

SANTA MARIA

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Grand Knight's Corner

The first event of the new fraternal year kicked off resoundingly with the 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Several brother knights met after the 11:15 mass to decorate and prep the trailer as well as get the grills prepped and ready. We were position 70 in the parade this year and the marchers from 3724 were joined by several members of the 4th degree Monsignor Buckley Assembly. Like everyone who's been shut in their homes for the past 18 months the grills required a little extra persuasion to fire up but once they did about 45 brother knights, wives and families enjoyed Burger, Brats and Dawgs coupled with a ton of homemade picnic goodness running the range of crab and potato salad to a Watermelon Fruit Bowl carved to look like the Santa Maria. I think everyone there agreed it was a great picnic and an awesome chance for everyone to socialize as a council and community again. As I mentioned last month, be on the lookout for a request to help staff the Funnel Cake Booth at the Sweetcorn Festival Aug 21st and 22nd and I will say that if the turnout at the 4th of July parade was indicative of what to expect I think the sweetcorn festival is going to be packed this year. This is the 2nd year Steve Wal's son has spearheaded the Memorial Golf Outing and it sounds like it's going to be a lot of fun for all entrants.

With the work of a new fraternal year commencing, I think it makes sense to talk about St. Joseph the worker. This year is going to a good year for the council I truly believe it, the world is opening back up, activities and get together's beginning again. But there will be work and not always easy or fun and, in that context, I think it bears witness to two facts. First work, labor is good and pleasing to the Lord. Second the Devil hates honest work and labor after all he attacked Adam and Eve in the garden they were charged with tending. One of the greatest gifts I think that we have received from St. Joseph is summed up in this quote from St. John Paul II, "At the workbench where St. Joseph plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption." How much angrier must the devil be that God humbled himself and became a man making himself capable of human labor. In his humanity he learned how to work by imitating the example of his earthly father Joseph. If St. Joseph taught God as man how to work, he is more than capable of guiding us in the labor of our lives and the works of this council. Work is not always easy and can be taxing on the mind, heart and body, as a carpenter Jesus knew this and in Matthew 11:28-30 tells us, "Come to me all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

St. Joseph will help us to be diligent workers as we have many good works to accomplish this fraternal year and as for the devil who I am sure is lining his forces up against us and the recovery of the world that is underway. Well, who (Con't next page)



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better to look to then to St. Joseph who St. Alphonsus Liguori tells us, "St. Joseph is most powerful against the demons which fight" against us." St. Joseph is a light in the darkness and the model of workmen. He brings light to the malice of the enemies of the family. He brings light to the darkness of movements that seek to strip people of their human dignity and eliminate God from the minds and hearts of families and nations. I really like this opening prayer from the Memorial of St. Joseph the worker "God our father, creator and ruler of the universe, in every age you call man to develop and use his gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised." What better prayer to launch the work of a new fraternal year? Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

My family of the month this month was PGK Bill and Linda Stoddard as I mentioned in the opening our first council event of the new fraternal year was the 4th of July picnic and Bill and Linda in addition to the support, they always bring to the council were instrumental in the preparation of the hall, setup as well as clean up. The trustees of the council saw fit to name myself as the Knight of the Month and I am honored to receive that award and the beautiful St. Joseph and the infant Jesus statue they presented me with. I've said before what a privilege it is to lead this council and to count my 3724 brothers and their families as friends. "Everything is for God's greater glory."

"Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus"

Vivat Jesus,
GK Erbacher



STATE TOUR JULY 17TH, 2021

In my role as Grand Knight of Council 3724 I attended the live State Tour presentation conducted at St. Christopher Parish in Vandalia on the 17th of July. There are a few changes to the structure of the programs for State, but most items are staying the same which will make meeting the program requirements very doable as with a few tweaks to the reporting we are already positioned to complete them. Thanks to PGK Herman Karhoff for his efforts with the Supercash Bonanza last fraternal year, while we weren't top five in the Diocese, we did well enough to get mention on the slides which was no small feat given the challenges presented by the Covid shutdown. It was nice to sit with members of other councils in the area and catch up on activities and news. Council 3724 received the State Bronze Award for Programs and Activities from State Deputy Siragusa in person and that award will be on display in the Lounge for you to review. One interesting note is that the State Office is going completely green this year and will be doing as much as they can online even the new General Program Manual which covers fraternal years 2021-2023 will be strictly electronic. The State officers are working with Supreme as well to use the Supreme Activities Reporting form to electronically submit the reports of the activities, we normally would upload to the state website. As such for my program directors, do your activity write ups as we complete them but keep them handy as State is asking us to hold off on electronic reporting until they have the arrangement with Supreme ready to go.

