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Grand Knight's Corner

This month I would like to talk a little bit about Praying for Patience and Prayers of Thanksgiving. You may not know that I am not the most patient person. Sure, when it comes to long lines at the grocery store or traffic jams, I have the patience of Job. I guess that is because I am retired and typically not in any hurry to get somewhere. (My apologies to all you working folks who run by the store on your way home from work. I truly try to stay out of your way!) However, when it comes to tasks I need to do or tasks others need to do that affect me, I can get very anxious. On more than one occasion I have sent apology emails to K of C State Officers for my constant pestering for information and things I need for our Council. I try to remember that God's time and God's way is not our time or our way. It helps me to compare our time on earth vs eternity. If I am ever blessed to be able to get to heaven, I am sure I will look back on my life and shake my head at all the times I worried about things that really didn't matter in the long run. If you find yourself in my situation, just do as I do. Look up to the sky, smile and say, "OK God, whenever you are ready!!" Maybe you will even give our Savior a chuckle!

Recently I have been praying a lot for patience. Our Air Force son-in-law has been waiting for his orders for his next assignment. As days moved to weeks, to months, I prayed daily for the patience to be on God's time. I really didn't pray much for them to be relocated where I wanted them as I know God has always taken care of them wherever they land. When my son-in-law finished basic and married our daughter he received his first assignment at Ramstein, Germany. Over the last 17 years they have seen the world. Finally, the orders are in and they will be moving to Dayton, Ohio! So, for the first time ever, our kids and grandkids will all be close together with us. Which brings me to prayers of Thanksgiving.

You can bet we are doing that a lot right now. I remember when I was younger and prayed for the things I thought I needed. I never spent much time thanking God for all he did for me. As I have gotten older, I tend to do more prayers of thanksgiving. Maybe it has something to do with getting closer to my day of reckoning but I find that I thank God for even the small stuff like a closer parking space when it is raining. Whatever you are going through, please remember to thank God constantly that you are still able to give thanks.



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- Winter Reverse Raffle
- Study of the Mass
- Financial Advisory Board
- Men's Retreat Cancelled

Grand Knight's Column (cont)

This month I have even more to be thankful for. We have finished compiling the surveys you turned in and I am proud to report the results. Our membership consists of 243 members scattered around the world. This great group of men gave 465 hours of visiting the sick and bereaved and donated 60 pints of blood, giving the gift of life. Between Faith, Life, Community and Family activities our busy Knights donated over 5000 hours of their time and in excess of \$20,000 in the service of others. I know for a fact that Brother Knights have done much more that wasn't reported. Isn't that amazing? Most of us in the trenches and those who quietly go about helping others never sit back and look at the big picture. As an organization, you are the best of the best. I thank God every day for all of you. After 7 months as being your Grand Knight, I am still in awe. Speaking of thanking God, I thank him so much for our Knight of the Month, Brother Rob Hernandez and our Family of the Month, Brother Paul and Pat Pitstick.

May God Bless. Vivat Jesus. Grant

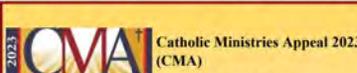
February 2023

The flower for February is the Violet and the beautiful Amethyst is the gemstone. February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days! Though it's usually 28 days, February is 29 days long in leap years, next one in 2024! February is named after an ancient Roman festival of purification called Februa. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights born in February

Timothy M Barlow	Raymond E Daley	Brent T Peaden	John P Wolfe
Thomas L Engle	Michael J Stock	John F Feltz	Jose G Nava
Steven G Eviston	Joseph C Graf	David A Corelli	Jack L Huey
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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023



Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! Please prayerfully complete your pledge card, make your checks payable to Catholic Ministries Appeal and mail your pledge card to 100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in the envelope provided in your information packet. You may also bring your completed pledge card sealed in its return envelope to Mass. There will be a basket marked CMA in the gathering space. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, please visit <https://catholiccinc.org/cma>. Thank you!

Patris Corde Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer. Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.





