

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

My brother Knights and 3724 family,  
There are a lot of catch phrases getting bandied about nowadays in particular “troubled times” Newscasters whose job is to induce panic and scare us under the auspices of “informed choice” rarely give the time to process what they are saying before they move on to the next flash story. Maybe we are in troubled times, but it’s certainly not the first and it won’t be the last. The serpent who tricked Adam and Eve in the garden is still present, indeed we can see him every day in the news broadcasts about slavery, disease, and hatred. He constantly wears down our will and good spirits casting about for new ways to bring despair to people.

Another catchphrase that doesn’t get nearly as much press is “people are resilient” We persevere, we overcome, we bounce back. “Light always triumphs over darkness” so say the faithful. This life, this world is not easy. But an easy life was never promised to anyone. There is a small prayer that I’ve heard and used a couple of times. “Lord don’t give me an easy life but grant me the strength to deal with a hard one.” Is not the Christian promise that in the end God’s kingdom will overcome? The pain and fear of this world will be left behind.

However, until that day comes, how do we keep going? Time and time again, hatred, discrimination and violence are flashed across our screens and radios, how amid all this do we keep up our spirits? Do we avoid it? Maybe, and while it makes some sense to feel that keeping energy up is easiest by avoiding trouble that is not the Christian way look at our savior’s example Jesus certainly did not take the easy way. Beginning in this issue here are some thoughts from some of my readings on just trying to keep up my own spirits, maybe they can help my 3724 family as well.

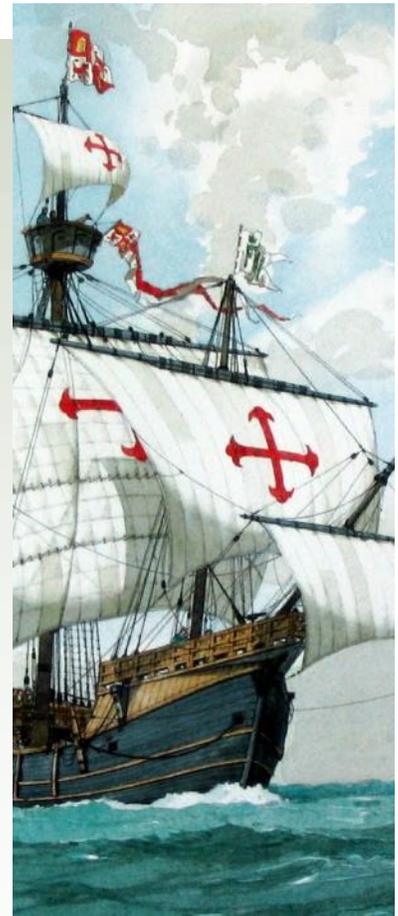
.The first is Art.

Pope Francis points to the healing power of art in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). Beauty in its many forms, he says, is a “means of touching the human heart and enabling the truth and goodness of the Risen Christ to radiate within it.”

*Try a craft project*, Paint, draw, sculpt, or take pictures. Think of a theme like hope and just run with it.

*Have a meal with friends*, Food is the perfect excuse to gather a group of friends together. Raise a glass in mutual support, even Jesus took time for a last supper and ate with his closest friends.

*Just move*, take a walk, dance as did David before the Lord with great abandon. Movement boosts endorphins, endorphins boost mood.



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### Special points of interest

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The second is Silence.

Thomas Merton said, "Silence makes us whole if we let it."

*Meditate and pray*, remove television, remove emails, remove distractions, seek some form of silence as did Jesus who went to the mountaintop to pray. And as

*Unplug from social media*: Put your phone in a drawer and log off the computer, even for a few hours.

*Journal*: Writing it out is cathartic and has been very helpful to me personally.

*Nap*: Naps are proven to lower stress levels and protect the immune system.

My Knight of the Month was PGK John Wolfe who has worked tirelessly for the council as Community Director and Historian and retired from active membership last month. He is currently relaxing with his family in his new home in Florida and has my gratitude for his service and friendship. The Family of the Month was the family of Eric and Rhonda Rogalinski who will also be the Council 3724 entry for Family of the Year under the state family program. Make sure to thank the Rogalinski's for their service to the parish and our council and drop John a line via email.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus  
Vivat Jesus. GK Erbacher

## STATUS OF THE COUNCIL HALL

The hall will be open for the rest of the fraternal year following all State of Ohio COVID-19 guidelines. Should you choose to come down we would love to see you, but as in all things follow your own thoughts and only return if you are comfortable doing so.

## SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

So far so good! Twenty-five (25%) of our membership have responded to the GK's request to support this fundraising event. Hopefully, the response tempo picks up in the next couple weeks. **Critical to maximizing our rebate is selling/buying as many tickets as possible before the first turn-in date to the State on April 15<sup>th</sup>.** Bring your sold tickets with you to our next Business Meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021 or make sure they are mailed in prior to April 12, 2021

Again, please try to sell more tickets than was sent to you in the mail. Your neighbors, friends and co-workers may wish to help us support to our charities. If you need additional tickets, need someone to pick up your sold tickets, or have any questions, please contact PGK Jim McCoy at 937-879-3570 (H) or 937-694-3368 (C); PGK Herman Karhoff at 937-361-2758 (C); or call the Hall at 937-878-2909 and leave a message.

Thank you for supporting this important charity event.

