

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

It'd be wonderful, of course, if it were never dark. If we never got knocked down, but to be able to avoid these tests is quite unlikely. Someone wounds you, so you want to wound them back. Darkness and difficulty aren't just a part of life...they are life. My grandmother said once that "if it weren't for a hard hit or two, we'd never learn to appreciate the good in life." We can turn around what happens to us. That's what Marcus Aurelius meant when he talked about how "a fire turns everything into heat and brightness." We absorb the energy and use it, we make something that can help or inform or be enjoyed by others. So, let's stop trying to deny and avoid those hits. Instead, let's get to work on what we can control, which is how we respond to those hits. I believe Jesus to be the greatest example of taking a hit, absorbing that energy, and turning it into brightness. His response to life's hardest hit opened the kingdom of heaven to us all.

I came across a cool bit of Latin while reading a couple weeks back. I marked it for reference although I didn't know why at the time, "mos morium" translated as ancestral custom or the elder way. When we are young, it's easy to believe in the inherent goodness of the world because we haven't seen it yet. It's easy to think that everything should be simple and fair. As we age, we come to realize that the world is more complicated. In fact, that there is a lot of wisdom and necessity in the "elder way." Given the average age of the council, I would say that 3724 is both a wise and necessary asset to our families, parish and community.

We are very close to once again achieving a Star Council but whatever the outcome from that event I am proud that we have once again met all our objectives for the council fraternal year. We are bringing back the Ladies Night and Knight of the Year Dinners and as my term as Grand Knight comes closer to ending, I just want to thank you once again for the honor of leading the council these past five years. I hope and pray that I have done our wall of Past Grand Knights the justice the title deserves, and that I have been a good steward of our councils resources and people. Especially this last year which has been a struggle as my personal relationship with God has been under constant attack and my focus on my job and the council has been stretched by the adversary. Maybe God saw that because if you read below, we actually have a full election slate of nominees for the next fraternal year, which will bring new energy, and ideas to the table. This has not happened in a while and I am so looking forward to this next fraternal year.

My Knight of the Month was Brother Herb Edwards whose contributions to the council are numerous for this month was recognized for spearheading the St Joseph Icon visit and leading the prayer service for both Mary Help and Our Lady Queen of Peace. My Family of the Month was the family of Life Director Percy and Anna Gros. Percy continues to keep 3724 at the forefront of the battle to

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protect life and Anna is right there with him. Make sure when you see Herb, Percy and Anna, that you send them a hearty well done.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus
Vivat Jesus, GK Gene

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR

The time to choose the officers for the next fraternal year is upon us, the following positions were opened for nominations at the April Business Meeting. Nominations will continue under old business at the May Business meeting followed by the election of the nominees under New Business. Come and cast your ballot for the Council Leadership for the coming year.

Officer Nominations for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year.

- Grand Knight: DGK Grant Kempf
- Deputy Grand Knight: Bro. Don Shepherd
- 1st Year Trustee: PGK Gene Erbacher
- Chancellor: Bro Matt Justice
- Warden: Bro. Harry Yarwick
- Recorder: Bro. Tim Barlow
- Treasurer: Bro Larry DeWitt
- Advocate: PGK Steve Wal
- Inside Guard: Bro Tom Pitstick
- Outside Guard: Bro Ken Normand
- Outside Guard: Bro Miles McGuffin

The council is also seeking to fill Service Program positions for the 2022-2023 fraternal year. Please prayerfully consider one of the following positions. These are not elected positions but the Grand Knight or one of the PGKs or the Trustees may approach you about taking on these vital roles. Titles with an asterisk next to them must have a director to be compliant with State and Supreme Guidelines. If there is a name listed that means a Bro has already been approached and accepted the job for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year.

- Program Director: Bro. Don Shepherd
- Life Director: Vacant
- Faith Director: Vacant
- Family Director: Bro Dan Cyphers
- Community Director: Vacant
- Membership Director: Vacant
- Retention Chairman: Vacant

Job Descriptions

Program Director: The direct involvement and personal commitment of the council and membership in a program that will establish the Knights of Columbus as truly a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization. All other chairman report to this position which ensures that council meets its state and supreme council requirements on time.

Life Director: Spearheads the 3724 Culture of Life, Respect Life Programs, ensures that 3724 stays at the forefront of the battle to protect our way of life against the culture of death that is so prevalent today.

