

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

I submitted the fraternal survey that is due every year at this time, and I'm gladdened to share that we had an exceptional year. Council 3724 is spread across the United States encompassing a little over 240 members. In this last fraternal year, we provided 622 hours in support visits to the sick and bereaved and 20 blood donations. Between our Faith, Family, Community and Life programs we donated over 7000 total service hours and over \$21,000 in charitable support to the parish and our various communities. This is despite how pinched we were with the pandemic the last couple years. It's very gratifying to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and in particular council 3724, a group of men I would stack up against any other council in the world. To lead this council is a privilege bar none. When you talk to prospective members or even friends and family who don't know what the Knights are about or what we do, share those service hours and charitable support with them. The first fruit of the Holy Spirit is charity, coincidence that the same term is the hallmark of the first degree. I don't think so, and council 3724 embodies the concept of charity.

We are now one month into 2022, tax time is upon us, we are nearing the end of the fraternal year, and although we still have a lot of activities remaining, we need to start thinking about next year. Some of you may be approached by members of the Past Grand Knights or myself to consider prayerfully, seriously stepping into an officer role. I know the reasons you will say why not, I've used them myself, but when I finally said yes, it became one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. I had multiple mentors to help me understand what I was supposed to do and how to do it and you will not be left alone to figure it out. Now I would like to share a small "aha" moment from my readings over the last two years, some I've shared with you in other articles on the philosophies of stoicism and bushido, roman history, and the life of Jesus as we learn about in the Gospels.

Roughly two thousand years ago, a woman went into labor in a province of the Roman empire. Her son would become one of the greatest philosophers who ever lived. Teaching the importance of kindness, mercy, forgiveness, doing one's duty, staying away from the corruptive influence of wealth and the redemption to be found in poverty and adversity. He became a threat to the state, and experienced the agony of a very public death, asking his loved ones and followers to stay strong, to forgive an emperor who did not know what he was doing. Obviously, the life of Jesus you say! I agree but in parallel it also reflects the life of Seneca. Jesus the son of God, and Seneca, human, flawed like all of us, yet much in common. Examples you ask:

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." — Jesus

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“Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness.” — Seneca

“If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.” — Jesus

“It is a petty and sorry person who will bite back when he is bitten.” — Seneca

“And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?” — Jesus

“You look at the pimples of others when you yourselves are covered with a mass of sores.” — Seneca

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal...No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” — Jesus

“With me, wealth has a certain place; in your case it has the highest place. In short, I own my wealth, your wealth owns you.” — Seneca

Jesus and Seneca both forced, in their final moments, to live their teachings—Jesus, on the cross, asking for forgiveness for the people who had wronged him. Seneca as he comforted his friends and family when Nero’s goons came to demand his suicide. Their words and examples live on today, and as we begin 2022, we can use those lessons of love, wisdom, courage, and self-discipline. We can find beauty in the ordinary, we can continue to be of service to others and there is always, always something we can be grateful for. The lives of these two men, show us that what we do while we are here, the example we leave behind. So do not be afraid, do what’s right, after all as Knights of Columbus we can do no less.

My Knight of the Month was worthy PGK Steve Wal who is tireless in his effort to keep the lounge ready, to support wherever needed and to serve as council Advocate ensuring we don’t run contrary to the rules of the order. My family of the month was the worthy family of Brother Don and Teresa Shepherd, who stepped up as a couple to help with 50/50 raffles at council events as well as pitching in when asked to help with other functions. The council could not function as well as it does without this sort of behind the scenes help and it is greatly appreciated. When you see PGK Wal, Brother Don and his wife Teresa make sure to give them a heartfelt, well done.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus. Vivat Jesus, GK Erbacher

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Guardian of virgins, and holy father Joseph, to whose faithful custody Christ Jesus, innocence itself and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed; I pray insistently and beseech you by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart, and chaste body, ever most chastely serve Jesus and Mary all the days of my life. Amen

CONGRATULATIO

Congratulations to Brother Knight Br. Ray Ronan, OFM Cap, who will celebrate his 59th anniversary as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar this February 22, 2022. Br. Ray has served in the Diocese of Mendi in Papua New Guinea for over 50 years. He is a 3rd degree Fairborn Knight and was nominated by 2017 Grand Knight M. Russell Milliron for Ohio State Council Religious of the Year Award. During the Convention Banquet, State Deputy Robert F. Collins Jr, named Br. Ronan as the Religious of the Year Award Winner. Due to Covid-19 rules in Papua New Guinea, Br. Ray has been unable to use his home leave. He may be able to travel in 2023 and looks forward to visiting his Brother Knights at Fairborn Council 3724. Keep him in your prayers.



