

# SANTA MARIA

## Grand Knight's Corner

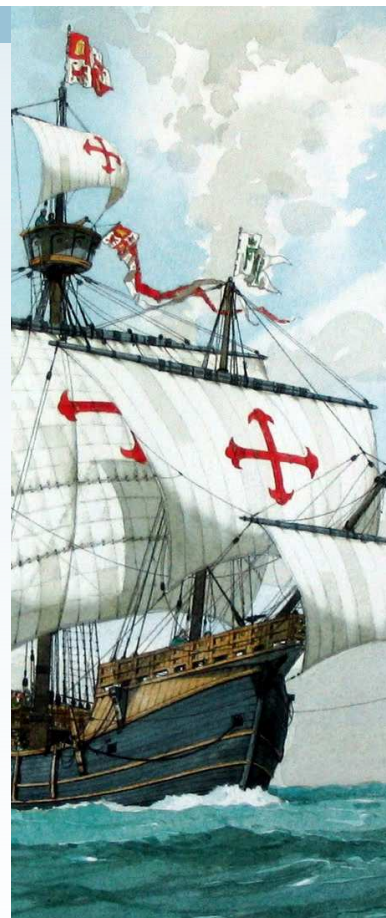
I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy and holy Easter season. May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope, and bless you and your household with peace.

During this holiest season of the year, we can all agree that we have much to be thankful for. For many of us just making it through the winter is enough cause for celebration. As Knights and as a council, however, there is much left to do. Two of our biggest activities of the year are still on the horizon. We'll recognise the special ladies in our lives on May 13th and we will hold our prestigious Knight of the Year banquet on June 17th. Watch the Santa Maria for details and please sign up for these two events when you can.

We are also still far short of our goals when it comes to membership. There are a lot of men in our parishes who are still not members. Many of them have been asked a number of times, but some remain, I'm sure who have not. Seek these men out! Make sure they have the chance to join the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. Recruiting a new member helps both them and us grow. Our mission is too important to fail. We, and they, are counting on you.

This month's Knight of the Month is PGK Phil Ambs. PGK Ambs has been an important mentor to me as I've fumbled through both of my terms as your Grand Knight. In addition to all the wisdom and advice he provides, however, he also offers more than his share of back breaking labor. He is a long time supporter of our BINGO program, regularly working at least two and sometimes three sessions per month. He is a regular member of the kitchen crew, where he lends a hand on everything from bacon to salad. He served the Council for more years than I can count as a Trustee, and even though he no longer occupies that role, PGK Ambs continues to handle the Council's semiannual audits for us. As Church activities director he also does a great job interfacing with the Parish. Thanks to PGK Ambs for all his help, and all the things he does.

Our Family of the Month is Rod and Mary Alice Paxson. Rod currently serves as our Inside Guard for the Council. He also is a regular supporter of our BINGO program, where he works in the Kitchen, at least one session a month along side his wife. His wife Mary Alice is very active in the Daughters of Isabella. There she served two terms as Regent of Marian Circle 911. She currently holds the office of State Vice Regent, which is the equivalent of our State Secretary. She is a lector for MHC Parish and has lead the first stations of the cross for two years running. Thanks to Rod and Mary Alice for all that you do. Vivat Jesus, Beef



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### Special points of interest

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- Measure UP
- Blue Coat Awards
- 2017 Cash Bonanza
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention



Apostolate for Family Consecration  
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## ACTIVITIES

### Ladies Night

It's time to get your reservation in for Ladies Knight! The dinner will be held on May 13 in the MHC Parish Center. The social will start at 5:00 with dinner being served at 5:45, followed by a short program. As in years past, the event will be catered by Christy's Catering from Huber Heights. Their food is always excellent and no one ever goes away hungry.

The event is always free for the ladies and only \$10 for men. Reservations are required. Please either sign up in the lounge or by calling the Grand Knight at 426-5299. You may also send email to [GrandKnight@3724kofc.org](mailto:GrandKnight@3724kofc.org)

### April Business Meeting

Due to Holy Thursday services the April 13th business meeting will start one hour later to enable our brethren to attend.

