

# SANTA MARIA

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brother Knights,

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! May you and your families all be blessed this Advent and Christmas season. There is so much going on this time of year, and so many wonderful opportunities to reflect on God and our Faith. Keep Christ at the center of your holiday activities and keep your thoughts going back to Bethlehem and that Child in a manger.

I thank all my Brother Knights for their thoughts, prayers, cards, texts and calls during my recent surgery and current recovery. I also thank Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director, Tom Pitstick, for taking over the Grand Knight's duties during the Trustees' meeting and the Business meeting last month. Tom and his father, Paul Pitstick, will both celebrate their birthdays this month! Happy 101st Birthday to Brother Knight and Centenarian, Paul Pitstick, on December 13th and Happy Birthday to his son, DGK Tom Pitstick, on December 15th!

I thank all the Program Directors for the great work they have done so far this current fraternal year! Our Home Corporation President, PGK Frank Minnick, and his Home Corporation team have really outdone themselves the last six months! PGK Herman Karhoff and Home Corporation members have completed a new file system for our new computer. This new file system will make finding information quicker and more efficient. Home Corporation President, PGK Frank Minnick, was responsible for the procurement of our new Altafiber network in the K of C Hall. Our new network would not have happened without the expertise of PGK Minnick and PGK Carchedi. Kudos, Brothers!

Our Kitchen Crew - WOW!! - They continue to amaze with their culinary skills and their ability to have our breakfasts, lunches and dinners ready to serve in top restaurant style! PGKs Minnick, Carchedi, Bogemann, Milliron, Kempf and Brother Block, our Beverage Manager, along with other of our Brother Knights too numerous to mention have really stepped up to serve our Council and Parish. Thank you, Kitchen Crew, for all you do!



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### Special points of interest

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- PGK Christmas Open House

## Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

BINGO Managers, Brother Eric Rogalinski and PGK Larry Bogemann, along with help from other Brother Knights, have really excelled this year! Player numbers are hitting over 100 regularly which indicates a JOB WELL DONE! Thank you Cal, Corky, Grant, Herman, Russell, Frank M., Frank C., Harry, Tom, Terry, Miles, Herb and many other Brother Knights!

I would like to close with...

The Announcement of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord from the Roman Martyrology which draws upon Sacred Scripture to declare in a formal way the birth of Christ. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the announcement help pastorally to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history. (taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

**The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**, The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course, from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed, since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace,

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Please accept my heartfelt wishes for a blessed and joyous Christmas season!  
Vivat Jesus, Don



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.





**Chaplain Fr. Bedel**

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Many years ago, I was associated with a small parish in the country. At the time, I remember there were four children in the catechism program (PSR, CCD, PRP) who were of various ages between first and eighth grades. Only one sweet lady stepped up to volunteer as the catechist. But bless her heart, she was not qualified to teach them all at their various grade levels. I knew those children deserved more. Their education in the Faith should be of infinite value; and it will have eternal

consequences. I remember praying they should at least join a nearby parish that had a more robust program with several qualified catechists. Beacons of Light is an answer to that prayer! Here in the Northeast 3 Family of Parishes, for more than a year, our six parishes have been doing much more than each would have been doing on its own or in previous arrangements. The youth are more active, and opportunities abound for Adult Faith Formation. Our October count numbers show we are experiencing growth. That must be why I get a sense of fullness in at least one Mass in every one of our parishes. I found the related article from Fr. Martin Fox, at the below link, to be very helpful. It's a lot to type, so click on it if you are reading this digitally, or another option is to Google Martin Fox and Beacons and it should pop up:  
<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/uncategorized/news/understanding-beacons-of-light-one-pastors-perspective>  
I want to thank you for your prayers, patience and continued support throughout the Beacons of Light process, which seems to be working. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

God bless, Fr. Bedel



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**Psalm 121**

A song for ascents. I shall raise my eyes to the mountains, from where will my help come? My help is from God, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to falter; Your Guardian will not slumber. Behold the Guardian of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. God is your Guardian; God is your shadow; He is by your right hand. By day, the sun will not smite you, nor will the moon at night. God will guard you from all evil; He will guard your soul. God will guard your going out and your coming in from now and to eternity.