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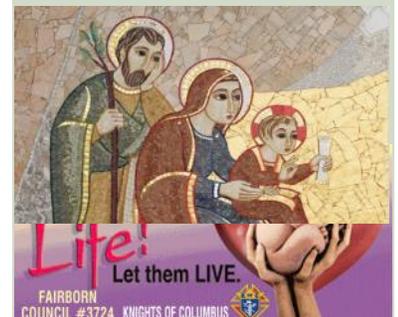
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Faith Director: promote a program that will enable the membership to respond to the constant call for the active participation of the laity in the work of the Church.

Family Director: Promotes activities and programs within the Council that would strengthen and support the family life of its members. The youth program was rolled up into family in the 2019-2020 fraternal year.

Community Director: Has the responsibility to make the council aware of its life within the community and to develop programs that will be of service to the community.

Membership Director: have supervision of a comprehensive program of recruitment and retention for his council. The membership director will handle recruitment efforts, act as chairman of the membership committee to review new member applications, report to the council at general business meetings 3724 efforts to recruit new members.

Retention Director: Formerly part of the Membership Director duties, Supreme broke this into a separate duty to act upon members who have fallen off the roles or active status, to determine why and how we can bring them back to full council participation.

THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

I'd like to take a minute to talk about a small but vital part of our council and that is the FAB. A summary for those newer members who might not be aware and reminder for those brothers who might be interested in attending a FAB meeting which is open to all members. In 2014 while drawing up the 3–5-year council development plan, a need was identified for a small group to interview, evaluate, and select a professional investment agent. Using Catholic principles to evaluate, the firm chosen was the Johnson Investment Group. The FAB has seven members the GK, DGK, Council Treasurer, Home Corp Pres, 1st year Trustee and 2 at large members. Under the FAB charter the FAB has the authority to disposition return of investment proceeds to designated charities. The principle is always to be preserved. The principle is the realized proceeds from the sale of the old council hall which must be maintained should we ever need to relocate.

The proceeds earned from that principle adjusted for inflation are donated to charities of choice. Charities are identified by membership and presented for review to the FAB by the Grand Knight. Checks to those charities are cut during the final FAB meeting of the fraternal year. Brothers this is your chance to submit worthy charities that we can support please submit your entries to grandknight@3724kofc.org or write them up and drop them in the Grand Knights box at the hall. All charities are worthy of consideration and the chance to keep the distributions local is a plus. The next Financial Advisory Board Meeting is June 30, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

IITEMS OF INTEREST

HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Part 8: 19461-1978)

The early 1960s marked a period of transformation and upheaval for the Church and society, as the Second Vatican Council convened, and the civil rights movement emerged in full force.

At the 1966 Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt said it was time to see the Order as more than just “a fortress” for its members in a world hostile to the Catholic faith. In revising its admission policies and supporting several social justice initiatives, the Order took positive steps to eliminate racial discrimination.

During this time, the Order’s insurance program began a period of dramatic growth. The amount of insurance in force tripled from \$1 billion to \$3 billion from 1960 to 1975. And in 1969, the Knights built its seventh national headquarters, its current location, to better serve the Order’s members and their families.

1961: On Oct. 11, 1961, Supreme Knight Hart visits President John F. Kennedy — the first Catholic president — in the White House. Kennedy, a Fourth Degree Knight, reportedly greets Hart by saying, “Hello, Chief.”

1963: In the spring of 1963, Hart attends a special White House meeting of religious leaders to discuss civil rights.

1964: Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt takes office. His first priority is to amend the Order’s admission policies to counter charges of racial discrimination.

1965: In April 1965, the Order co-sponsors with the Archdiocese of Hartford a Conference on Human Rights at Yale University in New Haven. More than 2,000 people attend.

1966: Supreme Knight McDevitt visits the Vatican Transmitting Center for the blessing of a new shortwave radio transmitter donated by the Knights. Pope Paul VI blesses the transmitter.

1969: The present Supreme Council headquarters is completed. Its four 320-foot towers symbolize the Knights’ four principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

1969: The Order publishes a booklet on *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical affirming the Church’s teaching on marriage and procreation.

1971: The Order marks the achievement of \$2 billion of insurance in force; today that figure is more than \$113.5 billion.

