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Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

As we head into the month of February and we look back at our New Year's resolutions, I can only wonder how many of us are still keeping them. I am sure the resolutions we made were meant to make better versions of ourselves. Good luck to all in continuing with your efforts to stay on track with your New Year's resolutions. Ash Wednesday on February 14 starts the Lenten season. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

February comes from the Latin word februs, which means "to cleanse". The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month long festival of purification and atonement. Technically, solar winter ends on February 5. This is the darkest quarter of the year with the least amount of daylight for the Northern Hemisphere. It lasts from November 5 to February 5. Not only is it the end of solar winter but February 5 is my wife's and my 52nd Wedding Anniversary! Thank you, Teri, for putting up with me all those years. Thank you for your love and understanding. Thanks be to God for you! With Valentine's Day this month, I would like to wish a Happy Valentine's Day to all the ladies from all the Knights of Fairborn Council 3724!

January was another great month for our Council! What a super job the Council did at the K of C Parish breakfast and the Pro-Life spaghetti dinner for Brigid's Path where PGK Frank Carchedi, our Council's Italian Chef, prepared the meal and made his fantastic homemade Italian sauce using his family's recipe. I also want to thank PGK Frank Carchedi for filling in as Lounge Manager for the vacationing PGK Steve Wal. BINGO continues to do well. Thanks to all the Brother Knights, the Daughters of Isabella, and volunteers from our Parish and community who are very dedicated and supportive in working BINGO week after week.

Our Membership Director, Mark Dues, and the Membership Committee have done an outstanding job in our growth quota. Supreme shows us with a total of 14 new members to date which meets our growth requirement for this fraternal year!



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Special points of interest

- Hog Roast
- Parish Breakfast
- Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
- Reverse Raffle
- Mardi Gras

Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

Congrats go out to our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent, Rob Hernandez, who recruited 20 members between July 1 and September 30, 2023! Rob is on track to be the Recruiter of the Year for 2023-2024!

I hope to see everyone at our Business Meeting on February 8 with a pizza party for our Knights to follow, compliments of the State Growth Director based on our Fall membership increase. In addition, other events you will not want to miss are the Parish breakfast on February 4, K of C Youth Carnival with lunch on February 11 and the Reverse Raffle on February 24. Let us be worthy.

Vivat Jesus, Don Shepherd

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of the Month for January 2024, Brother Matt Justice! Since taking on the roll of Chancellor many years ago, Matt has been our guiding force interfacing with our Religious partners. He has made them all feel as a very important part of our Council through his caring interaction. Thank you, Matt, for all you do!

Family of the Month

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month for January 2024, Brother Dan and Jana Cyphers! As our Family Director, Dan is our interface and support to PSR, chairs the Council's Annual Memorial Mass and gathering, leads us in the Consecration of the Holy Family, keeps our widows involved, delivers furniture and appliances for our St. Vincent De Paul charity, and so much more. Jana works very hard in helping Dan in all of these activities. Thank you, Dan and Jana, for all you do!

Parish Breakfast

Our February breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 4. 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, French toast, hash browns, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy, fruit cup, yogurt, milk, orange juice, coffee and as always we put PGK Russell Milliron's pastry skills to work where he creates a special pastry. 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!



"No, Dolly, I looked online and THIS is what a heart's s'posed to look like."



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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Beloved in Christ,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28-Feb. 3, it is an excellent reminder of the “Great Partnership.” Teachers and administrators do not replace parents as teachers of the faith but partner with parents in this most important task of imparting the Faith to their children. At infant baptism, parents promise three times to be the first and best teachers of the Faith to their children. Our parishes exist to

make disciples of Jesus Christ; our schools are our largest ministries; therefore, our schools exist to make disciples of Jesus. Thursday, Feb. 1, is the Feast of St. Brigid. And this year is special. We celebrate 175 years as a parish and 150 years as a school. We will have a special school Mass in the afternoon on the feast day. For the third time in three years, the Center for the New Evangelization at the Archdiocese will honor those in the field who work as evangelists. Our team here at the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes will receive the award next Saturday. Congratulations team! Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

God bless,

Fr. Bedel



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Father Alex continues to serve and reside at Saint John Fisher, in Newtown, Ohio; he is also the parochial vicar at Guardian Angels, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cincinnati.

