# **SANTA MARIA**

#### FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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FRATERNAL YEAR 2022-2023

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## **Grand Knight's Corner**

In putting the Grand Knights Corner together, the process usually works like this. I have no idea what to say for most of the month. As the last week of the month approaches I start to panic. Then without fail, God steps in and gives me something to say. This month I was listening to a conversation where ideas were being discussed. It seemed like every idea was shot down and frustration was setting in. Then a bible verse jumped into my head, well at least part of one, "Don't harden your hearts." Being the biblical scholar I am, I immediately went to google so I could find out the full verse. There are actually dozens of places in the bible where this is discussed. The one I was thinking about is: "Today, if you should hear his voice, harden not your hearts as at the revolt." (Hebrews 3:15).

As it turns out, this verse is much deeper than what I thought and not at all what I was thinking. It is a very interesting passage and has references to a passage from the Old Testament, Psalm 95. I will leave you to get out your bibles for a little personal study on this. Anyway, I thought of this verse because sometimes I get tired, frustrated and absorbed in my own life and tend not to think things through or look at other opinions or the big picture. The result is usually a bad decision or hurting people by not listening and taking other ideas and opinions seriously. This is something I work on and have added it to my Lenten list. I think it is very important that we don't harden our hearts to the world around us. Look for the good, beauty, and new ideas. I encourage those of you who feel the same to take a few deep breaths and say a couple Hail Marys before jumping to a decision.

I ask all Brother Knights today not to harden their hearts as we reach out to you for help. The Knights of Columbus Fraternal year is from July 1 through June 30. This means that we are just a few months from the start of the 2023-2024 Fraternal year. Because of this we will start taking nominations at the April Business meeting for Council Officers for the new Fraternal year. I ask all Brother Knights to prayerfully consider how to participate in the coming year and all the great things our Council does. If anyone would like to discuss a particular position, I will be more than happy to help. A full listing of job descriptions are posted in the lounge as well as a sign-up sheet for those interested in an officers position.

Please consider being part of our Council's future.



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## Grand Knight's Column (cont)

This past month I had the pleasure of naming PGK John Wolfe as Knight of the Month for all he has done and continues to do for our Council. It was also great to name Brother Steve and Myra Glass as Family of the Month for all they do. Please congratulate John, Steve, and Myra. May God Bless.

Vivat Jesus. Grant

#### March 2023

The March birth flower is the Daffodil. The gemstone is Aquamarine which means water of the sea in Latin and is associated with many legends of sailors. March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. However, we think of it as the beginning of spring as March brings the vernal equinox, the Full Worm Moon and the return of Daylight Savings Time! The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

## Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights born in March

Anthony C Beiring
Christopher J Seng
Paul A Petachi
E Dale Mize

Timothy P Corcoran Matthew Justice John O Martin Phyllip H Young Scott G Nicholson Gerard E Dorsten Edward A Knoth

#### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023

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We thank everyone who has participated in the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of

thousands through six important Catholic ministries Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will go here in our parish, so please be as generous as you can. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card make your checks payable to Catholic Ministries Appeal and mail your pledge card to 100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in the envelope provided in your information packet. You may also bring your completed pledge card sealed in its return envelope to Mass. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space for your convenience. There will be a basket marked CMA in the gathering space. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, please visit <a href="https://catholicaoc.org/cma">https://catholicaoc.org/cma</a> Thank you!



"God knows all our sins 'cause they're stored in His cloud."

## Patris Corde Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer. Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

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

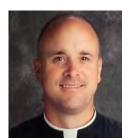
Father Alex continues to serve and reside at Saint John Fisher, in Newtown, Ohio; he is also the parochial vicar at Guardian Angels, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cincinnati. Father Alex can be reached at:

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Seminarian Nam Mac
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Chaplain Fr. Bedel

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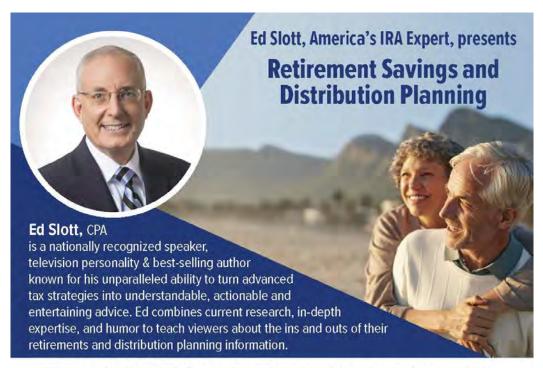
Beloved in Christ, We recently began a search for a Coordinator of Communications for our family of parishes. As of this writing, the search is still on. Dr. Josh Englefield, our Director of Evangelization, is accepting resumes. This hire is one of the steps of the Beacons of Light pathway. Moreover, I am

convinced by my experience how vital our intentional communication will be in our efforts in making disciples. The following is an annual Lenten reminder from the Archdiocese: Ash Wednesday, February 22 and Good Friday, April 7, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252). "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110) With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. To paraphrase Pope John Paul II: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

God bless, Fr. Bedel

## Fraternal Benefit Night March 7, 2023 8:00 PM

You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2023. These is always excellent information provided at these webinars. It is also a requirement for our Council to obtain our State Goals, so please try to participate. We need a minimum of 7 people to attend. You can register at the following site https://tinyurl.com/KofCSlottMarch7 or scan the QR code on the flyer.



