



The Columbus Diocese Chapter of
Knights of Columbus
COLUMBUS, OHIO
A CATHOLIC FAMILY FRATERNAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION



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Worthy Grand Knight:

Congratulations on accepting the responsibilities of Grand Knight of your council for the 2021-22 fraternal year! Enclosed with this letter you will find information regarding Diocesan programs offered by the Columbus Diocese Chapter.

We strongly encourage your council to participate in these programs to increase the visibility of the Knights of Columbus in your parishes and throughout our Diocesan community.

Enclosed you will find the following:

- Columbus Diocese Chapter information including payment instructions
- Keep Christ In Christmas billboard flier and form (fillable PDF)
- Diocesan TV Mass flier
- V.A. program flier
- Information on the Save Our Seminarians and Matching Funds programs

Any council in the diocese may participate in the optional programs by making a payment using the invoice e-mailed to your council. If your council did not receive the invoice or needs a replacement, contact

treasurer@columbuskofc.org to request one.

Voting councils in the Chapter should pay dues using the e-mailed invoices. Dues payments are due upon receipt of the invoice; all other optional program payments are due as indicated on the fliers and the invoice. Councils who are non-voting members may become voting members by paying the dues assessment.

Diocesan council information (location, meeting times, Grand Knights and Financial Secretary information) is now available through the Knights' Diocesan website, www.columbuskofc.org. Log-in is required for access; if you need to register, click on "Create New Account" at the top of the home page to obtain access.

As a reminder, the Greater Columbus Chapter meets at 7 PM on the first Thursday of the month via Zoom and soon, in-person again. We will let you know when in-person meetings resume. We hope you take the opportunity to attend these meetings on a regular basis to keep informed about current happenings and meet with other council leaders and your Diocesan leadership. Meeting information is emailed to councils monthly and available by contacting:
kofcadmin@columbuskofc.org

Thank you in advance for your support of the Columbus Diocese Chapter's programs and activities! On behalf of the Chapter officers and Diocesan Staff, I wish you the best for the coming fraternal year and ask that you feel free to reach out to any of us for advice and assistance!

Vivat Jesus!

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The purpose of the Columbus Diocese Chapter is to inform and unify all the Councils in the Columbus diocese, providing essential information regarding operations, and area, diocesan, and State Council programs and events. Additionally, Councils have the opportunity to share information and ideas regarding programming and promotional efforts, assisting in council growth and development.

Grand Knights and other Council leadership are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in Chapter meetings, which are held on the **first Thursday of each month, at the St. Joseph Cathedral undercroft, 212 East Broad Street or virtually on Zoom, beginning at 7 p.m.** These meetings are brief—about an hour—but filled with important information to assist you in managing your council and to keep abreast of current happenings in the area.

If you or another Council representative is attending, you/they will be called upon to indicate your council's presence (any member interested in attending is invited). Councils can also submit a summary of three UPCOMING events for your Council.

Your annual dues payment to the Columbus Diocese Chapter is on the invoice e-mailed to your council. If you didn't receive it, you can request another from treasurer@columbuskofc.org. Your dues provide your council with the following benefits:

- **Council Knight of the Year and Family of the**

Year plaques, as well as Chapter Knight and Family of the Year awards, presented at our annual Christopher Columbus awards banquet.

- **Annual Cookout for Chapter Councils and pre-meeting food each month**
- **Charitable contributions**, which include initiatives like our donation to the St. Mary German Village Restoration Fund, sponsorship of a Jerusalem (Catholic) School student in Bethlehem; and coordination of donations of ultrasound machines for pro-life women care centers.
- **Sponsorship of many Chapter and Diocesan-wide activities**, including:
 - Clergy Appreciation Banquet
 - Diocesan TV Mass
 - “Keep Christ in Christmas” billboards
 - Veterans Programs
 - Exempt team for live exempts

Make an effort to join with Columbus diocese councils and your Brother Knights to participate and attend Chapter meeting and events – see how your participation can make a difference in improving your Council and promoting the Knights throughout our area!