History of the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel has a special heavenly role in doing battle against the devil, protecting the Church, protecting Christians against assault from the devil. The prayer to St. Michael originated with Pope Leo XIII in 1886. Legend has it that the Pope, following Holy Mass, received a vision in which he saw the great damage Satan would do to the Church and the world in the 20th century. Pope Leo XIII composed this prayer in response and added it to the Leonnine prayers to be recited after Low Mass, which were originally intended for the intentions of the defense of the temporal sovereignty of the Holy See. Although no longer required to be said after Low Mass, the prayer is still encouraged.

“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.”

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

Wow! January went by in a flash! I can't believe we're already in the second month of the New Year. I bring you GOOD NEWS: Supreme Council says we have met our goal of 14 for this fraternal year! Thanks to all who have contributed to this happy moment. In addition to this news, we also have two new members who applied online but who have yet to complete their First through Third Degree exemplification. God certainly has been good to us with His many blessings.

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

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.

This Month's Personal Goal: My wife and I will act as a team to encourage our parish families to become "Knights Families." While I become acquainted with a prospect, my wife will talk with his spouse about the many benefits in joining the Knights of Columbus.

Happy Ground Hog's Day, Brothers!



The council's annual Celebration of Life Hog Roast held in support of Bloom with FYI will be held in the Parish Center, Saturday March 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. following mass. The K of C will prepare and serve the dinner featuring roast pork, green beans, au gratin potatoes, tossed salad, and cake for dessert. You get all this for \$15 for adults, \$5 for kid, max \$40 per family. Make sure you don't miss this once a year activity.

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Home Corporation

Officers of HC met on Jan 17, 2024, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

- Action Item: Create a Master Schedule of actions/activities - Monthly TO DO LIST.
- Work Party – Jan 27, 2024 - Recovering chairs, 9 am-noon.
- Tues crew removed Christmas decorations, purchased new storage bins, and organized decorations.
- Tues Crew plans to add a new faucet in kitchen for access to better water quality for K of C events.
- Lubricated all door key entry locks, replaced non-functional light bulbs.

Note: Next HC meeting is on Feb 15, start time in 7:00 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. Key point - the HC is here to help Council members do whatever it can to help achieve the Council's mission.

Eighth HC raffle drawing winners: \$40.00 prize – Ticket 174 – winner Mecca Brzeczek; \$25.00 prize – Ticket 154 – winner Judy McCoy and \$10.00 prize – Ticket 139 – winner Henrik Pitstick.

Blood Drive

Please mark your calendar for the next MHC/KofC Blood Drive on Saturday March 9, 2024, from 9 AM to Noon in the MHC Parish Center. More details forthcoming. Please consider giving the gift of life.

Consecration to the Holy Family

The Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, December 31, 2023 with Father Lee officiating. Council 3724 simultaneously celebrated the Consecration to the Holy Family at the same mass. The Council made Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards and instructions for the Consecration available for parishioners at the back of Church for several weeks leading up to the event. A poster with the image of the Holy Family, also at the back of Church, and the Church Bulletin announced the event.

The Knights of Columbus uses this celebration to help strengthen parish families and revitalize parishes. Through this event, Council 3724 invited our Brothers and each Mary, Help of Christians' family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Families were asked to say the family prayer together, celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation, and intentionally fast from something for the week leading up to the consecration. Council 3724 said the family prayer together at our December Business Meeting and again with the Church congregation preceding the Feast of the Holy Family/Consecration to the Holy Family Mass.

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights Born in February!

Timothy M Barlow	Raymond E Daley	Brent T Peaden	John P Wolfe
Thomas L Engle	Michael J Stock	John F Feltz	Jose G Nava
Steven G Eviston	Joseph C Graf	Patrick L Richardson	David A Corelli
Jack L Huey	Donald D Dunn	Roger A Bradbury	Matthew E Rogalinski
Jeffery D Karhoff	Robert E Minnick	Travis Michael Rogalinski	

February Tidbits

Got your snow shovels ready? February's full Snow Moon reaches its peak on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 7:30 a.m., EST! It will be below the horizon at this time, so for the best view of this Moon, look for it starting the night before or later on Saturday. It's known as the Snow Moon due to the typically heavy snowfall that occurs in February. On average, February is the United States' snowiest month. February's full Moon is a "Micromoon" this year. This means that the full Moon is at its farthest point from Earth.

