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FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

It's hard to stand by and watch as one man's decision to try and rebuild the Iron Curtain goes unchecked resisted only by those who do not want the freedom, they've enjoyed for the last two decades taken away? Twenty-five hundred years ago, Thucydides laid down a law of geopolitics and, unfortunately, of life that still stands today. "The strong do what they can, he said, while the weak struggle as they must." Stoics would be drawn to the second part, "struggle as they must" because there is inspiration and courage in it. A Spartan warrior was once spoken to of surrender. He picked up a mouse by the tail and watched it claw and bite at him. "When the tiniest creature defends itself like this against aggressors, what ought men to do?" he said. Is this not what we see coming out of Ukraine, a nation invaded by a fading great power and yet resisting with all they have? As individuals, we can't do much from over here to help, we can pray the rosary in honor of the Queen of Peace, we can support charities that aid in helping the refugees especially ones directly supporting the wives and children. The strong and the evil will do what they do, the weak will struggle but, in the end, well, I'll use this line from the poem Upon the Image of Death penned by Robert Southwell, also known as Saint Robert Southwell, an English Roman Catholic priest of the Jesuit Order, and clandestine missionary in Elizabethan England. *"Though all the East did quake to hear, Of Alexander's dreadful name, And all the West did likewise fear to hear of Julius Caesar's fame. Yet both by death in dust now lie; Who then can 'scape but he must die?"* I had never heard of Robert Southwell until doing a little research for this article revealed him, but St. Robert Southwell was executed for treason on February 21, 1595, for preaching the Catholic faith.

I think about legacy a lot, that concept of doing what you can in the here and now to make life better for others? What did we do for others? Did we embody good character? Did we embody a philosophy and not just talk about it? We do not know how much time we have as tomorrow was never promised, so anything we can do to make the world a little better, to ease someone's pain a little, to resist evil to the best of our ability no matter where we see it, is our legacy. I remember reading a quote one time that went something like, "What we leave behind for others is a better mark of manhood than material success in this life." Prince Phillip once said, "I'd rather other people decide what legacy I leave, I'm not trying to create one. Life's going to go on after me and if I can make life marginally more tolerable for other people I'd be delighted." I do not know what the outcome in Europe will be, I pray that Ukraine continues as a sovereign nation but however it ends, what a legacy the people will leave behind, as for our legacy? The path that Jesus laid out for us shows us the way, life batters us, it hits hard. We find out that we've lost our job...or someone we love. We fall and hurt ourselves, but we continue on because there is a hunger in us that nothing in this world can possibly satisfy. St. Augustine was right: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." We are all created for (Con't next page)



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God. Only Jesus can lead us to the heavenly banquet; and that's why we must follow him.

My Knight of the Month was PGK Herman Karhoff whose gifts to the council of time and talent just keep coming in particular last month spearheading an awesome Men's Retreat as well as continuing to serve as my senior trustee. My Family of the Month was the awesome, awesome 3724 Kitchen Crew who will be hosting the final dinner of the fraternal year in April and have just done a bang-up job, working together to pull off some fabulous meals this year as we continue to slowly ramp our activities up as the world continues to reopen itself.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus
Vivat Jesus. Happy Easter, GK Erbacher

FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

The FAB met on March 31, 2022, this was the first meeting of the new fiscal year. Again, I want to point out that this meeting usually on the fifth Thursday at 6:30pm is open to all members of the council and should be much better attended than it usually is. Our investments even in this unsettled economy continue to weather the storms the world throws and are holding steady. We will likely have enough in proceeds at the end of the year to continue our yearly donation of 10,000 dollars to charities brought forth to the FAB by membership and voted on in the last meeting of the fiscal year. To that end, I am putting this message out to membership to start thinking now of charities we should consider. You can create a small description of the charity and why you think its worth consideration and place it in the grand knight's mailbox anytime. You can send your selection to grandknight@3724kofc.org, and I will start collecting them to bring to the FAB. The next FAB meeting will be June 30, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

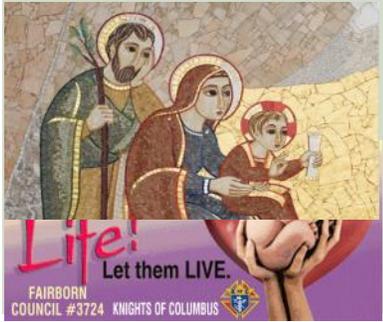
APRIL 2022

The birthstone for April is the diamond
Cheerful daisies like Leucanthemum 'Darling' represent April birthdays
George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States on April 30, 1789
April full moon is traditionally called the pink moon because of the pink flower (Phlox subulata) that bloom in North America this time of year
We begin the month of April with the culminating observances of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The Lenten liturgical color of violet gives way to white for Holy Thursday, red for Good Friday, and white for Easter and the Easter season.

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in April

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Part 7: 19451-1960)

The Knights of Columbus initiated a campaign in 1951 for the public adoption of the phrase “under God” in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. One year after Supreme Knight Hart took office in 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law that officially added the words “under God” to the pledge.

