

# SANTA MARIA

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

I would like to start my very first Grand Knights Corner with Thank you. Thank you, PGK Gene Erbacher. You had no way of knowing what God had in store for you when you accepted the responsibility as Grand Knight in July 2017. Over these last 5 years you heroically shouldered this responsibility with grit, prayer, and humility (should I say stoically?) No one will know all the trials and hardships you have weathered while guiding our council through one of the most trying times our world has ever known. Not only did you keep 3724 afloat during the shutdown but you actually grew our mission. Each month you encouraged the brotherhood to keep the faith and as a result our council flourished under extreme circumstances. This past year you have been a great mentor to me and your continued support gives me peace. Your legacy at 3724 is cemented in time.

Thank you, membership of Fairborn Council 3724, for trusting the leadership of our Council to me. I am both excited and very scared. Some of you know that even though I have only been a member since 2008, I grew up around the Fairborn Council. As a child I followed my father, Brother Ed Kempf around the old hall as he participated in its many great works. As a teenager I was Blessed to be part of the inaugural class of Columbian Squires Circle 2271 and had the opportunity to grow my leadership skills while holding Circle and State offices. When I filled out my form 100, I wrote my goal as to grow my faith. I do that every day watching my Brother Knights do the great things you do. I will do my best to honor and grow this great organization.

Thank you, Brother Knights who have gone to your eternal rest this past fraternal year. PGK Bill Gazzerro, Brother Joseph Edly, Brother Jerry Russell, Brother James Abel, Brother Andrew Beiring Jr, PGK Lewis Murphy and Brother Norman R. LaPierre. You are what made this council what it is. Your blood, sweat and prayers sustained us. We miss you so very much and will always remember you and leave you with our respects and thanks.

Thank you to our new class of Brother Knights who have joined our ranks this past fraternal year - Brother Steven Weeks, Brother Donald Ward, Brother Luke Champagne, Brother Brad Bendall, Brother Matthew Rogalinski, Brother Travis Rogalinski, Brother Jeffrey Bogemann, Brother Steve Glass, Brother Torrey Dye, Brother Dominic Hughes and Brother Donald Dunn. You are part of a historical class. It has been many years since we have had this many Catholic gentlemen join our ranks in one fraternal year. Is this God's way of telling us we are on the right track and will be able to continue our mission? I sure hope so.



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# ACTIVITIES

## Grand Knight's Column Continued

To our new members, not only have you made a commitment to the Knights of Columbus but in return, we are committed to you as well. We are here for you. I hope and pray that you find your niche within your council. If we fail to engage with you satisfactorily, please reach out. You are our future, and we look forward to your involvement.

Thank you to the leadership team that has stepped up to support our council this fraternal year. It obviously takes many people to accomplish all of the things our council is known for and we have a fantastic team. I am excited to see what you do for God, our council and community. We still need one more cog to complete this wheel, that of Community Director. Please prayerfully consider this important position.

Thank you, God, with the funny sense of humor. You may see me refer to our Supreme being in this way often. I came to this conclusion over the years as he put me and my family through life's trials. I was like everyone else, wondering why. As many of you have experienced, God sometimes revealed his plan and I sit back and go "Oh, that is why he put us through that" It makes me smile and sometimes even laugh. What greater spiritual learning experience than for God to share his plan for us.

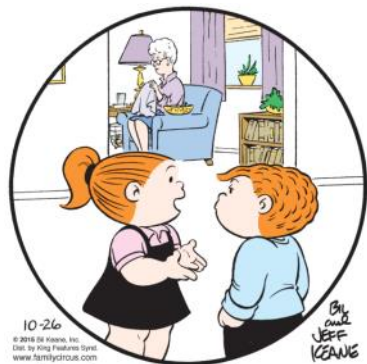
The Knight of the Month was Brother Gregg Marino who is finishing up another great year as our Home Corporation treasurer. What a fantastic job he did for us in the role and any of the other activities asked of him. The Family of the Month were Brother Eric Rogalinski and his wife Rhonda. They do so much for our council and church, whether it be spending many hours running the bingo program or the festival or keeping the parish and council facilities in top shape. When you see Greg, Eric, and Rhonda, please congratulate and thank them for all they do. May God Bless Vivat Jesus, Grant

## MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

Come join some of your brother Knights at our twice monthly meeting. We meet on the first and third Saturday of each month at St Francis Hall to fellowship, pray, read Sunday Scripture Readings, and share individual or personal impact/ insights. Come and join us at 7:30 a.m. for bagels and fair trade coffee. We gather to sing, pray, read and discuss Sunday scripture readings from 8-9 a.m. We meet in St Francis Hall Chapel. Come join us! You will be affirmed and encouraged in your walk with our Lord and be blessed by fellowship with other 'Men of Faith'.