*"Parish Dinners - Support your council charities and bring the Parish together"*



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**"Stop that right now, Jeffy! You know you're never s'posed to text and drive."**



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**"There'll always be prayer in schools as long as there are tests."**

## ACTIVITIES (cont.)

### 2017 CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Brothers, you should have received your raffle tickets by now. If you have not, or need more please let us know. For those of you who have responded, thank you very much. We are two weeks away from the first turn in date of Thursday April 13 (Business Meeting). Unfortunately, ticket sales are way behind and we are at risk of not meeting our first half goal. As you know, we get the biggest rebate based on our first half turn in. In the past we have always exceeded our goal for this milestone. If you have not gotten around to turning in your tickets or have been holding off, please make this a priority to get these in right away.

You always come through to support this very important fund raiser and I know you will step up again. If you need someone to pick up tickets or drop off more, please let us know. Tickets are also available in the office. Please call for help. PGK Jim McCoy at 879-3570 or 694-3368, PGK Herman Karhoff at 361-2758, Grant Kempf at 609-1471.

### HELP WANTED

PGK Gazzerro (Will Mentor) Someone to be the contact for Council Shirts. 3rd Degree member willing to take on the DGK role in the 1st degree membership team.

The council is in need of someone to handle the 2017 taxes for the council. Send suggestions, to GK Milliron.

Someone willing to take on the Santa Maria Editorship. See DGK Erbacher for details.

## MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

On Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, our Council sponsored our annual Lenten Men's Day of Recollection. Fifteen men attended and we were blessed to have five clergy there to speak with us on very interesting topics in relation to our Catholic values. All of the information was meant to truly enhance our spiritual lives. Deacon Max and Fr. Tom Mills were in the morning and Fr. Don Moss and Fr. Jim (from UD) spoke after we all shared a wonderful box lunch from Panera. Later, we prayed the Stations of the Cross, and then began the Adoration of Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Ed Burns who was our host at the WSU Chapel. He was with all of us the whole day. Confessions were followed by Mass. We certainly thank Fr. Ed for allowing us to use the chapel for our important day. He, with his inspiring homily, & with a final blessing, ended our day. A big special thanks to PGK Larry Bogemann for his invaluable help by arriving early, setting everything up – coffee and snacks – and by staying late to do all the cleanup. Many thanks to all the brothers who helped to make that event unique and such a success. God bless all of you.

## MEMBERSHIP

How many times have you asked a man to join the Knights of Columbus, only to receive a negative answer in response? If you are truly looking for the treasure of a new member then I am sure a negative response has happened more than once. Try the following:

- 1.) Talk about your positive experiences as a member of the Knights of Columbus and share your enthusiasm for your council. I do hope you have positive experiences. If not, why not? Please let me know ? [billgazzerro@juno.com](mailto:billgazzerro@juno.com).
- 2.) Have a positive attitude and body language.
- 3.) Talk to the prospective member and his wife about the ways his joining the council benefits their family.
- 4.) Make sure you are visible when conducting a charitable service project or attending a Council Corporate Communion.
- 5.) Presume that a prospect is interested in being part of the Knights and ask him to join.

Just as Father Mc Givney personally asked men to assist him in establishing his mission, so too we must continue that mission and ask every eligible Catholic man in our parish and community to join our council. A direct result of successful recruiting is our council's ability to increase its charitable impact in our parish and community.

## BLUE COAT 2017

The 2017 Council Blue Coat Awards was a huge success with 165 attendees possibly our best ever). WPAFB Installation Commander Col. Bradley McDonald, Ohio Senator Bob Hackett, Ohio Representative Rick Perales, Greene County Commissioner Bob Glaser, Fairborn Mayor Dan Kirkpatrick & Ohio State Council State Warden gave opening remarks. WPAFB 88th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Kathina Racine presented the Wounded Warrior of the Year WPAFB TSgt Deondra Parks. Other Honorees were Youth of the Year Heather Milliron, Scout Jonathan Karhoff, Volunteer Percy J. Gros Jr. and Citizen of the Year Award to K of C Supreme Council Insurance Representative Dennis P. Kelly.

Thanks to Grand Knight M. Russell Milliron and those that helped make the evening a success, Rev. Thomas Nevels, the Kitchen Team for a great meal and all that attended this year.

## PGK FUND RAISER

Once again we have an big opportunity to get a nice 25% rebate with use of a special coupon, on our own unique date, Saturday, June 24th, at the "City Bar B Que" across from the Mall. So PLEASE mark your calendars and save the date of June 24th. Coupons will be available very soon. Your Past Grand Knight Club certainly appreciates all of your support. Pick that day to eat out or pick up carryout! It's ALL good.