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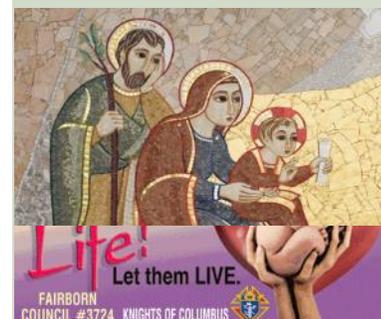
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ACTIVITIES

2021 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – SIGN UP NOW!!

Hello Brother Knights, with summer fast approaching it is that time of year to look forward to rising temperatures, sunny weather, and chasing the little white ball around. Get your team together and join us for the 2021 Annual Memorial Golf Scramble. We play typical 4-Man Best Ball format with refreshments and snacks provided, come join us and enjoy some friendly competition, comradery, and remembrance with your brother knights. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 7th, at the Locust Hills GC in Springfield. Shotgun Start at 8:30AM. The Cost for members and their guests is \$60 each which pays for your green fees, cart, dinner, refreshments and prizes. This year we will have coffee, donuts, and range balls before the round. Locust Hills will serve your choice of pork or ½ chicken for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge, or call/email Andrew Wal at andrewwal55@gmail.com, (937)672-5543.

5th WEEKEND CORPORATE ROSARIES

Our Grand Knight has agreed to expand our 5th Sunday Corporate Rosary to 5th Weekend Corporate Rosary. This is exciting in that we will be growing our presence at Our Lady Queen of Peace along with Mary Help. We hope you can make the rosary at OLQP Prairies Chapel on Saturday, August 28 (be present at 4:45 PM for 5 PM Mass) and at Mary Help on Sunday, August 29 (be present at 10:45 AM for 11:00 AM Mass). Prairies Chapel is located at 6568 Chapel Lane, Riverside, OH 45431, off of Spinning Road between Airway Road and Burkhardt Road. Prairies Chapel is not in a secured area, so you don't need a military ID or escort to attend. Parking is behind the chapel.

FOOTBALL CRAZR 2021-2022

The football crazr program is back and at the State Tour I picked up 100 tickets. We sold 52 last year. The chairman of the Football crazr made a point of telling all of us that even though the program uses NFL scores from the last 10 games of the season none of the money goes to the NFL. I guess some brothers across the state were protesting the use of NFL games instead of college or another sport. Which given the current environment with professional athletes is understandable, but PSD Eckstein said the program will not change. Tickets will again be 20.00 each and my goal is to sell at least 75 which will give us a 50% reduction in the per capita tax to the state. If we sell 99, we receive a 75% reduction. 149 tickets would get a zero per capita tax to the state, Tickets will be in the lounge, or you can reach out to me at grandknight@3724kofc.org and I will get some to you. I'm again going to ask every brother to purchase or sell two tickets at least. If you can do more that would be awesome and if you can't do any that is okay as well. I'd just like to give the council the best opportunity to get a break on the per capita tax we pay to the state council.

FAIRBORN SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

IT'S FUNNEL CAKE TIME The Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival returns this year on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22. Our Council will again participate with our funnel cake booth and we'll need workers to support this effort. The work isn't physically demanding and no experience is necessary. Please consider helping support this important fund raiser for the Council. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge, or you can volunteer by contacting one of the Co-chairs to let them know when you are available. You can reach them at: PGK Russell Milliron 937-426-5299 mrmilliron@yahoo.com Corky Block 937-864-7018 cblock@woh.rr.com

FAIRBORN 4th OF JULY PARADE



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It's a brand new fraternal year with a clean slate for recruiting new members! Last year, we received only four new men into our council while our quota was 12. That sounds bad, but let's remember we were closed down for months because of the pandemic, and that disrupted our usual robust recruiting efforts. The pandemic is behind us now, so let's get back to work!

JULY STATE MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

The first four Councils to recruit four new members will each receive \$200.00. The first four proposers will receive \$50.00 each. Four of their newly degreed members will receive \$25.00 each or a State Council polo shirt.

THIS MONTH'S PERSONAL GOAL:

Ask one new person if he has ever been invited to join the Knights of Columbus. You may be surprised how many will say "no, never."



Thanks to new Brother Adam Kempf for constructing the above QR codes that can get a viewer into our website or Facebook page. We're planning to add these to our parish bulletins, business cards, and displays that should help us with our recruiting efforts!

