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FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024 CHARTERED IN OCTOBER 1953 June 2024

Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

The 125th State Convention of the Knights of Columbus at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY got underway on Friday, May 17 and continued on through Sunday, May 19. In attendance was GK Don and Teri Shepherd, FS and PGK Russell Milliron and State Regent for The Daughters of Isabella, Annie Milliron, DGK and Program Director and GK-Elect Tom and Lynn Pitstick. They were joined by Life Director Brother Percy and Anna Gros on Saturday and Sunday. The Gros family was presented with the State of Ohio Knights of Columbus Family of the Year Award. Earlier that day, the Gros family also received the Cincinnati Archdiocese's Family of the Year Award. In addition, Father Jason Bedel was selected as the Cincinnati Archdiocese's Chaplain of the Year.

Congratulations to all!

Fairborn Council 3724 received The Jesus Award, receiving 1,000 points for our State programs: Faith Activities 200 points, Faith Director PGK Larry Bogemann; Family Activities 200 points, Family Director Brother Dan Cypher; Community Activities 200 points, Community Directors GK Don Shepherd, PGK Grant Kempf and PGK, PDD, PCP John Wolfe; Life Activities 200 points, Life Director Brother Percy Gros; and Membership Activities 200 points, Membership Director Brother Mark Dues.

Congratulations to all!

Fairborn Council 3724 received The S.O.S. Bronze Award for Supporting our Seminarians donating \$2,000 to our seminarians. Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight-Elect Matt Justice directed our Council's efforts to support our seminarians. Thank you and Congratulations, Brothers!

Knights attending the Convention received the Blessed Michael McGivney Challenge Coin and a Knights of Columbus insulated tumbler, and ladies received an insulated tumbler as well. The weather was beautiful and the site afforded a spectacular view of Cincinnati and the Ohio River.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead our Council during the past Fraternal year. The Order is a school for leadership and the Office of Grand Knight affords a man many opportunities to develop, test, and improve his leadership qualities such as organizing, delegating, motivating, monitoring and otherwise "shepherding" if you will, the Council's programs and activities. The task at hand may require a Grand Knight to be a counselor, a psychologist, a salesman, a fortune teller, an arbitrator, and even at times a sanitation engineer when the Hall must be cleaned after a Council function.



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Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

Nevertheless, in addition to being a leader, a Grand Knight is also a friend to his Brother Knights and vice versa. In the Order, we are all Brother Knights. When a man becomes Grand Knight, it signifies, based on the dictionary definition of the word "grand", that he now is higher in rank, stature or dignity. He has been called to higher office because of his willingness to serve the Council and its members and families. The Grand Knight has received the Council's mandate by election. By this fact, we know that the Knights had every confidence that the Grand Knight chosen could and would lead their efforts to the best of his ability.

Our Past Grand Knights have garnished a wealth of experience while in office. Their knowledge should not go to waste. Over the past year, I have drawn on their knowledge to guide me. I have found they would do whatever it takes to ensure that Columbianism remains alive.

Thank you Past Grand Knights and all my Brothers for your help in running our Council. Thanks to God, our Priests, Church staff and parishioners and The Daughters of Isabella for providing support to the Fairborn 3724 Knights of Columbus Council.

Congratulations to Grand Knight-Elect Tom Pitstick, Deputy Grand Knight-Elect Matt Justice and Chancellor David Johnston for choosing to lead our Council the next Fraternal Year! Thank you to all of our Officers and Directors who have continued in their positions!

In July, I will have the pleasure of presenting the Gavel, symbolic of the Office of the Grand Knight, to Grand Knight-Elect Tom Pitstick. Godspeed!

Vivat Jesus, GK Don Shepherd

LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER

Ladies Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday, May 11th, when the Knights honored the Ladies in their lives and our Brother Knights' widows with a catered meal from Carmae Catering. Approximately 75 people attended. The Ladies were presented with roses, chocolates and an Abacus Rosary handmade by GK Don Shepherd. Thanks to all our wonderful and amazing Ladies!

