

Becoming a Knight.

You're a candidate if you are male, 18 years or older, a practical (practicing) Catholic, and have a desire to serve your fellow man and the Catholic Church. Infirmities, financial stress, or the demand of your time by schoolwork or family should not discourage you from joining. Our council provides many opportunities that allow you to participate to the level you wish or are able to. The Order and specifically our council respect family life and encourage members to involve their family in service. Some members are only able to contribute their yearly dues to the council causes. That is acceptable. Your continued membership and monetary support keeps our council vibrant!

Yearly membership fee varies pending on a member's circumstance. See [Dues](#). Your money goes towards our council and the Ohio State council for administrative and charitable causes. As a member you are eligible to purchase exclusive, top-rated insurance products offered by the Knights, receive a monthly subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine, *Columbia*, that examines issues of concern to Knights, Catholics, and families, and you will also receive a periodic pamphlet from the Ohio State council that describes events and services occurring at councils within Ohio.

Knights of Columbus has 4 membership levels referred to as **degrees**. Each degree ceremony imparts a lesson on the Order's core virtues of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**. Induction into the Order requires only the **1st Degree**, a 30 minute ceremony that focuses on commitment to Charity. The others are not mandatory but are encouraged. The **3rd Degree** focuses on Fraternity and is necessary to hold office in the council. Its ceremony is approximately 45 minutes. A list of officer positions is shown in [Appendix A](#). The **4th Degree** (Patriotism) is the highest order a Knight could achieve. These men are typically seen wearing a black & red cape and carrying a sword. They often serve at military and dignitary funerals, religious parades, and Pope visits.

The ceremonies are performed at various times throughout the year both here at the Newman Center and at other local K of C council meeting places. See [Appendix B](#) for dates and times. It is updated often as councils add new members or induct existing members to higher degrees. Check often.

For more information on this and our council contact the person [listed](#) under appendix B or approach any of the Knights of UPNC.

Your interest and support of the Knights is greatly appreciated. The Knights of Columbus motto is: **IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.** If you are not a Knight of this Order or one that has been away for awhile I hope you consider joining or returning to us. We can achieve great things in numbers for our community, our Church, and our family.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Sweeney
15312 Council Treasurer.
Recruitment trustee.

Appendix A

Chaplain	Financial Secretary	Inside Guard
Grand Knight	Treasurer	Outside Guard
Deputy Grand Knight	Lecturer	Trustee (3 rd Yr.)
Chancellor	Advocate	Trustee (2 nd Yr.)
Recorder	Warden	Trustee (1 st Yr.)

Appendix B

*** 1st Degree ceremony: by appointment. Typically held on Sundays, following the 11 am**

Mass. Newman Center

*** Second Degree. TBA**

*** Third Degree. TBA**

*** Fourth Degree. TBA**

The 1st Degree ceremony was conducted May 21st at Newman, inducting Joe Herron. Ten brothers from our council plus the Deputy Grand Knight of our district attended. Food was prepared and served afterwards by members wives: Dee Kline, Carol DiMauro, Joanne Sweeney, and Joe's wife, Yvonne Herron. Due to Joe's hearing impairment, the council had a closed caption DVD of the ceremony made. Congratulate Joe when you next see him. He typically attends the 11am Mass.

Our thanks go out to Jacob Brown, parishioner of UPNC, member of CSA, and a KSU student studying computer science & communications, who prepared the DVD.

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Dues: 2017, \$36 non-students, \$16 students.

(Unchanged since 2011)

Required by June 1st.

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