

# SANTA MARIA

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Happy New Year to the brothers and families of 3724. 2021 has ended and to be honest I'm not certain if we are any closer to a sense of normalcy than we were at the end of 2020. Some council items to keep on your radar for January are the KofC dinner on the 8<sup>th</sup> as well as praying for the success of the March for Life Campaign in Washington DC. The 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan is a fifth Sunday so we will have the community rosary and mass at MHC and at Queen of Peace on Sat the 29<sup>th</sup>. The first of the year is also a good time to look at your financial status, taxes are coming up, take advantage of a review with our worthy insurance agent Rob, if nothing else but to make sure your contact info is current, and dependents haven't changed. He'd be glad to help.

I went to a few different masses over the last couple months of 2021 and there was a thread that popped up a couple of times, different priests, different parishes but the topic was spiritual warfare. I've spent the last couple weeks really chewing on that term in my head. I have a hard time with the holidays in general as it seems like any time of the year that reflects on joy, or happiness seems to hit me particularly hard. I've chocked it up in the past to life changes or maybe even a form of seasonal depression and maybe it is but to have it occur at the specific times it does seems more targeted. Spiritual Warfare is defined as essentially a believer's fight of faith against the spiritual forces of our adversary, Satan. The Devil is always attempting to stop or tempt us by tossing trials into our path, hoping to drive a wedge between us and faith. The bible is also clear on this topic; Peter warns "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

The devil could not care less if we "feel" prepared. In fact, he prefers we're not. But in this already broken world, how can we know if we're facing normal difficulties or a true spiritual attack? Jesus Himself told us that in this life we would experience troubles (John 16:33). We may not see it, but the enemy would love nothing more than to fill our minds with doubt and defeat. A writer I've come across has given some examples of what a spiritual attack could be and having experienced many of these myself I would say targeted is not out of the question. "Spiritual Warfare" Debbie McDaniel July 12, 2018

### 1. Sudden or extreme onslaught of various troubles, losses, and trials;

This is an attack that Satan often brings against believers. (Jobe 1-2).

2. Attacks of physical danger, illness, life-threatening loss; We know from God's word that the enemy wants nothing more than to "steal, kill, and destroy" (John 10:10).

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- 3. Increased temptation and luring towards sin or wrong choices;** We live with daily temptations, and when we are weary it shows up on the devil's radar. (Matthew 4:1-11).
- 4. Feelings of overwhelming despair, darkness, and fear;** Depression, mood disorders, or illness. The attacks of spiritual forces can raise the intensity and we can feel overwhelmed.
- 5. Deep confusion, feelings of condemnation and guilt, dulled spiritual awareness;** This attack is subtle and becomes a slow, constant pulling away from God's truth.

Ms. McDaniel also mentions that God does not leave us unprepared to face these attacks. He arms us with the Word of God, to stand against the enemy's lies. He equips us with strength, wisdom, and discernment through his own Spirit. He invites us to spend time with him, through prayer and worship so as to know Him more. God helps us via the following;

- 1. The gift of the Holy Spirit;** God fills us with strength, wisdom, and discernment through his own spirit. He never leaves us to fend for ourselves and fight in our own strength.
- 2. Armor of God;** God reminds us not to go into the day without being prepared for battle. "And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:11-17).
- 3. Prayer;** God invites us to have a relationship with Him, he reminds us constantly of the importance of prayer and its power. He tells us to pray without ceasing.
- 4. His Word;** "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)
- 5. Power of praise;** Praise invites God's Presence. He dwells close to us when we praise Him, and it makes the enemy flee. "He inhabits the praises of His people." (Psalm 22:3).
- 6. Obedience to Christ;** The world says we should walk our own way, and the devil exploits this. It's a daily choice to take up our cross and follow Christ. "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7).
- 7. The blood of Christ and the word of our testimony;** "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death." (Revelation 12:11).

Debbie McDaniel can be joined each morning on Fresh Day Ahead's Facebook page, Twitter and at her blog [www.debbiemcdaniel.com](http://www.debbiemcdaniel.com).

My Knight of the Month was Bro Cal Smith who works tirelessly to keep Bingo going but more than that has served the council admirably during my tenure completing the council tax forms that have to be turned in every year. My Family of the Month was Dan and Jana Cyphers who once again put on a stellar Memorial Mass with reception and coordinated the Consecration to the Holy Family service for 2021. Give them all a hearty thank you when you see them around.