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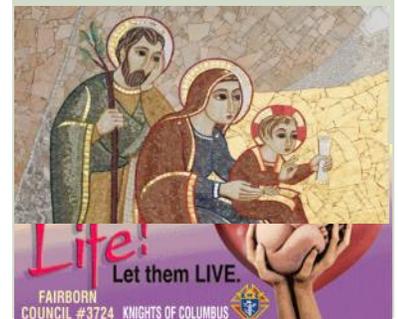
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Part 5: 1929-1939)

In the early 1930s, the threat of atheistic communism was growing in Europe. In response, the Knights organized anti-communist rallies in early 1937. When Pope Pius XI's encyclical on the subject, *Divini Redemptoris*, was released in March of that year, the Order printed and distributed a million copies. The Knights also sponsored a new lecture tour and expanded its anti-communism program to include a Crusade for Social Justice.

1932: The 50th anniversary of the Knights is celebrated with Commemoration Week, June 24-30, 1932. Among the highlights is the unveiling in Washington, D.C. of a statue of Cardinal James Gibbons, an early supporter of the Knights who ordained Father McGivney.

1935: On July 8, 1935, Supreme Knight Martin Carmody and other K of C officials meet with President Franklin D. Roosevelt about the ongoing situation in Mexico.

1936: Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, Vatican secretary of state, visits the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven; in 1939, Cardinal Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.

1939: Less than two weeks after World War II begins, Canadian Knights establish a welfare program for soldiers comparable to the KC huts program that operated during World War I. Within a year, Canadian Knights raise nearly \$250,000 to support troops.

DID YOU KNOW

The Fairborn Knights have been ushering college basketball for many years.

Fairborn & other Dayton area Knights were ushers for a number of years for the University of Dayton basketball games. Dayton 500 PGK Patrick V. Iacovone was the Head Usher.

Fairborn Council 3724 formed their Wright State Usher's Association to begin ushering at the WSU 1995 - 1996 basketball games. Due to the efforts of PGK George Butcher, WSU Assistant Athletic Director Paul Newman selected the Fairborn Knights to be the WSU new Ushers. The Council earns money based on the number of K of C Ushers. The Council donates half of their earnings back to WSU for a scholarship in the Council's name. The Council uses the other half of their earnings for donations to local charities. Leading this group as head usher were PGK Butcher, then PGK Ron Limbach and now PGK Larry Bogemann. Thanks to all the men who have donated their time. Go Raiders!!



ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER (note date change)

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday February 12th. This month's dinner will feature a new entree, Chicken Teriyaki with stir fried vegetables, rice, a waldorf salad 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.

SPRING REVERSE RAFFLE 2022

Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Spring Reverse Raffle will be held on February 26, 2022. Doors open following the 4:00 mass. Tickets are \$40 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hor d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2250. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com or any of our members.

MEN'S RETREAT

If you need a relaxing day just to get away from it all, you may want to attend a Men's Retreat. The Fairborn Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Men's Retreat at the K of C Chambers (located behind the Mary Help of Christians School) on March 5, 2022. Men from Mary Help of Christians, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart Parishes, brother knights, and your friends are invited. We have a great day planned around the theme, **Faith and where it belongs in the world today**. The Word of God is the most critical catalyst, which provides a powerful path to a deepened our spiritual lives. Our guest speakers, Fr. Tom Nevels, Fr. Donald Moss, and Deacon Max Roadruck will provide insights into how we can fulfill God's expectations of us in these challenging times.

Please arrive at 8:30 AM for sign-in. Coffee, pastries, snacks, and lunch will be provided by the K of C. There is no charge, it's **FREE**. In the afternoon (2:30 PM timeframe), we will pray the rosary, confessions will be available starting at 3 PM at MHC, if time allows, we may do the Stations of the Cross or just have meditation time in church.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fairborn K of C lounge or you can RSVP to PGK Herman Karhoff, (937) 361-2758/ (937) 233-8370. Please leave a message if no one answers your call.

