that time frame will be entered into the drawing twice.

State Deputy Message

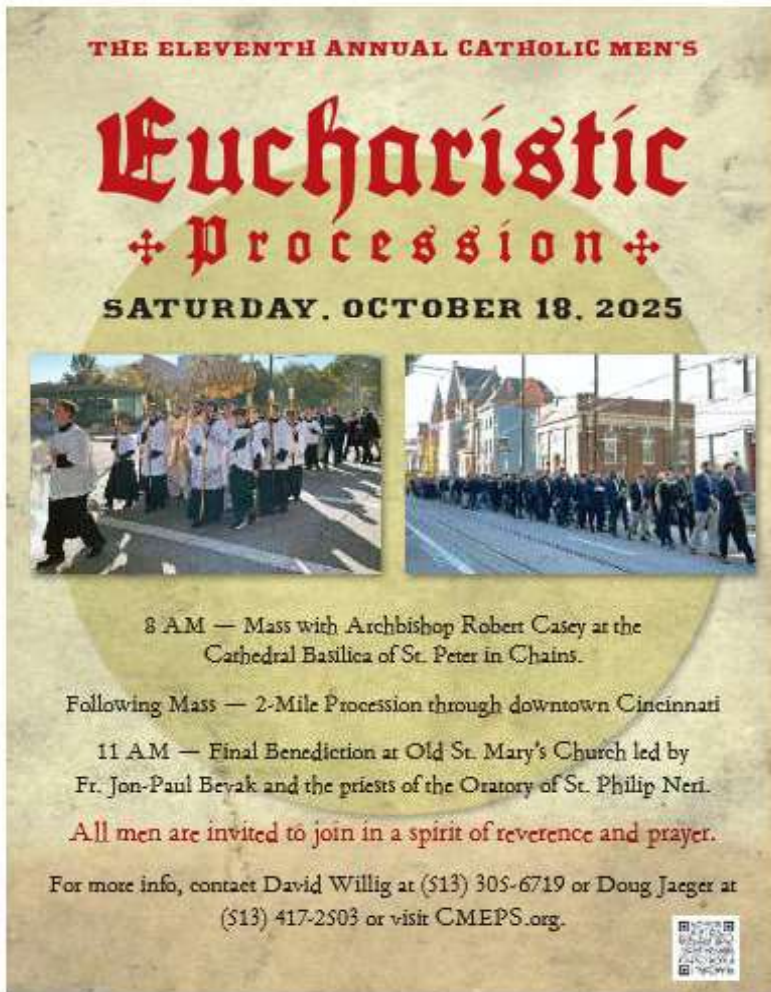
Dear Brother Knights:

As part of the Growth Team's "Ohio Needs to Grow" special campaigns, we are offering a unique "October-only" incentive.

Fall Harvest 25!

This incentive runs through the month of October, and your council could win a complete holiday dinner for your efforts!

We'll be awarding one dinner to the council in each Diocese that invites the largest number of new men! In addition, the council with the largest number STATEWIDE will receive additional funds to use for holiday refreshments!



Faith

Ken Merk

Coming up this month is the 11 th annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession. It will be held on October the 18 th 2025.

The Holy Name Society at St. Antoninus revived this event eleven years ago. In the past it was a huge event. It was attended by thousands of men. They had to end the procession with Benediction at Crosley Field in order to accommodate the crowd.

Each year this event has grown and they would like to keep that growth going. Please consider participating. Every year we touch people. It is inspiring to see people kneel on the sidewalk, remove their hats, or make the sign of the cross in downtown Cincinnati as we pass by.

It is a 2 mile procession. For those who may have physical limitations, do not let that discourage you. There are vehicles and a trailer that you can ride on, if you cannot walk that far.

St. Joseph Church is in need of Weekend Liturgical Ministers. Specifically Servers, Eucharist Ministers and Lectors. Generally you are scheduled once a month. The main thing is that if you are scheduled on a day and you cannot make it there is no problem. When that happens, you send an email to everyone asking for a sub for that day. Most of the time someone steps up to sub for you. If someone doesn't, then on that given scheduled day, they work it out at Mass. If you can find it in your heart to give some time once a month to a Mass at St. Joseph, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are a snowbird, no problem. I take you off the list while you are away from Church. Every month I email all the weekend liturgical ministers asking for dates that they are not available the next month. Then I do not schedule you for those dates. Liturgical Ministry is not a job. every Liturgical Minister is a blessing to St. Joseph Church. They make our Masses extra special. Please contact me if you are available to help us at St. Joseph Church. Thank you. Candi

(513)941-3661

Dates to note:

Nov. 11th Business Meeting 6:40 Rosary
Nov. 26th Annual Memorial Mass at St. Joe's
TBD Ronald McDonald House Meal

Dec. 16th Annual Family Christmas Party and Dinner

Council Website and Facebook

Website at: stjosephkcofc.org

Facebook: "Knights of Columbus, Saint Joseph's North Bend".

