

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

We have several good events coming up for the month of November. The Christmas Bazaar is the first weekend in November and the Knights breakfast is Sun the 7<sup>th</sup>. The next parish dinner will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as the November Blood Drive and the annual memorial mass for our fallen brothers. The October parish dinner was better attended than the September one which hopefully bodes well for the rest of the year. The reverse raffle was a lot of fun and worthy PGK Minnick's team including the kitchen crew, the callers, the 50/50 crew and the bartenders put on a whale of a good time. Thanks to all who came out to work and support this major fundraiser for our council.

I can't believe for a minute that I'm alone in thinking that something has seriously shifted in our society since the pandemic and the shutdowns that followed. There have been some good things to come out of this such as quality time with family, more concentration on the spiritual and not the material but the other side of that and I've commented on this with my friends and co-workers as well. Common courtesy, common welfare or even just a common understanding of how people are supposed to get along has gone away. The trolls on social media are worse than ever, the media rather than reporting news is full of partisanship somehow convinced that every one of them needs to convince all of us how to think. People shouting conspiracy theories and screaming at each other in grocery store parking lots over carts, parking places, to me the whole world has just lost sight of what we are here for and the lack of charity, unity, and fraternity among all people is nearly enough to pitch us into despair.

As Christians, as Knights as families what do we do, how do we fight this despair when everything seems like it's going to pieces. I have felt this despair palpably and nearly given into it multiple times in these last two years, so I don't think its imaginary and I don't believe I'm alone. God designed us to be social beings, to be around others so if that is the way God designed us it makes sense that the devil would attack the foundations of that community, drive us apart, turn neighbor against neighbor thereby nullifying God's design. If you needed another proof of how necessary community is look no further than our first two dinners this year, people came, neighbors came, friends came, there was laughter, story sharing, catching up on each other's lives, that is what we are intended for. I would suggest the following and it won't be easy, it will take effort just like anything worthwhile does, if we want to see good, we need to pay it forward. Marcus Aurelius stated that "good news is something you make". "You make it with good character, good intentions, and good actions." You can't wait around for that to happen. People are people many (Con't next page)



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are good, but many will stay selfish and mean. All we can do is refuse to be part of that ugliness and not give into to the devil's joy in this despair, confusion and fear, as Knights we can be the bright spots, we can be that light for our families and neighbors, in living our lives, using words sparingly but showing much in deed and action.

We have our patroness Mary and our devotion to the rosary, which is a powerful, powerful tool to fight against despair, we also have St. Joseph a man of little words and much action. Through the life of St. Joseph, we find examples we can follow to overcome that doubt and despair. St. Joseph was humble in prayer, receptive to God's voice which many times spoke to him in dreams. St. Joseph's entire life was putting others first, those tough decisions that he made were always to put the welfare of Jesus and Mary first.

Through his example we can make decisions based on quiet prayer and humble heart. To know Jesus, to love him and serve him as Joseph did, we can step forward in our faith trusting to God and his good will.

My Knight of the Month was Brother Mark Dues, who with help of his membership committee has injected movement into our recruiting efforts and his first membership drive netted the council 3 new brother knights. My Family of the Month was the family of our worthy Advocate and Lounge Manager PGK Steve Wal and his wife Pat. The Wals do a lot for the council behind the scenes with good food and drink in the lounge and at council events. Please pass a hearty thank you to Bro Mark Dues, PGK Steve and Pat Wal when you see them.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, GK Erbacher

## THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

At the September 30 meeting the board voted on the charities that we will be supporting this year.

- \$3000.00 to the Fairborn Fish Food Pantry
- \$2000.00 to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation
- \$2000.00 to the St Vincent de Paul Fairborn
- \$3000.00 to The Second Harvest Food Bank

## FOOTBALL CRAZR 2021-2022

With last Thursdays final turn in council 3724 has sold 80 tickets in this year's fundraiser and will be sending a check for 1600.00 to the Ohio KofC fundraising. I want to thank you for the support you showed this year my goal was 75 tickets, and we made that goal so there should be some credit on our per capita next year. For those who bought tickets they will be active beginning the final 10 games of this season.



