

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724  
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

Lent is here and by now all of us are focused on it. I was serving at Mass and, afterwards, I had a conversation with a Brother Knight who had some interest in serving Mass himself. His wife mentioned to him that it might be a great way to earn Plenary Indulgence. Needing to refresh my memory, I wanted to do some reading research on Plenary Indulgence and share some of what I learned. So, it being Lent, I thought I would provide an article on how one can obtain a Plenary Indulgence during Holy Week.

How to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence During Holy Week (From the Catholic News Agency 2023)

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized. A plenary indulgence can be obtained during Holy Week for oneself or for a deceased person if one of the following works established by the Church is performed.

Holy Thursday —

1. If during the solemn reservation of the Blessed Sacrament (typically on a side altar), which follows the Mass of the Lord's Supper, you recite or sing the eucharistic hymn "Tantum Ergo."
2. If you adore the solemnly reserved Blessed Sacrament for a half hour.

Good Friday —

1. If you venerate the cross in the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion.
2. If you piously participate in the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday —

1. If two or more people pray the holy rosary.
2. If you attend the celebration of the Easter Vigil at night and renew your baptismal promises, which is part of the liturgy of that Mass.



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## Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

Conditions in all cases:

In order to obtain the plenary indulgence, in addition to performing the specific works mentioned above, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
2. Sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. These three conditions can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.

A single sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences, but frequent sacramental confession is encouraged in order to obtain the grace of deeper conversion and purity of heart.

For each plenary indulgence that is sought, however, a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required. The prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father is left up to the choice of the individual, but an Our Father and Hail Mary are suggested.

“The following six recipients are selected for Lenten Almsgiving this year. Please contact your Parish Office for details.

First Sunday of Lent (Feb. 17-18, 2024)	Our four St. Vincent DePaul Conferences within St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes
Second Sunday of Lent (Feb. 24-25, 2024)	Brigid's Path
Third Sunday of Lent (Mar. 2-3, 2024)	Habitat for Humanity - New Carlisle
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mar. 9-10, 2024)	Simon Kenton Bridges of Hope
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Mar. 16-17, 2024)	Elizabeth's New Life Center
Sixth Sunday of Lent (Mar 23-24, 2024)	Michael's House



The Knights of Columbus Fraternal year runs from July 1 through June 30 so we are only a few months away from the start of the new 2024 - 2025 Fraternal year! We will start taking nominations for Council Officers for the new Fraternal year at our April Business Meeting. I ask all Brother Knights to prayerfully consider how to participate in the coming year and in all the great things our Council does. If anyone would like to discuss a particular position, I will be more than happy to help. A full listing of Council Officer descriptions and job descriptions are posted in the lounge as well as a sign-up sheet for those interested. Please consider being part of our Council's future.

I hope to see everyone at our Business Meeting on March 14. In addition, other events you will not want to miss are the **Blood Drive on March 9, the Parish breakfast and K of C Open House on March 10, the Family and Youth Initiatives (FYI) dinner on March 16th, and the Parish Mission programs and dinners at St. Luke (March 17), Mary Help of Christians (March 18), and St. Brigid (March 19).** Have a Blessed and Happy Easter! Let us be worthy. Vivat Jesus, GK Don Shepherd.

### St. Michael the Archangel:

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.



**Chaplain Fr. Bedel**

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Beloved in Christ,

Question: When is the Lenten Penance Service?

Answer: During our Lenten Mission. The five priests of the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes will hear confessions all three nights of our Lenten Mission, March 17-19. Please make a plan to bring the family to any church for the sacrament. Our Adult Faith Formation Series continues on

Monday evenings. I will unpack the Pillars of Lent on Monday, Feb. 26, with an emphasis on prayer. These sessions are held in the lunchroom of St. Brigid at 7 p.m. on Monday nights. All are welcome.

Congratulations to our catechumens, who today become the Elect! I look forward to welcoming you home to the Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Rite of Election Sunday afternoon is one more important step toward Jesus. Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you. Please keep the Elect in your prayers as well. Blessed Lent  
Fr. Bedel



**Father Alex Biryomumeisho**

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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.

