

# SANTA MARIA

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## Grand Knight's Corner

When we become Knights, we are given the foundation of why Fr. McGivney founded the order, the care of the widows and orphans of the fallen men. Outside of the immediate surroundings of his small parish and community and his experiences there. I've often wondered if his inspiration came from some part of scripture as well. Maybe just hanging around in the back of his mind as he went about his daily tasks. Then this weekend I was reading a little in the bible and I happened to come across this passage. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "behold your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. John 19:26-27. If that is not a biblical foundation for what we are, I don't know what else would be. I honestly can't think of a more terrifying and alarming time in life than what is happening right now in the US and in a larger extent the world. Fear, Paranoia, Rage, and Heartbreak abound, yet sprinkled throughout are small moments of kindness that indicate maybe we aren't completely done as a society. I think it's okay to be scared after all it's a natural reaction to being surprised or thrown back by a blow from fate but what we can't do is allow that fear to control our lives we need to gather ourselves up and keep going, especially in a global pandemic in which all people have been utterly failed by their governments. Fear can be useful if channeled into a solution, but we cannot let fear lead us into anger. As Knights we need to be seen acting out of Christ's love for all and Fr. McGivney's intentions for the Knights role as defenders. Seneca stated that "the effects of anger are almost always worse than the harm from the violation." A lesser known stoic Athenodorus stated that, "we have to count the letters of the alphabet and gather ourselves before we do or say something we regret." That sounds an awful lot like my dad in the back of my head saying, "Count to 10 Son." As Knights of Columbus we must focus our energy productively—on keeping ourselves and our families safe, on keeping our businesses going, on keeping our local communities going. Being mad is a reaction. Anger is a state of mind. One is outside our control. The other is something we choose—a weakness we give into and accept. So, let's continue to do what's best for our communities and our families.

PGK Herman Karhoff came to me with a notion of showing the Fr McGivney video at the next business meeting. I am including the link to the video here should you wish to view it beforehand but considering his pending beatification on Oct 31 I think PGK Karhoff's idea is an excellent one. By the way if you haven't already viewed them, I also highly recommend the Into the Breach series of Videos.

Father McGivney Video

<https://ai360.aristotle.com/public/AI360EmailTracking/Clickthrough.aspx?cdbID=a2165fa2-387a-4e39-8363-2076eac843b6&mactID=abc06280-47c9-47b1-96eb-2063788bcc13&atvID=3cbede9e-cce4-4fa9-8598-d0d74113c2e7>

My Knight of the Month was PGK Herman Karhoff, my family of the month was the family of Brother Herb and Maureen Edwards. When you see them around give them a hearty well done.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus. Vivat Jesus, GK Gene.



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## DEFENDING OUR NAMESAKE Part 1.

With the cancel culture running rampant, the schools teaching alternative history our namesake under constant attack, I have found it a struggle to come up with on the spot defenses of Columbus. I believe he was a good man at heart but flawed like all of us. As I'm sure many of you have also experienced, I have found myself on the receiving end a couple of times of vitriol from younger members of my family who are buying into this media bias against him. So, I started looking for anything and everything I can get my hands on to at least give them some more information to ponder. I thought that might be something we could all use. Not that we should necessarily become Columbian Scholars but at least have some basic points to buffer the attack. Supreme recently sent out a Knightline that I will be pulling heavily from. There is a massive amount of literature on Christopher Columbus, but for the most part there are generally five charges leveled against his character. He was a violent man; He committed genocide; He instituted the slave trade; He had only worldly interests and He did not accomplish anything extraordinary. I've decided to address each but over the next five editions of the newsletter.

### Charge #1 Against the Character of Christopher Columbus. He was a violent man.

One person who knew Columbus personally was the Dominican missionary Bartolomé de las Casas. He earned the name defensor de los indios ("defender of the Indians") because of his passionate diatribes against exploiters of native peoples in the Americas. Las Casas did not spare Columbus from criticism, but he also defended him against those who blamed him for all the disorders and violence that followed the first contacts with Indigenous peoples. The great explorer's missteps, he said, were the result of ignorance and misjudgments about how to proceed: "Truly, I would not dare blame the admiral's intentions for I knew him well and I knew his intentions were good."

Las Casas spoke of Columbus' "sweetness and benignity." Far from being a violent man, he often got into difficulties because he would be indulgent — toward natives and Spaniards — and would then take extreme measures against both when things got out of hand. He was a great navigator but a poor governor. By his third voyage, he was cautioning Ferdinand and Isabella about who they were allowing to sail to the New World. He needed, he said, 60 missionaries to preach Christianity to arrogant and abusive Spaniards, and another 60 upstanding men to help him run the colony.

So, yes he was flawed like all of us are but if this man Las Casas who knew him personally and wrote about him at length did not consider him violent why should we. In November I will discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> charge levied against Columbus's character, "Genocide."

## ACTIVITIES

### FOOTBALL CRAZR

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact our council as we have had to cancel the Reverse Raffle usually held in October and one of our best fundraisers. I mentioned earlier that the State Council's Football CraZR might be one of our only chances to really maintain our ability to fund some of our programs in 2020-2021. The program involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season. Games played between Nov 1, 2020 and Jan 3, 2021. Winners will be notified and automatically paid each week by the Ohio State Council. We sold 48 tickets last year and are significantly off that pace right now. To date we have sold 29 tickets out of the 100 we were allotted. The ticket deadline is the last Thursday in October which is the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will need to mail the stubs and check to the State director by the 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost of a ticket is 20.00. To purchase tickets, contact the Grand Knight at [Grandknight3724@kofc.org](mailto:Grandknight3724@kofc.org) or (937) 477-5669, or come to the council hall on Thursday nights. If you have tickets to turn in and can't get to the hall you can mail them to me directly.

