

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

This time last year I wrote about faith, what it meant to me, and asked the membership to think about what it meant to them. I mentioned that one of the biggest differences between our church and other denominations is that while those other denominations may feel that faith is enough, the Catholic Church, our church has always held that faith must be coupled with works of charity. Why then is it such a struggle to reach those men in our parish who are not Knights? Charity is a founding principle of our order. To quote part of the Catechism again; "By faith man freely commits his entire self to God." For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God's will. "The righteous shall live by faith." Living faith works through charity." We had a membership drive during the month of September, worthy PGK Bill Gazzoer our current membership director sent a summary report in for the Santa Maria and copied me on it. I was debating if it needs to be edited or not but I think I shall leave it untouched as what Bill had to say I think is a wakeup call for all of us. You can read his words for yourself it is short but not sweet. I have also heard what he heard when I have asked mem of this parish if they have considered becoming Knights. Outside of the usual excuses, "Oh I don't have time." Or "Maybe when my kids our grown." Bill was quite literally stunned at some of the men who stopped by the table saying things like. "The Knights sent me a letter talking about responsible citizenship, "NO ONE TELLS ME HOW TO VOTE!!!!" I've read that letter it never said this is how you should vote, what it stated was if you are a practicing catholic you need to consider the following and vote your conscience. That came from the church not the Knights who are the servants and defenders of the faith.

I am challenging each of you, we need ideas to combat what I see as a schism between our order and our parish, maybe we need to start coordinating events with the military parish as well as college knights. We need to find ways to get the word out in a meaningful manner about what we are and what we do or I fear Bill is right and we will continue to struggle bringing new men to our ranks. Worthy PGK Karhoff is beginning work on a marketing campaign as we speak, which is a start. I think each of us needs to think seriously on why we became Knights? and have that story ready. When I approach someone about joining, I have started telling them a portion of my story, of why I joined and what the organization means to me. I started doing this after one of the men I recruited last year asked me, "Why are you a Knight?" We have some opportunities this month, the Celebration of Life Hog Roast, the Parish Dinner, and the Reverse Raffle, when we sit down with the fellow parishioners who are not Knights or who are and just don't come to meetings we need to ask them for an honest reason as to why they find membership in our order not worthy of their consideration. Please brothers, give some thought as to how we can swing opinion favorably to the Knights of Columbus.

My Knight of the month was worthy PGK Steve Wal, current Advocate and Lounge Manager Extraordinaire, who while among a hosted entertaining game of cards every week, keeps an available stock of bourbon for the GK and strives continuously to make sure I don't run afoul of the bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order. Thank you, Steve. My family of the month was worthy PGK Karhoff who along with his son Jeff and the support of their respective wives make the presence of Council 3724 felt and widely recognized for the beautiful wood creations which you can see in the parish, in the hall, at WSU John Bosco Chapel. Thank you, Herman, and Jeff.

I'll close with the following from Philippians 4:8-9. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam," (Everything is for God's greater glory)
Vivat Jesus, GK Gene



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Special points of interest

- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention
- Family Rosary Rally
- Insurance

FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES

The Football Frenzy tickets are in, stop in the lounge on Thursday and pick up a couple to either buy or sell. Tickets are 20.00 ea. and cover the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season. Winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games. Winners will be notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council. Ticket sales benefit the council by rebating a portion of the sale price directly back to the council. We are currently at 39 tickets sold, we sold 53 last year and my goal this year was 100. Help me reach this goal brothers or at least go down swinging. GK Gene

FAITH TOOLS

August's issue of the Santa Maria I mentioned the "Examen" this tool is another one new to me but useful. The Lectio Divina,

Lectio Divina is a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage. You pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you. GK Gene

The formal steps:

1. Open with a short prayer, asking God to guide your prayer time.
2. Read - Slowly and thoughtfully, read the Scripture passage the first time. What word or phrase captures your attention and grabs your heart? Linger with it whenever this happens.
3. Reflect - Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. What is God saying to you in this passage? offering you? asking you? What feelings are arising within you?
4. Respond - Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. Respond to God from your heart. Speak to God of your feelings and insights. Offer these to God.
5. Rest. - Possibly read the passage another time. Sit quietly in God's presence, asking, "What are you saying to me?" Rest in God's love, and listen.
6. As you end your prayer period, you might close with an Our Father or another short prayer. It might be helpful to jot down in a journal what arose during this time. What did you speak to God, and what did he respond?

