



SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Star Council 2012-2013, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016



Fraternal Year 2016-2017

Chartered in October 1953

January 2017

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

January 1st marks the halfway point in our current Fraternal Year. Your Council has once again distinguished itself by hosting several very good activities and helping a lot of folks in our community through our charity work. So far, it's been a wonderful year, and I would be remiss if I didn't take this chance to thank all of you that have given of yourselves to make these things possible. As you might expect, however, the halfway point implies there is still much work left to do.

One of our most important goals, the coveted Star Council Award, is certainly one of the ones in need of your attention. We currently are well short of halfway through our recruiting goal. If we are to continue the tradition of achieving this lofty status, we must all act now! Our efforts have shown that the surest way to successfully attract new members, is the personal, direct approach. In other words, you must ASK. Passing out flyers or interest cards do not help. You need to look the prospective member in the eye, and personally invite him to join. The new year is upon us, please resolve to do it now.

The November Family of the Month is PGK Bill and Barb Gazzo. A tireless and faithful member of Council 3724, Bill is a two-time Grand Knight and Trustee of council 3724. As our current membership director, he always has a Form 100 and new member packet in hand and works endlessly to promote the council and membership in the Knights. Bill chairs the Sweet Corn Festival for the council every year, while also performing newsletter duties for the 4th degree Assembly 822 and is a Past Faithful Navigator of that illustrious group. His lovely wife Barbara remains steadfast at his right side and her support is a large reason Bill can remain so active in our order. Barbara has helped with the stuffing and sealing of envelopes for the newsletters and maintains the family household. Under his Membership direction council 3724 has achieved 3 Star Council Awards in the last 4 years.

Our Knight of the Month is a long-time member and supporter of the Council. PGK Larry Bogeman Chairs the BINGO kitchen efforts, making sure the cupboard is stocked with food and supplies. At least one session a month he can be found behind the Instant counter selling tickets as well. He is also a regular member of the Kitchen Crew where he serves as head pancake flipper, as well as Chief Beef Roaster. Perhaps his biggest accomplishment, however, is his work with the Wright State Ushers Program. This activity brings in over \$2000 dollars annually which goes to support several charities including St. Vincent DePaul and the Second Harvest Food Bank, to name a couple. Thanks PGK Bogeman for all your good work. Vivat Jesus! Beef

BLUE COAT AWARDS

The 44th Annual Blue Coat Awards (BCA) will be held Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the MHC Parish Center in Fairborn. PGK John Wolfe has been named Chairman for our annual Community event. We would like for a Brother Knight to step forward to train with PGK Wolfe this year and become the 2018 Blue Coat Awards Chairman. Duties include the planning, preparation, and successful execution of the event (invitations to the dignitaries, BCA organizations, members, widows & special guests, ordering of plaques & certificates for the Honorees, preparing seating arrangements for those attending and coordinating with GK, DGK, Master of Ceremonies, kitchen crew, set-up & tear-down crews). Since this is an outstanding community event, it is personally rewarding to all that make it a success. Let GK Milliron or PGK Wolfe of your interest as planning is currently underway.

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday January 14th. This month we will be featuring our most popular menu from last year, cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and German Chocolate Cake. 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.

ITALIAN DINNER

It's once again time for the Council's famous Italian dinner and auction. All the proceeds from this event go directly to support Family and Youth Initiatives and their many life changing programs. As in years past, we'll be serving up spaghetti and meatballs, prepared by our own PGK Frank Carchedi, accompanied by a salad, breadsticks, and dessert. FYI staff will also have a fine array of auction items available for you to bid on, so come and enjoy the fun and good food! Get a great meal, some great deals and support a worthy cause. Doors open after the 4:00 mass on Saturday January 21st. Don't miss this popular event.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Our next corporate communion and community rosary, will on January 29th, 2017, just prior to the 11:15 parish mass. We had a great turnout at the last one and many parish members in attendance joined us for the rosary portion.