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### PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our first Parish Dinner of the fraternal year on Saturday October 10. This month's dinner will be a combination eat in and carryout for those wishing to be social distanced. The menu will be pulled pork, mac and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, and 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. Carry outs will be available at the same time. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

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# ACTIVITIES

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS SEMINAR

The Ohio General Agencies will be hosting a virtual benefit night in October. We have contracted an incredible guest speaker to present valuable information to all catholic families in our parishes and communities. We are asking all councils to invite members and non-members to register for this upcoming event. This event will count as one of your required Benefit Nights for the star council award for this year.

Our guest speaker will be Tom Hegna. When it comes to retirement, many consider Tom Hegna to be THE retirement income EXPERT! He has helped countless individuals through his PBS television special, seminars, and best-selling books. Today he is known throughout the world as The Retirement Income Expert. This benefit night is scheduled for October 21st at 7:30 pm Eastern time. It will last approximately 1 hour. To register for the event please copy and paste the following link onto your browser:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QkSMgMxcTuePGUZvklffw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QkSMgMxcTuePGUZvklffw)

In the meantime, please click on the link below for more information about our guest speaker.

<https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FBBRb9EarUIM&data=02%7C01%7CRobert.Hernandez%40KOFc.ORG%7Ca94b8cdf644c4c8ef7a308d8550923a1%7C8a4b69f88bb74be59eda6c40a157248c%7C0%7C0%7C637352845026419866&sdata=Xk2TfnWwItGAYKu2Iqmop9KxmyLFwNj3HbJKmPs7o%3D&reserved=0>

Any questions, please call Robert Hernandez, 937-689-2202

Thanks!

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## FAMILY & YOUTH INITIATIVES (FYI) FUNDRAISING EVENT

This year K of C Council 3724 **will not** be sponsoring the annual hog roast dinner for the benefit of FYI. Instead of the Knights doing all of the work, we are invited to attend and enjoy FYI's Harvesting Hope Night Dinner, on Thursday Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (1801 St. Paris Pike in Springfield). FYI will be providing a free full-course dinner and dessert bar catered by the host church; an online/live auction, and music by popular local artist Amber Hargett. Menu for the dinner: Glazed pork, potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. FYI's new Executive Director, Ms. Nikki Stefanow, will be sharing her vision for FYI. **Your donations matter!**

Ways in which the Knights can help are:

- Join the FYI event prayer team (email [kermit@fyiohio.org](mailto:kermit@fyiohio.org))
- Volunteer to host and fill your own table of six or more of your friends & neighbors
- Bid on auction items
- Donate an item for the auction
- Become a monthly donor

Your donation helps FYI with funding its programs to rescue children from the evils of abortion, suicide, unsafe home environments, and unhealthy choices with tough consequences. Helping with the event will enable FYI to empower more families with love and respect, provide more hope to those in the communities FYI serves.

Due to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic, there will also be a virtual option for the event. You can tune in via Facebook Live for a condensed video version of the event on the same night and time. This allows those who are not comfortable with an in-person event to still participate and to participate at their own convenience.

Please RSVP on the FYI website at <https://www.fyiohio.org/events-1/harvesting-hope-with-fyi>. The online auction starts on Sep 14. Details for online bidding can be found at this site. For more information on the event or the live auction, to host a table or get tickets, call FYI at (937) 845-0403 or email [nikki@fyiohio.org](mailto:nikki@fyiohio.org). You can also call PGK's Larry Bogemann (937) 605-3359 or Herman Karhoff (937) 361-2758.

## BLOOD DRIVE

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](http://www.donortime.com) or call 1-800-388-4483.

## CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Mark your calendars the Consecration to the Holy Family will take place on Sunday, 27 December, on the Feast of the Holy Family at MHC. Council, members, and their families along with the MHC Parish are encouraged to participate. More details will be in future Santa Maria's.

## HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 20 Aug to pay bills and discuss business. Due to the COVID-19 crisis our work parties will be suspended until further notice.

## MEMBERSHIP

Brothers, Read *Columbia*, Our church and way of life is under attack. Statues of Our namesake, Christopher Columbus, are being torn down and destroyed. Saints are being desecrated and made out to be bad persons. TV, movies, video games are being used to teach Satanism to the young. And the list goes on and on.

We must band together and pray to our God to stop this madness. We must encourage more Catholic men to become Knights and practice the Home church. There may not be a tomorrow. Talk to a prospect and encourage him to look into the ON-LINE membership. It is easy and can be done from any computer or smart phone.

## 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) .



## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



### The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPICALLY 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](mailto:Santamaria@3724kofc.org).

### Repose of the Soul:

Joan Henderson, Janice Seng

### 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, Bobby Hernandez, John Habel, Alice Smith, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Cassie Barlow, Bryan Yarwick, Joe Koegle, Chuck Schafer, Veronica Farkn

## OCTOBER EVENTS



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

Oct 1 Trustees Meeting  
Oct 8 Membership Meeting  
Oct 12 4 th Degree Meeting  
Oct 22 Degrees  
Oct 29 FAB Meeting

Oct 4 Life Chain  
Oct 10 K of C Dinner  
Oct 15 Home Corp Meeting  
Oct 24 Life Tech  
Oct 29 PGK's Meeting

## NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Degrees, K of C Dinner, Blood Drive, 5th Sunday Rosary, Memorial Mass, 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.



PGK Herman Karkoff receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



Herb Edwards Receiving the FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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