**Thank You from the Grand Knight**

I would like to thank PGK Gene Erbacher for volunteering to Chair the Super Cash Bonanza again this year. Please see him if you need any additional tickets. Thanks to PGK Frank Minnick and PGK Russell Milliron for their leadership in the kitchen running our Parish breakfasts and dinners. Super job, Brother Mark Dues, Membership Director, for reaching our growth objective in record time. Thank you, Brother Dan Cyphers and his wife, Jana, for the fabulous Mardi Gras lunch and carnival. Food preparation was great and the families loved it!

Thank you, Brother Eric Rogalinski and PGK Larry Bogemann for doing a fantastic job at BINGO! I want to especially thank PGK Grant Kempf for his continuous help and guidance with all the forms and reports required by Supreme and State and also for keeping me focused and on track! Thank you to Father Bedel for his leadership and guidance in our St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes! Most importantly, THANKS BE TO GOD.

### 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

At the beginning of this fraternal year, I never thought that we would have met our membership goal by the beginning of Lent! I am so grateful to the Lord for His bounty, and I am grateful for all of you who have been working so hard to help us meet our goal of 14. I have always said we are the workers in the field, but the Lord is the One who harvests and brings in the bounty. But let's not get complacent! The Lord is saying there is still work to be done, and there are men who are waiting to be asked to join our "band of brothers," the Knights of Columbus! So, take a pat on the back and then let's get back to work!

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 (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:** During this Lent, I'm going to get out of my comfort zone: I will introduce myself to a new member of my parish and tell him that I am there to help him and his family become acquainted with his new parish community. That I am a Knight of Columbus may not even come up. That's okay. I will get to know him; and maybe the next time I see him, I will ask him if he's ever been invited to join the Knights! Happy Saint Patrick's Day, 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>



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. "Register by emailing [erica.stefanow@fyiohio.org](mailto:erica.stefanow@fyiohio.org) with the ticket type needed along with the number of seats you would like to reserve. Please also include the names of each guest. Cash or credit card will be accepted at the door. All proceeds from this event will benefit the mission of Family and Youth Initiatives. For any additional information, please email Erica Stefanow at the email address listed above."



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



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## Home Corporation

Officers of HC met on Feb 15, 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 – Mar 23, 2024** - Recovering the last of the chairs in need of repair, 9 am-noon.

We recovered 12 chairs at the last work party. Thanks to all for a very productive event.

Tues Crew Installed CAT 1 cable line to St Vincent DePaul food pantry.

Tues Crew repaired reverse raffle ticket board.

**Note: Next HC meeting is on Mar 21, 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.**

Ninth HC raffle drawing winners: \$40.00 prize – Ticket 096 – winner Russell Milliron; \$25.00 prize – Ticket 199 – winner Paul Herchenback and \$10.00 prize – Ticket 185 - Virginia Peters

## MHC / K of C Blood Drive

Please consider giving the gift of life at the MHC / K of C Blood drive on March 9, 2024, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Center. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com) or call 937-461-3220.

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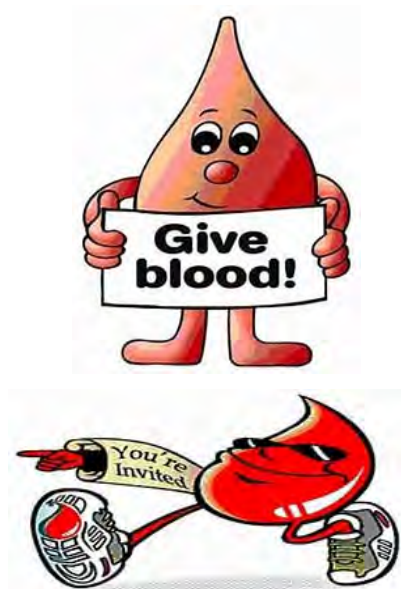
Give life with your blood donation  
*and let joy fall like rain drops.*

Donor Time App | 937-461-3220 | [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com)

**Mary Help of Christians  
Knights of Columbus**  
954 North Maple Street, Fairborn, OH  
Saturday, March 9, 2024  
8:30am – 12:30pm

Appointment preferred. Please scan QR code or go to: [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com). Enter sponsor code: 227.

Your selfless gift can fill countless hearts with hope. Register to donate blood Mar. 4 – Apr. 27 and the Solvita umbrella will keep you ready for a rainy day... and the sunshine to come. While supplies last.