BINGO FINANCIAL MGR

Bingo is need of someone to step up to the Financial Manager Position. See Worthy Grand Knight Russel Milliron for details.

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HOME CORPORATION

A quick meeting this month to pay bills and review existing files and documents. The winners of the HC drawing were; Ray Daley \$40, Tracy Thompson \$25 and Dottie Mead \$10. The next meeting is January 19th.

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year 2017. The beginning of a new year means that we have only five months to reach our goal, June doesn't count. It is time to resolve to ask a Catholic man to join our ranks. The latest report from Supreme has us at 5 new members toward our goal of 19 for a score of 26%. Our insurance numbers are even worse with only 1 new insurance member out of a goal of 7 for a score of 14%. We can do better. The list of living former members is posted in the lounge. Surely you are a friend of one of these Catholic men. Talk to him. Find out what his problem was. Has it gone away? Can his problem be fixed? Don't forget to mention the Family Fraternal Benefits as well as the financial ones. For conversation starters pick up a copy of "Membership: The Gift That Keeps On Giving" from the lounge or the MHZ Brides Room K of C pamphlet rack. Most of all – JUST ASK!

MEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars now for our annual Men's Retreat! We will once again gather at St. John Bosco Chapel in the heart of Wright State University on March 4th. As in the past, a light breakfast, box lunch, and engaging lineup of speakers will be provided. Keep an eye on the Santa Maria for more details.

FOURTH DEGREE REVERSE RAFFLE

The next semiannual Reverse Raffle is scheduled for February 18th in Fairborn. Only 200 tickets have been printed. We have about 160 members in our assembly. We sincerely hope that each member will at least purchase a ticket for himself and hopefully sell one to a friend. Tickets cost \$25 for admission for two and include heavy eats and non-alcoholic beverages. We also need help to conduct this fund raiser. But, you ask, what do we need the money for? Remember each Sir Knight will have a Chalice or Ciborium or cash donated to a mission, priest or other charity of his choice. That is where some of the money goes. Contact your assist point of contact, PFN Tom Forsthoefel (623-1844) or FN KC Steggeman (937) 593-2509 for tickets.

JAN 2017 MARCH FOR LIFE

Plan now to support the 2017 March for Life with the St. Anthony Respect Life Committee. We plan to spend two nights in DC this year. The bus will leave St. Anthony, Thursday, January 26, at 7:45am and return on Saturday, January 28, in the evening. There is a 7am Mass at St. Anthony on Thursday morning that all are invited to attend before boarding the bus. We will spend 2 nights in the Residence Inn Marriott (this is a new hotel for us), 333 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. Phone – 202.484.8280. The room rate includes a hot breakfast buffet. The Capitol is 3 blocks away from our hotel. We will attend the March on Friday and board the bus early Saturday morning to attend Mass and then go on a tour of the John Paul II Center in DC. We will depart DC around noon on Saturday for the return trip to Dayton, arriving around 8 or 9pm.

The cost for the trip (bus fare and 2 nights in the hotel) is:

\$165/person for a quad (4 to a room),
\$230/person for a double (2 to a room),
\$375/person for a single

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1	Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day)	January 5	Trustees Meeting
January 12	Business Mtg.	January 14	Parish Dinner
January 19	Home Corp Mtg.	January 21	Italian Dinner
January 26	March for Life DC		
January 29	Corporate Communion		

Home Council of Past State Deputy Robert W. Wilhelm (dec.)

INSURANCE CORNER

By Dennis Kelly, MDRT, FICF, Field Agent
Tempus fugit. Time flies.

The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So, write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change. Each year, among my dozens of clients who pass away, are always some who were quite young, even children!

