

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

With the culmination of the Knight of the Year Dinner on June 15th, another fraternal year came to a close. Knight of the Year Honoree was PGK and incoming Trustee Larry Bogemann. Council 3724 also received several awards at the State Convention. Taking home the prestigious Volunteer of the Year for both diocese and state (PGK Larry Bogemann). Best diocese Church Activity for the efforts spent in refurbishing the church. Best diocese Culture of Life Activity for the Hog Roast conducted on behalf of the Family and Youth Initiatives (FYI). The Compass Award for meeting all the Charitable Goals set for us by the State Program, and the Holy Orders Award for our donations to Support our Seminarians. Also our sponsored Seminarian Alex was ordained a priest this year at a mass attended by several members of council 3724 as well as an honor guard of 4th degree Knights.

The June Business Meeting saw the election of your next fraternal year slate of officers, members elected were as follows; Grand Knight (PGK Gene Erbacher), Recorder (Tim Barlow), Chancellor (Matt Justice), Warden (Ken Normand), Treasurer (Larry DeWitt), Advocate (PGK Steve Wal), 1st Year Trustee (PGK Larry Bogemann), Inside Guard (Terry McCann), Outside Guard (John Young), Outside Guard (Herb Edwards). I am proud to serve beside these men several of whom chose to continue in their offices another year. You will notice that there is no name for the Deputy Grand Knight as no one was willing to put their name forward for consideration. I find this particularly disappointing as I'm not sure what that poses for the future direction of the council. I am grateful to the Past Grand Knights who will serve in an advisory capacity for me this fraternal year and take some of the administrative load off of my shoulders, as I begin my third term as your Grand Knight, I value the trust you have placed in me and will do my best to make this another rewarding year for the council.

From my other columns many of you are probably aware of my interest in the writings of the Stoic Philosophers. I have also recently begun to read about the Japanese Warriors known as Samurai and the code they lived by known as Bushido. While the Knights of Columbus would probably be more associated with the Templars or the Hospitaliers, there are some tenants of Bushido that could fit as well. In particular I like the focus on Character and Self Control. Bushido teaches that men should behave according to an absolute moral standard, one that transcends logic. What's right is right, and what's wrong is wrong. The difference between good and bad and between right and wrong are givens, not arguments subject to discussion or justification, and a man should know the difference. Finally, it is a man's obligation to teach his children moral standards through the model of his own behavior. If you read that through one time and then read it again but replace the word "man" with "Knight" does that not fit what we as Knights of Columbus try to live?

Our 2019-2020 fraternal year kicks off in July with the Fairborn Parade on the 4th, and the family picnic which will be at the council hall after the parade. We will also be once again assisting in the festival setup and staffing several booths at the festival, funnel cakes, burger and dog's as well as the beer trailer so expect phone calls from the booth chairman looking for volunteers and please prayerfully consider helping out. If you have been in the council for a while and been to a few meetings you know what we are about, I am asking now for all of you reading this newsletter to prayerfully consider taking a leadership role in the 2020-2021 fraternal year.  
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No one in this council serves alone, there is plenty of help and aid when asked, if you can't or won't consider an officer role, your council has several members serving as Program Directors who would like to step down but can't because no one will step up. Confucius said, "Perceiving what is right and doing it not reveals a lack of courage." Bushido states that courage is worthy of being counted among virtues only if it's exercised in the cause of Righteousness. In the book of James, Chapter 4 verse 17 says "So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, it is a sin." Council 3724 is a storied council and to be a member is a privilege, to be elected a leader in this council is an honor and worthy of your consideration and it is the right thing to do.

My Knight of the month was PGK Larry Bogemann who runs the Kitchen, and Wright State Ushers program and has agreed to take on the role of trustee for the next three years. My Family of the Month was Cal and Alice Smith, Cal once again graciously agreed to handle the IRS filings for the council as well as maintaining his role as Bingo chairman, and Alice is active with the Daughters of Isabella and a Eucharistic minister among other activities as well as supporting Cal and our council. Make sure to tell them congrats when you see them around. I look forward to seeing you at the Council Picnic on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and seeing many of you at the festival July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus.

Vivat Jesus, GK Gene.

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*

**TRUSTEES MEETING**

Due to the 4th of July holiday the trustees meeting will be on Friday July 5 at 6:30 PM.

**BY-LAWS CHANGES**

At the June business meeting the council Advocate presented a resolution, under new business, to accept several changes to the council by-laws. The motion was tabled to allow time to notify membership and allow time for your review of the recommended changes. The tabled motion will be acted upon at the July business meeting. The recommended changes, with supporting rationale for each change, are available for review in the council office or lounge.

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Chaplain Fr Don Moss addressing the membership at the June Council meeting.

## ACTIVITIES

### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All men of Council 3724 are cordially invited to come to our Men of Faith Fellowship. We meet on first and third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come early for bagels and coffee. Each gathering begins with a couple of songs accompanied by guitar and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We read and share insights / questions about the coming Sunday's readings. We then close with a song/prayer and end promptly at 9 a.m. You are most welcome please come. Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher."

### INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND PICNIC

Members of the Council, along with 4th Degree members of Monsignor Buckley Assemble will once again march in the Fairborn Independence Day Parade. As always our entry will consist of a truck and a trailer and we'll gather at the hall to decorate it at 8:00 AM on the 4th. We have to be in our place in the parade line by 9:00 AM. Since the location varies every year, either meet up at the Hall before we leave or call PGK Milliron @ 937-609-9068 if you can't find us. As usual, you are welcome to ride in the truck or trailer. Some of us will also walk.

After the parade, we'll have our annual Council Family Picnic back at the Hall. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided by the Council. Please bring a covered dish of your choice to share. We'll have a few games and a lot of fellowship and good times for the whole family. We'll start to gather about 2:00. As always, there will be brown bag Bingo after food.

### MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year's Memorial Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, August 10th, starting at 8:30AM. Keep an eye out for the tournament details in next month's Santa Maria.

### MEASURE UP BLITZ

Thank you to all the Brother Knights that worked a shift for the Week End Blitz, Paul Herchenbach, Terry McCann, Mark Dues, Mike Eucher, Dave Johnston, Tom Engle, Sam Rizzotte, Mike Kelly, Herb Edwards, Herm Karhoff, Merf Bontrager, Ken Normand, Tom Boland, Percy Gros, Don Banford, Dave Banazak, Corky Block, Matt Tufts, John Gooch, John Hando, Ken Farkas, Gene Erbocher, Dan Cyphers, Russ Milliron and Charlie Lump. We lost three shifts due to weather. The total collected was, \$1168. Great effort.

### MARIAN PRAYER SERVICE – OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS ICON

This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them. A special devotion at Fairborn Council 3724 was held on Thursday, June 20th at 7pm. DD Jack Huey brought the Icon to the Prayer Service which was led by Brother Knight Herb Edwards.



## HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 20 June to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on June 22th to do general cleaning to get the hall ready for our July 4th family picnic. No work party is schedule for July.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

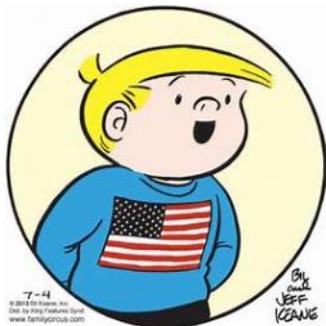
- 1st Place: David Roux, \$40 Ticket #130
- 2nd Place: Ken Normand, \$25 Ticket #105
- 3rd Place: Billy Williams \$10 Ticket #162

## MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year. July ushers in a new fraternal year and a new opportunity to achieve our membership goal. Last year we removed 26 non dues paying members from our roster. I am sure that without the threat of having to delete members we can make our quota. When I joined Fairborn Council we had about 300 members, now we have about 250. Unfortunately, many of us are growing old and will pass on further reducing our numbers. We, you, must recruit a new member if for no other reason than to replace yourself.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- To the newly elected Council officers for the 2019-2020 fraternal year.
- To the newly elected State Offices
- To PGK Larry Bogemann, Fairborn's Council Knight of the Year and the State Council Volunteer of the Year



"This is my favorite shirt 'cause it has our country's logo on it."

### Officers/ Directors

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## INSURANCE CORNER

### NEVER INVEST IN AN ANNUITY!!

You've no doubt seen this kind of headline in the financial pages or you've seen pop-up ads on your computer or you've heard some friend repeat what he's heard from his buddy's uncle. Are they serious?

Let's start with the basics: An annuity is a tax-favored savings instrument. The government gives it special tax treatment because it's designed for retirement income. An annuity can be qualified or in other words, funded with money that you have not yet paid taxes on, like an IRA or an RRSP in Canada. Or non-qualified, that is, funded with money you've already paid the tax on. Like money you take from your paycheck or out of your savings account. Either way, the tax on the growth in your Knights of Columbus annuity each year is deferred...you pay no current tax on it and pay only when you withdraw money.

I'll tell you that I think an annuity is a great product in the right situation. Especially a Knights of Columbus annuity. In addition to tax deferred growth, here are a few more reasons why I think that way:

- Your minimum interest rate is guaranteed...for life! There is a floor that the interest rate will never drop below. The good news is that we've always paid a higher current interest rate than the guarantee. This feature means nobody has ever lost a dime in a Knights of Columbus annuity...and never will! Floor is at 1.75%, but the KofC has been paying out at 2.85% !!
- Your principal is guaranteed by the Knights. Now that kind of guarantee is only as good as the company backing it...and we've had 40+ years of Superior ratings from A. M. Best for financial strength. (As of January 2019, rated A+ Superior by A. M. Best)
- You are charged no administrative fees each year...100% of your money goes to work for you earning interest from day one.
- Even though annuities are designed for long-term growth, after one year you can access 10% of the value without any KofC penalty.
- Owners of annuities name a beneficiary; this means that at death, the proceeds bypass probate. This saves time and usually money, too.
- You can enjoy an income that you (and if you wish, your wife) can never outlive!