**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

### St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes

Our Family is comprised of six churches: Mary, Help of Christians in Fairborn, Sacred Heart in New Carlisle, St. Augustine in Jamestown, St. Brigid in Xenia, St. Luke in Beavercreek, and St. Paul in Yellow Springs. Two of our churches, St. Brigid and St. Luke, also have schools with preschool through eighth grades. We are part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and were combined as a Family in July 2022 to be “Beacons of Light,” an Archdiocese multi-year initiative to better array resources for spreading the Gospel far and wide. Family staff are listed below. Contact information for each church is also listed for help with baptisms, anointing of the sick, marriage, communion, reconciliation, registering, religious education, joining the Church, and other needs.

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## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We have two newly readmitted brothers, Dave Lauer and Joseph Carchedi, who have returned to our Council! We now have six new members toward our fraternal quota of 14. Although I don't have the exact numbers, with the Wright State University council becoming a "Roundtable" and supported by Council 3724, we should be seeing another small increase in new members. Please welcome our new brothers the next time you see them.

This Month's Personal Goal: During the Christmas season, I will make a concerted effort to meet someone who is new to our parish. While asking him if there is anything he needs to make him comfortable in his new parish home, I will also be prepared to let him know about our Council and ask if he would like to join us.

Merry Christmas, Brothers!

Here is the link to the step-by-step process of using the online application <https://files.constantcontact.com/716460b3001/1a871a1a-64bb-4f8f-8a30-840e4651b85a.pdf>

**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. 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 new Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see me, Brother Mark Dues, or Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00.

### Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who supported the MHC/K of C November Blood Drive. The goal was 27 units. 30 wonderful donors registered and 29 units of blood were collected for 107% of the goal!! Great job.

Mark your calendars for the next drive on Saturday March 9, 2024!

### 2023 Football Frenzy

My brother knights, to date 3724 has sold 218 tickets which gives us an estimated rebate of \$1,962, and exceeds the 100% per capital credit mark of 135 tickets. This gives us a break on our per capita tax to the state saving the council roughly \$500. The first turn in has been made and we raised \$4340 for the program. The Football Frenzy involves the last 10 weeks of games played this season. Tickets may still be turned in but will now be considered late and will only count for the remaining games. Final cutoff is Dec 31, 2023.

Please make checks payable to: **K of C 3724**

Tickets can also be mailed to: Gene Erbacher, PGK  
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## Home Corporation

Officers of HC met on Nov 16, 2023, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

- Created and approved 2024 HC Budget to be presented at the Dec 14 Membership meeting.
- HC tax filing completed and accepted – Thank you PGK Russell Milliron!
- AC units removed from each K of C room, stored in the Storage Shed for the winter.
- Action Item: Create a Master Schedule of actions/activities - Monthly TO DO LIST.
- Tuesday Crew completed the cleaning and repainted the heat registers in all 3 K of C rooms.
- Work Party - shampooed Lounge carpet, sweep all other carpets, cleaned window wells & sills.
- Tues crew put up Christmas decorations in preparation for K of C Christmas Party (PGK Open House) planned for Dec 21, 2023, 6:30 PM.

**Note: Next HC meeting is on Dec 21, start time in 6 PM.**

If you see something that needs to be done or acquired for the benefit of the Council, note it in the Maintenance Work Log located in the business meeting room, on the right, just inside the door. Recent examples: 1) Recommendation to repaint the heat registers in the 3 K of C rooms. Action taken - Tuesday Key point - the HC is here to help Council members do whatever it can to help achieve the Council's mission.

Fifth HC raffle drawing winners:

\$40.00 prize – Ticket 165 – winner Perry Quiqas

\$25.00 prize – Ticket 95 – winner PGK Russell Milliron

\$10.00 prize – Ticket 107 – winner Kim DeBusk.

No work party scheduled for December. *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

## Parish Breakfast

Our December breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 10. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 am and will continue until 11:00 am. We will be featuring our same popular menu of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company!