Steve Rodenbeck

Council Program Director

The past couple of months have shown and demonstrated the breadth and scope of our Council. We are active in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. During the month of August the Council under the leadership of Jim Bischoff ran and operated the Food Booth on Saturday night at the Our Lady of Visitation Family Festival. In addition, the Council provided the funding and volunteers for a Meal at the Ronald McDonald House for which we received a very favorable review from the State Family Director. Our Social featured a presentation by Deacon Shea on the Real Presence of the Eucharist. During the month of September our Council featured its first Pilgrimage to the Maris Stein Shrine and our Financial Representative presented a talk on different financial programs available to the Knights.

During the month of October our Council will have a number of Veterans will come to our Social and present a Panel Discussion on their experiences during the Vietnam War. We are planning a special Mass at St. Joe's for People with Disabilities to be followed up by a presentation of the checks for the Measure Up Drive. According to the information we have to date our Council again was the leading Council in the State for this Program. Our committee did an excellent job this year. The highlight for the month of November will be our Memorial Mass for the deceased members and spouses of our Council. We will also be setting dates for another meal at the Ronald McDonald House and the presentation of coats for the Coats for Kids Program.

All these activities show the scope and extent of our involvement as a Council. It is a credit to each one of us who participates.



Maria Stein Shrine trip
Relic Chapel houses hundreds of
relics from the Saints

Honor Flights

Recognition of your Military Service.

There will be four Honor Flights to Washington DC this year.

Any new veteran to join our council in 2025 is asked to share the following information.

Your branch of service.

The date you enlisted in the service and the date you were discharged.

Your job profession title (and abbreviation) and the highest rank you held.

Please share this information with Brother Knight Don Larrick.

He will add your information to our annual Veteran's Mass in November.

And let us know if you would like to be considered for an Honor Flight.

Thank you for your service.

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

This is my first report as new Financial Secretary for our council. My application was accepted and approved by Supreme Council with a start date of September 1. To start, I want to thank John Hughes for his years serving our council as Financial Secretary including during my recently completed two-year term as Grand Knight. John put his heart and soul into his job. As the expression goes: I have big shoes to fill!

Fortunately, John has been helping me through the transition. Please be patient with me as I learn this new role.

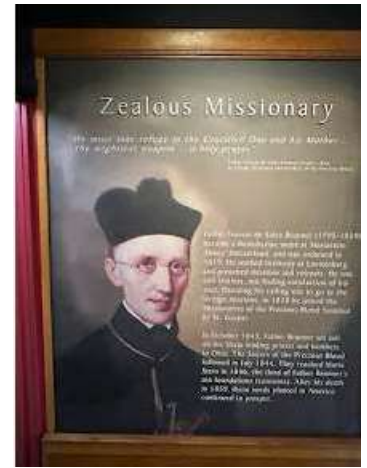
Undoubtedly, I will screwup somewhere, but hopefully not anything of great importance.

This month we submitted a check for \$1000 to the State Council for the Matching Funds program. This great program supports Catholic education. 100% of our donation will come back to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We also donated \$500 to The Cure Starts Now to be a Gold Sponsor of their annual The Angel Run. We have supported this cause for many years. The Cure Starts Now funds research to help find the cause and cure for children's cancer.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Groh

Maria Stein Shrine

Pictures from trip



Treasurer's Report July 2025

Beginning Balance	\$6,027.27
Less Expenses	<u>\$6,176.65</u>
	-\$149.38
Plus Income	<u>\$6,503.56</u>
Ending Balance	\$6,354.18

CD	<u>\$10,928.22</u>
Total Funds	\$17,282.40



Membership Growth

Our current membership is:

136 Associate Members

45 Insured Members

2 Inactive

Of these members there are

35 Honorary Life Members

2 Honorary Members

44 Fourth Degree Members

New E-Membership

"HOW TO" VIDEO

Remember, we also have a how to video on the State of Ohio's K of C YouTube page. This will show the entire process of how to sign a man up online!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kZFgaGKgEw>

PARISH BULLETIN INCENTIVE!