In closing I am going to make a real effort this to add the St Michael prayer to my morning ritual and see if it doesn't help me deal more effectively with those spiritual attacks.

"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 Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus

Vivat Jesus. Happy New Year, GK Erbacher

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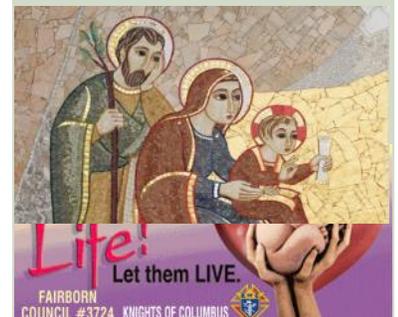
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Part 4: 1919-1929)

After the Great War, the Knights of Columbus continued its charitable work, offering education and employment services to returning servicemen. In less than two years, the Knights of Columbus Bureau of Employment placed some 100,000 people in jobs. The Order's presence in Europe continued in August 1920, when a delegation of 235 Knights made a pilgrimage to Rome, Pope Benedict XV invited them to build several recreation centers for Roman youth. The architect of these centers, Count Enrico Galeazzi, went on to serve as the Knights' representative in Rome for more than six decades.

Throughout the 1920s, the Order's anti-defamation work also continued. When the Ku Klux Klan and other "nativist" and anti-Catholic groups launched campaigns to make students attend public schools, Church leaders enlisted the Knights' support. The K of C Historical Commission, meanwhile, worked to overcome racial prejudice in American society, publishing books on the contributions of African-, Jewish-, and German-Americans.

The Great Depression initially had hurt the Order's membership and finances, but it also led to a renewed sense of volunteer service.

1920: Two years after launching educational, vocational and employment programs for World War I veterans, more than 50,000 students are enrolled in K of C-sponsored evening school programs across the United States and Canada. The Order also launches a correspondence school.

1920: 235 Knights sail from New York City to France. In Paris, they are greeted by Church and civic authorities, who thank the Knights for their WWI work. In Metz, a large equestrian statue of the French Revolutionary War hero Lafayette, funded by the Knights, is unveiled. The K of C delegation continues to Rome, where it is received in a private audience with Pope Benedict XV on Aug. 28, 1920.

1923: In response to the passage of laws in Oregon prohibiting children under 16 from attending private schools, the Knights work to overturn the law. In 1925, the Supreme Court declares the Oregon law unconstitutional.

1924: In response to a request from Pope Benedict XV, the Knights opens St. Peter's Oratory, the first K of C recreation center for youth in Rome. Four more are established between 1924 and 1927.

1925: The Knights' Rome youth work stimulates interest in similar projects in North America, and the Columbian Squires program is established. Brother Barnabas McDonald consults with the Knights on the creation of the Squires. The institution of the first Squires circle takes place at the Supreme Council meeting in Duluth, Minn.

1926: Supreme Knight Flaherty, Deputy Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody and other K of C officers meet with President Calvin Coolidge about the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico. The Order launches a \$1 million educational campaign to influence American public opinion on the need for a strong stand against the Mexican government's attacks on the Church. It takes more than 10 years for the tensions to ease.

### DID YOU KNOW

Warden Harry Yarwick has an interesting hobby. Most of you know him as the Chairman and face of our signature charity, Measure Up, a role he has lead for over 12 years. He also works bingo, is a lector at church and the king of recycling for the council. It is hard to believe he has time for his hobby of building planes. No, not model planes. Harry is part of a dedicated group of volunteers that restores vintage military aircraft. Based out of the Champaign Aviation Museum in Urbana, Brother Harry has worked on many different aircraft over the last 10 years, many of which are now on display in the museum. All of the planes Harry has restored have a story all their own. He is currently working on the mighty B-17 which is known as the flying fortress. There is the B-25 that paying customers can take a ride in, even crawling around the fuselage during the flight like airmen of a bygone era. The 1940 Stenson 210 which claims half a kill as it spotted a German submarine off the Carolina coast during WW II. Other aircraft include the C-47, 1929 Fairchild and the Navy C-1. The volunteers are lucky to have Harry's expertise as he spent 20 years in the Air Force in avionics electronics. Brother Harry is hard at work every week and welcomes anyone to stop by for personal tour. The museum is free but accepts donations. Check out their 3D tour at [champaignaviationmuseum.org](http://champaignaviationmuseum.org) or catch Brother Harry after a business meeting and he will be happy to provide details into the intricate job of restoring these precious aircraft. Thank you to Brother Harry for all you do for our council and the greater community.