But let's be fair; an annuity is not the answer every time. It's not a short-term product. It's not designed to be a "put and take" account where you stick some money in and then take it out a short time later. There is a reducing early withdrawal penalty over the first seven years if you take out more than the 10% free withdrawal. That feature, in all annuities, not just the KofC, is to encourage people to leave the money alone until retirement age.

So, although there are situations where an annuity is not the proper product, there are many where it is...And we haven't even talked about triple compounding, protection from creditors and other features.

How do you know if an annuity is right for you? Meet with me and let's look at your goals. It might be the perfect fit. Where do you keep your safe money?

Vivat Jesus!

Thanks!

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

## 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.

### Health and Healing:

John Erbacher, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Cathy DeWitt, Anna Gros, Fran Francaïna, Bob Goege, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Whilma Rizzo, Robert Herring, Francisca Maestre.



## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



### The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

## JULY EVENTS

Jul 4	Parade and Picnic	Jul 5	Trustees Meeting
Jul 8	4th Degree Meeting	Jul 11	Business Meeting
Jul 18	Home Corp Meeting	Jul 19-21	MHC Festival
Jul 25	First Degree		

## AUG PREVIEW

Memorial Golf Outing, Sweet Corn Festival, WSU/CCM Fall Picnic First Degree, FAB Meeting, PGK's 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 Larry Bogemann Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



Cal Smith Receiving the FOTM from GK Erbacher

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## Father Alex Ordained-A Time of Celebration and Thanksgiving



Father Alex Biryomumeisho, our council's sponsored seminarian for the past four years, was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on May 18, 2019, at Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral. The following day, Fairborn knights attended his Solemn First Mass of Thanksgiving, at the Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in West Milton. Twelve Fairborn knights and twelve Transfiguration parish knights served as his honor guard. The beautiful mass was celebrated with reverence and dignity, and attended by a full congregation.

Father Alex was the main celebrant, joined by four servers, a deacon, and seven priests. The homilist was Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh, president and rector to the Athenaeum and Mount St. Mary's Seminary during Alex's six years as a seminarian. The Irish born priest speaking in a gentle brogue added touches of humor in giving an inspiring homily.

Becoming emotional, he concluded by advising Alex to remember that the duty of a priest is to "take his people by the hand, and lead them through the dark." Fellow seminarian Deacon Benson Lotiang'a from Kenya canted the Gospel reading (Jn. 13:31-33a, 34-35). A niece from Uganda took part in the offertory procession, and at least two of the concelebrating priests were originally from Alex's home diocese in Uganda.

After the mass, and again after his reception, Fr. Alex gave individual blessings to many. At the reception luncheon, Fr. Alex shared his special appreciation for the mentoring and kindness given him by Transfiguration parish priest Fr. Eric Bowman. In a moment of laughter, Fr. Eric presented Alex with a 5 pound Hershey bar, and a special tee-shirt that read on the front "God is Good." He announced the parish had raised \$2,800 for him. As a special gift, Fr. Eric presented Fr. Alex with a framed image of the Divine Mercy.

In addressing the audience, Fr. Alex gave special recognition to the "Fairborn Knights of Columbus who have supported me throughout my formation." Chancellor Matt Justice then came forward, and presented Fr. Alex with a stole, as an ordination gift on behalf of Fairborn Council. He also shared that Fairborn Council had raised over \$3,500 to cover Fr. Alex's travel expenses to visit his family in Uganda. Although Alex's parents and siblings were unable to attend, they were certainly present in spirit.

Continuing to celebrate Fr. Alex's ordination, Fairborn Council invited him to our annual Knight of the Year banquet, as an honored guest, on June 15, 2019. Fr. Alex was a delightful presence. He gave the invocation, and thanked the council for their sponsorship, and "for also becoming my good friends." After dinner, Grand Knight Gene Erbacher called Fr. Alex forward, and presented him with a check in the amount of \$3,544. Father Alex is temporarily residing at the seminary, awaiting his first assignment to two Cincinnati area parishes. In the mean time, his application for a religious visa is being processed. This process can take up to six months. Once he receives his visa, Fr. Alex will arrange a visit back to Uganda, to celebrate his ordination with his family and friends. Sponsoring Fr. Alex has been a blessing for Fairborn Council, and we are thankful that the Holy Spirit called us to take part in sponsoring this fine young man during his formation. We admire his courage, his dedication, and his holiness. May God bless you Father Alex.



Father Alex celebrating the Eucharist at his Solemn First of Thanksgiving, Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in West Milton, May 19, 2019.



Fr. Alex's honor guard consisting of members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Fairborn Council 3724 knights



Fairborn knights and family at Fr. Alex's reception.



Fr. Alex's reception. From left to right, Fr. Bruno Byomuhangi, Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho, and Deacon Benson Lotiang'a.



Fr. Alex bestowing his blessing on brother knight Terry McCann.

# The History of the Fourth of July



On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on the fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event. Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and Independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence.

Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts; Roger Sherman of Connecticut; Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania; Robert R. Livingston of New York; and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for Independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting.

Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July? Discussions of Jefferson's [Declaration of Independence](#) resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.