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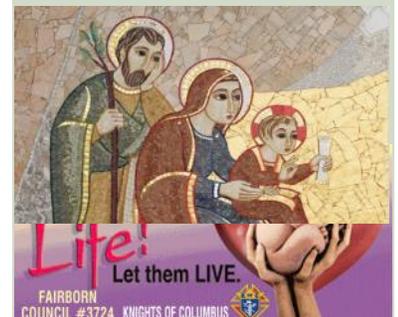
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Part 2: 1900-1909)

At the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Knights of Columbus grew dramatically in response to the needs of communities within the United States but well beyond. By 1910, councils had been chartered throughout the United States and Canada, and international expansion continued into Mexico, the Philippines, Cuba and Panama.

During this early period, the Knights also turned to college campuses. In 1904 Knights and their families attended ceremonies at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., in which the Order presented the school with a grant to establish a K of C chair of American history. Chartered in 1910, Notre Dame Council 1477 was the Order's first college council, launching college councils that today includes 244 schools worldwide.

1900: The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree takes place on Feb. 22, 1900, in New York City where 1,100 Knights receive the degree. The following May, another 750 Knights take the degree in Boston.

1904: More than 10,000 Knights and their families attend ceremonies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in which a check for \$55,633.79 is presented to the school for the establishment of a K of C chair of American history. From 1909 to 1913, Knights raise \$500,000 to establish a permanent endowment for CUA.

1905: The first council in the Philippines — Manila Council 1000 — is chartered after the Spanish-American War. The same year, the Order expanded to Mexico, establishing Guadalupe Council 1050 in Mexico City.

1906: The Knights of Columbus moves to a new headquarters in New Haven, right by the New Haven green. 1909: U.S. workers in the Canal Zone start Balboa Council 1371 in Panama City and San Agustin Council 1390 is instituted in Havana, Cuba.

1909: A reported 5,000 Knights meet James A. Flaherty's train in Philadelphia in 1909 when he arrives at the annual convention where he is elected supreme knight.

### DID YOU KNOW

Our council has a rich heritage. At a recent business meeting PGK and Advocate Steve Wal pointed out that we are surrounded by items to remind us of our council's history. In our meeting room alone, you will find a shadow box containing the state jewels worn by Fairborn member and Past State Deputy Robert Wilhelm. On the back wall are plaques recognizing our Knights of the Month and Knights of the Year.

Dominating one wall are 62 pictures of our Past Grand Knights which does not tell the full story of these men who have lead our council. Under further inspection you will find men who have stepped up more than once and some who have lead us for consecutive years. You can even find a father and son who were Fairborn Grand Knights. Next to this are memorial plaques of our deceased members whose contribution and friendship we will never forget.

Most of us don't even notice the display case in the hallway that houses just some of the Star Council and Columbian Awards we have received. Also included is a very nice memorial to PGK and PSD Robert Wilhelm.

In the business office the walls are lined with the many awards received over the years at the State Convention, cementing Fairborn Council as a leader in the state. All of these are from just the last 10 years. If you look a little more, you will find bookcases filed with albums of pictures and activities through the years. On top of those bookcases and file cabinets are just a few of the many trophies awarded to the Fairborn Council. Don't forget, we had a Squires Circle as well and their numerous awards are on display.

Spilling over into the lounge are more awards, plaques, and photo albums. Also, in the lounge are located some very special displays. Stop in a read about the World War I posters donated to us showing the Knights involvement in the great war. There is also a very special Madonna Tapestry donated by our current Grand Knight and his family.

Yes, the Fairborn Council has a very rich heritage and we are just getting started. Stop in, take a few minutes to look and reflect and help us continue our mission.

## ACTIVITIES

### PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday November 13th. This month's dinner will feature glazed ham, green beans, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw and another special dessert. 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

### 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 November 13 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. To schedule an appointment visit [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com) or call 1-800-388-4483.