1975: The Order agrees to fund “uplink” transmissions for major worldwide satellite telecasts from the Vatican; the program continues to this day with audiences estimated in the billions for Midnight Mass from St. Peter’s Basilica.

1977: Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant begins his administration with a visit to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where he places the Knights of Columbus under the Virgin Mary’s protection.

1978: Beginning this year, each new First Degree Knight receives a rosary blessed by the supreme chaplain, a practice that continues to this day.

1978: Pope John Paul I receives Supreme Knight Dechant and other K of C representatives in the pontiff’s first private audience after his election.

MAY 2022

The birthstone of May, the emerald, symbolizes success and love.

Named after the Greek goddess Maia, the month of May brings warmer temps, blooming flowers, and the fresh beginnings of summer.

May is ALS, Better Hearing & Speech, and National Stroke Awareness Month

The month of May is traditionally a month dedicated to Mary. This year May falls within the Easter season, the liturgical color being white, except on Pentecost Sunday, when it is red. The Ascension of the Lord, a solemnity and holy day of obligation, falls this year on May

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in May

Larry DeWitt

Cullen J Erbacher

Bradley D Bandal

John M Lavarnway

Percy J Gros Jr

Erick C Grant

James Robert Russell

John E Gooch

Terry L Kempf

Mark L Dues

Peter M Milliron

Rev Anthony J Geraci

Grant C Kempf

Samuel H Rizzotte Jr

PGK Lawrence L Bogemann

Lawrence A Newton

William Lubera

Dr Charles J Zeller III

Henry W Pant

Deacon Max Roadcuk

Raymond A Bigelow

ACTIVITIES

LADIES NIGHT

After a two-year absence the 3724 ladies night dinner is back, and we are going to be enjoying a delicious catered dinner from Christie's. Awesome Pot Roast, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Sonoma Blend Vegetables, Garlic Red Potatoes, and 7-layer salad. At no cost to membership, the dinner is May 7. The evening is scheduled to run 5:30-9:30, dinner to be served at 6. Please respond to grandknight@3724kog if you are not already signed up.

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN - LAST CALL

We have sold 1235 tickets to date. Our goal is 1554 tickets (7 per member) which gets the council an additional \$.40 rebate for all the tickets sold. Please chip in and help us achieve this milestone. If you haven't already done so, please get your final ticket sales in on or before May 10. Drawing will be held at the State Convention on Saturday, May 21. Prize winners will be published in the June 2022 Santa Maria.

If you need any additional tickets, need someone to pick up your sold tickets, or have any questions, please contact PGK Herman Karhoff at home (937) 233-8370, cell (937) 361-2758; DGK Grant Kempf at (937) 609-1471, or call the Hall at (937) 878-2909 and leave a message. We'll get back to you.

Thanks again Brothers!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Knights of Columbus has been an active supporter of the Special Olympics since its inception.

Lexis Engle is the daughter of Fairborn Knight Tom Engle & wife Linda and granddaughter of PGK John Wolfe. She recently participated in Special Olympics Area Equestrian Games in Venice, FL and earned two 1 st place ribbons qualifying her for Special Olympics (SO) State Equestrian Games in Ocala, FL, the horse capital of the world. There she competed with 135 athletes at the World Equestrian Center which is the largest equestrian complex in the US.

“Hooves with Heart” coaches worked so much getting Lexis ready to earn two 1 st place ribbons for Western & Trail course Equestrian competitions. She has another horse show soon. In addition, Lexis has qualified for the Orlando, FL State SO games for both Tennis at the UST National Campus and then Track & Field for the 400 meter and the Long Jump at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. She earned two 1 st place awards in swimming this past September. Lexis is now an Athletic Leader & volunteer for Special Olympics & Hooves with Heart horse farm.

After graduating from Carroll HS in 2014 Lexis became involved in Special Olympics of Montgomery County. She was the only girl on her basketball team when her team won first place in State games in Cincinnati. She excelled at soccer, swimming, track, and basketball but also participated in bowling& roller skating. Lexis plays softball in a church league sponsored by the Knights of Columbus from Saint Peter & Paul Catholic Church in her free time. She travels back to Fairborn, OH often. Congratulations to Lexis!