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR BANQUET

Time is running out to sign up to attend the Annual Knight of the Year Banquet. The Banquet will be held in the MHC Parish Center on Saturday June 15, 2024. Doors open at 5 PM with a catered dinner starting at 5:30 PM. Please plan on attending this great event to congratulate our honorees and close out Fraternal Year 2023-2024. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge or you can contact Grand Knight Don Shepherd to make your reservations by June 8 (donterishepherd@aol.com, 937-657-4375).

4TH OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC

Mark Your Calendars! July will be here sooner than you think and the Members of the Council, along with 4th Degree members of Monsignor Buckley Assemble will once again march in the Fairborn Independence Day Parade. As always, our entry will consist of a truck and a trailer and we'll gather at the hall to decorate it at 8:00 AM on the 4th. We have to be in our place in the parade line by 9:00 AM. As usual, you are welcome to ride in the truck or trailer. Some of us will also walk. After the parade, we'll have our annual Council Family Picnic back at the Hall. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided by the Council. Please bring a covered dish of your choice to share. We'll have a few games and a lot of fellowship and good times for the whole family. We'll start to gather about 2:00. As always, there will be brown bag Bingo after we eat.



Chaplain Fr. Bedel

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Please extend a warm welcome to Geneva Barclay, the Family's new Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Discipleship. Geneva joins our Family journey June 1st, and more information about Geneva's own journey is in the church bulletin. I invite you to join us for one of our Corpus Christi processions Sunday (June 2) after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Luke, or after the 11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Paul. Such processions take our eucharistic Jesus out into the world to show that the world needs Him and in fact belongs to Him. The seminarians of the Archdiocese are hosting two Ember Days for high school men (incoming sophomores to outgoing seniors) next Friday and Saturday (June 7-8). Each day's schedule includes prayer, sports, activities and food. Friday's will be at the seminary in Cincinnati and Saturday's will be at Sacred Heart Church in McCartyville. Since our parishes are in the middle, between those locations, our parishioners could participate in either one. I am happy to visit if I hear at which location our parishioners are participating. I invite you to join Archbishop Schnurr and me as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of St. Brigid Church with a Mass of Thanksgiving next Sunday (June 9) at 9:30 a.m. It will be glorious! I am pleased to announce that Chesterton Academy of St. Joseph will be renting space from us in the Parish Center at Mary, Help of Christians for their 34 high school students for the 2024-2025 academic year. See the church bulletin to find out more about our new tenants. 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.

PRAYER TO MARY

Mary, Mother of God, mother of all, who bore and raised the Son of God, who sought to bring peace into the world. You treasured all you saw in your heart, as the fruit of your womb poured out love and mercy to each of us in our own personal way. Pray for us and be with us, that we may remember that we are also treasured in your heart. Help us to always remind others that they are just as treasured, that the world may know a true and just peace. Amen.

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.

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

Thanks to all brothers who worked hard to help us achieve 16 new members this fraternal year, thus surpassing our membership goal of 14! This achievement significantly contributed to our achieving Star Council again, our third in a row! Congratulations! This doesn't mean we rest on our laurels. Continue to scout out new men in the parish. Remember, if you don't ask, he won't join.

This isn't official yet, but we are expecting our next Membership Drive dates to be as follows: For Mary, Help of Christians, 4 pm Mass, Saturday, 21 September and 9 am Mass, Sunday, 22 September; for Our Lady Queen of Peace, 5 pm Mass, Saturday, 26 October and 9 am Mass, Sunday, 27 October. So, mark your calendars.

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 for and from 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 Brothers Mark Dues or Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00. Vivat Jesus!

2024 Memorial Golf Tournament – SIGN UP NOW!!

Hello Brother Knights, with summer fast approaching it is that time of year to look forward to rising temperatures, sunny weather, and chasing the little white ball around. Get your team together and join us for the 2024 Annual Memorial Golf Scramble. We play typical 4-Man Best Ball Scramble format with refreshments and snacks provided, come join us and enjoy some friendly competition, comradery, and remembrance with your brother knights. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, at the Locust Hills GC in Springfield. Shotgun Start at 8:30AM. The Cost for members and their guests is \$60 per player, which pays for your green fees, cart, dinner, refreshments and prizes. Locust Hills will serve pork and ½ chicken for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge, or call/email **Andrew Wal at (937) 672-5543, andrewwal55@gmail.com**.

