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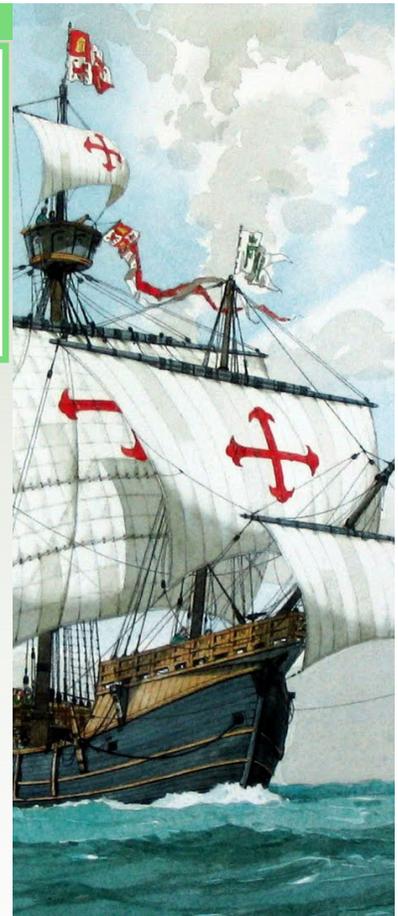
Grand Knight's Corner

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it back in the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked "What are you doing?" The boy replied "Throwing the starfish back in the ocean. The surf is up and tide is going out. If I don't throw them back they'll die." "Son," the man replied, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and thousands of starfish?" "You can't make a difference." After listening politely, the boy bent down, and picked up another starfish, and threw it back in the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said... "I made a difference for that one." Loren Eiseley

This story was shared at a recent banquet where the Mental Health Recovery Board of Clark, Greene, & Madison Counties (MHRB) recognizes exceptional people contributing to the behavioral health landscape. Brother Knight Adam Kempf is an Assistant Director at MHRB and participated in handing out the awards. Some of the award recipients that night included a counselor who, on her own time, attends the Fairborn Police roll call to learn about needs they come across in their daily job so she could follow up and offer assistance. Another recipient is a business owner who is in recovery from substance use. This business owner partnered with two other business owners in recovery and purchased the former Greene County Career Center and is using it as a business incubator for people in recovery from substance use to learn a trade and restart their lives.

I found these stories inspiring especially when I feel like I am not making a difference. For most of the Brother Knights, this is not a problem because they constantly make a difference to so many on a daily basis. I do want to share this story in those rare cases when you don't feel you are doing enough. You may never fully realize how your actions have a positive impact on those around you. Many of you make a difference just by your presence among us. We have been Blessed with some new members and those who are considering joining. The concerns I typically get from prospective members are they may not having time to fully participate. I tell them some Brother Knights participate in a few activities, some do it all, and others just pray for our Council. Nothing is better than prayer.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."



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Grand Knight's Column (cont)

Then the just will answer him and say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?" The King will answer them, "I assure you, as often as you did for the one of my least brothers, you did for me" Matthew 25:35-40. Let's start the new year off with this in mind. Through the guidance of God, let us make a difference, one person at a time.

I am so proud to name Brother Dan Cyphers as Knight of the Month and DGK Don and Teri Shepherd as Family of the Month. They are all integral parts of everything we do. Please congratulate Dan, Don, and Teri.

May God Bless. Vivat Jesus. Grant

January 2023

Those born in January are lucky to have the beautiful and diverse garnet as their birthstone. With winter setting in, those born in January have two birth flowers—the carnation and snowdrop. The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first ten days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence.

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights born in January

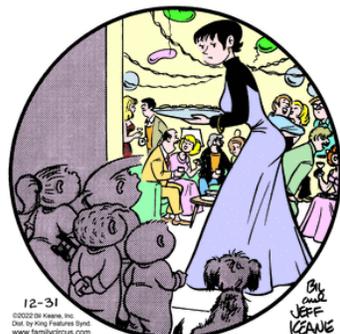
Cory Wal	Steven Quinter	Richard Sorensen	Fred Lenk
David Roux	Cletus Buddelmeyer	Brad Cook	Dr. John Gazzero
Clem Schmid	Nicholas Roux	John Young	Vincent Ferry
Jeff Bogemann	MSgt Francis Butcher	Peter Thibodeau	Rev. Paul Jaya
William Gilbert	Andrew Beiring Sr.	DGK Don Shepherd	Ken Normand
Jeremiah Roux	Scott Hopkins		

Help Wanted!