FAMIL ROSARY RALLY

The Dayton Area Family Rosary Rally, sponsored by the Dayton Area Knights of Columbus and your Council, will be held on Sunday October 13th at Immaculate Conception Church at 2300 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH, 45420. The prelude music will start at 2:30 p.m. The event will feature a live rosary and the kind of pageantry that you don't often see outside of a cathedral. There will be representatives of many of the Catholic organizations from across the US. Some of them have the same kind of distinctive garb as our own Fourth Degree. If you've never experienced this event before, please consider taking this opportunity to attend. The event is free.

FAMILY ROSARY RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 2:30PM

ADORATION • LIVE ROSARY • BENEDICTION • *Prelude Music begins @ 2pm*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH | 2300 S. SMITHVILLE RD. DAYTON

COME PRAY WITH OTHERS IN PRAYER TO MARY, OUR MOTHER FOR:

- Peace in our Families
- Peace in our Community
- Peace in the Entire World
- Gainful Employment for the Unemployed
- An Increase in Vocations
- For the Sanctity of Life

Families from throughout the Dayton Deanery will gather together for this powerful public family prayer event.

"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER—STAYS TOGETHER!"

FAMILY ROSARY RALLY Website: www.familyrosaryrally.com

ACTIVITIES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE DINNER

On October 5th the Knights of Columbus will host a fund raising event for Family and Youth Initiatives at Mary Help of Christians Parish Center, 954 N Maple, Fairborn. The Knights will prepare and serve the dinner featuring roast pork donated by Pitstick Pork Farms. Our kitchen crew needs some help. So please lend a hand and come join us for this popular event. DOORS open at 5:00 pm, after 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the Kosey Family. This year FYI will honor some very special volunteers; two children from Mary Help, the Flores family; Rita Fleishman from Sacred Heart and a special citation for the late Peter Scarff to his wife, Cindy. A live auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for the dinner, but reservations are a must and can be found at FYI's website www.fyiohio.org. Please register on or before 4 Oct. Donations will be taken after dinner. For questions or comments, please call PGK Herman Karhoff at 361-2758; Pat or Nikki at 845-0403. Thank you for your support.

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday October 12th. This month it's Octoberfest time! In the Octoberfest spirit, this month's dinner will feature cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRAND-KNIGHT@3724KOFCCOM

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All men of Council 3724 are cordially invited to come to our Men of Faith Fellowship. We meet on first and third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come early for bagels and coffee. Each gathering begins with a couple of songs accompanied by guitar and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We read and share insights/questions about the coming Sunday's readings. We then close with a song/prayer and end promptly at 9 a.m. You are most welcome please come. Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher."

FALL REVERSE RAFFLE 2019

Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Fall Reverse Raffle will be held on October 26th. Doors open following the 4:00 mass. Tickets are \$35 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hor d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2000. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Jim McCoy @ 937-879-3570 or PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com or any of our members.

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 3th 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

There's no greater gift one can give than the gift of life. Your Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive in the Parish Center APR room on Saturday, November 9, 2019 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 or call 1-800-388-4483.

THURSDAY NIGHT NFL FOOTBALL

We love NFL football and you can watch exciting action each Thursday in the lounge. This month's Thursday night schedule,

Oct 3rd – Rams vs Seahawks
 Oct 10th^h - Giants vs Patriots
 Oct 17th- Chiefs vs Broncos
 Oct 24th - Redskins vs Vikings
 Halloween - 49ers vs Cardinals

Come join your brothers in the lounge for comradery, food, and some exciting football. Football frenzy tickets will be available for purchase too. Go Bengals, Go Browns!!!

MEMBERSHIP

Well we had our first Church membership drive on the weekend of September 14-15. A few brothers helped to greet nonmembers and pass out information cards. The feedback I got from MHC men was not flattering. One quit the knights when he read an article in a Columbia that listed God's moral principles and how they should form a person's conscious. His comment was that no one tells him how to vote. He was adamant. Others just didn't want anything to do with the Knights. I believe we need to investigate this and find out if we really have a bad reputation at MHC and why. Only then can we attempt to add to our membership. Please weigh in on this to the GK, DGK, a Trustee, or the membership Director. Thank you.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN



September 14, 2019, Fairborn Council 3724 and Daughters of Isabella, Marian Circle 911 Rosary at our Memorial for the Unborn

2019 MEASURE UP RECAP

Total collected \$4606 from the following sources:

MHC parish envelope donation-\$1567
 Street collection-\$1168
 Gimme 5-\$600
 Council-\$300
 Wright State Ushers-\$300
 Bingo-\$300
 Special Bingo raffle-\$128
 Local business coin cans-\$100
 Aluminum cans-\$143

Thanks to all Brother Knights who supported this years MU drive. Harry Yarwick MU Chairman



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INSURANCE CORNER

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Thanks!