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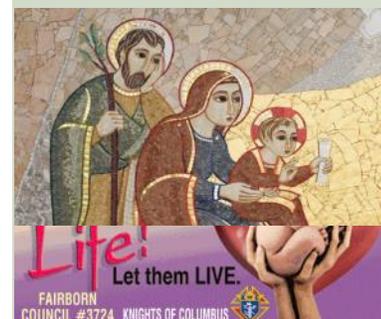
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### **Farewell Fairborn Brother Knights from John A. Wolfe, PGK FDD PCP, Ellenton, FL.**

Many thanks to GK Gene Erbacher & the 17 Knights who were able to attend my last Fairborn 3724 Business Meeting. I truly appreciate the Certificate of Merit that GK Gene presented me, the round of drinks & the pizza provided to all the attendees. My thanks to all the Officers, Directors, Chairmen & dedicated members who have made Fairborn 3724 one of the Ohio State Council top Councils in Ohio. Over the years, the Council has received numerous awards from the State Council & the Supreme Council which included a number of Star Council Awards, top Council Awards, numerous program awards & individual awards including Supreme Council International Family 2nd Runner-Up, Chaplain, Religious, Knight, Lady, Volunteer, Blue Coat, Youth, & others. Certainly, one of the Council outstanding events was the election of PGK Bob Wilhelm as OSC Warden & his eventual election as OSC State Deputy. Fairborn 3724 has had a wonderful history and with the help of the membership, we can celebrate our 75th Anniversary in October 2028. My Best Wishes & Prayers will continue for the Council & all my Brother Knights.

### **FINAL RESULTS FOR 2020 MEASURE UP.**

The council received the checks from the State around the first of March. Greene county is still under the Covid restrictions, so the check for \$1081 was sent to the Financial Director of Greene County Developmental Disabilities. The Grand Knight and I delivered the check on Mar 9 to the Clark County Early Intervention Director for the same amount. Final money accounting, Gimme 5, 750: MHC collection, 654: Wright State ushers, 300: Council, 300: Bingo, 300: and aluminum cans/ lounge coin can, 200.

Thanks, any questions 937-864-2907  
Harry



Fairborn Knights of Columbus council 3724 members, the Grand Knight and Measure-Up Chairman, present a check for \$1080 to Shannon Chatfield, Director Early Intervention, Developmental Disabilities of Clark County.

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## MEMBERSHIP

New members are the life blood of the order, our membership has been steady declining. Every Catholic man 18 years and older should be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Sadly a small percentage are. It's up to each member to ask their family members, friends, coworkers, etc. to join the order, please make an effort this Lenten season to recruit one new member. As most of you know our Membership Director PGK Bill Gazzero is in a rehab facility and needs help performing his duties, if you can help let the GK or Program Director know.

## HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on Mar18 to pay bills and discuss business. Due to the COVID-19 crisis our work parties will be suspended until further notice.

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



## Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Health and Healing requests are entered into the council's prayer request book prior to the business meeting. If you can't make a meeting and have a name you wish to include in the Santa Maria prayer intentions, please call the council hall and leave a message or send an email to Santamaria@3724kofc.org.

### Repose of the Sou

Bro. Anthony Giambrone

### Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez Sgt, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Sophaiia Yarwick, Cladina Hay, Tony Liam, Janet McGrath, Bill Gould, Jan Gartsipe, Jeanne Paula, Wallace Johnson, Cathy Kempf, Tony Newton, PGK Bill Gazzero, Alice Smith.

## MARCH EVENTS



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

Apr 1 Trustee Meeting  
Apr 8 Business Meeting  
Apr 15 Home Corp Meeting  
Apr 20 FAB Meeting

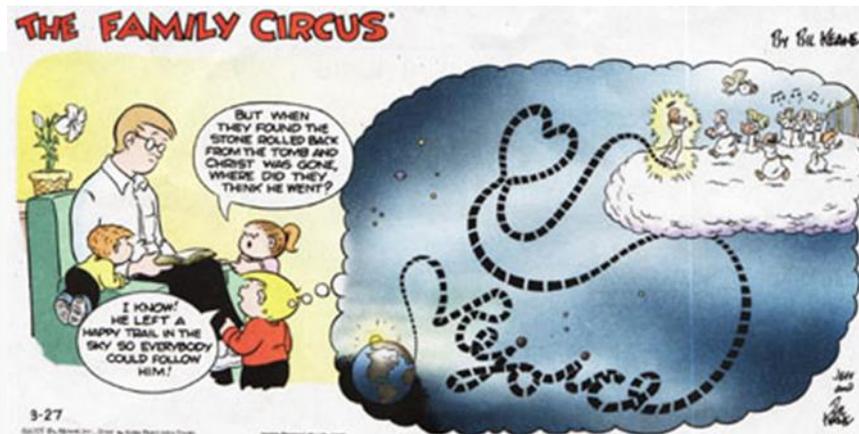
Apr 4 Easter  
Apr 12 4th Degree Meeting  
Apr 22 Lecture Meeting/Degree  
Apr 12 PGK Meeting

## MAY PREVIEW

Mother's Day, State Convention (virtual), Lecture Meeting/Degree, Memorial Day, 5th Sunday Rosary, Corporate Communion

## 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 on the meeting night and at 9:30 pm on the other Thursdays 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.



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