**THE GIVING TREE IS COMING DECEMBER 2 AND DECEMBER 3-- PLEASE WATCH FOR IT!!** Again, this year, D of I will be sponsoring the Giving Tree to collect presents and food for the most needy in the area. There is a quick turn around with how Christmas falls this year. The tree will go up in the gathering space on December 2 with tags attached with wishes and needs for our "families." Please take a tag or two and follow the instructions for getting the gift and bringing it back for delivery on before Sunday morning, December 17. Please help us help area families have a special Christmas for their children.. Please call Amanda @ 937-620-0701 or Annie @ 937-409-5299 if you have any other questions. Watch the bulletin for more details.

### Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights Born in December!

Terry H Sheffield	David Wiley	William T Pant	Alfred C Borchers
Michael J Luckner	Brian C Petachi	Matthew Tufts	James A Wolfe
Harry M Yarwick	Norman R Pearson	Craig A Staley	Paul M Pitstick
Thomas V Pitstick	Jon Edwards	Felix A Poteate	James Francis Cavanaugh
Thomas E Brehm	PGK Mark A Habel	Jared H Loving	Thomas B Zink
Rev Charles F Lang			

Congratulations and Blessings to Paul M Pitstick who will turn 101 on December 13!

Congratulations to Knight of the Month, Brother David Johnston! Your many and continuous acts of charity are an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations to our Family of the Month, Brother Corky and Cheryl Block. They work so hard in supporting our Council and Church. Thank you!!

### December Tidbits

December's full Moon is most commonly known as the Cold Moon, which conveys the frigid conditions of this time of year when cold weather truly begins to grip us. The Cold Moon reaches peak illumination at 7:33 pm, EST, on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. However, this also means that it will be high and full in the sky on Christmas, for the appearance of a full Moon on Christmas Day.

The December flowers are the Holly and the Narcissus. The Holly is an evergreen shrub with red berries. Its branches are used in holiday decorations like wreaths and centerpieces. The Holly represents happiness and peace. The Narcissus (Paperwhite) is a bulb best grown indoors that blooms beautiful white flowers—just in time for the holidays. The Paperwhite got its name from its delicate petals, which are described as being as thin as paper. It stands for purity and unconditional love.

Blue Zircon is known as one of the modern December birthstones alongside Blue Topaz and Tanzanite. The more traditional December birthstones are Lapis Lazuli and Turquoise.

A new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. A Vigil Mass will be held at Mary, Help of Christians Church at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 7.

***“Father, the image of the Virgin is found in the Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith. Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”***

The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas on December 25 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on December 31. (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14)

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

## 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 2023-2024

Grand Knight: Don Shepherd  
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Pitstick  
Trustee: PGK Grant Kempf  
Council Treasurer: Larry DeWitt  
Home Corp President: PGK Frank Minnick  
Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff  
1 Year Member At Large: Steve Glass  
2 Year Member At Large: PGK Gene Erbacher  
The next FAB meeting will be on February 29th, 2024 at 6:30PM.

## Fallen Brothers



Chuck Gilbert

Brother Charles F. “Chuck” Gilbert, 85 passed into the arms of the Lord on October 30, 2023. Chuck was born in Rosholt, Wisconsin, on September 13, 1938, to Charles A. and Loraine E. Gilbert. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56½ years, the former Annette J. Laska. In December 1959, Chuck joined the U.S. Air Force as a member of the second class (Class 60-B) of the then-new Officers Training School. After being commissioned a second lieutenant in March 1960, he completed the Basic Supply Officer course at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, in July 1960. His duty assignments included; L.G. Hanscom Field,

Massachusetts, Izmir Air Station and Cigli Air Base, Turkey; Vandenberg AFB, California;