## July 2022

On the fourth of July, we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Don't forget to raise the flag! The official birthstone for July is the Ruby and July's birth flowers are the larkspur and water lily. The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.



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Curt  
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"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."



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.

## ACTIVITIES



### Father Alex Receives New Assignment

Our Council's former seminarian, Father Alex Biryomumeisho, has been given a new assignment. The Archdiocese's new Beacons of Light parish family assignments take effect on July 1, 2022. Father Alex will continue to serve and reside at Saint John Fisher, in Newtown, Ohio; however, he will also serve as parochial vicar to two additional Cincinnati parishes: Guardian Angels, and Immaculate Heart of Mary. His pastor will be Father Steve Angi, vicar general of the Archdiocese. Both Guardian Angels and Immaculate Heart of Mary have very large congregations and maintain parish schools. So, Father Alex expects to be even more busy. Interestingly, the new parochial vicar assigned to Mary Help of Christians, Father Ambrose Dobrozsi, was Father Alex's classmate at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Father Alex and Father Ambrose graduated and were ordained together in May 2019. Please remember Father Alex in your prayers as he begins his new assignment.



### Nam Reaches the Halfway Mark

Able to Visit his Family for the First Time Since Becoming a Seminarian  
Our seminarian, Nam Mac, completed his second semester final exams on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He was very pleased with his grades, after so much hard work and study. Having finished three years of seminary, Nam is now halfway toward ordination. With three more years to go, he hopes to be ordained a priest in May of 2025. This is an exciting time for Nam because he not only has finished his exams, but because he is getting to visit his family for the first time since arriving in America three years ago to become a seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's in Cincinnati. This past June 1<sup>st</sup>, just two weeks after finishing his exams, Nam boarded a flight bound for Vietnam to see his family. Nam decided to make his return home a surprise! Playfully, he said "my mom will be amazed!" Nam will remain in Vietnam most of the summer, and return to Cincinnati in early August, a couple weeks before classes begin on August 23, 2022. A lot of preparation was involved in arranging his travel. First, Archbishop Schnurr had to grant approval. Nam also had to compile all the necessary documentation for his three-year student visa renewal application, which must be submitted to the U.S. embassy while he is in Vietnam. Once in Vietnam, he will quickly submit his renewal application because response times can vary significantly. Please pray Nam's visit with his family will be blessed, and that his visa will be renewed in plenty of time for his fourth year of seminary.

### 4th of July Parade and Picnic

Mark Your Calendars! July is just around the corner and the 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 DGK Grant Kempf (937) 609-1471 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.

# ACTIVITIES

## HELPING HANDS REQUESTS (MHC FESTIVAL)

Brother knights, the Mary Help of Christians (MHC) festival is coming up on the weekend of Jul 15-17th. Once again, we have been asked to manage and staff the funnel cake and beer booths. This is a great opportunity to embrace the principles of our order (i.e., Charity, Unity & Fraternity). There will be signup sheets in the lounge, or please contact:

Funnel Cake – PGK Russell Milliron at (937) 609-9068

Beer Booth – Bro. Corky Block at (937) 371-6968

Burger Booth - PGK Larry Bogemann (937) 605-3359

## 2022 Memorial Golf Tournament – Sign Up Now!!

Hello Brother Knights, with summer fast approaching it is that time of year to look forward to rising temperatures, sunny weather, and chasing the little white ball around. Get your team together and join us for the 2022 Annual Memorial Golf Scramble. We play typical 4-Man Best Ball format with refreshments and snacks provided, come join us and enjoy some friend-ly competition, comradery, and remembrance with your brother knights. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at the Locust Hills GC in Springfield. Shotgun Start at 8:30AM. The Cost for members and their guests is \$60 each which pays for your green fees, cart, dinner, refreshments and prizes. This year we will have coffee and range balls before the round. Locust Hills will serve pork and ½ chicken for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge, or call/email Andrew Wal at (937)672-5543, [andrewwal55@gmail.com](mailto:andrewwal55@gmail.com).