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Beloved in Christ, Today, we are reminded to be thankful and at the same time to be of service in charity. For the first time in 50 years, abortion on demand is not the “law of the land,” thanks be to God. Last summer, the Dobbs Supreme Court case struck down a flawed Roe v. Wade from 1973, which made it legal to kill unborn humans in our country. Because of this continuing scourge, Holy Mother Church even put in place a liturgical observance on this date every year known as the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” Moreover, the Memorial of St. Vincent the Deacon was permanently transferred to January 23rd in the United States, so we could participate in this important observation. And when January 22nd falls on a Sunday, like today, the day of observance is transferred to Monday the 23rd, which is the case today and tomorrow. So, what do we do? The Church offers this guidance: All dioceses of the United States shall observe a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.” I invite you to join me and people across our land in prayer and penance in any form. We can get creative. Perhaps prayer could be making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament or praying at a facility where abortions continue to happen. Perhaps penance could be abstaining from meat or serving at a crisis pregnancy center. If you participate in Mass on Monday, it will either be “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” or “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice.” Of course, conversion of hearts is the goal. How do we make abortion unthinkable, like slavery now is? The Church uses the word “legal.” This means that we Christians are to be engaged in the public square where things are made legal and illegal. Since Dobbs has returned laws on abortions to the states, fierce legislative and judicial battles continue at federal, state, and local levels. It is also very important for us to promote and support the Church’s healing ministries for those who suffer from the effects of past abortions. May our sisters in Christ find the healing they desire. May our brothers who suffer lost fatherhood also be healed. We find ourselves in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which the Universal Church observes from last Wednesday to next Wednesday. At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that we may all be one as He and the Father are One. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds six vital ministries right here in the Archdiocese. Finally, be sure to complete the survey for the Disciple Maker Index. More information is in this bulletin. Thanks for your prayers while I am on my annual retreat this week. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.
God bless, Fr. Bedel

Knights of Columbus Council 3724

Coats for Kids Participation

Fairborn Council 3724 recently completed the Coats for Kids Faith in Action Community Activity. Council 3724 donated two dozen coats to several organizations that demonstrated a need, including our local church. Mary Help of Christians Parish School of Religion has close to 50 children in the program and addresses religious education from early childhood, through elementary school, and includes high school. There are many needy families within our own church family and a number of coats were distributed to these families. Council 3724 also identified a new charity this year, the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County. This organization works to reduce family and relationship violence in Greene County through prevention, intervention, safe housing, and community programs. Many of the children entering the safe housing show up with only the clothes on their back. The council's donation went directly to some of these children. Finally, the remaining coats were donated to an organization with which Council 3724 is very active, namely the Family & Youth Initiatives (FYI) program. This organization provides real life healthy choice education within local schools, provides new roots mentoring by caring adults to area youths, has a community garden from which they donate to local food pantries, and runs a parenting network to assist families experiencing unplanned pregnancies and seeking assistance as a new parent. The Coats for Kids program also addressed children involved in these programs. Council 3724 derives significant good will recognition for the Knights of Columbus from the local community with the Coats for Kids program. It is extremely gratifying for our members to be able to contribute to the most innocent and vulnerable among us. A picture from the presentation ceremony at FYI is shown below.



Coats for Kids Presentation Ceremony at Family & Youth Initiatives Center

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Tony Downing and Christopher Kerley are the newest Knights to be elected as full brothers in our Council. Plus, our former District Deputy, Riley Mason, has transferred his membership to Council 3724! Please welcome them and make them feel at home in their new fraternity! We are edging toward our membership goal of 13 this fraternal year. We now have six who have completed their first through third degree exemplifications. We also have four new brothers, Mike Asebrook, Dave Wiley, Brian Kelsey, and Ricardo Diaz, who have turned in their applications to join but have yet to complete their exemplification. Please pray for them and talk with them if you have the opportunity. Determine what their needs are and if they are having any concerns about becoming full members.

A Couple Things I'd Like You to Consider.

As of this writing, all the new members recruited this fraternal year were signed up by members of our membership committee. That's great; however, that means only a small fraction of our Council is actively looking for new recruits! From here on, I want everyone involved! Consider yourselves to be duly sworn into the membership committee! If each brother would make it his goal to recruit just one new member, we would far surpass our growth target. I'm sure some of you have met Catholic men who are interested in becoming a Knight but are not members of our parish. A good example of this are Wright State University students. This should not be an obstacle! Go ahead and sign them up as members of Council 3724. If they wish to attend another Council anywhere else, they can transfer at a later date. We will still get credit toward our new membership goal.

Don't forget to add Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org) as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. Remember, all online member applications with the Promo Code RHERNANDEZ (the code from our K of C Insurance Representative) will receive twelve months of online membership free. You can also use the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

Name Tags

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

This Month's Personal Goal

Try to meet a new parishioner and make him feel welcome. Ask him if anyone has invited him to become a Knight.

Home Corporation

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. Repairs or tasks that might require the home corps attention can be written down for action on the clipboard in the office. The next work party is scheduled for February 25, 2023 at 9AM.

Men's Retreat

Unfortunately, we are cancelling the Men's Retreat for this fraternal year. Hopefully, we can bring back this great event at some future time. We encourage all brothers and families to attend the Family of Parishes Mission (March 19, 20 and 21st).