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights Born in June!

Joseph J Zink	Adam C Kempf	John Manning
Vincent A Ferry	Lance E Champagne	PGK M Russell Milliron
Thomas D O'Connor	Christopher Kuennen	PGK William R Stoddard
Gregg Marino	Rodney P Paxson	PGK Herman L Karhoff
Jon T Pitstick	Alfred W Peterman	Robert I Hernandez
Thomas P Sherman	Perry L Quijas	Robert J Herring

Facebook

Our council has a substantial social media presence fostered by our current Financial Secretary PGK Russ Milliron, aided by PGK Grant Kempf. Follow your council at <https://www.facebook.com/3724kofc>

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June Tidbits

Watch for June's full Strawberry Moon on the evening of Friday, June 21, 9:08 pm, EST. The moon usually will appear reddish when it's close to the horizon because the light rays must pass through the densest layers of the atmosphere. June's three birthstones range from the opalescent Pearl to the milky Moonstone to the rare, color-changing Alexandrite. Pearls are the only gemstones made by living creatures. Mollusks produce pearls by depositing layers of calcium carbonate around microscopic irritants that get lodged in their shells, usually not a grain of sand, as commonly believed. A relatively modern gemstone, Alexandrite was discovered in Russian emerald mines located in the Ural Mountains. Legends claim that it was discovered in 1834 on the same day that future Russian Czar Alexander II came of age, hence the name honoring him. June's third birthstone, Moonstone, was named by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that Moonstone's shimmery appearance shifted with the phases of the moon. The Rose and the Honeysuckle, two flowers reaching their peak during the sixth month of the year, have long been associated with June. Roses are one of the most recognizable flowers, often given as a sign of affection due to the fact that it's long been a symbol of love. The Honeysuckle, with its tubular flowers, is a magnet for hummingbirds and represents happiness and positive energy.

June 14 - Flag Day

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

June 16 - Father's Day

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make for their children's lives.

June 19 - Juneteenth

Juneteenth is an annual observance on June 19 to remember when Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and freed all remaining slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865. This day is an opportunity for people to celebrate freedom and equal rights in the United States.

June Spiritual

June 2 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ "I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord."

June 7 - The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus "You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation."

June 8 - Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary "Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God and pondered it in her heart."

June 24 - The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me, I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

I couldn't be more proud to announce our Council's Knight of the Month for May 2024, PGK John Wolfe, our Retention Director. This Knight, if he would happen to get cut, I believe he would bleed K of C Blue. He is majorly involved in and highly dedicated to our Council! We talk weekly to discuss Council business where he advises and recommends ideas and procedures. John was a Past District Deputy and a Past Chapter President. I believe he has attended as many State Conventions as any Fairborn Knight. John has been a Knight since September 1st, 1964. This September, he will celebrate his 60th year as a Knight! John has been our Council's Knight of the Year 3 times and our Knight of the Month 12 times! John is our Council's Retention Director, Historian and Co-Chair of our Blue Coat Awards Program. As Retention Director, he calls our Deputy Grand Knight monthly to give his report for our Business meeting. He even frequently flies from his home in Florida to attend our Council's meetings and events. Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of the Month for May 2024, PGK and Retention Director, John Wolfe. Thank you, John, for all you do!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month for May 2024, PGK Bill and Linda Stoddard! Seven times Family of the Month Awardees, Knight of the Month five times and one time Knight of the Year. Bill and Linda are involved in all our breakfasts and dinners. They are typically one of the last couples to leave our events because they always stay to clean up and shut down. Bill runs our Thursday night Lounge drawings and he always helps out during Lounge activities. Linda has always been an active supporter of K of C events and projects. Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month for May 2024, PGK Bill and Linda Stoddard! Thank you, Bill and Linda, for all you do!



Terms of Agreement Vote June Business Meeting

In 2019 the Grand Knight and Council Members Home Corporation (HC) President signed a Terms of Use (TOU) Agreement that stipulates the HC provide space in the Mary Help of Christians Parish Center for the council to conduct business and its various activities. The Council agreed to pay rent for the space provided by the HC. At the June Business Meeting the Council will hold a vote to adopt a motion that authorizes the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight to renew, for a five year period, a Terms of Use (TOU) Agreement with the Council Members Home Corporation.