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March 7, 2023

7:00 PM CST

Date

Time/Time Zone



RSVP



No puxchase is necessary. This event is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial, tax or legal advice. Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Piaza, New Haven, CT 06510

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#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dave Wiley, Joel and Noah LeFevre are our newest brothers to join Council 3724! Please welcome them and make them feel at home in their new fraternity! We are edging toward our membership goal of 13 this fraternal year. Thanks to our Worthy Grand Knight, Grant Kempf, who has been leading the charge on growing our Council. We now have ten who have completed their first through third degree exemplifications. We need at least three more to meet our goal. Let's keep going! We're so close! If you know of someone who would be a good prospect, invite him. You might be surprised by his response.

Incentive for the month of March!

During March, the brother Knight who brings in the most new brothers will attend the state convention in the new Hilton Columbus Downtown on the Ohio State Council. That includes hotel, per diem and mileage. The next five best recruiters will each receive \$100 in cold, hard cash.

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

Have you ever thought about getting your wife involved? Have your wife talk with the wife of a prospect about what our Council does and the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus family. Working together as a team is a good way to recruit!

#### **Home Corporation**

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. No work party for February due to Reverse Raffle, Two microwaves were donated to the council. New phones and answering machine were donated by Bingo, the first set of labels acknowledging 3724 ownership of chairs and tables have been applied.

#### Men's Retreat

With the cancellation of the Men's Retreat this fraternal year. We encourage all brothers and families to attend the Family of Parishes Mission (March 19, 20 and 21st). The council will be helping with the dinner to be served on Mary Help of Christians Host Day. We hope to bring the Men's Retreat back next fraternal year.

#### K of C / MHC Blood Drive

Please join us this Saturday Match 4th in the Parish Center to give the gift of life. Walk-ins welcome or reserve your spot at www.donortime.com.

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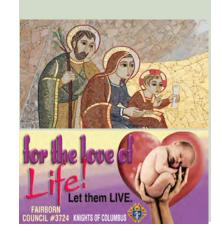
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#### **BINGO!!**

Bingo attendance continues to grow which is great and has allowed our Bingo Committee to donate significantly to various groups to help their missions, (see accompanying article). This requires a lot of Brother Knights to work bingo sessions so this can continue. Thank you to those who have stepped up to help occasionally. Now we need some help with specific jobs. We desperately need someone to work the traditional desk (the cage) on the second Wednesday of the month. The job is to sell the paper bingo sheets and do payouts. We also need someone to run the instants table one Wednesday a month (you pick the week). Full training will be provided. Currently some Brothers work every week so please consider giving them a little break.

Bingo has been doing very well over the past few years enabling us to give out more money to the council and charities. In December of 2021 bingo wrote a \$10,000 check to the council to be used as they deemed necessary and in December of 2022 we were able to give each of our three volunteering charities an additional \$5000 each. Mary, Help of Christians purchased the new nativity, Family and Youth Initiative will buy as needed baby items such as Car seats, Diapers, formula, clothing, cribs etc.) for families in need and the Fairborn High School Band and Color Guard will purchase new Yamaha Copper Timpani drums. Brother Eric Rogalinski and Brother Cal Smith present the music club president Katie Mlod with a \$5000 check and their quarterly check for the purchase of the Timpani drums. Please consider helping out with BINGO one Wednesday a month so we can keep this going for years to come.

Contact Brother Eric Rogalinski at 937-657-6958 or erogalinski@woh.rr.com







## **Open House**

We will once again open our doors on March 12 from 9 AM to Noon. Please bring your family, friends, and prospective members by for our great Parish Breakfast and then stroll down to the K of C Hall. Be sure to see the Wall of Honor, Plaques in the meeting room and photo albums in the business office. 70 years of great works!