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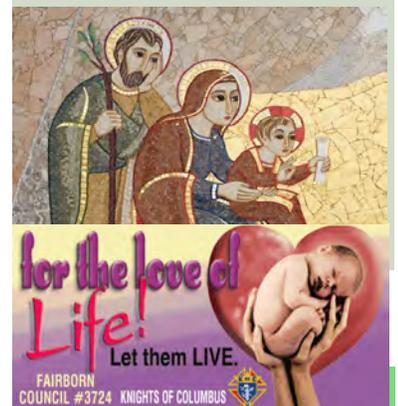
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Mary Help of Christians / Knights of Columbus Men of Faith Fellowship

Needing encouragement or an opportunity to share with other men of faith – men of like mind and heart? Our Men of Faith fellowship meets twice monthly to do just that! Join us at St Francis Hall from 8 – 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Come at 7:30 a.m. for bagels and fair-trade coffee. We then gather to sing, pray, read and discuss Sunday scripture readings from 8-9 a.m. Come join us! You will be affirmed and encouraged in your walk with our Lord Jesus Christ and be blessed by fellowship with other ‘Men of Faith’.

St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2022-2023

Grand Knight:	Grant Kempf
Deputy Grand Knight:	Don Shepherd
Trustee:	PGK Gene Erbacher
Council Treasurer:	Larry DeWitt
Home Corp President:	PGK Frank Minnick
Home Corp Treasurer:	PGK Herman Karhoff
1st Member At Large:	Steve Glass
2nd Member At Large:	PGK Steve Wal

The next FAB meeting will be on March 30, 2023 at 6:00PM, we will be voting to adopt the revised FAB Charter. Johnson investments will be on hand to discuss fund performance and address any market questions, as well as thoughts on what the coming year will bring.

K of C Parish Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be on February 12th. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 and will continue until 11:00. We will be featuring our same popular menus of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good

Winter Reverse Raffle 2023

Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Winter Reverse Raffle will be on February 25th. Doors open at 5:00. The first ticket out will be at 6:00. Tickets are \$40 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend. 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, PGK Jim McCoy @ 937-879-3570 or any of our members. You can also purchase tickets by mail. Just send a check for \$40 per ticket to us and we will send your stub back to you. You can send it to:

K of C 3724 Reverse Raffle
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Please Make Checks payable to: Fairborn K of C 3724

INSURANCE CORNER

ANNUITIES



Working on your taxes? April is just around the corner. Have you funded your Roth IRA, your SEP, your traditional IRA? What, you don't even have one set up yet? A lot of people hope they might win the lottery, get a big inheritance, win a class action lawsuit, or just expect to continue working throughout their retirement years. It's not too late, just call me to set up an appointment to get your foot in the door before April 15 and get some immediate tax relief before you file your returns.

Our Order pays a very competitive rate on our annuity programs, and there are NO fees, NO tricks or gimmicks and the rates are adjusted every quarter to insure you get the most competitive rate available, plus they come with a guaranteed rate of up to 3%!! Did I remind you there are no problems with probate, immediate or in sometimes forever freedom from taxation and the money is available for whatever you'll need it for after retirement?

The K of C has a great product in our flexible annuities. We can roll over your other IRAs, retirement plan money or replace those low rate CDs that you no doubt have put away somewhere hoping they might give you a competitive rate, someday, somewhere! Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Health and Healing requests are entered into the council's prayer 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

Rest of the Souls:

Pope Benedict XVI, Janet Carchedi, LeRoy Justice, Charles Ellis, Michael McCray, Tom Swortwood and Rose Invanti

Health and Healing:

PGK Steve Wal, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, PGK Gene Erbacher, Bros. Charlie Lump, Alice Smith, Maureen Edwards and Jason Hake

PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

3724 USHERS

At Fairborn night at WSU Basketball game, Fairborn Council 3724 presented a check to Director of Athletics, Bob Grant, donating a portion of the ushers fund toward WSU Scholarships. Helping present the check along with Ushers Chairman, PGK Larry Bogemann were Brother Knights, Frank and Steve Butcher, sons of PGK George Butcher who started the Ushers Program. A very special night!



STUDY OF THE MASS

"I don't get anything out of Mass."



Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's *The Mass*. Series available in English and Spanish.

Join Archbishop Schnurr and fellow Catholics across the archdiocese and

experience the Mass in a whole new way.

Sign up for free at CatholicAOC.org/theMass



SIGN UP HERE

This is what many people say who have drifted away from the Church. But Jesus told us He came so that we might have "life to the fullest" ... and that life is found in communion with Him in the Mass.

FEBRUARY EVENTS



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

February 2 Trustees Meeting	February 4 Charity Campaign begins
February 8 K of C Bingo night	February 8 WSU BBall
February 9 Business Meeting	February 10 WSU BBall
February 12 Parish Breakfast	February 16 Home Corp Meeting
February 19 PSR Carnival	February 25 Reverse Raffle

MARCH PREVIEW

Trustees meeting, Business meeting, Parish Breakfast, Open House, Home Corp meeting, Work party, Parish Mission dinner, FYI dinner, FAB meeting and Blood Drive

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.



Knight of the Month
Bro, Rob Hernandez



Family of the Month
Bro Paul & Pat Pitstick



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