This year Locust Hills has set-up an online registration option, if you would like to utilize that, please register at <https://manager.gallusgolf.com/Register/30837/fairborn-k-of-c>

## Knight of the Year Dinner

Finally after two years we were able to meet and celebrate a Knight of the Year. Congratulations to PGK Herman Karhoff who was council 3724's Knight of the Year for fraternal year 2021-2022. Attendees were treated to a great Christy's dinner of Awesome Pot Roast, Christy's Chicken, California Blend Vegetables, Garlic Red Potatoes, and 7-layer salad. It was definitely a day of emotion on many levels first as PGK Karhoff accepted his award surrounded by his family. Then as on behalf of the council PGK Karhoff and Grand Knight elect Grant Kempf presented outgoing Grand Knight Erbacher with a plaque and custom made wooden flag. Even though the council has not held a Knight of the Year dinner in two years we did have Knights of the Year for those years and they were honored as well, for fraternal year 2019-2020 PGK John Wolfe and fraternal year 2020-2021 PGK Frank Carchedi.



PGK Karhoff  
Knight of the Year



GK Erbacher Receiving  
PGK Plaque



Wooden Flag

## Farewell Fr. Tom.

Parishioners gathered on Sunday, June 12 to wish Father Tom all the best in his new assignment with the Beacon of Light. Fr. Tom has been a great friend and supporter of Mary Help of Christians and the Fairborn Knights of Columbus. Pictured with Fr. Tom is Grand Knight Erbacher and Faith Director PGK Bogemann as they presented Fr. Tom with a gift of golf supplies from the council.



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

**Here we are at the end of a fraternal year and the beginning of another!** How the time flies. We had a quota of 11 new members as a part of our drive to achieve Star Council this year. We now have 13 new members, so thank you, brothers, for your focus and hard work to achieve our goal! As of this writing, I don't know what our new quota will be, but I should have that information for you next month.

In the meantime, I hope you all are planning on attending the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic. If you plan to be a part of the parade, meet at the Council Hall around 8 am. We line up at 9 am. The picnic will be at 2 pm at the Council Hall. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. But most importantly, provide a warm welcome to our new members. Brother Dan Cyphers is sending a letter to all new members inviting them to the festivities. I think it'll be great if we have a good turn out and we can welcome our newest brothers and make them feel at home.

**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. 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. Right now, the promo code is good through June 30, but this might get extended again.

**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:** Bring a new member to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic!

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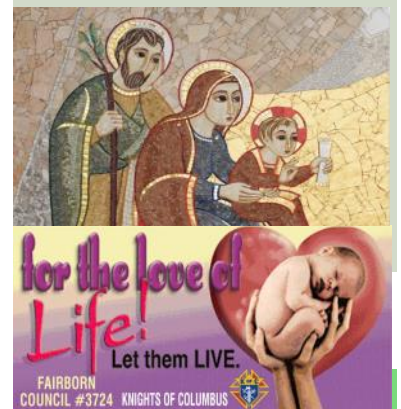
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## Home Corporation

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 16 June to pay bills and discuss the transition of the new officers. Council 3724 owes a great deal to outgoing Home Corp president Corky Block, Vice President Tony Bering, Treasurer Gregg Marino and Secretary John Young. As fraternal year 2022-2023 begins the Home Corp will be lead by new team President PGK Frank Minnick, VP Tom Pitstick, Treasurer PGK Herman Karhoff and Secretary Herb Edwards. Thank you brothers both outgoing and incoming for your dedication to the council and the willingness to take on the duties of Home Corp officers.

### Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights Born in July

Daniel C Cyphers	PGK John L Whittemore	Thurman J Lee
John A Hando	Karl M Rozelsky	Timothy P Buschell
Daniel Mahrer	Ronald L Kessel	PGK Frank P Carchedi
Paul J Adams	Christopher M Beiring	Wayne H Natalie
Eric L Rogalinski	Norman H Knoth	Daniel F Beiring
Michael R Harff	Thomas J Boland	Steven P Schaefer
Stephen Paulsen	Buddy Randall Roach	PGK James L McCoy Jr
Jeremy S Wal	Maurice L Bontrager	David L Black
Lawrence G Scanlon Jr		

### In Memorial

Brother Knight Norman R. LaPierre was called home to our Lord on June 1, 2022. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 51 years. He took his first degree on February 25, 1971, Second degree on March 10, 1971 and Third degree on March 28, 1971. He was a member of St. Brigid Church. He was a member of the USA Judo Association for over 57 years. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and retired from WPAFB. He is survived by his wife, Evaline E. (Kunk) LaPierre, whom he married, January 20, 1979, a daughter, Lynn Brown (husband Dean), of Xenia, three sons, Mark LaPierre (wife Elise), of Louisville, KY, Daniel Hamberg, of Beavercreek, Mike Mullin, of Dayton, and by numerous foster children. As a Judo coach, he mentored many boys and girls and helped them become outstanding and productive citizens. Norm is held in highest respect for being a caring individual to all he coached. Norm now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

### 2022 Special Olympics Games

June 5-12, 2022, the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games united more than 5500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean, 20,000 volunteers and 125,000 spectators during one of the countries most cherished sporting events. Leading up to the games Lexis Engle participated in Florida Special Olympics State Tennis Championship at the United States Tennis Association (USTA) National Campus in Orlando, FL May 5-6, 2022. USTA is now the largest tennis facility in the world. Despite being new to tennis, she played well and earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place bronze medal. On May 20-21, 2022, Lexis qualified for the Florida Special Olympics State Summer Games at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Disney World in Orlando, FL. She earned a 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medal for her long jump (8 feet 10 inches) and a 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medal for winning her 400-meter race (1 min 26 sec). Lexis Engle is the daughter of Brother Knight Tom & Linda Engle & granddaughter of PGK John A. Wolfe. She has been involved with both Montgomery & Manatee County Special Olympics for over 9 years. Lexis is an Athletic Leader & Volunteer for Special Olympics & the Hooves with Heart horse farm which provides horse education & riding therapy.



## INSURANCE CORNER

### UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies. Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment. I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



#### Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

## RETENTION

Our 2022-2023 Grand Knight Grant Kempf has asked me to head up the Councils retention efforts. I plan to use the Ohio State Council (OSC) Membership Retention Program guidance as our guide. The Council does currently address most of the guidance the OSC provides. They recommend a Retention Committee made up of members who are friendly and outgoing and generally well-liked. These brothers should be willing to contact other brothers. Their focus is NOT dues. Their focus is retaining a Brother Knight as a member and connecting with him personally. The dues are a side effect of retention. The Financial Secretary is not a member of the retention committee but is an important source of member information. Fairborn 3724 has been & continues to be one of the top Councils in Ohio. I would like to have 4 to 6 Fairborn Knights as members of the retention committee. Send me your name, email & phone number. VIVAT JESUS, John  
John A. Wolfe, PGK FDD PCP / Retention Director / 937-609-4552

## 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.

#### Repose of the Souls:

Norman LaPierre

#### Health and Healing:

Katherine Justice, Joe Detore, Tom Gooch, Mecca Brezck, Anna Gros, People of Ukraine, PGK John Whytal, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Alice Smith, Jim McNamra, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Ruth Fisher, Cathrine Lump, Charles Lump, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Dayna Murphy, Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, PGK Russ Milliron, Jordan Copeland, Gordon Samuel, Paul Avery, Mike Barlow,



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## JULY EVENTS

July 4	Parade & Picnic	July 7	Trustees Meeting
July 13	No Bingo	July 14	Business Meeting
July 15-17	MHC Festival	July 20	No Bingo
July 21	Home Corp Meeting		
July 30	Corporate Communion @ OLQP		
July 31	Corporate Communion @ MHC		

## AUGUST PREVIEW

Trustees mtg, Memorial Golf Tournament, Bingo, Business Meeting, Sweet Corn Festival, Home Corp 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.



Brother Rob Hernandez and Brother David Johnston receiving Ohio Charities Ticket Sales Awards from GK, not pictured PGK Jim McCoy

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