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

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



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

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

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 15 July to pay bills and discuss business. We have decided to restart our monthly work parties to take care of some pressing needs in the council. The first one will be on August 28. Our main focus will be to clean the kitchen and get ready for the return of our monthly parish dinners. These dinners are an important social event for the Parish and the Council and one of our major fundraisers. We'll start at 9:00 am and are usually done my noon. Please consider giving us a few hours to help support this important activity.

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.

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, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Cathy Kempf, , Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Pat Banaszak, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lump, William Gilbert, Charles Lump, Jim Wolfe, John P. Wolfe, PGK John Wolfe, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Susie Gros, Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, Judy Kiliany



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

AUG EVENTS

Aug 5 Trustee Meeting
Aug 7 Memorial Golf Outing
Aug 12 Business Meeting
Aug 19 Home Corp Meeting
Aug 26 Lecturer Meeting
Aug 29 Corp Comm MHC

Aug 6-8 Treasure Trove
Aug 8 Breakfast at Treasure Trove
Aug 16 4th Degree Meeting
Aug 21-22 Sweet Corn Festival
Aug 28 Corp Comm Queen of Peace

SEP PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, MHC Membership Open House, National Day of Remembrance of Unborn

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.



GK Gene Erbacher receiving the KOTM from Trustees



PGK Bill Stoddard receiving the FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Today's Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary body and soul into heaven commemorates, liturgically, a dogma. Catholicism celebrates her dogmas like a country celebrates its independence day or its military victories. The Church processes up and down city streets for the Body and Blood of Christ; she builds crèches and composes Christmas carols for the dogma of the Incarnation at Christmas; she names cities, such as Asunción, the capital of Paraguay, after dogmas such as today's Feast. We strew flowers, sing songs, walk on pilgrimage, construct shrines, and kneel in prayer for our dearest truths. Tradition in the Church is not a locked chest. It is a vital force, like a rushing wind, that purifies and is purified, that is ever ancient and ever young, and that informs all that the Church teaches and does. The sacramental family of the Church celebrates her most deeply held, specifically defined beliefs, or dogmas, in beautiful ways.

The Assumption of Mary into heaven is a logical consequence of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Because Mary was born without original sin, she did not suffer its consequences, among which is death. Because she was a kind of Ark of the New Covenant, carrying the Church in the person of Christ, God preserved her from sin and wanted her in His presence when her time on earth ceased. No saint has ever enjoyed such a privilege, because no saint ever had the relationship with Christ that Mary enjoyed. A pious tradition says that the choirs of angels in heaven whispered in awe to each other as Mary was assumed into God's presence, "Who is this woman treated with such unique respect and honor?"

Sometimes it's hard to appreciate the beauty and majesty of a massive landscape without a person to give it scale. How high is that waterfall? How tall that mountain peak? How far that shore? Place a person in the field of vision and suddenly the image makes more sense. God fills every scene with his majesty. He is almost too much to take in. But Mary gives God scale and perspective. She humanizes the view. Mary is always there in the foreground, showing the faithful how to approach God and render Him due honor.

Devotion to the Virgin Mary is not just a more intense version of devotion to a saint. It is so much more than that. True devotion to Mary is on a higher plane of spirituality, something "cradle Catholics" know instinctively, even if they cannot explain it. With Mary as our mother, the Church and her doctrines are vivified. They seem to matter more. The Church is closer to us and we to her because of Mary. Marian spirituality is more than religious wisdom in the Eastern tradition. It is more than acknowledging that Jesus Christ came from a particular woman and a particular town. To be "Marian" is to know why God would want her assumed into heaven, body intact. To be "Marian" is to understand that no one asks about a baby without asking about its mother in the very same breath. Mary was not just the first Christian. She was, for years, the only Christian. She was, for years, the entire Church.

The dogma of the Assumption, like all dogmas, is liberating. Borders make one go deeper, just like irrigation channels guide the water where it's needed so that a harvest will come. "No" can lead to new discoveries as much as "Yes." Good theology sometimes says "No" to bad theology. This usually leads to a deeper spirituality. We need sound mysteries of faith to contemplate, to consider, and to commemorate. Without them, we would be focused either on falsehoods or on ourselves, and we might then become the mystery of faith rather than the truth or God. Profound dogmas of faith such as the Assumption of Mary walk hand in hand with a vibrant spirituality. Mary's Assumption into heaven opens new horizons to the mind and imagination in prayer and a holy desire to discover more in the life to come.

Saint Mary, assumed into heaven, may your life with God, body and soul, be our goal. May we see your quiet devotion to God and the Church as an example to be followed, a target to be aimed at, and a destiny that awaits the serious Christian who emulates your subtle virtues.