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

Anthony C Beiring	Timothy P Corcoran	Scott G Nicholson	Christopher J Seng
J Matthew Justice	Clifton Cowart	Gerard E Dorsten	Paul A Petachi
John O Martin	Edward A Knoth	E Dale Mize	Phyllip H Young

### March Tidbits

March's full Moon goes by the name Worm Moon. For many years, it was thought this name referred to the earthworms that appear as the soil warms in spring. This invites robins and other birds to feed a true sign of spring! However, more research revealed another explanation. In the 1760s, Captain Jonathan Carver visited the Naudowessie (Dakota) and other Native American tribes and wrote that the name Worm Moon refers to a different sort of "worm"—beetle larvae—which begin to emerge from the thawing bark of trees and other winter hideouts at this time. The full Worm Moon reaches its peak in the morning hours of Monday, March 25. Look for it to rise after sunset on both Sunday and Monday!

There are two birthstones associated with this early spring month: aquamarine and bloodstone. The serenely colored aquamarine invokes the tranquility of its namesake, the sea. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but it is also found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique. Aquamarine grows in large, six-sided crystals that can be up to a foot long. This makes it a great gemstone to be cut and polished in larger carats.

The second birthstone for March is bloodstone, a dark-green gemstone flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. Generally found embedded in rocks or riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this gemstone are India, Brazil, and Australia. Bloodstone is sometimes known by another name, Blood Jasper. There are two forms of bloodstone: heliotrope, which is more transparent with red spots, and plasma, which is more opaque and has little or no red spots. It also comes in many shapes and cuts, including traditional cuts like emerald, oval, and cushion.

The March birth month flower is the daffodil. It is one of the first flowers to bloom in spring. Daffodils are seen as a representation of rebirth and new beginnings. They are also thought to represent inspiration, forgiveness, and creativity.

**March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins. Spring ahead 1 hour.**

**March 19 - Spring Begins**

### 2024 Super Cash Bonanza

I know it seems like we just finished up the Football Frenzy which is one of two major fundraisers conducted by the State every year. The second is the Super Cash Bonanza. At GK Shepherd's, request I am chairing the 2024 Super Cash Bonanza for our council. By now you should have received a letter and 10 tickets in the mail. We are asking that you sell or purchase and return the stubs, along with a \$50.00 check, back to our council.

Tickets are \$5 each and the prizes are worth over \$108,000. Please make your check out to

**K of C Council 3724.** The deadline for the first turn in is March 28, 2024. Any tickets received after March 28 will be turned in at the second deadline which is May 2, 2024. The drawing will be on May 18, 2024, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington, KY 41011, beginning at 9:30 AM. First prize is \$414.00 a month for ten years plus 24 additional CASH prizes. The ticket stub must have a full name and complete address or full name and ten-digit phone number. The name must be an individual, not a parish or organization. Please contact me, for additional tickets at ([gene.erbacher@gmail.com](mailto:gene.erbacher@gmail.com)) or (937) 477-5669.

Checks and stubs can be mailed directly

to the hall at  
K of C Council 3724  
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or directly to me at  
PGK Gene Erbacher  
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As always there is no pressure, I hope and pray you can help the council again as you did with the Football Frenzy. Peace be with you all. PGK Erbacher

## 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 May 30th, 2024 at 6:00PM. Start thinking about worthy charities that we might be able to support this fraternal year. You can submit them to the FAB by placing them in the HC Presidents mailbox at the hall or sending an email to [grandknight@3724kofc.org](mailto:grandknight@3724kofc.org). We hope to have Johnson Investments on hand as well to go over the fund performances and strategies for the coming year.

### Spring Reverse Raffle 2024

The February 2024, Reverse Raffle, WOW!! a special thank you to all the brothers that worked at the Reverse Raffle. A record attendance, fantastic food turned this into a night to remember. Thank you to all the brothers that bought tickets and helped sell. PGK Russell Milliron took home the grand prize, or I should say Annie did! We also set a record with 50/50 sales thanks to GK Don Shepherd and Brother Steve Glass, what a team. Thank You PGK Minnick

### 3724 Knights in Action



At February's Business Meeting, GK Shepherd had the honor of presenting the Supreme Council's Recruiter of the Quarter award to FA and Brother Knight Rob Hernandez! Congratulations Brother Rob for all your hard work.