In the following years, the Knights made significant contributions to the Catholic Church in America. In 1953, a Catholic advertising program launched by Knights in Missouri was officially adopted by the Order as the Religious Information Bureau. It later became known as the Catholic Information Service when it moved to New Haven in 1969, through which Knights printed and disseminated brochures and pamphlets about the Catholic faith. The program also included a correspondence course for subscribers to learn about or clarify their knowledge of Church teachings.

Finally, the close of the 1950s saw the completion of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Order contributed \$1 million toward the completion of the church’s bell tower, known as the Knights’ Tower, and more than 1,000 Knights formed an honor guard for the dedication.

1951: The Order votes to fund the microfilming of irreplaceable documents from the Vatican Library, some dating to the pre-Christian era. The library at St. Louis University is named as the repository for the microfilm. By the 1956 opening of the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library at St. Louis University, 9.5 million manuscript pages have been microfilmed and made available for scholars.

1953: Luke E. Hart becomes supreme knight; he is the first supreme knight to move to New Haven to assume his duties, reflecting the development of the Knights as a corporation.

1953: For \$2.5 million the Knights of Columbus purchases the land that Yankee Stadium is built on. When news breaks of the Knights’ acquisition, councils and members send congratulatory telegrams to New Haven.

1953: A Catholic advertising program launched by Missouri Knights in the 1940s is adopted nationally by the Order. The ads encourage readers to learn more about Catholic teaching by contacting the Religious Information Bureau, later called the Catholic Information Service.

CONGRATULATIONS

Brother Knight Adam Kempf started a new chapter in his life of supporting our community



Mental Health Recovery Board of Clark, Greene & Madison Counties

Meet our new “Assistant Director of Community Integration” Adam Kempf. Adam became a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer in 2006 through our own MHRB CIT training. He has a passion for assisting our communities in mental health and addiction areas. Last night Adam was sworn in by MHRB board member, Sheriff Anger of Greene County, as a Special Reserve Deputy. This means while working with MHRB to bridge the gap between law enforcement and mental health professionals, Adam will continue to maintain the Special Deputy expectations.

ACTIVITIES

Knights Hosts Successful Family & Youth Initiative (FYI) Dinner Event

Once again, the Fairborn Knights knocked the ball out of the park by preparing a wonderful dinner for the FYI fundraising dinner event on March 26, 2022. Over 80 people attended, and FYI raised over \$3000 in support of FYI. FYI’s mission is to empower families and provide hope. Everyday families and children are suffering from traumas caused by generational cycle of abuse and poverty. FYI’s programs, through education and training, rescue and protect families and children from future trauma. FYI’s programs are now offered in 7 Ohio counties.

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday April 2nd. This month's dinner will feature another one of our most popular offerings, Chicken Pot Pie, Cole Slaw and another special dessert. You get all this for just \$10 for adults \$5 for children. We'll be serving in the Parish Center right after the 4:00 Mass. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Brother Knights, the 1st turn-in date is history. We have sold almost 1000 tickets to date. If you haven't already done so, please get your final ticket sales in on or before May 10. Drawing will be held at the State Convention on Saturday, May 21. Prize winners will be published in the June 2022 Santa Maria.

If you need any additional tickets, need someone to pick up your sold tickets, or have any questions, please contact PGK Herman Karhoff at home (937) 233-8370, cell (937) 361-2758; DGK Grant Kempf at (937) 609-1471, or call the Hall at (937) 878-2909 and leave a message. We'll get back to you. Thanks again Brothers!

KNIGHTS LEND HELPING HANDS

Thanks to our knights who helped collect over a ton of food from the Beavercreek Scout Troop 68 annual food drive which was donated to the Fairborn St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. In spite of the rain, cooler weather, the scouts did a super job to fulfill a great Fairborn/Beavercreek community need.



Men's Retreat and Spiritual Reflection (by PGK Herman Karhoff)

Fairborn Council 3724 hosted their annual Men's Retreat on March 5, 2022. Twenty-five (25) men from Mary Help of Christians (MHC) Our Lady Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart Parishes, brother knights, and friends attended. Lunch was provided by the Knights. Following the guest speaker reflections, confessions and mediation time was provided prior to the 4:15 PM Mass.

Guest speakers, Fr. Tom Nevels, Fr. Donald Moss, and Deacon Max Roadruck gave reflections on the theme, Faith and where it belongs in the world today. Reflections highlighted how fear and despair rule our world (focus on Ukrainian immigrants), our nation, and even within our churches. People living in fear and despair over worldly matters abandon hope, just give up, they lose their faith and finally abandon God. The speakers reminded us how scripture readings teach us that courage is the virtue that overcomes fear and despair. Courage cultivates the theological virtue of faith. Faith rekindles the spirit, which leads to conversion. Conversion is an outward and inward sign of the trust and faith we have in God, which enkindles hope, nourishes us on our journey to our eternal destination, heaven.



RECENTLY DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHT



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our Brother Knight.

