

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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

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Grand Knight's Corner

“Arete.” Arete is a Greek word and in its basic sense means "excellence" of any kind. It is also equated with "moral virtue." In its earliest appearance in Greek philosophy, this notion of excellence was ultimately bound up with the notion of the fulfillment of purpose or function: the act of living up to one's full potential, or the best moral, physical and spiritual version of ourselves. Isn't that what our Lord wants from us? In Matthew Chapter 5 verse 16, Jesus says, “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly father.” I believe what Jesus is leaning towards with this statement is that don't do good so that others think well of you, rather if others notice the good you do try to use that as a chance to shine a light on what God has done for you.

That's a tough call though, how do we do it? Aristotle said, “We are what we repeatedly do, therefore excellence is not an act but a habit.” And what is a habit? Something done often enough that it becomes a way of life. Habit can be a game changer, because it means that changes are possible without magic formulas. Small adjustments, good systems, the right processes. Things like: When we wake up, what we study and practice, who we have in our lives as influences, where we go and how we spend our time.

These are difficult times we're in, economic uncertainty, personal adversity, failed or weak leadership at many levels. The devil must be ecstatically happy with the state of the world right now. These things can sink us, or they can be opportunities to become the best version of ourselves. Does being a Knight of Columbus not demand the best of us as Catholic men. I think we must demand the best of ourselves and strive to set the example our families, our church and shared faith need. What a group of men this council is, sure individually we have weaknesses and vulnerabilities but together we have accomplished great good for our parish and our communities and we can use those accomplishments to glorify God as Jesus intended us to do.

Usually I'll take a moment here to talk about my Knight of the Month and Family of the Month but in all honesty with things shut down the last two months and our activities halted, I was at a loss as to who to shine the light on. It came to me as I was contemplating what to do about June and our activities. As Grand Knight I've had to make some tough calls the last couple of months, some unpopular cancellations but this council did not berate me about it or demand that I do things differently. Taking guidance from the diocese and our State, I talked things over with my Trustees and the other Past Grand Knights and based my decisions on those discussions.

In return Fairborn Council 3724 supported those decisions, many of you reached out to me via email or phone expressing your support and for that I am naming all brother knights in 3724 as Knights of the Month. I am naming all the families of 3724 that support us in our activities and support you in your calling as members of this council as Families of the Month. I can truthfully say that of all Ohio councils, I consider 3724 Fairborn to be Arete.

“Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus”

Vivat Jesus, GK Erbacher



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Special points of interest

- Miracle
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention
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LIST OF CURRENT NOMINEES FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS

Worthy Brothers of Council 3724. Nominations are open for the council officer positions for next year, the list below are members who have already agreed to run for another term, if you wish to nominate yourself or another for one of these offices now is the time. Brother Mark Dues nominated himself for the Outside Guard position, but we still need nominees for Deputy Grand Knight and 1st Year Trustee. The intention will be to present this list to the council at the June business meeting to be voted on to lead us for the next fraternal year. If you wish to nominate yourself send the names to grandknight@3724kofc.org or (937) 477-5669

Grand Knight:	PGK Gene Erbacher
Deputy Grand Knight:	Open
Chancellor:	Matt Justice
Warden:	Ken Normand
Recorder:	Tim Barlow
Treasurer:	Larry DeWitt
Financial Sec:	PGK Russ Milliron
Advocate:	PGK Steve Wal
1st Year Trustee:	Open
2nd Year Trustee:	PGK Herman Karhoff
3rd Year Trustee:	PGK Larry Bogemann
Inside Guard:	Herb Edwards
Inside Guard:	Dan Cyphers
Outside Guard:	Mark Dues

ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL 3724 AND THE RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

3724 Family, considering the continuing Covid-19 situation, and the relaxation of some protocols, I have decided to open the hall for the month of June. Council 3724 must continue to stay vigilant if you don't feel well or don't feel like you should come to the hall for any reason you do not need to be feel pressured to do so. The hall will support all the governor's protocols for gatherings in light of this I'll still need to discuss the June 20, Knight of the Year dinner with the trustees and determine if the caterer will still be operating at that time. We will hold elections during the June business meeting, the lounge will be open. I encourage you to stay abreast of the Activity and Knight alert emails as that will be our path of communication.

MEASURE UP 2020

Street Blitz tentative dates **are**, July 23-25 and July 30-31, Aug1, 2020. More details in July Santa Maria's.

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

.Brother Knights, the deadline for selling and turning in Super Cash Bonanza tickets is Thursday June 11 (next membership meeting). The drawing will be conducted during the State District Deputy meeting, scheduled for June 27, 2020, to be held at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel. Thus far our Council has sold 850 tickets, far short of what we sold in 2019 (1136). 650 short of our goal. Please, If you haven't already done so, buy or sell the tickets sent to you. If you should need additional tickets, please contact PGK Jim McCoy at (937) 879-3570 or cell (937) 694-3368; PGK Herman Karhoff at (937) 361-2758, or call and leave a message at the Hall number, (937) 878-2909.