Several weeks ago, the Knights of Columbus group at Mary, Help of Christians hosted a delicious Italian feast with proceeds going to **Brigid's Path**. ([brigidspath.org](http://brigidspath.org)) This week, they dropped off a \$1,000 check! Thank you to the K of C and everyone who made this possible.

**FAIRBORN 3724 KNIGHTS MEET IN FLORIDA**

PGK Frank P. Carchedi, PGK John A. Wolfe & Herb Edwards recently got together for lunch at the Maria Jack Seafood Restaurant in Sarasota with guests Frank Jr. & Joe Carchedi, Linda & Lexis Engle & Maureen Edwards. All had a great time together.



### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of the Month for February, Brother Mark Dues! As our Membership Director, Mark develops, organizes and leads our Membership Drives twice a year at both Mary, Help of Christians Church and Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Mark, along with his team of Brothers, were instrumental in our Council already reaching our annual growth requirement to obtain Star Council for this fraternal year in record time. Our Council also became eligible for several growth incentives, including the Pizza Party. In addition to everything Mark does, if you need a name badge, he's your man. Thank you, Mark, for all you do!

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month for February, Brother Percy and Anna Gros! As our Life Director, Percy travels annually to Washington, D.C. for the National March for Life Program, he is responsible for the Keep Christ in Christmas and Respect Life billboard displays, he leads prayers at abortion clinics, he participates in The Ride, Walk and Run for Life, 40 Days for Life, Life Tech Conference, Pregnancy Center fundraising dinners, Fairborn 4th of July Parade where he rollerblades the entire parade route and hands out candy. Percy is a Lead Alter Server and is asset to our Kitchen Crew. Percy delivers Bibles to prisoners and shares his faith with them. Percy is a Pilot and flies youths in our Young Eagles Program, and many other things - WOW! Anna works very hard in helping and supporting Percy in all of these activities. And, beside her fabulous homemade Carrot Cake, Anna publishes a family cookbook which she distributes to all the BINGO Bakers. Anna also manages the schedule for the BINGO Bakers. In addition, she is a member of The Daughters of Isabella. Thank you, Percy and Anna, for all you do!

### **MARCH SPIRITUAL**

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland

An Irish Blessing: "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

"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."

March 24 - Palm Sunday

"Lord, your return is near, I praise you in your glory!"

March 28 - Holy Thursday, The Last Supper

"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)  
"Lord, give me a spirit of humility and love, so I may serve others as your son, Jesus Christ, has served me."

March 29 - Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord (Fast and Abstinence)

"But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed." (Isaiah 52:5)

March 31 - Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord

"The Lord is truly risen. alleluia! To him be the glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!"

## **FALLEN BROTHER**

### **Brother Gerald Rouch**



Sadly we just recently learned of the passing of Brother Knight Gerald Rouch who went to the Lord on December 13, 2022. Gerald (Jerry) was born April 14, 1933 in Crystal Lake, Ohio. As a young man joined and served his country proudly, in the United States Army. Following his military service Jerry worked as an accountant in the civil service at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, retiring after 34 years of combined federal service. Jerry was a longtime member of Mary Help of Christians Church and was deeply involved with Fairborn Council 3724 of the Knights of Columbus for many years. Jerry was a steady face at many events giving his support to his Brother Knights with his kindness and good humor. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wayne Rouch and Marie (Schwartz) Rouch; wife of 50 years, Barbara Rouch; siblings, Dick Rouch; Don Rouch; Russell Rouch; Dale Rouch; Margie McCann; and June Gersbacher. He is survived by his six children, Kathe Lowe(Mike); Bill Rouch (Denise); Pam Jordan (Mike); Stephanie Dunyon (Jim); Jenne Gross (Bob); Jere Truckenmiller (Steve); 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother; Ronnie Rouch (Colleen); as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Gerald now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

### **PARISH BREAKFAST and K of C OPEN HOUSE**

Our March breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 10. Our Knights Open House will be available after breakfast. 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! And come see our Council's facility after breakfast and learn what our Knights of Columbus have to offer you and your family!