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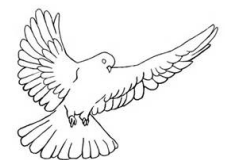
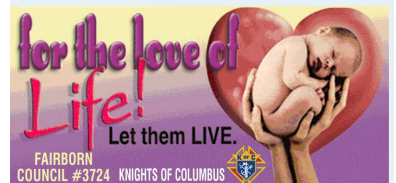
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## Inside Story Headline

The Fairborn Council 3724, Knights of Columbus, 2016–2017 Blue Coat of the Year Awards honorees were:

Ohio State Patrol Xenia Post Trooper Award to Trooper Ron Dear .

Fairborn Police Officer Award to Officer Jim Hern.

Fairborn Firefighter Award to Firefighter Dan Wolfe.

Fairborn Municipal Employee Award to Deputy Clerk Beth Gambill.

Greene County Sheriff 's Deputy Award to Deputy Chris Moore.

WPAFB Security Forces Police Officer Award to TSGT Jesse Armstrong.

WPAFB Firefighter Award to Firefighter Jared Spaeth.

WPAFB Wounded Warrior Award to Technical Sergeant Deondra Parks,.

Volunteer Award to Percy J. Gros Jr.,

Youth Award to Heather Milliron.

Scout Award to Johnathon Karhoff.

Citizen of the Year Award to K of C Supreme Council Insurance Representative Dennis P. Kelly.

## BLUE COATS HONOREES



## MEASURE UP 2017

The store front collection blitz is scheduled for May 4 Thu, 5 Fri and 6 Sat. We will be at three locations again this year; Handyman ACE Hdw/Five Points/South Fairborn, Foys Rock & Roll Grill and Tickets Pub on Main St in downtown Fairborn. Collection times are from 9 am to 8 pm, two hour shifts with minor adjustments for locations and days. There are 33 shifts that need to be filled. If you would like to volunteer for a specific time and location, call me, 864-2907. Volunteering for your choice shift will be greatly appreciated. The signup sheets will be in the lounge before and after meetings. I will also be calling. I've submitted an additional organization to the Council members to receive a share of the collected monies. It is the Early Childhood Development Center of Clark County in addition to the Four Oaks Early Childhood Intervention Center, Fairborn and the FF Mueller Residential Center, Springfield. Council members will be voting for the approval of these organizations at our April business meeting. Remember Brothers, Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, is the Knights of Columbus's Flagship Charity, let's show Columbianism in action. MU Chairman, Harry Yarwick

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

Young People.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life. .



## Knights of Columbus Insurance Corner

By Dennis Kelly, FA, MDRT, FICF

Effective officially July 15, 2017, I will become an ex-field agent, retiring from the Knights after 25 ½ years of service. It has been a wonderful, very long run for me, but at age 70 ½ now, I am ready to travel more, spend more time with my granddaughter, write a book and rejoin my extended family, friends, classmates and many relations back in my hometown area of Omaha, NE.

While we have discussed this big change for several years, now it is finally occurring, with our home here already sold and a new home purchased out near Omaha. I will also stop hosting exchange students, a real avocation for me since 1989, with now having hosted 30 full school year or summer visitors as we find many of them coming back to visit us these days, along with their own families! I have written many thousands of life insurance, annuity and long term care policies over those years – hundreds of millions of valuable contract values in place to protect my assigned families for the things that WILL come, not just MIGHT come!! Thus, many of you have things left you SHOULD be taking care of, through me, with the Order before I retire and you should pass.

Did you ever buy that LTC, get that 2nd to Die policy, take care of moving your retirement assets, or finally getting some disability insurance? Is your family protected enough that if something happened to you, they would be fine? Why not take care of my decades of experience and get these things done now?? As usual, you can call me at 882-6928 or shoot me an email at [dennis.kelly@kofc.org](mailto:dennis.kelly@kofc.org) or [denniskelly@prodigy.net](mailto:denniskelly@prodigy.net) and we'll set a time and FINALLY finish up those things your family NEEDS you to get done. You've already wasted a long time finally getting these things done – don't put them off until after June.