2022-23 EVENTS

(all dates subject to change)

Monthly; 1st Thursday: Chapter Meetings, St. Joseph Cathedral undercroft, 212 East Broad Street, 7 p.m.

Friday, July 15: Columbus Diocese Tour Meeting, St. Peter McEwan Ctr, 6899 Smoky Row Rd 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 4: First meeting of new chapter fraternal year, St. Joseph Cathedral undercroft, 212 East Broad St., 6:30 p.m. for food.

Sunday, October 2: Christopher Columbus Awards Banquet, honoring Knights and Families of the Year and Star Councils. Vila Milano 1630 Shrock Rd, Columbus, 6 p.m.

November TBA: Columbus Diocese Town Hall with State Deputy

Sunday, January TBA: Diocesan Clergy Appreciation Banquet

February TBA: State Roadshow

March TBD: Diocesan Free Throw Championship

Saturday, March 19: State Free Throw Championship, Bishop Ready H.S. (Columbus Diocese Chapter is host)



For many years, Knights of Columbus Councils in the Columbus Diocese have assisted in sponsoring the Sunday TV Mass, ensuring those who cannot join their parish family in celebrating the Eucharist have the opportunity to be renewed in their faith by participating in the Mass.

The Sunday Mass is broadcast 52 weeks a year on WWHO-TV, Columbus, and on WHIZ-TV, Zanesville. The support of the Knights has been critical in maintaining this ministry; we ask that councils/assemblies please consider making an annual donation to this important cause!

The requested donation is \$200; any amount will be accepted! Payment should be received no later than Wednesday, September 15, 2022; include your payment on the invoice e-mailed to your council or assembly. If you did not receive the invoice, you can request another invoice by contacting treasurer@columbuskofc.org.

Contact Tom Prem, (614) 395-9876, tomprom27@gmail.com with questions or for additional information.

Keep Christ in Christmas



Your Council #9999
Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the “Keep Christ in Christmas” billboard program in the Columbus Diocese!

Now in its 22nd year, Councils have the opportunity to place a billboard showing their name as a sponsor, reminding all who travel past of the true meaning of the Christmas season. Every effort is made to place billboards in proximity to your parish/within your parish boundaries.

The cost of the bulletin boards is subsidized by the Columbus Chapter.

Individual councils/assemblies can participate in this program for \$330; councils/assemblies will also be able to partner together to participate and share expenses.
Council payments **AND** a commitment to participate should be received no later than **WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2022**; please complete the form attached and include payment on the invoice e-mailed to your council or assembly. If you did not receive the invoice, you can request another invoice from treasurer@columbuskofc.org.

Contact Mike Williams at meawilliams@gmail.com with questions or for additional information.

Knights Of Columbus Keep Christ In Christmas Billboard Order 2023

Sponsored and subsidized by the Columbus Diocese Chapter

→ Order AND \$330 Payment Due to Chapter **Not Later Than** September 15!

Contact: Mike Williams at meawilliams@gmail.com

Council Number: City/Town:

Parish Church Name: Person Submitting:

Email address: Phone:

If your Council is partnering and sharing the cost of the Billboard with 1 or 2 other councils, please provide the same information as above for the additional Councils, including their Contact Information:

Councils:

Cities/Towns:

Parishes:

Print Contact Name: Email:

Address: Phone Numbers:

Note: Your Billboard Order is not complete and will not be placed with the billboard company unless this form and payment are received by the Chapter by the September 15 due date!

**Payments may be made online using the invoice your council received from the Chapter. The online system accepts credit cards, debit cards, or checks. For assistance or other options, contact Jim Cogan,
treasurer@columbuskofc.org**



Columbus Diocese Veterans' Program

***"They answered the call to serve our country.
Let's answer the call to serve them."***

The Knights of Columbus councils of the Columbus Diocese, in conjunction with the Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Father Hennepin Province, Ohio District 3, will again sponsor a series of programs and events to provide both comfort and assistance to our veterans, in recognition of their service and sacrifice in defense of the liberties we all enjoy.

Activities sponsored by our veterans' program are held at both the Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Columbus' Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center. Your help is essential to continue this program!