### **Entreaty for Council Service**

Please prayerfully consider taking up an officer's position to help chart your council's path this next Fraternal year. You will not be alone many of the previous officers continue to be active and available to help with the duties of each position. All position descriptions are listed on page 12. If you have any questions reach out to me, or current Grand Knight Don or any of the Past Grand Knights, Trustees or currently serving officers. To serve your council is a great honor and if you just can't serve as an officer please consider stepping into one of the Program Chairman roles. Your council needs you, Vivat Jesus PGK Erbacher.

## COUNCIL OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS



**GRAND KNIGHT:** The GK is the chief administrative and financial officer of the council. He presides over all council meetings and is Chairman of the Board of trustees. He appoints a Program Director who, with the Activity Directors plans, coordinates and conducts all council activities and is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:** The DGK performs all the duties of the GK in his absence or inability of the GK and all duties the Order manual imposes.

**CHANCELLOR:** Assists the GK and DGK in performing their duties. Third in the line of succession to run the council. Charged with the total participation of the membership in activities of the council. Exercises special interest in sick or distressed members. Council's representative to the District Vocation's Committee.

**RECORDER:** Keeps a true record of the doings of the council.

**TREASURER:** Custodian of all council funds. Receives from the Financial Secretary all monies, deposits and disburses all monies of the council

**ADVOCATE:** The attorney of the council in case of the trial and investigation of any matter of interest to the council, keeps current on the orders and council's by-laws and Roberts Rules.

**WARDEN:** Is in charge of all council property, except money and account/record books. With the assistance of the guards, arranges the council chamber for all meeting and degree work, verifies the membership of all present, conducts balloting as directed.

**INSIDE GUARD:** Attends the entrance to the council chamber from the inside door. Assists the Warden in the performance of his duties.

**OUTSIDE GUARDS:** These two attend the entrance to the council chamber from the outside entrance. They assist the Warden in the performance of his duties.

**TRUSTEES:** There are three trustees serving under the GK to supervise the financial business of the council approve payments and audits the account of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer every six months. They serve three-one year terms. One trustee is elected each year.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** This is not an elected office the FS is appointed by the Supreme Knight. Receives all monies owed the council, collects dues, maintains council current membership roster, advises Retention Committee, Grand Knight and Trustees when a member becomes delinquent in paying his dues.

## INSURANCE CORNER

### Group Life Insurance



As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I hear about group life insurance every week. It can be a misleading security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a needs analysis. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make X amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount (\$15,000 seems popular) or a multiple of your salary (somewhere between 1.0 and 2.5 is common). Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number and rarely if ever actually would provide for your family's needs. It can also disappear at any time.

When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium. Do you still own just group life insurance? It must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. I can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't get caught by surprise when your group policies go away without warning. Give me a call.

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

### 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:

Pat Drake, Dorothea M. Meade

#### Health and Healing:

Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, GK Don & Teri Shepherd, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Herman & Martha Karhoff, PGK Larry Bogemann, Charlie Lumpp, Steve Paulsen, Dave Banazak, John Martin, Paul David Avery Jr, Ray & Regina Daley, Nam Mac, Jay Leonard, Brenda Whytal, Rose Yosick, Linda Gruden, Lisa Caldwell, Mary Alice Paxson, Marge Hueston, Lisa Caldwell, Kathy Thompson, Kim Sees, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lumpp, Cathy Bedell, Lou Nava, Addalyn Gibson, Gayle Beck, Carolyn Huey, Jean Decenzo, Don & Pam Ward, Larry Esses and Beverly LeFevre.

### 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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Fairborn, OH**

### March Events

Mar 2	Home Corp Work Party	Mar 6	BINGO
Mar 7	Trustees Meeting	Mar 10	Daylight Savings Time
Mar 11	4th Degree Meeting	Mar 13	K of C BINGO
Mar 14	Business Meeting	Mar 19	Spring Begins
Mar 20	BINGO	Mar 21	Home Corp Meeting
Mar 24	Palm Sunday	Mar 27	No BINGO (Holy Week)
Mar 28	Holy Thursday	Mar 29	Good Friday
Mar 31	HAPPY EASTER		

### April Preview

BINGO, Trustees Meeting, K of C Parish Breakfast, 4th Degree Meeting, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, Lecturer Meeting, Blue Coat Awards 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  
Membership Director  
Bro Mark Dues



Family of the Month  
Life Director Percy & Anna Gros



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