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to new Council member Torrey Dye! As of this writing, I'm not sure if he has completed his initiation package. When he does, he will be number 11, which means we have met our quota of new members for this fraternal year! Thank you, brothers, for all the hard work recruiting new members you've put in! While we can pat ourselves on the back, don't forget this has been and continues to be the Lord's harvest. We are just the laborers in his vineyard. Thanks again, and keep on plugging away! Membership Incentives: 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. The First Year Free Membership Promotion has been extended through June 2022 and you can have a prospect join online for FREE (no \$30 initiation fee) when you use the Promotional Code: MCGIVNEY 2020 in honor of the beatification last October of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. Visit kofc.org/join.

Name Tags: If you need a Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. Cost per tag is \$5.00.

This Month's Personal Goal: Step outside of your comfort zone. We hear a lot of stories from men who waited decades for someone to ask them to join the Knights. All it took was a personal invite. Go beyond your everyday circle. Talk with parishioners at Mass. Be visible. Reach out to the young and old. Reach out to all ministries and ethnic groups in your pari "

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met Apr 21 to pay bills and discuss business. Thanks to the 10 Brother Knights that showed up for the work party on Saturday April 23 2022. Chairs were repaired and the refrigerators and freezers were cleaned and organized. The next work party is scheduled for May 21. We will continue to repair chairs and do some general clean up in the hall. Please plan to help, the more that show up the more that can be done.



INSURANCE CORNER

See the flyer on the next page regarding retirement planning. Please consider signing up for one of the scheduled webinars.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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



FOR FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 pm) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

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

Editor's note: Deadline for articles in the Santa Maria is the 4th Thursday of the month

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:

Sr. Mary Valery Gros

Health and Healing:

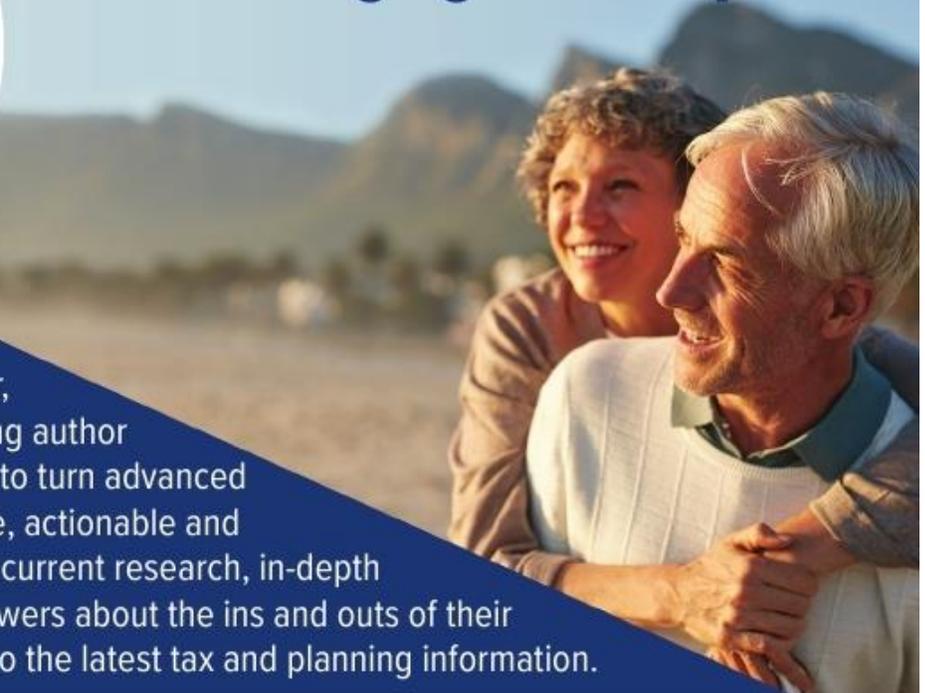
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MAY EVENTS

May 5	Trustee Meeting	May 7	Ladies Night
May 8	Mothers Day	May 12	Business Meeting
May 16	4th Degree Meeting	May 19	Home Corp
May 26	Lecturer Meeting	May 28	Coop Comm QoP
May 29	Corp Comm MHC	May 30	Memorial Day

JUNE PREVIEW

Knight of the Year Dinner, Business Meeting, Trustees Meeting, Ride, Walk and Run for Life, Father's day, FAB 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.



Herb Edwards receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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