

Becoming a Knight.

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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. This is acceptable. Your continued membership and monetary support help keep 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 the Catholic Church, the Knights and their families. You also receive periodically pamphlets from the 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 KofC council meeting places. Refer to the "Events Calendar" for times and places. It is updated often as councils add new members or induct existing members to higher degrees. Check often.

For more information on joining our council contact the person [listed](#) under appendix A 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.)

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

(Unchanged since 2011)

Required by June 1st.

Checks Make checks payable to: K of C Newman Ctr. 15312

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