### MEMORIAL MASS

Council 3724 will be holding our annual Memorial Mass for deceased brothers on November 20, 2021. The Saturday Mass at 4:00PM will honor their memory, with a short, 15 minute prayer service to follow. We will then invite the families of our departed brothers to the Council Lounge for a reception. Drinks and deserts will be provided and all brothers are welcome. Our Family Director, Brother Dan Cyphers ([dcyphers2@woh.rr.com](mailto:dcyphers2@woh.rr.com)) would welcome any high resolution digital images or printed pictures you may have of those who passed since our last memorial (Brothers Habel, Dorenbusch, Prendergast, Edly and Gazzero). Please help us celebrate the lives of our missing friends and family members

### YOUR INVITED

Our seminarian Nam Mac would like to invite the brother Knights to attend an event titled: **An evening of solemn vespers and choral concert** at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The concert will begin Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Brother Knights and family members are welcome. Please contact Chancellor Matt Justice at (937) 879-2186. if you would like share a ride.

### PANCAKES AT THE BAZAAR

Again this year, your council will be serving pancakes and sausage in support of the Church Christmas Bazaar. We will be serving, in the Parish Center on Sunday November 6th from 9:00am - 11:00am. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Please come out and support you council and the Church.

### EAA YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS

Brother Knight and our Life Director, Percy Gros, has many talents. One of which is as a pilot. He is a member of the EAA Chapter 382 which sponsors the Young Eagles Club. The Young Eagles program is dedicated to giving youth ages 7-17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers. The flights from Greene County Airport are scheduled for one Saturday each month from May through September every year.

At a recent event, the grandchildren of a couple of our local Knights had the opportunity to not only go up in a plane but to actually take the stick and fly! Each were given a logbook to record their flight times and are anxiously looking forward to flying again with this group. Thank you to Percy Gros and the rest of the Experimental Aircraft Association members.



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prairies Chapel was the site of our latest Membership Drive the weekend of October 9 and 10. Despite the Health Protocol in place that limits the number of people in the sanctuary, we recruited three new members and a prospect. Thanks to the following brothers who volunteered to help out with the membership drive at OLQP Prairies Chapel: Grant Kempf, Rob Hernandez, Tim Barlow, Herb Edwards, Jim Harland, and Mark Dues. Thanks to Adam Kempf (and his kids!) who stamped our contact info on numerous brochures and business cards. Thanks also to all of you for praying for the success of our drive. Under the circumstances, I think the Lord had a pretty good harvest!



## MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

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

## NAME TAGS

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

## THIS MONTH'S PERSONAL GOALS

Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking him to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a potential prospect. It's the first step for recruiting on a one-on-one basis and can yield very positive results.

## COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

Knight alert requests and activity alerts should be send to the PGK Russ Milliron at [webmaster@3724kofc.org](mailto:webmaster@3724kofc.org)

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

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## INSURANCE CORNER

### **Update Your Beneficiaries**

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who 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 my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, 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 to discuss your family's needs.

Thanks!

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



#### **People Who Suffer from Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met Oct 21 to pay bills and discuss business.



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.

## 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.

#### Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez Sgt, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Adam Kempf, Andy Kempf, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Pat Banaszak, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lump, Charles Lump, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, PGK John Whittemore, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, Matt Justice, Kitty Justice, Kathy Justice, Mary Alice Paxson.



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## NOV EVENTS

Nov 4 Trustee Meeting  
Nov 7 Bazaar Breakfast  
Nov 11 Business Meeting  
Nov 14 Parish Dinner  
Nov 20 Memorial Mass

Nov 6 Christmas Bazaar  
Nov 8 4th Degree Memorial Mass  
Nov 13 Blood Drive  
Nov 18 Home Corp Meeting  
Nov 25 Thanksgiving

## DEC PREVIEW

Breakfast with St Nick, Parish Dinner, FAB Meeting, PGK's Open House, PGK's Meeting, Christmas

## 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.

**Pictures of the KOTM and FOTM for September will be in the next Santa Maria.**

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