## ACTIVITIES

### PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday January 8th. This month's dinner will feature chicken and noodle casserole, California Medly vegetable blend, 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

### BIBLE STUDY

The next session of bible study, hosted by PGK John Maiorano, will start on January 11, 2022. We will be studying the book of Revelation over an eight-week period. The group meets every Tuesday between 2 PM and 4 PM in Saint Francis Hall. Everyone is welcome to join this interactive and inspiration fellowship.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Once again we will be making the pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the March for Life. We plan to spend two nights in DC this year. The bus will leave St. Anthony, Thursday, January 20, at 7:45 AM and return on Saturday, January 22, in the evening. There is a 7 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony on Thursday morning that all are invited to attend before boarding the bus. We will spend 2 nights in the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington DC White House, 1729 H Street NW. The room rate includes a hot breakfast buffet. We will attend the March on Friday, January 21, and board the bus early Saturday morning to attend Mass and then go on a tour of Mother Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. We will depart around noon on Saturday for the return trip to Dayton, arriving around 8 or 9 PM. The cost for the trip (bus fare and two nights in the hotel) is: Single - \$363 (one person in a room) Double - \$236 per person (2 people in a room) Quad - \$173 per person (4 people in one room) Cost for the Mother Seton Shrine is \$5, not included in above prices St. Anthony/Holy Angels Respect Life Committee has several fund-raisers during the year to help families and others who need financial aid to attend the March for Life. You have no excuse not to get on the bus! Please consider joining us in January. When we march we are representing millions of our little brothers and sisters who have no voice. We need to remind our countrymen, our Congress, and our President that laws must change to protect these young, innocent ones.

For more information or reservations call Fran (937-254-8727) or e-mail: richphil1@roadrunner.com.

### .MEASURE UP REPORT

Brother Knights, the following is the final report and a breakdown of the measure up funds collected for 2021. Total collected: \$3353, MHC: \$826, Gimme-5: \$850, Bingo: \$1000, Council: \$300, Wright State Usher Fund: \$300, Aluminum cans/lounge coin drop: \$77. Due to the continuing virus situation, there was no street or business can collection this year. hopefully next year we will be able to include the store front and coin drop business collection. a big thank you to all brothers that supported gimme-5 and any of the council activities that contributed to the measure up drive. note: all funds from recycled aluminum cans go into the measure up collection pot. The collection bin is in the K of C entrance. aluminum beverage cans only, thank you.

Harry Yarwick  
MU Chairman

### FAB Update

The next FAB meeting will be on March 31, 2022, at 6:30. We have a total of 10,000 dollars this year and the charities selected for donation support are the following:

-Fairborn Fish Food Pantry	\$3000.00
-The Second Harvest Food Bank	\$3000.00
-Fairborn Chapter St Vincent DePaul	\$2000.00
-Tunnels to Towers Foundation	\$2000.00

More reading on our selected charities.

-The Tunnels to Towers Foundation (helps pay mortgages for seriously injured veterans and scholarships for their children: <https://t2t.org/smart-home-program/about-shp/>)

-The Second Harvest Food Bank which collects, stores, and distributes food within Logan, Champaign, and Clark Counties: [www.theshfb.org](http://www.theshfb.org)

-Fairborn Fish Food Pantry Fairborn FISH's mission is to relieve hunger in our community. [www.fishfairborn.com](http://www.fishfairborn.com)

-St Vincent de Paul (with Christian purpose, accompany those in need one person at a time by focusing on shelter, food, and clothing).

