

# SANTA MARIA

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## Grand Knight's Corner

I find myself wrestling with a question almost daily now. That question being, am I really my brother's keeper? Brother has so many connotations, it could be a sibling, another fraternity member, a good friend, or just another traveler on this big global calamity we call Earth. I get jaded and cynical more now than ever, the news is full of death, destruction, illicit behavior all running 24/7 and 365 days on the auspices of keeping us informed and prepared. The constant barrage is mind-numbing and a lot of times, I can feel my faith getting overwhelmed by the sheer volume. I'm so concerned for my own family that I can barely spare a thought for someone else. I don't intend to be that way, I think it just happens as a reflex because we don't get a break from any of the events of the day and if we don't compartmentalize our worry, we just shut down. I am in a struggle with my faith on a daily basis and I'm sure a lot of you reading this have the same worries, culture of death, legalized drugs, honestly watching the news you'd almost think we are watching a modern-day version of Sodom and Gomorrah play itself out on television, and we all know how they ended up. The devil's presence in this world just can't be denied.

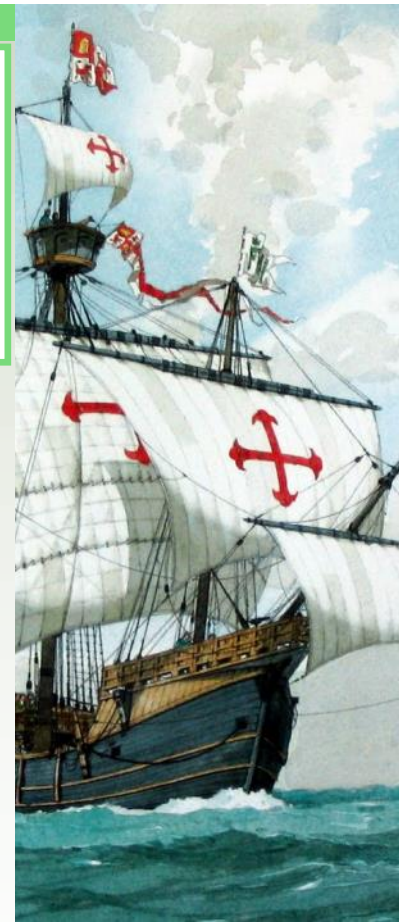
I am going to be unplugging for a while during lent, not completely but very sparingly while I try to come to grips with where my faith and my place in this world can intersect. I ran across a phrase Father McGivney used and I thought I would share it with you. "God uses us to have an impact on people's lives, because we are his servants." Jesus said, "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me." When looked at that way, I guess the answer to my first question is Yes, I am my brother's keeper, we are all our brother's keeper and I will be using my Lenten reflection period to pray upon how I might get better at fulfilling that duty.

I chose PGK Minnick as my Knight of the month because of everything he does for the council, not the least of which is running the Monthly dinners hosted in the parish hall and spearheading our reverse raffle fundraising. He admonished me for the choice saying that many brothers are more deserving than he is. I do realize how many of our brothers sacrifice and work for the betterment of this council and this parish the kitchen crew is invaluable. Those dinners and the reverse raffles would not come off without someone spearheading the campaign. Thank you again Frank for everything.

My family of the month was Bro Percy Gros and his wife Anna. They just returned from the March for Life in DC and in his report, he noted how successful it was and how rewarding to have all those voices raised in support of the Culture of Life. Thank You Percy and Anna. When you see the Gros or Frank M make sure to tell them good job and if you see the guys from the Kitchen Crew give them a hearty well done and thanks.

Until next month, *Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus.*

Vivat Jesus, GK Erbacher



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- Parish Dinner
- Founders Day
- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

# ACTIVITIES

## PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday March 10th. This month we will be featuring our most popular menu from last year, cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, salad and German Chocolate Cake. 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.

## MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

The first and third Saturday of each month, men of the parish meet at St Francis Hall to sing, pray, read, and discuss the 'so what' for that weekend's Scriptures. Each man who comes is affirmed and encouraged in their personal walk with our Lord Jesus, the Christ, and with each other as 'Men of Faith'. Please come and join us from 8-9 a.m. (before Honey Do's and Saturday tasks) on first and third Saturday's, if you can make it at 7:30 a.m. you will be able to chew a bagel and have a cup of fair trade coffee before we meet in St Francis Hall Chapel.

## BLUE COAT AWARDS 2018

**FINAL NOTICE:** The 45th Annual Blue Coat Awards (BCA) will be held Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the MHC Parish Center in Fairborn. Help with the set-up & tear-down of tables, chairs and other items will be needed in the morning and evening of March 22, 2018. The Kitchen Crew can use your help with the cooking and serving of the meal. All members and our Council Widows and their guests are invited to attend our outstanding K of C event at no cost. Reservations are required for food planning and seating. We expect over 75 dignitaries, honorees and their guests. We need 75 our Knights, Widows and our guests to show our support for this event. Use the sign-up sheet in the lounge or contact PGK John A. Wolfe at 937-609-4552 or E-mail him at [wmc45324jaw@aol.com](mailto:wmc45324jaw@aol.com).

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN 2018

March 25, which is nine months before the celebration of the Birth of Christ, is the Annunciation, when Jesus was conceived within the body of the Virgin Mary as she accepted her call to be the Mother of God.

Priests for Life, along with many other pro-life groups, urges believers to celebrate this day as a Day of the Unborn Child, with special observances that highlight the Church's pro-life teachings. In solidarity with them, your Council will hold a memorial service for the unborn on March 10th, in conjunction with our March Parish Dinner. The service will be at our Memorial for Aborted Children on the right side of the Parish Center and will start right after the 4:00 Mass. Please come and pray with us for an end to abortion.

## FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (FAB)

On March 15, 2018, the next FAB meeting will convene at 6:30 PM (i.e., prior to Home Association Meeting). Agenda items include: Presentation from JOHNSON INVESTMENT COUNSEL on the performance of the Home Association and Council investments; approval of the FAB Charter amendments (i.e., new Officer's); and discussion on outcomes from a recent meeting with a Tax Attorney, Subject: Tax Liabilities on the sale of the old K of C Hall. New Officers for 2018 are: GK Eugene Erbacher; DGK Charles Lump; 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr Trustee PGK Herman Karhoff; Council Treasurer Bro Larry DeWitt; Home Association Pres PGK Russell Miliron; and Members At-Large, PGK Larry Bogemann and Bro. Matt Justice. All members are encouraged to attend and be engaged in K of C 3724's investment decisions. Please direct your questions to PKG Karhoff, (937) 361-2758.



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.

## YOUR KNIGHTS IN ACTION

### WSU USHERS CHECK PRESENTATION



### PRO-LIFE SPAGHETTI DINER



### REVERSE RAFFLE



### SAINT OF THE MONTH



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped and found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years later he saw a

vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorius, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'" The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftan and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone. In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death. "The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

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## HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 15 February to pay bills and discuss business. Due to our busy February schedule we were not able to have a work party this month.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: Catherine Dell, \$40, Ticket #026

2nd Place: John C. Talbot, \$25, Ticket #189

3rd Place: Mary Spahr, \$10, Ticket #126

Next month We are planning for a work party on March 24th. At this time we will try to accomplish all of our Spring seasonal jobs and work on fixing some of our chairs as time permits.

## MEMBERSHIP

We still have time to recruit new members this fraternal year. Here are five things to keep in mind to be successful.

- 1.) Aim younger: Make a concerted effort to recruit younger men into our council
- 2.) Be more family-centered: Emphasize our Family activities.
- 3.) Generate awareness of who Knights are and what we do: Make it a goal that every Catholic man you encounter, no matter his age, knows who we are and what we do.
- 4.) Develop a strong relationship with the clergy: Support and defend our clergy.
- 5.) Make spirituality our key focus: We need to embrace a masculine Catholic spirituality, as a part of our programs and our culture.

For a starter, invite a prospect to attend the Estate planning Seminar with you on April 3 in St. Francis Hall at 7 PM.

## COUNCIL DIRECTOR

Our current council director PGK Bill Stoddard has held the job for a number of years and like our Membership and Community Directors would probably like someone else to steer that particular boat for a while. The council director is covered under our bylaws Article VI (e);

*Director of Council Activities who will be concerned with the promotion of brotherhood through athletic, cultural and social programs. Additionally, he will be responsible for the development of public relations in the council.* PGK Stoddard does a stellar job and would be willing I'm sure to pass down his wealth of experience to any brother willing to take this on. Please pray and search your hearts brothers and see if you'd be willing to take on this responsibility.

## SUPER CASH BONANZA

2018 Super Cash Bonanza tickets are now available for pickup in the lounge. All tickets not picked up by 1 March will be mailed. The theme of this year's Charity Campaign is "We Are Family". If you've ever been active in any of Fairborn Council 3724 activities, you've experienced this theme in practice.

Once again we have high aspirations of exceeding our goal of selling over 1200 tickets. Last year over 70% of the money raised from your ticket sales came back to our Council to support local charities. **Critical to maximizing our rebate is selling/buying as many tickets as possible before the first turn-in date on Thursday, April 12, 2018 (April Business Meeting).**



Again, please try to sell more tickets than was sent to you in the mail. Your neighbors, friends and co-workers may wish to help us support this worthy cause. If you need additional tickets, need someone to pick up your sold tickets, or have any questions, please contact PGK Jim McCoy at 879-3570 (H) or 694-3368 (C); PGK Herman Karhoff at 361-2758 (C); Grant Kempf at 609-1471, or call the Hall at 878-2909 and leave a message.

Thank you for supporting this important charity event.

## INSURANCE CORNER

### **Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal**

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on *the* spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur. Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**



#### **Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

## FOUNDER'S DAY



On Founder's Day this March 29th, we celebrate the anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. As we celebrate the legacy of **Venerable Michael McGivney** and the contributions of our brother Knights since 1882, we also prepare for an even greater future as we live out the vision of our founder. The anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause for celebration. Councils throughout the Order are urged to observe this day – among their own members and with the community at large – as a reminder of what the Knights of Columbus has accomplished in the past years, the ideals of the Order, and their own local achievements.

## BLOOD DRIVE

There's no greater gift one can give than the gift of life. MHC/KofC are sponsoring a Blood Drive in the Parish Center APR room on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 8:30AM–12:15PM. One donation can save up to three lives! How else can you save three lives in less than one hour? Remember to bring a picture ID with SS# and eat a nourishing breakfast beforehand. Appointments are requested.

## 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).

#### **Health and Healing:**

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Fairborn, OH**

## MARCH EVENTS

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|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Mar 1  | Trustee Meeting      | Mar 3  | Blood Drive        |
| Mar 8  | Business Meeting     | Mar 10 | Parish Dinner      |
| Mar 11 | Church Membership Dr | Mar 12 | 4th Degree Meeting |
| Mar 15 | Home Corp Mtg        | Mar 22 | Blue Coat Awards   |
| Mar 29 | FAB/PGK Meeting      | Mar 29 | Holy Thursday      |
| Mar 30 | Good Friday          |        |                    |

## APRIL PREVIEW

Easter, Parish Dinner, 2nd & 3rd Degree, Corporate Communion

## 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 Frank Minnick Receiving KOTM From GK



Percy Gros Receiving FOTM From GK

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