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Grand Knight's Corner

I look for inspiration in many places. I follow Dynamic Catholic, Greg Laurie, John-Paul & Annie, and others and their message is always about hope and evangelization. Unfortunately, many times they start out their talk reminding us of how bad our world is now and what we need to do to fix it. I don't agree that our world is on the brink of disaster. Just the opposite, it is full of good works and hope. We are surrounded by it every day; we just don't look. My daughter says I watch too much of the news since it is always bad, but I tend to look through the sensationalism our media puts forth to the bigger picture. I am also somewhat of a history buff and if you think our political arena is crazy now, you need to look back on many of the election campaigns of the past. John Adams called Thomas Jefferson an atheist and Jefferson replied that Adams was a monarchist. Candidate Andrew Jackson was called a "murderer," his mother a "prostitute," and his wife an "adulteress". Three-time presidential candidate Al Smith was attacked for his Catholicism and the belief that he would take orders from the Pope, something that lingered into John Kennedy's day. When you step back and look at our history, things start looking a little better now.

Recently I had the opportunity to go watch one of my grandsons at a track meet. When I arrived, I saw another grandson practicing with the band. In another field a baseball game was in progress. I am not a good judge of crowd size but between all of that there were probably 200+ teenage kids working as teams, competing and encouraging each other. When my grandson got in the starting blocks for the hurdles, he wished the boy next to him good luck and when that boy tripped over a hurdle my grandson almost stopped to help him. My heart soared. The media is constantly telling us about all the issues, problems and new ideologies our youth face. I say stop by a school or soccer field sometime and see what our youth are really doing. Our future is pretty bright. Last month I mentioned all of the donations that anonymously come our way and it continues. Working bingo recently, I overheard a player who won a nice amount of money and immediately gave some of it back. She said she read about the charities we support through our bingo operation and she wanted to help. I know I sound like a nosy nelly, but I also heard a Brother Knight give just for the sake of giving. (I promised to keep his secret.) Isn't that amazing? You can't tell me our world is in bad shape.

I also read an article in the April Columbia magazine where they interviewed Brother Knight Michael Menzel, the project's lead systems engineer at NASA, discussing the Webb telescope.



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Grand Knight's Column (cont)

I am not sure how many of you follow the discoveries this new telescope has found but it is amazing. The bottom line is astronomers found out how little they knew about our universe and how much more vast it really is. Only an Omnipotent God could create this. So, when you start to get dragged down by all the negative media, don't despair. It is just the devil at work. So, what do we do? The apostle Paul gives us the answer in Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the full armor of God so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics." Look to God and your neighbor and see the good.

Speaking of good, we are Blessed to have our Knight of the Month Mark Dues and Family of the Month Larry and Alicia Dewitt. They exemplify all I have been saying about what is good and holy. Please congratulate them when you see them. May God Bless.
Vivat Jesus. Grant

May 2023

May birthstone is the Emerald and flower is the lily of the valley. In his 1965 encyclical, Mense Maio, Pope Paul VI identified the month of May as an opportune time to incorporate special prayers for peace into traditional May devotions. Catholics have long honored the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. To symbolize her significance in the Church and in our lives, the "May Crowning" is set up to display her queenship as the mother of Jesus.

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights born in May

Larry DeWitt	John Lavarney	James Russell	Mark Dues
GK Grant Kempf	Lawrence Newton	Henry Pant	Raymond Bigelow
Michael Finn	Cullen Erbacher	Percy Gros	John Gooch
Peter Milliron	Bradley Bendall	Terry Kempf	Samuel Rizzotte
William Lubera	Charles Zeller III	PGK Lawrence Bogemann	
Deacon Max Roadruck	Rev Anthony Geraci		



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.





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Beloved in Christ, I heard from the priest personnel board that we will be getting a newly ordained priest to serve our family of parishes beginning July 1. We thank Fr. Jedidiah for serving us this spring and please join me in praying for him and all the newly ordained priests. Please keep in your prayers the