# ACTIVITES

## BREAKFAST WITH ST NICK



## PGK's CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



GK Erbacher presenting gift to Fr Alex former Council seminarian



GK Erbacher presenting gift to Council Seminarian Nam Mac

## RECOGNITION



PGK Larry Bogemann receiving Life Membership Card from GK Erbacher



GK Erbacher receiving Columbian award from DD Riley Mason



PGK William Stoddard receiving Life Membership Card from GK Erbacher

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year! 2022 promises to be a potential Star Council year the way things are looking. We have another Membership Drive coming up at Mary Help the weekend of January 15 and 16! We were able to sign up three new members at Our Lady Queen of Peace in October under extreme COVID conditions. I have no doubt we will do even better at Mary Help of Christians with Our Lady's help and, of course, YOURS! If you haven't done so already, please let me know if you would like to volunteer at either the 4 PM Saturday Mass or the 11:15 AM Sunday Mass. You will be present in the church vestibule to answer any questions about our Order and sign up those who would like to become members. It's easy! Just use the app on your phone. We'll be happy to show you how to put it on your phone and how to use it. If you'd like to volunteer, contact me at email address: [markmarilyndues@gmail.com](mailto:markmarilyndues@gmail.com), or sign up at January's business meeting.

**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 Mark Dues at the next business meeting. Cost per tag is \$5.00.

### **This Month's Personal Goal: Step outside of your comfort zone.**

We hear a lot of stories from men who waited decades for someone to ask them to join the Knights. All it took was a personal invite. Go beyond your everyday circle. Talk with parishioners at Mass. Be visible. Reach out to the young and old. Reach out to all ministries and ethnic groups in your parish. Volunteering at this month's Membership Drive is a good start!

## HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met Dec 16 to pay bills and discuss business. The next work party to repair chairs will be Saturday Jan 22, please plan 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](mailto: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](mailto:GRANDKNIGHT@3724KOFCCOM)



## JANUARY 2022

January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways who symbolize beginnings and endings.

January's birthstone is the garnet.

The dianthus caryophyllus is one of two flowers recognized as the official birth-month flower

January has the pleasure of being National Donate Blood month, so get out to your nearest Red Cross donation site and give the gift of life.

January is considered the coldest month in the Northern hemisphere.

In Roman Catholicism, the month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in January

Andrew Beiring Sr.

Cletus Buddelmeyer

Francis Butcher

Bradley Cook

Vincent M. Ferry

Heyward Francisco

Dr. John Gazzerro

William Gilbert

Scott Hopkins

Rev Paul Mallakpally

Frederick Lenk

Ken Normand

Steve Quinter

David Rou

Jeremiah Roux

Nicholas Roux

Clem Schmid

Don Sheperd

Richard Sorensen

Peter Thibodeau

Cory Wal

John Young

## RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBER



Brother Knight Jerry Russell was called home to our Lord on December 12, 2021.

Jerry was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus for 62 years, receiving his first degree on January 22, 1959 and his second and third degrees on April 1, 1959. Along with his best friend and partner, wife Margie, were constant fixtures at council and church functions for many many years. Brother Jerry is survived by his 5 children including son James who is also a Brother Knight.

Jerry was born on October 1, 1929 in Nashville, Tennessee. In the early 1950's Jerry and Marge established their home in Fairborn and he worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in civil service for 30 years.

Jerry was known as the World's Best Dad. Whether coaching volleyball or baseball, umpiring summer softball, or ferrying scouts to camp, Jerry served his community and his family as a taxi driver, counselor, short-order cook, head cheerleader, and best friend, never missing a game or performance or the opportunity to volunteer when needed.

There was no dad more compassionate or encouraging than Jerry Russell. Personally engaged with each of his children, he instilled values of honesty, trust, loyalty, hard work, and most importantly, family. You could always count on Jerry Russell. He was THE BEST ONE and often said, "Family is all that matters."

Jerry now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

## INSURANCE CORNER

### *Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work*

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

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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](mailto:Santamaria@3724kofc.org).

### Repose of the Soul

Jerry Russell, Anna Shumski, Ed Drummond, James Able

### 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, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lump, Charles Lump, 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



## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



### ***FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY***

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



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## JAN EVENTS

Jan 5 Trustee Meeting  
Jan 10 4th Degree Meeting  
Jan 15 Italian Dinner  
Jan 27 Lecturer Meeting  
Jan 30 5th Sunday Rosary

Jan 8 Parish Dinner  
Jan 13 Business Meeting  
Jan 20 Home Corp Meeting  
Jan 29 Corporate Comm QoP  
Jan 30 Corporate Comm MHC

## FEB PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Youth Carnival, Reverse Raffle

## 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.



Cal Smith receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbcher



Dan Cyphers receiving FOTM from GK Gene Erbcher

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