Johnston Atoll in the Pacific; Lindsey Air Station, Germany; Tan Son Nhut AB (AF Advisory Group), Republic of Vietnam; Nellis AFB, Nevada; U-Tapao Royal Thai Naval Air Station, Thailand; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; the Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; the USAF Marksmanship Medal; the Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal First Class; the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Air Service Medal. Chuck was a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, joining Fairborn Council #3724 in 1980 and was a Honorary Life Member. He edited and published the Santa Maria for six years beginning in 1983. From 1977 to 2008 he chaired the Finance Committee for the Mary, Help of Christians annual festival. After his second retirement, he kept busy as a volunteer, doing maintenance work at Mary, Help of Christians (2003-2014); preparing taxes at the Wright-Patterson AFB Tax Center (2005-2021) and at the Beavercreek Senior Center (2022-2023); handing out race packets at the US Air Force Marathon Expo (2003-2015 and 2017-2019); and working with the Handy Helpers at Mary, Help of Christians. From 2006 through 2015, he and Ann volunteered as ushers with the Victoria Theatre Association, which he continued from 2017 through 2020. Chuck 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.”*



Matt Wurzbacher

Brother Matthew Wurzbacher passed away on November 1, 2023. Matthew was born on January 23, 1955 to Robert Theodore Wurzbacher, a lifelong active member of Fairborn Council 3724, and Frances Bernadine (Marron) Wurzbacher. After graduating from Fairborn Baker High School (Ohio) in 1974, he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and enlist in the Navy. He proudly served his country for 26 years before retiring in 2000 as a Senior Chief (MTCS(SS)), Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific. Notable among his many awards and accomplishments, he received the gold Strategic Deterrent Patrol Pin for completion of twenty patrol missions. Matt, along with his two brothers, were Charter Members of Fairborn Columbian Squires Circle 2271. Upon turning 18, he became the first Fairborn Squire to join the Knights of Columbus. (commemorative picture from 1972 includes Chief Councilor Ed Kempf, Chief Squire Grant Kempf, Matt, and Grand Knight Gene Franscone). Brother Matt finished his Navy career in Washington State where he joined Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty Council 8297 in Suquamish, WA where he was a 4th Degree Knight. FS, PGK Larry Devlin of Council 8297 said Brother Matt was very active in their council for many years serving as Warden and supporting its many charitable programs. Brother Larry said Matt was always part of their meetings and programs and even developed a calendar of events to keep the council on the correct path in their activities. He was a key member of the K of C Tootsie Roll Drive which he was working on when he unexpectedly passed away. This past spring, Brother Matt was recognized at the K of C State Convention for being a 50 year member of the Knights. Brother Matt asked that in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Knights of Columbus. Matt now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.



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Robert Goecke

Brother Bob Goecke passed away at the age of 88 on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton after a long illness. He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Francis J. Goecke. Bob retired as a Chief Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force and worked in civil service at WPAFB for over thirty years. Upon retirement, Bob traveled extensively with his family and joined PGK Bogemann on many golf outings. He was a member of Mary, Help of Christian Church and a lifelong member of Knights of Columbus Fairborn Council 3724, taking his first degree on October 1, 1977. Brother Bob completed his second and third degrees on October 27, 1977 and February 5, 1978 respectfully, making him an Honorary Life Member. Bob was an active member of our Council especially as a long time usher at WSU basketball games. The family advised if desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Knights of Columbus in Bob's memory. Bob 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.*

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*

**St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes  
Christmas Services**

***Dec. 23, Advent Weekday***

8 a.m. St. Brigid (Latin), Advent Weekday  
4 p.m. Mary, Help of Christians,  
Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent  
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid,  
Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent  
5:30 p.m. St. Luke,  
Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

***Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent***

8 a.m. St. Luke  
8:30 a.m. Mary Help of Christians  
9:00 a.m. St. Augustine  
9:30 a.m. St. Brigid  
10 a.m. St. Luke  
10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart  
11:15 a.m. St. Paul  
12 p.m. Sacred Heart (Spanish)

***Christmas Eve***

4 p.m. Mary, Help of Christians, Vigil  
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid, Vigil  
5:30 p.m. St. Luke, Vigil  
6 p.m. St. Paul, Vigil  
7 p.m. Sacred Heart (bilingual),  
Mass at Night  
10 p.m. St. Brigid, Mass at Night  
11 p.m. St. Luke, Mass at Night

***Christmas Day***

8 a.m. St. Luke  
8:30 a.m. Mary Help of Christians  
9:00 a.m. St. Augustine  
9:30 a.m. St. Brigid  
10 a.m. St. Luke  
10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart  
11:15 a.m. St. Paul  
12 p.m. Sacred Heart (Spanish)

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas**

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) at MHC will celebrate their annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas. Bring your children to the Parish Center on Sunday, December 3rd at 9:45a.m. for this annual event. We will start promptly at 9:45a.m. to give the children time for all the activities available. If you have young children not enrolled in PSR, you are welcome to bring them to the Parish Center for breakfast, games, crafts and photos with St. Nick. The Knights of Columbus will provide a free pancake breakfast. Please join us... Questions, please call the Parish Office@ 937-878-8353.