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’.

Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on May 16, 2024, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key interest points:

Agreed to purchase a new cleaning machine to clean upholstery on Council chairs/sofas; and agreed to purchase a new Power Washer (old one broke when cleaning AC units).

Agreed to repair our commercial freezer/refrigerator units. Action item: Obtain estimates, anonymous donor funds (\$1000) to be used.

HCP Minnick asked for help to cleanup the Pro-Life Memorial/Shrine area.

Worthy Advocate PGK Steve Wal provided a revised **Terms of Use Agreement for the Council Members Home Corporation Facilities by K of C Council 3724** for HC review. Motion to accept was approved by all HC Directors.

Per request of PGK Wal (Lounge Mgr.), HC purchased tray tables for the lounge.

A new HC Raffle commences on Jul 18, 2024. To date, only 81 of the 200 tickets have been sold. Tickets are only \$10 each, the 1st ticket drawn prize in July is an extra special prize of \$50. This will be followed by a drawing for a \$40, \$25, and \$10 winner. There will be a \$40, \$25 and \$10 prize drawn at each HC monthly meetings through Jun 2025. Winning tickets are returned to the jug for all future drawings (a total of 37 chances to win). For additional tickets, contact PGK Frank Minnick, (937) 475-4260.

Note: Next HC meeting is on Jun 22, start time is 7:00 PM. HC meetings are open to all members. Please come and join the HC team. If interested in becoming a director, contact HCP Minnick.

May 25th Work Party results – Another wonderful turnout (9 members). One team, using the new upholstery cleaner, cleaned all of the chairs in the Membership Meeting room along with vacuuming the hallway carpet, etc. A 2nd team, using the new pressure washer, cleaned the monument stones, pavers, statues, and weeded in the Pro-Life shrine. Great job and thanks for the support!

Did you know? The Pro-Life (Mary) Shrine is a nationally listed site acknowledged as a solemn memorial place to give tribute to the injustice of abortion.

Next Work Party Jun 25, 2024, 9:00 am. Pick up trash in the green area and around the MHC campus. Watch for a Work Party Activity email around mid-June for more details.

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.

HC raffle drawing winners: \$40.00 prize – Ticket 15 – winner Chris Stoddard; \$25.00 prize – Ticket 143 – winner PGK Frank Minnick; and \$10.00 prize – Ticket 65 – winner Resa Haller.

2024 Super Cash Bonanza

Peace Be With You All, final turn in this year was on Thursday May 2nd and tickets and the last check were mailed on Friday May 3 to the state chairman. Your efforts this year netted 6575.00 in total funds raised, the council sold 1315 tickets in total bringing an immediate return of 3156.00 back to the council. On behalf of Grand Knight Shepherd, thank you for supporting the 2024 Super Cash Bonanza. The drawing was held at the State convention and the winners are listed on the state website. Vivat Jesus, PGK Erbacher

May Work Party

Brother Knights took time out of their holiday weekend today to help with the monthly work party. All of the chairs in the meeting room were cleaned and shampooed, our awards from the 125th State K of C Convention were prominently displayed on our wall of honor, and Knights power washed, weeded, and cleaned the Nationally listed Shrine to the Unborn Children. Thanks so much for your continued hard work!



Dad Jokes

- Two guys walked into a bar. The third guy ducked.
- Did you hear about the actor who broke his leg onstage? He's still in the cast.
- My wife asked me to go get 6 cans of Sprite from the grocery store. I realized when I got home that I had picked 7 up.

YOUR OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025

Final nominations were taken at the May business meeting and then ballots were cast, and it is with gratitude to those brothers who stepped up to the plate that I present your elected officers who will lead the council this next fraternal year.