children who will make their First Holy Communion the next couple of weekends. May they hunger for the Lord and receive him worthily early and often. Tomorrow, Monday, already begins the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Full of grace, she is the greatest of all saints, who always leads us to her Son. The Church has a rich history of devotions to help us imitate her virtues. In which devotions will you and your family participate? Our very own Kevin LeMelle, seminary intern, will be speaking at Theology on Tap this coming Thursday, May 4th at the Oregon Express in Dayton. Come early to order food and drinks. Talks begin at 7:00PM. I recently attended an event the Archbishop held where some of his guests spoke of efforts to lead people of faith in overcoming the evil ballot initiative that would erase restrictions on ending the life of the unborn and diminish parental consent for children’s surgeries by changing the constitution of the State of Ohio. Ohio is essentially a test case for people in 11 other states planning similar evils in 2024. Ohio is the seventh most populous state in the union, so what happens here is a big deal. Similar things have already happened in California, Michigan and New Hampshire. Go to <https://protectwomenohio.com> for more information. We were given many statistics that can be shared later as materials come available. The most important take-away was our charge to pray. I invite you to join me in this prayer initiative: Pray at 7:14 AM and 7:14 PM every day. This time reminds us of 2 Chronicles 7:14 which states: “if then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.” Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

Happy Easter! Fr. Bedel

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We have made our official membership goal of 13 for this fraternal year! Please welcome our newest brother, Ricardo Diaz, who was recruited by Brother Rob Hernandez. PGK Frank Minnick recruited his nephew, Aaron Blake; but as of this writing he has yet to complete his exemplification. When he does, we'll have "one to spare." Thank you, Brothers! Keep up the good work!

Incentive for the month of May!

We intend to recognize all brothers who recruited a new member to our council this fraternal year. That recognition will probably be at the business meeting either in June or July. More details to come!

Don't forget to add [Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://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

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 our parishes. You'll be surprised how many will accept your invitation!

Just A Note

In talking with a Brother Knight recently; " Many years ago my father hesitated to join the Knights because he saw it as more of a social group. Once he joined he found out what a prayerful group of men it really is. He came home and told me, you are joining!" Pass the word! Grant

Home Corporation

A new key audit is underway, the last one was done in 2019. If you have either a master key, entry key or both please get in touch with HC President PGK Frank Minnick to allow him to verify your key number. A new grill has been purchased and plans are underway to purchase a new collapsible awning cover to be used during 3724 events details will be discussed at the next business meeting on May 11th. Thanks to everyone who came out for the April work party we completed reupholstering 12 chairs which is really good progress. Mark your calendars for the next work party on May 27th.

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Fallen Brother
Wesley K. Hall Sr.



Brother Wesley Hall passed into the arms of the Lord on March 28, 2023 at the age of 88. He was born on December 23, 1934 in Covington, KY to the late Frank and Freda (Mallory) Hall. He is survived by his wife of almost 45 years Kathy (Voelkl). He served in the Air Force from 1955 to 1963(Active/ Reserve). Upon discharge he became a Civil Servant working with the Air Force as a Computer Programmer. He eventually became a Logistics Management Specialist supporting the A-10 aircraft. He retired from Wright Patterson Air Force Base after 26 years. Brother Wes was an Honorary Life Member of Council 3724, taking his 1st degree April 1, 1989, 2nd degree on September 24, 1989, and 3rd degree on October 29, 1989. Wes was active in our council being one of the first to usher at WSU basketball games when the Fairborn Council began that program. Wes now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks
“May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.”

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

Knight of the Year Dinner

It is hard to believe that the end of the Fraternal Year is fast approaching. This means it is time for our annual Knight of the Year dinner. Mark your calendars for June 17 and plan to attend this great event. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the lounge soon or you can contact Grand Knight Kempf to make your reservations. Grant.kempf@gmail.com 937-609-1471 More details to come.

FAIRBORN 3724 HISTORY

Our Council has had a great history as one of the top councils in Ohio. We have a picture display of our Past Grand Knights, plaques of the Knights of the Month, Knights of the Year & Deceased Members, DVDs of our Blue Coat Awards and some picture albums. We are proud to have a display of Robert W. Wilhelm's medals as an Ohio State Council (OSC) Officer & State Deputy. The Santa Maria newsletter captures much of the Council activities and it has been recognized by the OSC as the best newsletter several times. We are working on preparing history binders for our Blue Coat Awards, News Articles, OSC Nominees & Honorees of the Year and picture albums for display at the Council. A number of our PGKs & some members have served as District Deputy and/or as an OSC Director or in another capacity. We would like to identify these Knights with their name, title & dates of service. If you served as a District Deputy or on the OSC Staff, please send me your name, title & dates of service to wmc45324jaw@aol.com.