PGK Karhoff will be having knee surgery soon and we need a couple people to assist him with programs he currently chairs.

- **Men's Retreat:** This is scheduled for March 4th and Brother Herman could use help with set up, advertising, speakers, etc.
- **Ohio Cash Bonanza Charity Program:** stuffing envelopes and recording ticket turn-ins weekly. This runs from March through May.

Please let PGK Karhoff or GK Kempf know if you can help. Thank you very much!



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"The noise is keepin' us awake.
Maybe some 'tato chips would
help us sleep."

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.





Father Alex

Father Alex continues to serve and reside at Saint John Fisher, in Newtown, Ohio; he is also the parochial vicar at Guardian Angels, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cincinnati. Father Alex can be reached at:

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Fraternal Benefit Night Webinar

Thank you to the Brother Knights who attended the online benefit night on November 29th. Due to the overwhelming response, they are having difficulty recording all who attended as well as the survey. Brother Hernandez is being proactive in supporting us by asking that I gather information on who attended. Please email (grant.kempf@gmail.com) or call/text me at (937-609-1471) and let me know if you attended the webinar. I will then send you a new survey form. Please make this a priority as this is a required State activity and I want our council to get full credit.

Thank you in advance. GK Kempf

K of C Parish Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be Sunday, January 15, 2023 We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30AM and will continue until 11:00AM. 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 food and even better company.

Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion

There will be a gathering of parish Knights of Columbus and their families at the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2023 Knights, their wives and families will sit together to celebrate Mass. Beginning at 8:15AM the Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass. All are invited.

Paul Martin Pitstick

Bro. Paul a Knight of Columbus since 2005, turned 100 on December 13, 2022. A WWII Veteran, Paul grew up with eight siblings on a farm next to Yellow Springs. Paul met Mary (also affectionately called Pat) at a square dance after WW II and became a farmer. He raised seven children on the Pitstick Pork Farm, between Fairborn and Yellow Springs, OH. Paul was the first farmer in the area to build confinement housing for pigs, selling thousands of market hogs per year. First attending St. Paul Catholic Church in Yellow Springs and then later Mary Help of Christians Parish in Fairborn. Paul and Pat were in the first group of Lay Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for men, and later, women in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Paul was greatly influenced by Francesco Forgione, OFM Cap., better known as Padre Pio who was an Italian Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic. Padre Pio is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, and is celebrated on his feast day of September 23. Bro Paul has attended daily Mass whenever possible since his encounter with Padre Pio.

Paul was stationed in Italy during World War II and became a Technical Sergeant, in the 460th bomb group of the 15th Air Force in 1943/44/45. He served as a Bomb Site Autopilot Mechanic. When the war ended, Paul was asked to remain in Italy for an extra year of service. His aunt wrote to him that he was stationed near where Padre Pio lived. Paul went to 4 of his Masses and Padre Pio invited him to kiss his hands which had the stigmata (wounds of Jesus on them.) Then Padre Pio put his hands on Dad's head and blessed him. Dad's aunt was also miraculously cured due to the prayer of Padre Pio. Dad was stationed near Foggia, where Padre Pio lived and built his hospital, the "House for the Relief of Suffering." Through the action of God, Padre Pio touched many lives and miraculously cured or healed hundreds of people who came to him.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Please welcome our new brothers, Brent Peaden, Rick Lach, Tony Downing, Tyler Gilliland, Christopher Kerley, and Jon Edwards, who recently completed their first through third degree exemplification online! We are doing quite well on the path to reaching our membership growth target for this fraternal year. Still, don't get comfortable yet! We need a few more men to join what I consider to be the best Council in the best fraternal Catholic Order in this country and the world. 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 our parishes.

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

One of the most effective ways to recruit is a personal invite from a Knight. Bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. Everyone knows someone who should join our Order. .