OFFICER ELECTS

Grand Knight: DGK Tom Pitstick
Deputy Grand Knight: Bro. Matt Justice
Warden: Bro. Brian Petachi
Chancellor: Bro. David Johnston
Advocate: PGK Steve Wal
Treasurer: Bro. Larry DeWitt
Recorder: Bro. Tim Barlow
Inside Guard: Bro. Ken Normand
Outside Guards: Bro. Terry McCann, Bro. Steve Glass
3 Year Trustee: PGK Don Shepherd

APPOINTED COMMUNITY DIRECTORS

Program Director: Bro. Matt Justice
Faith Director: PGK Larry Bogemann
Community Director: Vacant
Retention Chairman: PGK John Wolfe
Life Director: Bro. Percy Gros
Family Director: Bro. Dan Cypher
Membership Director: Bro. Mark Dues

3724 Knight In Action



Father Bedel



At the 125th Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, Deputy Grand Knights Tom Pitstick was presented the Chaplain of the Year for the Cincinnati Archdiocese plaque for Fr. Jason Bedel. Congratulations Fr. Bedel for being named the Chaplain of the Year for the Cincinnati Archdiocese. Thanks for all you do.

Knights In Action

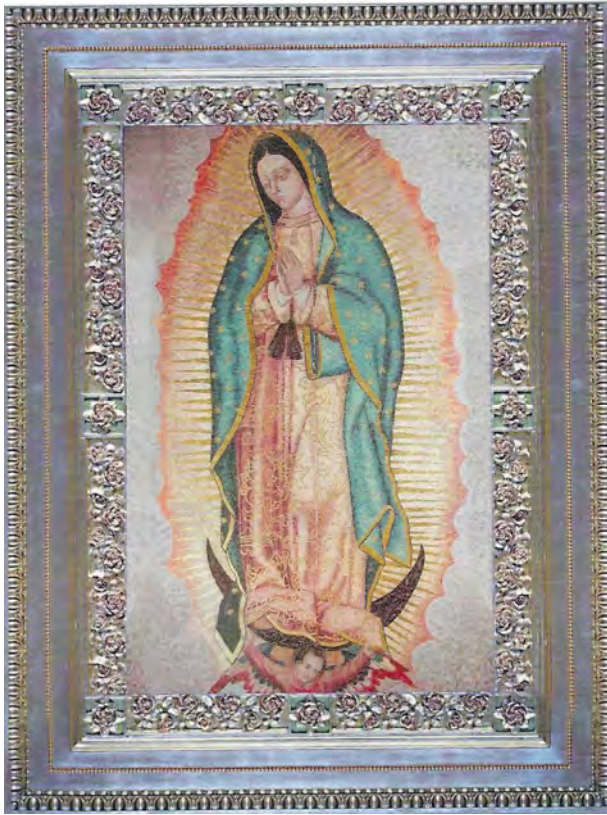
At the 125th Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight Don Shepherd was presented the “Jesus Award” for conducting qualifying events in all of the State highlighted programs areas. The “Jesus Award” is the highest level program award presented by the State Council. Grand Knight Shepherd was also presented the Bronze Award for the Council’s exceptional support given to the educational programs for the seminarians of our Archdiocese. Congratulations Don and the Council that makes this support possible.



At the 125th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, our own Bro. Robert Hernandez was presented the award for having recruited the highest number of new members for the third year in a row. Congratulations Rob, and thanks for all you do.



Council 3724
Fairborn, OH



NINE MONTH NOVENA

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation. Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world. Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of

life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.

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



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.

Lectures Night



May 23, 2024, Brother Knights, families, friends and fellow parishioners, were treated to a wonderful talk by Father Don Moss of Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. The title of the talk was “Saint Joseph, the Hidden King.” As usual, Father Moss provided an entertaining and informative examination of the life of Saint Joseph. Participants received a copy of the book, Consecration to St. Joseph and a laminated copy of the Prayer to St. Joseph. Following the talk, everyone gathered in the lounge for food, drink, and fellowship provided by Lounge Manager, PGK Steve Wal. Special thanks to Council Lecturer, Herb Edwards for organizing this great event.

Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Jake Farwick of Johnson Investments provided a detailed analysis of the market history and predictions along with how our investments have performed. Discussion on risk range currently employed and decision made to maintain them in current status. Jake, a Catholic Gentleman, asked about the K of C and was provided a brief history, our activities, and was encouraged to investigate and join the order.