VIVAT JESUS - John A. Wolfe, PGK FDD PCP - Council Historian

Entreaty for Council Service

Please prayerfully consider taking up an officer's position to help chart your council's path this next Fraternal year. You will not be alone many of the previous officers continue to be active and available to help with the duties of each position. All position descriptions are listed on page 6, as well as current nominees for the next fraternal year. If you have any questions reach out to me, or current Grand Knight Grant or any of the Past Grand Knights, Trustees or currently serving officers. To serve your council is a great honor and if you just can't serve as an officer please consider stepping into one of the Program Chairman roles. Read the history article above, that kind of impact doesn't happen without all of you. Vivat Jesus PGK Erbacher.

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.

Current Slate of Nominees for 2023-2024 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight - Don Shepherd **Deputy Grand Knight** - open **Warden** - open
Chancellor - Bro Matt Justice **Advocate** - PGK Steve Wal
3 Year Trustee - GK Grant Kempf **Inside Guard** - Bro Ken Normand
Outside Guard (1) Bro Terry McCann **Outside Guard (2)** Bro Tom Pitstick
Treasurer - Bro Larry DeWitt **Recorder** - Bro Tim Barlow

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
Home Corp President:	PGK Frank Minnick
Home Corp Treasurer:	PGK Herman Karhoff
1st Member At Large:	PGK Steve Wal
2nd Member At Large:	Steve Glass

The next FAB meeting will be on June 29, 2023 at 6:30PM, we will be voting to add the process for appointment of members at large into the charter. Johnson investments will be on hand to answer questions raised during the March meeting regarding money market funds.

Ohio Charities Super Cash Bonanza 2023

The Ohio Charities campaign has come to a close for this fraternal year. Final turn in for the council was on May 4th and all tickets plus the check to the State Chairman were mailed on Saturday May 6th. On behalf of the Grand Knight, I would like to thank each of you who responded to your council's call to help with this endeavor. The final count of tickets turned in to the State Chairman was 1335 tickets. Net proceeds returned to the council were \$5,309.00. 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. Some of the charities supported by your council 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 programs. Your efforts this year will go along way to helping council 3724 meet those needs. Thank you brothers, Vivat Jesus. PGK Erbacher

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.

PRAYER TO MARY

Mary, Mother of God, mother of all, who bore and raised the Son of God, who sought to bring peace into the world. You treasured all you saw in your heart, as the fruit of your womb poured out love and mercy to each of us in our own personal way. Pray for us and be with us, that we may remember that we are also treasured in your heart. Help us to always remind others that they are just as treasured, that the world may know a true and just peace. Amen.

INSURANCE CORNER

Cha, Cha, Changes



You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may want to protect your ability to earn a living. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren. At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65.

What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen? One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead. During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals, and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night. Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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

Rest of the Souls:

Bro Wes Hall, Velma Hobbs and Edgar Snoddy

Health and Healing:

PGK Russ Milliron, PGK John Maiorano, PGK Jim McCoy, DGK Don Shepherd, Charlie Lump, Bob Goeke, Charles Zeller, Jason Hake Alice Smith, Maureen Edwards, Ponzi Swett, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lump, Kim & Anna Gros, PGK Herman & Martha Karhoff, Pat Riegle and Betty Destout.

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.

Brother Knight's on the Move

Congratulations to Fairborn 3724 Knight Lyndon Engle on his recent appointment as United States Coast Guard Intelligence Specialist Second Class. E5 Petty Officer Engle's promotion ceremonies were held in Washington, DC with Coast Guard Lt. Joshua Luellen reading the appointment signed by Captain J. M. Dietrich-Holm, Commanding Officer Intelligence Coordination Center. Deputy Master Chief Petty Officer Charley Salls & his wife Chief Petty Officer Heather Salls did the pinning with the Washington Monument & the White House in the background. In addition to the eight Coast Guard personnel in attendance, Linda & Lexis Engle & PGK John A. Wolfe also attended the ceremonies.



Sailor's Prayer

Eternal Father, strong to save. Whose arm hath bound the restless wave. Who bids the mighty ocean deep. Its own appointed limits keep. Oh hear us when we cry to Thee. For those in peril on the sea.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

MAY EVENTS

May 4 Trustees Meeting	May 6 Ladies Night
May 10 K of C Bingo	May 11 Business Meeting (election of officers)
May 14 Mother's Day	May 18 Home Corp Meeting
May 19 – 21 124 th Ohio State K of C Convention	
May 27 HC Work Party	May 31 K of C Bingo

JUNE PREVIEW

Trustees Meeting, Business Meeting, K of C Bingo, Home Corp Meeting, Knight of the Year Dinner, HC Work Party, 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.



Knight of the Month
Bro Mark Dues



Family of the Month
Bro Larry & Alicia DeWitt



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