DONATIONS



GK Erbacher presenting a check on behalf of the Council to the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We are still on track for making Star Council this year! Welcome to new brother Michael Price, which means we have six new members so far this fraternal year! It also means we have five more new recruits we need to make our quota. ***We can do this!*** A big thanks to brothers Gene Erbacher, Percy Gros, Mark Dues, Herb Edwards, John Manning, Adam Kempf, Kenneth Normand, Terry McCann, Brian Petachi, David Johnston, Larry Bogemann, Dan Cyphers, and Mike Kelley for being at the Mary Help of Christians membership drive January 15 and 16. We "sowed a lot of seed" at both Masses, and we hope the Lord will provide a "good harvest." A special thanks to Father Tom and Julie Sewell for their great support that weekend and their warm welcome.

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: Approach the entire family . . . especially a prospect's spouse!

Talk to the prospective member and especially his wife about the ways membership can benefit the entire family. Highlight how participation in our council's charitable endeavors can help a man grow in his faith. Point out that many of our council's activities and programs, including the insurance program and other benefits, are open to the member's entire immediate family.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met Jan 20 to pay bills and discuss business. The Jan 22 work party was productive, chairs were repaired and repairs were made to some kitchen cabinets, thanks to all those who showed up to help. The next work party is scheduled for Saturday Feb 19 2022, 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 GRAND-KNIGHT@3724KOFCCOM



FEBRUARY 2022

The shortest month of the year.

February marks American Heart Month, along with some other “months” you might not recognize: Canned Food Month, Grapefruit Month, Hot Breakfast Month, and our favorite, Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month.

The February gemstone is Amethyst. Amethyst is purple quartz and is a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the world

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind.

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in Feb

Tim Barlow
Roger Bradbury
David Corelli
Raymond Daley
Tom Engle
Steve Eviston

John Feltz
Joseph Graff
Jack Huey
Jeffery Karhoff
Robert Minnick
Jose Nava

Patrick Richardson
Michael Stock
Steven Weeks
John P Wolfe
Robel Yohannes
Paul Yosick

RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS

We lost another Brother Knight in December. James Abel passed away on December 19, 2021 at the age of 61. James was a 37-year member of the Fairborn Council received his 1st degree on 11/1/1984, 2nd degree on 11/18/1984 and 3rd degree on 3/15/1985. James Father-in-Law was PGK Pete Yezulinas.



James is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Kathryn "Kay"; sons, Matthew (Jamie) Abel and Kyle (Juliann) Abel; grandchildren, Joanna, Brady, Peter, and Tatum; siblings, Jan Abel, Dianna (Mitch) Mitchell, and Scott (Vicki) Abel; sisters-in-law, Susan (Philip) Staubs and Debbie (Rene) Thibodeaux; and numerous nieces and nephews. James now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

Brother Knight Andrew J. Beiring Jr. has passed into the arms of the Lord. He received his first degree on August, 20, 2004, second degree on August 29, 2004, and third degree on November 14, 2004. Brother Andrew comes from a large family that includes many Brother Knights including his father Andy Beiring Sr and brothers Tony, Bret, Chris and Dan. .Andrew now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

INSURANCE CORNER

Our Guarantees Set Us Apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That's peace of mind, and that's what we offer with every product in our portfolio.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.

We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.

We guarantee the rate and your principal in our retirement annuities.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++ Superior" for 40 consecutive years. It's a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your fam

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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.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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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

James Able, Marie Wal Thrasher

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Wes Rice, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lumpp, Charles Lumpp, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, Mary Alice Paxson, Sr. Mary Valery Gros, Jordan Copeland, Bill Gilbert, Gordan Samual, Rosanne HarryPaul Avery, Danielle Avery, Mrs Hake, Dayna Murphy, Keaton Wideman



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

FEB EVENTS

Feb 3 Trustee Meeting
Feb 12 Parish Dinner
Feb 13 Youth Carnival
Feb 24 Lecturer Meeting

Feb 10 Business Meeting
Feb 14 4th Degree Meeting
Feb 17 Home Corp Meeting
Feb 26 Reverse Raffle

MARCH PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Blood Drive, Men's Retreat, parish Dinner, Membership Open House, FYI Dinner, FAB Meeting, PGK Meeting

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 Steve Wal receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



Don Shepherd receiving FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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