As of July 1, 2024, new Fraternal year, the Financial Advisory Board will consist of:

Grand Knight - elect Tom Pitstick

Deputy Grand Knight - elect Matt Justice

Trustee – elect GK Don Shepherd

Council Treasurer – Larry DeWitt

Home Corp President – PGK Frank Minnick

Home Corp Treasurer = PGK Herman Karhoff

1 st Year At-Large Member – PGK Gene Erbacher

2 nd Year At-Large Member – Steve Glass

Next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2024 where FAB will review Building Fund Growth for possible distribution to charity. Special thanks to departing Trustee PGK Grant Kempf for your efforts over the last fraternal year.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

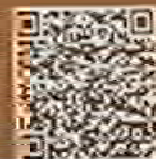


Highlights:

- Eucharistic Procession through Xenia
- Holy Hour with music by Damascus Worship
- National Eucharistic Speaker
- Community Dinner
- All-Night Adoration
- Eucharistic Miracle Display

July
1-2

Save the date
Jesus is coming



Scan the QR code for updates and to register
More information in the bulletin in May

ST BRIGID IN XENIA



Percy and Anna Gros

At the State Deputy's Banquet of the 125th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, Percy and Anna Gros who were named earlier today as the Family of the Year for the

Cincinnati Archdiocese were also named as the State of Ohio Family of the Year. Council 3724 would like to congratulate this most deserving family and thank them for all they do. At the 125th Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, Deputy Grand Knight Tom Pitstick was presented the Family of the Year for the Cincinnati Archdiocese plaque for Percy and Anna Gros. Congratulations to the Gros Family for being named the family of the year for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and for the State of Ohio. Thanks for all you do for the Council and the Community.

Ladies Night 2024



INSURANCE CORNER



Lazy Days of Summer

Have you ever heard the expression “lazy days of summer?” While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it’s easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage. The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with your Knights of Columbus agent, before the end of the summer. Whether you have life insurance with the Order, or just want to make sure your coverage meets your needs and goals. If you’ve had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. Your agent can work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford. It is a rare day indeed when you cannot save money with K of C coverage. Time spent with your Knights of Columbus agent is time well-spent. But, make the call today, because summer is not only busy, it’s also probably not going to get less busy!!

Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

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:

Health and Healing:

Archbishop Schnurr, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Larry Bogemann, Charlie Lump, Dave Banazak, John Martin, Terry McCann, Chuck Shaffer, Michael Gaudir, Helen Adams, Kitty Justice, Paul David Avery Jr, Ray & Regina Daley, Nam Mac, Jay Leonard, Brenda Whytal, Rose Yosick, Mary Alice Paxson, Marge Hueston, Lisa Caldwell, Kathy Thompson, Kim Sees, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lump, Cathy Bendall, Lou Nava, Addalyn Gibson, Gayle Beck, Carolyn Huey, Trish Huey, Jean Decenzo, Don & Pam Ward, Carol Maiorano, Margaret Adams, John Barlow, Larry Esses, Alicia DeWitt, Eric Rogalinski, Beverly LeFevre, Tony Ragozzine, Dave Black, Kim Gros, Steve Kosey, Baby Henry, and Cecilia Prewitt.

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.

June Events



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Jun 5	BINGO	Jun 6	Trustees Meeting
Jun 10	4th Degree Meeting	Jun 12	K of C BINGO
Jun 13	Business Meeting	Jun 15	Knight of the Year Banquet
Jun 15	Ride, Walk & Run for Life	Jun 16	Happy Father's Day
Jun 19	BINGO	Jun 20	Home Corp Meeting
Jun 22	Home Corp Work Party	Jun 26	BINGO
Jun 27	Lecturer Meeting		
Jun 29	Corporate Communion at OLQP, 4:30 pm		
Jun 30	Corporate Communion at MHC, 8:00 am		

July Preview

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, BINGO, Trustees Meeting, Happy July 4th Parade and Family Picnic, 4th Degree Meeting, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting and Installation of Officers, Home Corp Meeting, MHC FESTIVAL, Lecturer Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, K of C BINGO (5th week)

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 Thursday 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
PGK John Wolfe



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