#### Council 3724 Mardi Gras Carnival

On February 18th, Knights of Columbus Council 3724 held a children's Mardi Gras Carnival in the Mary Help of Christians (MHC) Parish Center for youth from the parish, including the Parish School of Religion (PSR). The annual PSR Mardi Gras celebration held for PSR youth and catechists involved the burning of palms for Ash Wednesday, creation of a Hallelujah banner, mask making, and sharing of King Cake. The Council then arranged for a carnival of games to follow. The children played Nine Square and a number of games from the children's area of the MHC festival. They received Mardi Gras beads and candy as prizes. The Council also provided lunch to the children and their families, serving up hot dogs, sloppy joe's, macaroni and cheese, and potato chips. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves on an otherwise uneventful winter day. Council 3724 and PSR have agreed to make this an annual event. The Family Director would like to thank Brothers David Johnston, Tom Pyatt, Tom Pitstick, Russell Milliron, and Eric Rogalinski, as well as Julie Sewell, Jana Cyphers, Annie Milliron, and Michael Barclay for their efforts in ensuring a successful event.

## Knight's Embracing "ALL THINGS GROW WITH LOVE"

On Saturday, March 25,2023, the Fairborn Knights will be hosting our annual Family and Youth Initiatives (FYI) fundraising dinner event. This year's event theme is "BLOSSOM WITH FYI". Throughout the fraternal year the Knights assist FYI with their mission, "to empower families and provide hope." Everyday families and children are suffering from traumas caused by generational cycles of abuse and poverty. The Knights, through their financial support and hosting dinner events, help to enable this worthy cause.

The event will be held in the Mary Help of Christians Parish Center (MHCPC). Doors open at 5PM, dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. The dinner menu will feature pulled pork, au gratin potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, buns/bread, deserts, along with coffee/iced tea/lemonade. FYI will present the outcomes and impacts of our shared efforts of rescuing and protecting families and children in a six-county area which FYI serves. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$5 per child (16 & under) with a maximum of \$40 per family (2 adults and children). Registration is highly encouraged to attend, To register, go to BLOSSONWITHFYIEVENTBRITE.COM.

Setup for this event will occur at the MHCPC on Mar 24th, we can use a couple extra hands. If you can assist, please call Percy Gros (937) 367-6005.

#### K of C Parish Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be on March 12th. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 and will continue until 11:00. 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.

#### 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.

#### COUNCIL OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

**GRAND KNIGHT:** The GK is the chief administrative and financial officer of the council. He presides over all council meetings and is Chairman of the Board of trustees. He appoints a Program Director who, with the Activity Directors plans, coordinates and conducts all council activities and is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:** The DGK performs all the duties of the GK in his absence or inability of the GK and all duties the Order manual imposes.

**CHANCELLOR:** Assists the GK and DGK in performing their duties. Third in the line of succession to run the council. Charged with the total participation of the membership in activities of the council. Exercises special interest in sick or distressed members. Council's representative to the District Vocation's Committee.

**RECORDER:** Keeps a true record of the doings of the council.

**TREASURER:** Custodian of all council funds. Receives from the Financial Secretary all monies, deposits and disburses all monies of the council

**ADVOCATE:** The attorney of the council in case of the trial and investigation of any matter of interest to the council, keeps current on the orders and council's by-laws and Roberts Rules.

**WARDEN:** Is in charge of all council property, except money and account/record books. With the assistance of the guards, arranges the council chamber for all meeting and degree work, verifies the membership of all present, conducts balloting as directed.

**INSIDE GUARD:** Attends the entrance to the council chamber from the inside door. Assists the Warden in the performance of his duties.

**OUTSIDE GUARDS:** These two attend the entrance to the council chamber from the outside entrance. They assist the Warden in the performance of his duties.

**TRUSTEES:** There are three trustees serving under the GK to supervise the financial business of the council approve payments and audits the account of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer every six months. They serve three-one year terms. One trustee is elected each year.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Is appointed by the Supreme Knight. Receives all monies owed the council, collects dues, maintains council current membership roster, advises Retention Committee, Grand Knight and Trustees when a member becomes delinquent in paying his dues.

## 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'.



## Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2022-2023

Grand Knight: Grant Kempf
Deputy Grand Knight: Don Shepherd
Trustee: PGK Gene Erbacher
Council Treasurer: Larry DeWitt

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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. Johnson investments will be on hand to discuss fund performance and address any market questions, as well as thoughts on what the coming year will bring.

## Ohio Charities Super Cash Bonanza 2023

The Ohio Charities campaign is once again underway and will provide an awesome return to our council in money we can use locally. On behalf of the Grand Knight, I am asking each council member to try and sell 10 tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 with the council retaining \$2.40 of every ticket sold. The state chairman is also authorizing some additional incentives for making early turn ins etc. The drawing will be held at the State Convention on Saturday, May 20th, 2023. Prize winners will be published in the June 2023 Santa Maria. Your hard work last year helped 3724 sell over 1500 tickets, netting the council over \$6,000. Council 3724 was actually ranked 4th in the archdiocese last year which is pretty cool. Some of the charities we supported are; Food for Families, 2nd Harvest Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul, Coats for Kids, Family and Youth Initiatives, various Right to Life activities including sponsoring the Right to Life Wash DC trip and various Veteran's program.