### Good of the Order

#### Repose of the Soul

Gregory & Robert Kelly

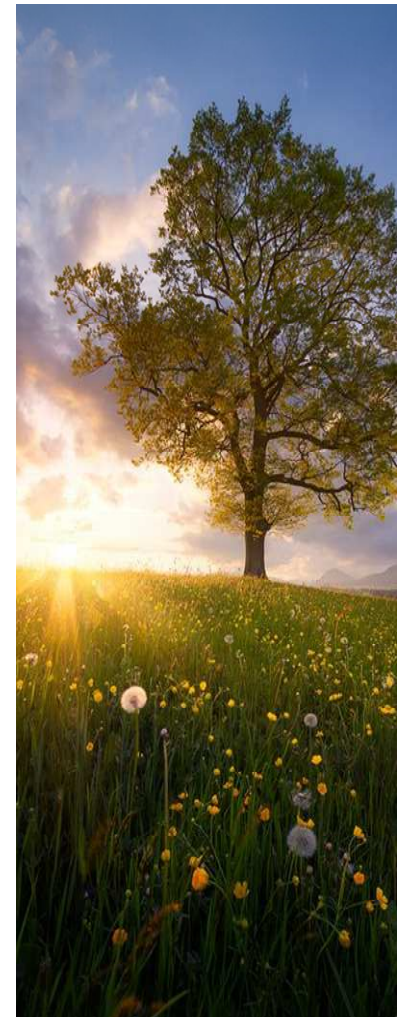
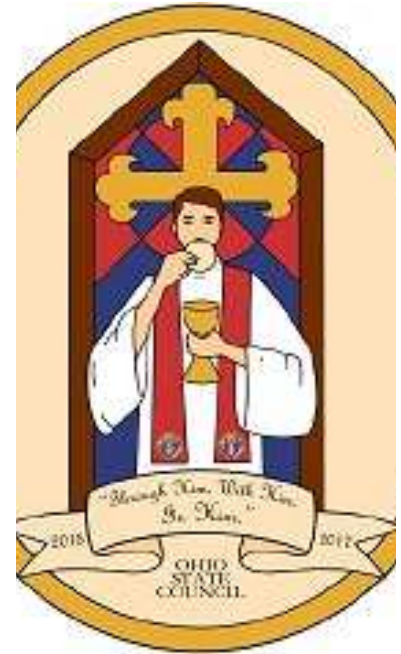
#### Health and Healing for Members:

PGK Al Brewer, PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew Murphy; PGK Jim Muma; PGK Bill Stoddard; PGK John Wolfe; PGK Jim McCoy; Deacon Max Roadruck; Brothers Steve Wilkinson, Ed Trefethen, Ed Costello, Bill Lubera, Vic Berberick; Ray Daley; Jim McNamara; Bill Fortener; Bill Russell; Paul Yosick; Paul Pitstick; Tom Pitstick; Gregory Groeber; Andy Beiring; Dave Bartok; Jose Nava; Dick Drake; Bill Hermiller; Billy Russel; Ed Costello; Paul Thomas; Mark Marten. PSD Dennis Shonebarger

#### Member Requests:

Brenda Whytal, Br. Wess Hall's

family; Rita Berberick, Carol Cypher, PGK Steve Wal's Father-in-Law, Wallie Johnson, Bro Terry McCann's niece Kayli Fazio; GK Milliron's mother Effie; Joan Trefethen, Melita Murphy, Barbara Roadruck, Bro Cal Smith's granddaughter Hope; Bro Charlie Lump's mother Cathy; Martha Karhoff & granddaughter Kelsey, Bro Greg Groeber's daughter Teresa; Bro Jack Huey's mother and brother; Angie Natalie; Jean Ketchen; Velma Hobbs; Pat Pitstick; Jacqueline Cinelli; Kevin Sullivan; Dave White; Sheila Sullivan-Cox; John Kemp, Irma Carchedi, Rosalie Sloat, Vicki Young, Stan Macora friend of Herb Edwards & Eric Grinde brother in law of Bro. Mark Dues. Bro Mike Uecker's Wife Carolyn. Cathy Wilmot Ann Brewer, Pat Banazak., Jean Colasanti & Velma Hobbs





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6	Trustees Meeting	April 10	4th Degree Mtg.
April 13	Business Mtg.	April 13	Holy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday	April 15	Holy Saturday
April 16	Easter Sunday	April 20	Home Corp Mtg.

## BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

The 2nd Thursday on each month, we pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm which is followed by our business meeting. Please attend, stay after the meeting and socialize with your brother knights. Every Thurs there's a Pot-of-Gold drawing. Entry fee is 50 cents and you are required to sign your name in "The Book". At 10:00 pm there's a random drawing from our membership pool. The name of the winner drawn win's the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



Congratulations to Brother Ray Ronan who celebrated his 54th Anniversary as a Franciscan Capuchin Missionary on February 22, 2017 and received the honors of the Formation Degree on March 8, 2017 in Dayton OH.

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