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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 19 September to pay bills and discuss business. A work party will be held on October 19th from 9:00 - 11:00. We will concentrate on general cleaning to get the hall ready for the holiday seasons. Please come and help your brother knights keep our property and equipment functioning properly.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

Special First Draw: John Talbott, \$50 #33

1st Place Carey Brown, \$40 Ticket #142

2nd Place: Carolyn Huey, \$25 Ticket #116

3rd Place: Jim McCoy, \$10 Ticket #16

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@3724KOFCC.COM



HOLY FATHER'S



A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFFEN AS YOU CAN, PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Restope of the Soul:

Mike Logan

Health and Healing:

John Erbacher, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Cathy DeWitt, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Whilma Rizzo, Robert Herring, Martin Hernandez, Katherine Justice, John Kaempf,

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.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

OCTOBER EVENTS

Oct 3	Trustees Meeting	Oct 5	Celebration of Life Dinner
Oct 6	Blessing of Animals	Oct 10	Business Meeting
Oct 12	K of C Dinner	Oct 13	Family Rosary Rally
Oct 14	Columbus Day	Oct 14	4th Degree Meeting
Oct 17	Home Corp Meeting	Oct 24	First Degree
Oct 26	Life Tech Conf	Oct 26	Reversal Raffle

NOV PREVIEW

K of C Dinner, Bazaar Breakfast, Blood Drive, Memorial Mass

BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

The 2nd Thursday on each month, we pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm which is followed by our business meeting. Please attend, stay after the meeting and socialize with your brother knights. Every Thurs there's a Pot-of-Gold drawing. Entry fee is 50 cents and you are required to sign your name in "The Book". At 10:00 pm on the meeting night and at 9:30 pm on the other Thursdays there's a random drawing from our membership pool. The name of the winner drawn win's the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



PGK Steve Wal Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



PGK Herman Karhoff Receiving the FOTM from GK Erbacher

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Second Rose, from the Secret of the Rosary, by Saint Louis de Montfort

Since the Holy Rosary is composed, principally and in substance, of the Prayer of Christ and the Angelic Salutation, that is, the Our Father and the Hail Mary, it was without doubt the first prayer and the first devotion of the faithful and has been in use all through the centuries from the time of the Apostles and disciples down to the present.

But it was only in the year 1214, however, that Holy Mother Church received the Rosary in its present form and according to the method we use today. It was given to the Church by Saint Dominic who had received it from the Blessed Virgin as a powerful means of converting the Albigensians and other sinners.

I will tell you the story of how he received it, which is found in the very well-known book "De Dignitate Psalterii" by Blessed Alan de la Roche.

Saint Dominic, seeing that the gravity of people's sins was hindering the conversion of the Albigensians, withdrew into a forest near Toulouse where he prayed unceasingly for three days and three nights. During this time he did nothing but weep and do harsh penances in order to appease the anger of Almighty God. He used his discipline so much that his body was lacerated, and finally he fell into a coma. At this point Our Lady appeared to him, accompanied by three angels, and she said:

"Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?"

"Oh, my Lady," answered Saint Dominic, "you know far better than I do because next to your Son Jesus Christ you have always been the chief instrument of our salvation."

Then Our Lady replied:

"I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Angelic Psalter which is the foundation stone of the New Testament. Therefore if you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Psalter."

So he arose, comforted, and burning with zeal, for the conversion of the people in that district he made straight for the Cathedral. At once unseen angels rang the bells to gather the people together and Saint Dominic began to preach. At the very beginning of his sermon an appalling storm broke, out, the earth shook, the sun was darkened, and there was so much thunder and lightning that all were very much afraid. Even greater was their fear when looking at a picture of Our Lady exposed in a prominent place they saw her raise her arms to heaven three times to call down God's vengeance upon them if they failed to be converted, to amend their lives, and seek the protection of the Holy Mother of God. God wished, by means of these supernatural phenomena, to spread the new devotion of the Holy Rosary and to make it more widely known.