Finally, please don't forget about the parish bulletin incentive we have going on right now for E-Membership. For more details, go to kofcoho.org/membership

Please reach out to me for any questions you may have.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Greg Singlar
State E-Membership Coordinator

Family Director

By Don Larrick

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Our Annual Memorial Mass this year will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 at St. Joseph Church.

Following the Mass we will have a social time with food and drinks.

We would like to THANK everyone who checked the list of deceased members and their spouses for additions and errors.

We have added. Mary Lee Graff, Ben Staubach and Mike Ellert.

Mark your Calendar for Xmas Party

Council 11550 Christmas Dinner/Party 2025

Mark your calendars now! The Council Christmas Dinner/Party will be held on Tuesday, December 16 th at the Miami Township Community Center. The meal is catered by Sullivan's and will be roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and tossed salad. Beverages and a dessert will be provided by our Council. There will be gifts for all children ages 13 and younger, and a special guest from the North Pole and his elf will be there to greet the children with the gifts. Cost for the evening is \$25 for adults, \$5 for children 6-17, with no charge for kids 5 and under. Questions: call John Toerner 513.659.1704. More details to follow.

Web Site / Kyle Dupler



Fr. McGivney

Baseball's connection with the Knights of Columbus. Our meeting started with a quote from Sparky Anderson "Learn something new every day." Father McGivney played baseball. Babe Ruth was a Knight of Columbus. Jim O'Rourke who had the first hit in the new National League in 1876 was a Knight. Finally, by 1910, 18 World Series were managed by a coach who was a Knight.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Archbishop Schnurr
Tim Leigh

Fr. Jerry
Tom Butz

Ross Lanter
Pray for cure of Alzheimer's

Ron Roehrig

Mike Kathman
Active Military

Mike Ellert Family

Field Agent Stephen Carrick

Message

- At the beginning of the Join Us website, there will be a checkmark box that the prospect can select and input my Promo Code, SCARRICK. This will give them free membership for the first year.
- If a member of the council helps recruit/sponsor a prospect for joining the council and would like to receive credit for them joining, the member/sponsor can include their membership number at the bottom of the Join Us form. This will award the member/sponsor with a gift certificate to use at <https://knightsgear.com>. The prospect must use your **membership number**, NOT your name. There's no field to input the member's/sponsor's name on the Join Us form, so make sure you know your member number if you want to receive credit.
 - One piece of advice, if a member/sponsor encounters a man who's interested in joining, have the member/sponsor whip their phone out and open [Join Us | Knights of Columbus](#) and sign the prospect up right then and there! That way you can ensure that they use my promo code at the top, the local council number for joining our council, and the member's/sponsor's number for referral credit, because you'll be the one signing them up! If you don't have time to get the prospect signed up or they don't want to right then and there for some reason, that's when you can hand the QR Code Business Card to them and ask them to join online when they get a chance.
 - Last piece of advice, pre-fill the QR Code Business Cards with your membership number so you don't forget or try to fill the card out in front of the prospect.

Yours in Christ,

**Membership Enrollment Form**

☐ Yes! I am a baptized Catholic man over the age of 18 and a practicing Catholic. Please sign me up for e-membership in the Knights of Columbus at no cost for the first year (a \$30 value)!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Parish: _____ Parish City, State: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Former Member? ____ Yes ____ No

Preferred Language: ____ English ____ Français ____ Español ____ Other: _____

Member Referral Number: _____

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of all the information provided above.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

To complete your registration as an e-member, we will input the information you provided above into our online membership system. Once that is complete, you will need to confirm your membership by responding to an email that you will receive from the Knights of Columbus at the email address you listed above. If you do not respond to the registration email, a Knights of Columbus representative may reach out to you to help you complete the registration process.

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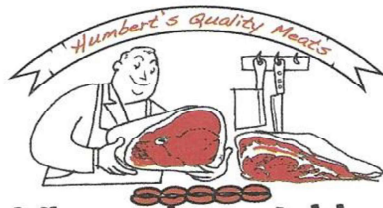
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The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics provides an atmosphere of peace, prayer, and hospitality for faith nourishment and spiritual renewal through opportunities for prayer and pilgrimage and inspiration from the lives of the saints.

Check out our councils Facebook page

“Knights of Columbus, Saint Joseph’s North Bend”.