All Columbus Diocesan Councils and Assemblies are requested to make a minimum donation of \$100, additional monies will be accepted. Payment should be received no later than **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022** on the invoice e-mailed to your council or assembly. If you did not receive the invoice, you can request another invoice from treasurer@columbuskofc.org

Details regarding upcoming veterans activities will be communicated to you shortly; if Councils/Assemblies are interested in hearing more about our program and how you can make a difference in the lives of these defenders of our country, or if you have additional questions about our program, please contact V.A. Coordinator Ed Brand at (330) 815-4937 or 5950ed@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE COLUMBUS DIOCESE IS IMPORTANT!

Councils in the Columbus Diocese CAN make a difference for Catholic education in OUR DIOCESE! A generous donation from your Council sent to the State Council ASAP after September 1, 2022, will help us maximize our portion of the State match of up to \$25,000! That's because the only the first \$25,000 received by the State Council is matched dollar for dollar and donated to the respective Diocesan Education Department for instructional materials and programs about our Catholic faith.

Last year, as you see in the chart below, only \$3,242.50 of the \$5,195.00 donated by Columbus Diocese Councils was matched. We can increase the amount of Matching Funds coming to our parishes and schools by submitting a generous donation from your Council as soon after September 1 as possible!

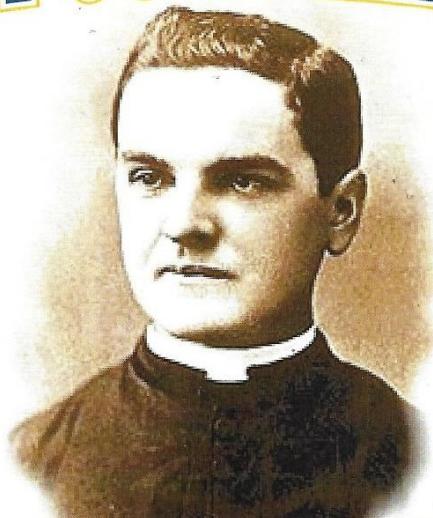
So please, check out the Matching Funds Campaign information on the State website at <https://kofcohio.org/programs/matching-funds/> for the details and online and printable forms for your Council's donations.

Help us to increase the Matching Funds coming back to the Columbus Diocese to benefit Catholic education in YOUR parish and school.

Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus 2021 Matching Funds Campaign Summary

| Diocese | Donation | OCF Matched Amount |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CINCINNATI | \$6,940.00 | \$4,240.00 |
| CLEVELAND | \$5,420.00 | \$2,800.00 |
| COLUMBUS | \$5,195.00 | \$3,242.50 |
| STEUBENVILLE | \$1,425.00 | \$1,375.00 |
| TOLEDO | \$7,065.00 | \$5,390.00 |
| YOUNGSTOWN | \$9,127.50 | \$7,952.50 |
| Grand Total | \$35,172.50 | \$25,000.00 |

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



"YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

The Ohio Knights of Columbus program to "Support Our Seminarians" is known as "SOS" for short. Recognizing that Seminarians are necessary to the future of the Catholic Church in Ohio the Knights of Columbus in Ohio raise funds to assist the Diocesan Vocations Directors in promoting priestly vocations and assisting seminarians. Funds raised in the Columbus Diocese stay in the Columbus Diocese, and directly benefit vocations and the seminarians.

While this program formerly was known as "Pennies for Heaven" and the funds were primarily raised by "passing the jug" at Council meetings, it has now grown through additional collections which include special fundraising events and, most importantly, parish collections via envelopes included or passed out to parishioners periodically. Councils throughout Ohio continue to find innovative and successful ways to collect funds to support the efforts of our Vocations Directors and the seminarians.

There will be two turn-in due dates this year: in December and April.

Please participate in this effort through your Council and parish. Resources are available through the State Council and local KofC Chapters. Additional information and turn-in forms for collections will be available on the State website at kofcohio.org/programs/sos/ and on the Columbus Diocese website at columbuskofc.org or contact Rod Anderson at: kofcohio.rodanderson@gmail.com