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. If you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless. Schedule your check-up today with me by calling 882-6928.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

Christian Unity

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Restope of the Soul:

Mel Drysdale, friend of Bro Herb Edwards

Health and Healing for Members:

PGK Al Brewer and wife Ann; PGK John Whytal and wife Brenda; PGK Lew Murphy; PGK Jim Muma; PGK Bill Stoddard; PGK John Wolfe; PGK Jim McCoy; Deacon Max Roadruck; Brothers Steve Wilkinson, Cal Smith, Ed Trefethen, Ed Costello, Bill Lubera, Vic Berberick; Ray Daley; Jim McNamara; Bill Fortener; Bill Russell; Paul Yosick; Paul Pitstick; Tom Pitstick; Charlie Lump; Gregory Groeber; Andy Beiring; Dave Bartok; Jose Nava; Dick Drake; Bill Gilbert; Bill Hermiller; Billy Russel; Ed Costello; Paul Thomas; Mark Marten; Herb Edwards.

Health and Healing Member Requests:

PGK John Wolfe's Daughter Linda and children; Br. Wess Hall's family; Bro Vic Berberick's wife Rita; Bro. Dan Cypher's sister Dana; PGK Steve Wal's Father-in-Law, Wallie Johnson, Bro Terry McCann's niece Kayli Fazio; GK Milliron's mother Effie; Bro Ed Trefethen's wife Joan; Melita Murphy wife of PGK Lou Murphy; Deacon Max Roadruck's wife Barbara; Bro Cal Smith's granddaughter Hope; Bro Charlie Lump's mother Cathy; PGK Herm Karhoff's granddaughter Kelsey, Bro Herb Edward's sisters Phyllis and Becky; DKG Erbacher's mother-in-law Aurea; Bro Greg Groeber's daughter Teresa; Bro Jack Huey's mother and brother; Angie Natalie; Jean Ketchen; Velma Hobbs; Pat Pitstick; Jacqueline Cinelli; Kevin Sullivan; Dave White; Sheila Sullivan-Cox; John Kemp, Irma Carchedi, mother of PGK Frank Carchedi, Rosalie Sloat, Vicki Young, Stan Macora friend of Herb Edwards & Eric Grinde brother in law of Bro. Mark Dues. Bro Mike Uecker's Wife Carolyn. Cathy Wilmot and Pat Banazak.

Special Requests:

All Veterans;
Bobby Hernandez son of Bro. Rob Hernandez, stationed at Ft. Bragg deploying to Iraq.



Council 3724
Fairborn, OH



"Ut in omnibus glorificatus Deus"

COUNCIL 3724 Knight of the Month PGK Bill Gazzo



Fairborn K of C Grand Knight M. Russell Milliron & Membership Director William Gazzo,

COUNCIL 3724 RECORDS UPDATE

In this digital age, increasingly more councils are switching to digital communications and email distribution of their newsletters. Your Council is no exception. For a long time, we have sent out alerts about our activities and our brothers that are sick or in distress via email, and maintained a list of brothers who prefer to receive an electronic copy of the Santa Maria. In recent months, I have begun to get more complaints from brothers because they never knew that one of our members was sick, or that another one died. Unfortunately, the days of a telephone call down list are over. The quickest, easiest, and cheapest way for us to keep you up to date is e-mail. To make sure we have the best possible list of everyone's address I'm asking everyone to update their e-mail address in our records. The process is simple. Send an email from your preferred e-mail address to webmaster@3724kofc.org, identifying yourself with your full name. We will make sure that your address is on our Knight Alert and Activities list as well as correct in your permanent records.

SANTA MARIA

February 2017 will be the last mailed hardcopy Santa Maria. The newsletter format will be changing to a larger design more in keeping with the digital age. The last few newsletters have contained an article (see above) about updating your email address and contact info with the council so that we can add you to the activities and knights alert lists, that will also include the Santa Maria. The council will make a hard copy available upon request, but it will be printed be picked up at the council hall.

FAITH

"Faith is a gift of God which enables us to know and love Him. Faith is a way of knowing, just as reason is. But living in faith is not possible unless there is action on our part. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, we can make a decision to respond to divine Revelation, and to follow through in living out our response." United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 38.

QUICK PRAYER

"Bless my children with your life and presence. May the example of your son be the foundation upon which their lives are built, that the Gospel may always be their hope and support.



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