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 January 28, 2023 at 9AM.

Happy New Year from your Home Corporation Officers.

Past Grand Knight's Open House

A large crowd gathered on December 15 for the Annual PGK Open House. As usual, the Past Grand Knights did a fantastic job. From the beautiful decorations to the wonderful food and fellowship, everyone had a great time. The Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight even received stockings from a secret Santa full of goodies and Vegetables? We had the opportunity to talk with Father Alex who joined us again this year. He talked of the trials he has endured since becoming a priest and is so thankful for the love and support he continues to get from the Fairborn Council. Since we were lucky enough to sponsor him through his seminary studies to his ministry now as a Vicar in the Cincinnati Archdiocese, Father Alex is part of our Brotherhood. A couple of our new members and families also joined the festivities. We look forward to more gatherings with Brother Knights and families.

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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. The Grand Knight is extending an invitation to Johnson Investments to attend as well to give an update on the market and their thoughts. Stay tuned to the activity alerts and the Santa Maria.

Consecration to the Holy Family



The Consecration will be held on 8 January 2023. Council 3724 will be making Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards available for parishioners at the back of Church before Christmas weekend and after Christmas leading up to the Feast of the Holy Family Sunday. Look for a poster with the image of the Holy Family. The Knights of Columbus hopes the celebration of this consecration will help strengthen parish families and revitalize parishes. Council 3724 is inviting our Brothers and each Mary, Help of Christians’ family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hope our Brothers will lead by example. Make sure to take a prayer card and say the prayer, composed by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, with your family daily leading up to the consecration. In the prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Although it may be difficult during the Christmas season, families are also asked to intentionally fast from something for the week leading up to the consecration. To fully acknowledge the solemnity of the event, family members are also urged to go to confession during this period.

INSURANCE CORNER

JANUARY Tempus Fugit



Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. I hope that 2022 was healthy and rewarding for you and your family. 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.

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. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind.

Give me a call.

Robert Hernandez

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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

Health and Healing:

PGK Steve Wal, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, PGK Gene Erbacher, Bros. Herb Edwards, Steve Glass, Charlie Lumppp, Rose Yosick, Velma Hobbs, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Catherine Lumppp, Janet Carchedi, PGK Herman Karhoff's son-in-law, People of Ukraine, Kyle Smith, and Teresa Ward.

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.



Mary, Mother of God, mother of all, who bore and raised the Son of God, who sought to bring peace into the world. You treasured all you saw in your heart, as the fruit of your womb poured out love and mercy to each of us in our own personal way. Pray for us and be with us, that we may remember that we are also treasured in your heart. Help us to always remind others that they are just as treasured, that the world may know a true and just peace. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI



April 16, 1927 – Dec 31, 2022

Ordained as a priest in 1951, Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger was appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising and created a cardinal by Pope Paul VI in 1977. In 1981, he was appointed Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. From 2002 until 2005, he was also Dean of the College of Cardinals. He was elected the 265th pope on April 19, 2005. He was the oldest person to be elected Pope since 1730 and had been a Cardinal for a longer period of time than any Pope since 1724. On 11 February 2013, Benedict announced his resignation, and became Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and continued to live within the Vatican in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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

Attn Frank Minnick

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Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Please Make Checks payable to: Fairborn K of C 3724



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

JANUARY EVENTS

January 1 New Year's Day	January 5 Trustees Meeting
January 6 WSU BBall	January 8 Consecration of the Holy Family
January 8 WSU BBall	January 11 K of C Bingo
January 12 Business Meeting	January 15 Parish Breakfast
January 19 Home Corp Mtg	January 19 WSU BBall
January 21 WSU BBall	January 26 WSU BBall
January 28 WSU BBall	January 28 Work Party
January 28 OLQP Corp. Communion	
January 29 MHC Corp. Communion	

FEBRUARY PREVIEW

Trustees Meeting, WSU BBall, K of C Bingo night, Business Meeting, Parish Breakfast, Home Corp Meeting, PSR Carnival. Reverse Raffle, Work Party.

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, Dan Cyphers



Family of the Month
DGK Don & Teri Shepherd



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