The all-important first phase of the campaign has begun. Ten tickets were mailed out to each registered member of 3724 on Feb 18th so you should be receiving your tickets shortly if you haven't already. It is critical that we sell/buy as many tickets as possible before the first state turn-in date (April 1, 2023). These tickets net the council the biggest rebate. In that vein as of Feb 28th, we have sold 227 tickets. Final turn in for the first phase will be Thursday March 30, 2023, so we can make the deadline. The final turn in for phase 2 will be Thursday May 4, 2023, so we can make the May 12 cutoff prior to the convention. Tickets can be turned in any Thursday night at the Hall, at Bingo, or mailed to 934 N Maple Ave, Fairborn, OH 45324. (Please make checks payable to K of C Council #3724). If you need any additional tickets, need someone to pick up your sold tickets, or have any questions, please contact PGK Gene Erbacher at cell (937) 477-5669, email gene.erbacher@gmail.com or GK Grant Kempf at (937) 609-1471, email grandknight@3724kofc.org. On behalf of your Grand Knight thank you brothers for any help you can give.

#### **INSURANCE CORNER**

#### SIMPLE THINGS



Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children. Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person 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 our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – 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. Give me a call.

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#### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

#### 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

## Repose of the Souls:

Chris Kerley

#### Health and Healing:

PGK Steve Wal, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, PGK Gene Erbacher, PGK John Maiorano, DGK Don Shepherd, Charlie Lumpp, Bob Goeke, Charles Zeller, Jason Hake Alice Smith, Maureen Edwards, Ponzi Swett, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lumpp, and Alicia DeWitt

#### 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.

## Catholic Men's Conference

Our Mission Statement: "To build men in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ." The National Men's Conference has become the Super Bowl for all men's conferences and men's groups nationwide. It's become the flagship men's conference where men from all over the country come together, meet each other, share best practices, network to find resources and better solutions for their needs, while at the same time, enjoying some of the world's best motivational speakers. This conference was created to focus on all men of Christ's Church, equipping them with the means and resources necessary to carry out His work. Christian leaders of all kinds flock to this event. It is one time a year Christ's leaders make time to get together and energize each other in the same place. This conference is about YOU. Improving your approach to life physically and mentally, making you the best version of yourself you can be. There is no better investment you could make for your family, or for yourself, than to attend this conference.

WHERE WHEN COST

Cintas Center Sat. March 25, 2023 \$30 - \$60 per ticket | Grade School FREE https://nationalmensconference.com/

## **Anniversary Hurrah**

Congratulations to Fairborn 3724 Knight Ray Ronan who has been a member of the Capuchin Franciscan Order which is a Roman Catholic Order of men numbering over 10,000 brothers and priests throughout the world. He professed his vows on February 22, 1963, and has now served the Capuchin Franciscan Order for over 60-years in the Diocese of Mendi in Papua New Guinea.



## Fallen Brother



## **Christopher Kerley**

Brother Chris Kerley passed into the arms of the Lord on February 26, 2023 after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Chris was born in Lorain Ohio on October 25, 1964. He spent most of his working life in IT first in Ohio, then in Texas and California. He is preceded in death by his wife Leslie (Eubanks). Chris joined our order on December 13, 2022 and was voted into our Council on January 12, 2023. Even with his disabilities, he had hoped to attend our Council events and participate with our Brother Knights in prayer. God called him home before we could welcome him and show him our Unity and Fraternalism. Let us remember Chris in our

prayers and never hesitate for you know not the day or hour. "May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace."

## **Celebration Continues**

Many of you will remember last months article on Bro Paul Pit stick's Centennial Life Event. Part of that celebration was a little delayed but included a visit from State Treasurer Mike Felerski who made an awesome effort to coordinate and deliver a special birthday card in honor of his 100th birthday signed by the Supreme Senior Vice President of Membership, Mark McMullen along with all of the State Officers and Past State Deputies. (Pictured with Brother Paul is his son Brother Knight Tom Pitstick and State Treasurer Felerski.)





#### **MARCH EVENTS**



Council 3724 Fairborn, OH March 2 Trustees Meeting March 7 Fraternal Benefit Webinar March 9Business Meeting March 12 K of C Open House March 18 Scouting Food Drive March 25 FYI Dinner March 4 Blood Drive March 8 K of C Bingo March 12 Parish Breakfast March 16 Home Corp Meeting March 20 Parish Mission Dinner March 30 FAB Meeting

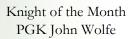
## **APRIL PREVIEW**

Work Party, Trustees Meeting, Easter, K of C Bingo, Business Meeting, Parish Breakfast, Home Corp Meeting, OLQP Corp Communion, MHC 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.







Family of the Month Bro Steve & Myra Glass

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