If you have Ohio Charities Tickets to turn in please contact the GK at (937) 477-5669 and he will arrange to meet you at the hall to get them from you, and get them to Ohio Charities Chairman PGK Herman Karhoff.

BLUE COAT

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the March 2020th Annual Blue Coat (BCA) Dinner & Awards Ceremonies were postponed to Thursday, August 20, 2020. We have written Gov. DeWine for guidance on holding our BCA August date or possible holding it in October 2020. Depending on the Governors' response, GK Erbacher & BCA Chairman PGK Wolfe will explore other options for honoring our 15 BCA nominees.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Due to the continued precautions being taken due to COVID-19, the program tentatively scheduled for June 21st at Mary, Help of Christians Church has been canceled. The program will take place at a later date, please watch your Santa Maria for information on a new date.

MIRACLE APPROVED! FATHER MCGIVNEY TO BE BEATIFIED!

Priest launched international lay movement, died in 19th century pandemic

ROME – The Vatican today (May 27) [announced](#) that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful "to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need."

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

Born of Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Father McGivney was a central figure in the dramatic growth of the Church in the United States in the late 19th century. Ordained in Baltimore in 1877, he ministered to a heavily Irish-American and immigrant community in the then-Diocese of Hartford. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to keep his flock close to the faith in part by finding practical solutions to their many problems – spiritual and temporal alike. With a group of the leading Catholic men of New Haven, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at St. Mary's Church to provide spiritual support for Catholic men and financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of their breadwinner.

The fledgling group soon became a major force in the areas of evangelization, charity, racial integration, and the defense of religious freedom.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday – after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic – like the current one – may have been [caused by a coronavirus](#).

Known by his contemporaries for his devotion to the faith and his embodiment of the characteristics of the "Good Samaritan," his cause for sainthood was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997. St. John Paul II – who was pope at that time – lauded Father McGivney's principles, stating in 2003, "In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth."

In March 2008, he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who during his visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral cited the "remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."

Two recent books also tell the story of Father McGivney and his legacy: *Parish Priest* (2006), his biography; and the *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* (2020).

More information is also available at www.FatherMcGivney.org

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MEMBERSHIP

With the fraternal year coming to a close we might start thinking of next year. State and Supreme have given us a great big present in providing frequent computer presentations of the "Charity-Unity-Fraternity" degree. Candidates take the degree from the comfort of their home with their families present. This eliminated the excuse of "I do not have the time to come to a degree". With most of us being advised to stay home, this is an ideal time to phone your prospective members and explain the new deal. Once he agrees, send his information to FS Milliron who will complete the invitation. Let's get a big jump start on our membership for the coming year.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 21 May to pay bills and discuss business. Due to the COVID-19 crisis there was no work party in April and our work parties will be suspended until further notice.

Our monthly raffle winners for April were:

- 1st Place: Rich Wetzel, \$40 Ticket #138
- 2nd Place: Steven Cleveland, \$25 Ticket #091
- 3rd Place: Tracy Thompson, \$10 Ticket #046

THE K OF C HISTORY -

I just received a copy of The K of C Book (An Illustrated History) covering the K of C beginning, early years thru 1999 & 2000 to the present. It is a wonderful history of the K of C which also includes many item on Notable Knights, many of whom we knew of but did not know they were Knights. VIVAT JESUS, PGK John A. Wolfe

DEPARTURE

Fairborn 3724 Knight & 88th Air Base Wing & Installation Commander Col. Thomas P. Sherman at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will depart the area in June 2020 to become the Principle Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Best Wishes from your Brother Knights.

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

Knight alert requests and activity alerts should be send to the PGK Russ Milliron at webmaster@3724kofc.org .

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



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPICALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. 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.

Repose of the Soul:

Candice Freil, wife of Michael Freil

Health and Healing:

PGK Steve Wal, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Bobby Hernandez, John Habel, Alice Smith, Rosalie Sloat, John Keampf, Velma Hobbs, Lisa Eamon, Whilma Rizzo, Cassie Barlow, Sophaiia Yarwick, Peggy Heity, Joe Koegle, Steve Glass, Tom Storer, Peggy Heitz.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

JUNE EVENTS



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Jun 4	Trustees Meeting	Jun 8	4th Degree Meeting
Jun 11	Business Meeting	Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 18	Home Corp Meeting	Jun 20	KOTY (Tentative)
Jun 21	Father's Day	Jun 25	Degree

JULY PREVIEW

Family Holiday Picnic (tentative), State Tour, Degrees , 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.



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