The birthstone for February is the Amethyst, a purple quartz and a blend of violet and red colors that can be found in every corner of the world.

The February birth month flowers are violets and primroses. These tiny woodland plants of February brighten the landscape. Wild violets show off their purple-blue petals and heart-shaped leaves in the coldest months! In Christianity, the violet flower symbolizes the Virgin Mary's humility. It is believed that the flowers blossomed when the angel Gabriel told Mary that Jesus would be her baby. Violets are often portrayed as a symbol of modesty and humbleness. Primrose flowers are a small perennial woodland plant that may appear white, yellow, pink, red, or violet. One consistent thing is the center of a primrose bloom is almost always yellow.

February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

"And when the days of her purification according to the Law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord;" (Luke 2:22). The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence)

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is a penitent service that uses ashes to mark the sign of the cross on the believer's forehead, symbolizing our sinful nature and need for salvation. Prayer plays an important part on Ash Wednesday as a time for reflection, repentance, and preparation for Lent.

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory, and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel the right conviction and repentance for our sins. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

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

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

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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.

Spring Reverse Raffle 2024

Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Spring Reverse Raffle will be on February 24th. Doors open at 5:00. The first ticket out will be at 6:00. Tickets are \$40 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2250. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com, PGK Jim McCoy @ 937-879-3570 or any of our members. You can also purchase tickets by mail. Just send a check for \$40 per ticket to us and we will send your stub back to you. You can send it to:

K of C 3724 Reverse Raffle
Attn Frank Minnick
934 N Maple Avenue
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Please Make Checks payable to: Fairborn K of C 3724

New this year! You can purchase your tickets by credit card via phone or in person through PGK Frank Minnick at the number above or PGK Russell Milliron @ 937-609-9068.

*Bring your family to the MHC Parish Center for a
Mardi Gras / Carnival Celebration.
Join our MHC & Sacred Heart PSR & RE
youth & catechists.
During MHC PSR on Sunday, February 11, 2024.
9:45am-1:00pm.
After PSR stay a little longer for more
Fun, games and a free lunch.
King Cake
Mask Making
Hallelujah Banner
Burning Palms For Ash Wednesday Mass
Carnival Games
Food and More...
Sponsored by: MHC Religious Education &
The Knights of Columbus*

INSURANCE CORNER

Time Flies



Tempus fugit. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we ring in another new year. I hope that 2023 was a healthy, rewarding and fulfilling year for you and your family. If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change. Each year, among my dozens of clients who pass away, are always some who were quite young, even children! Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

Give me a call.

Robert Hernandez

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For The Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

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

Repose of the Souls:

Mother of Nikki Stefanow

Health and Healing:

PGK Jim McCoy, PGK Russ Milliron, GK Don & Teri Shepherd, PGK Erbacher, PGK John Wolfe, Charlie Lumppp, John Young, Steve Paulsen, Dave Banazak, John Martin, Paul David Avery Jr, Larry & Alicia DeWitt, Eric Rogalinski, Ray & Regina Daley, Nam Mac, Brenda Whytal, Rose Yosick, Linda Gruden, Lisa Caldwell, Mary Alice Paxson, Marge Hueston, Lisa Caldwell, Kathy Thompson, Kim Sees, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lumppp, Cathy Bedell, Lou Nava, Addalyn Gibson, Gayle Beck

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.

February Events



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Feb 1	Trustees Meeting	Feb 4	K of C Parish Breakfast
Feb 7	BINGO	Feb 8	Business Meeting
Feb 11	K of C Youth Carnival with Lunch	Feb 12	4th Degree Meeting
Feb 14	ASH WEDNESDAY (No K of C BINGO)	Feb 15	Home Corp Meeting
Feb 21	BINGO	Feb 22	Lecturer Meeting
Feb 24	Reverse Raffle	Feb 28	BINGO
Feb 29	FAB Meeting	Feb 29	PGK Meeting

March Preview

BINGO, Trustees Meeting, Blood Drive, K of C Parish Breakfast and Open House, 4th Degree Meeting, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, FYI Dinner, Parish Mission dinners at St. Luke, Mary Help of Christians, and St. Brigid, Home Corp Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, Palm Sunday, HAPPY EASTER!

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
Chancellor Matt Justice



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