PGK Lewis (Lew) and Melita (Mel) Murphy both passed away on Feb 27th. Melita died at about 3:30 in the afternoon and Lew passed shortly before 6:00 p.m. Both were buried at the VA Cemetery on March 22nd after a 10:00 a.m. service with military honors. Lewis J. Murphy received his 1st degree 06-1-1985 and his 2nd & 3rd degrees 03-20-1986, making him a 35-year member. Lew was Grand Knight in the 1999-2000 fraternal year.

One Brother remembers Lew being instrumental in having Knights serve at Mass. When asked how the Knights can support the church, Lew stepped up. Lew was always very kind and concerned for his Brothers' welfare. When another Knight lost his brother, Lew was the first to reach out with condolences and a hug.

Always a very close couple, Lew and Mel were regulars at all K of C events and Mel supported Lew as Grand Knight and all the charitable things he did over the many years with our council. The Murphy family also donated Fatima figurines that are on display in the Council Chambers.

As sad as we are, it is appropriate that Lew and Mel were able to join hands as they saw the face of God. Lew now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

He is
RISEN
Celebrate
EASTER

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 14:

This is a story about Tootsie Rolls. You remember that tasty little chocolate treat? It's also about shining your light.

Marilyn and I have been wintering in Sarasota, Florida; and we are attending St. Thomas More Catholic Church, which seems to have a very active Knights of Columbus Council #7826. All the ushers are Knights; they wear suits or sports jackets and proudly wear their Council's name tag. Last Sunday was "Tootsie Roll Sunday," where the Knights were out in the vestibule after Mass handing out Tootsie Rolls for donations supporting one of their ministries: providing shoes for children in the community. At the same time, they were handing out brochures promoting membership to their council.

The point of this story is not to say we should be handing out Tootsie Rolls. It is about letting your light shine and not putting it under a bushel basket. If you are involved in a parish ministry, such as an Usher or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you might want to display your Knight's name tag and wear a council shirt or sports coat. Publicize who you are! Don't hide your light under a basket! You might be surprised when someone approaches you about becoming a Knight!

Welcome to new Council members Matthew and Travis Rogalinski! We are headed for Star Council status this fraternal year! Keep up the good work, Brothers! We're almost there!

Membership Incentives: Don't forget to add [Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org) as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. The First Year Free Membership Promotion has been extended through June 2022 and you can have a prospect join online for FREE (no \$30 initiation fee) when you use the Promotional Code: **MCGIVNEY 2020** in honor of the beatification last October of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. Visit [kofc.org/join](https://www.kofc.org/join).

Name Tags: If you need a Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. Cost per tag is \$5.00.

This Month's Personal Goal: Follow Up!

You have signed up a new member. Congratulations! But the job is not done. Please make sure he completes the 30-minute initiation package the Grand Knight sends out to all new members. This program online is the same as the in-person initiation ceremony into the First through Third Degree. The new brother cannot be considered fully initiated in our council until he completes the program. So, follow up! One more thing: Bring your new member personally to our business meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Remember how you felt as a new brother! It really helps if the new member is joyfully introduced to his fellow brothers by his sponsor.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met Mar 17 to pay bills and discuss business. The next work party is scheduled for Saturday April 23 2022, We will continue to repair chairs and do some general clean up in the kitchen. Please plan to help, the more that show up the more chairs can be repaired.

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

Knight alert requests and activity alerts should be send to the PGK Russ Milliron at webmaster@3724kofc.org

Editor's note: Deadline for articles in the Santa Maria is the 4th Thursday of the month

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS DEDICATED TO WORKS OF CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM. CARE TO JOIN US? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRANDKNIGHT@3724KOFCCOM



INSURANCE CORNER

Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence.

Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 pm) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

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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 Soul:

PGK Lew and Melita Murphy

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Alice Smith, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lump, Charles Lump, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Dayna Murphy, Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, Mary Alice Paxson, Sr. Mary Valery Gros, Jordan Copeland, Bill Gilbert, Gordon Samuel, Paul Avery, Mike Barlow, PGK Russ Milliron.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

APRIL EVENTS

Apr 2 Parish Dinner
Apr 11 4th Degree Meeting
Apr 17 Easter
Apr 28 Lecturer Meeting

Apr 7 Trustee Meeting
Apr 14 Business Meeting
Apr 21 Home Corp

MAY PREVIEW

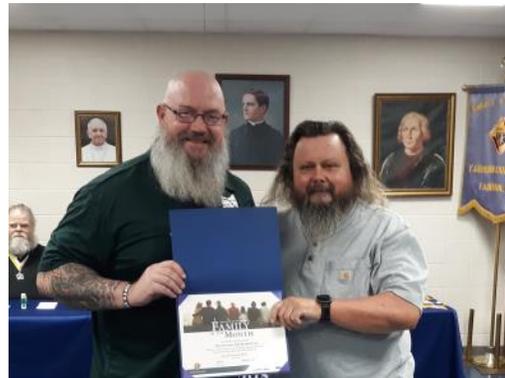
Ladies Night, Business Meeting, Trustees Meeting, Corporate Communion

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.



PGK Herman Karhoff receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



PGK Frank Minnick receiving FOTM on behalf of the kitchen crew from GK Gene Erbacher

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