**Christmas Open House**

The Past Grand Knights are once again hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday December 21st from 7 to 10 pm. Brothers and a guest are encouraged to attend in the spirit of Fraternalism and the Christmas Season. The event is free, as always, and a dish to share is welcome, but not required. The PGK's will provide all the beverages. Please come and enjoy the merriment of the season with your fellow Knights and their spouses. This also is an opportunity to invite a prospective member and his significant other. The event is free for them as well, and a great chance to meet all of us and explore what it means to be a Knight. If you have a prospect that you've been thinking about asking, ask them to come join us.

**Parish Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19. Around 145 people enjoyed this homemade feast (and took home leftovers). Our gratitude and appreciation, to all who helped with this event, and to all who assisted in preparing, serving, donating food items and cleaning up. Well done, good and faithful servants, well done.

## INSURANCE CORNER

### Four parts of retirement: Phase Three



Retirement, You've got free time to pursue your interests, visit friends and family and relax. It's a beautiful thing. Remember: a 60-year-old man has a 20% chance of making it to 95! A 60-year-old woman has a 30% chance. And there is a 40% chance that at least one member of a married 60-year-old couple will make it to 95. That's a long time to live off savings while you don't work. As a Knight, you have access to a product that is designed to make saving safe and easy. Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. Savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity. Our annuities offer a competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans. As you proceed toward retirement, think about a Knights of Columbus annuity Give me a call.

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### 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:

Bros. Charles Gilbert, Matthew Wurzbacher, & Robert Goecke

#### Health and Healing:

PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, GK Don & Teri Shepherd, Charlie Lumppp, Charles Zeller, Jason Hake, Maureen Edwards, Jon Edwards, Ponzi Swett, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lumppp, Kim & Anna Gros, PGK Herman & Martha Karhoff, Pat Riegle, Betty Destout, Harley Paxson, Anna Lou Nava, Jordan Clement, Bro. Pat Schuman, Kathy Justice, Mary Alice Paxton, Lucy Ragazine (sister of Fr. Ambrose), Frank Tipton, John Dawes, Eric Potter, Cortney Links, the People of Ukraine, the People of Israel, Nam Mac, Jaqueline Keesbury, Margie Perenic, Larry & Alicia DeWitt and Kathy Bendall.

### 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.



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### December Events

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| Dec 3 Breakfast with St. Nick                  | Dec 3 Advent Begins             |
| Dec 6 BINGO                                    | Dec 7 Trustees Meeting          |
| Dec 7 Immaculate Conception 7 pm Vigil Mass    |                                 |
| Dec 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day (no Mass) | Dec 10 K of C Parish Breakfast  |
| Dec 11 4th Degree Meeting                      | Dec 13 K of C BINGO             |
| Dec 14 Business Meeting                        | Dec 20 BINGO                    |
| Dec 21 Home Corp Meeting                       | Dec 21 PGK Christmas Open House |
| Dec 25 Merry Christmas!                        | Dec 27 BINGO                    |
| Dec 28 Lecturer Meeting                        |                                 |
| Dec 30 Corporate Communion OLQP                | Dec 31 Corporate Communion MHC  |

### January Preview

Happy New Year, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, The Epiphany of the Lord, The Baptism of the Lord, Trustees Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, K of C Parish Breakfast, K of C BINGO, K of C 5th BINGO Night, Business Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, Lecturer Meeting, March for Life Washington, D.C., K of C Pro Life Italian Dinner

### 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 wins the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



Knight of the Month  
Bro. David Johnston



Family of the Month  
Bro. Corky & Cheryl Block

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