

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724  
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024    CHARTERED IN OCTOBER 1953    July 2024

## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

As we begin a new fraternal year, I want to invite all my Brother Knights to join us on July 11th for our business meeting & the Induction of Officers. We will pray the rosary at 7:00 PM followed by the Induction of Officers. Our business meeting will start about 7:30PM. Your families are invited to join us for the rosary and the Induction of Officers and can hang out in the lounge during the business meeting. There will be pizza for everyone after the business meeting.

Our council has much to be thankful for and to be proud of. Under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Don Sheppard, we achieved Star Council for the 3rd consecutive year. This is the first time in our council's history we have accomplished this. Only a great team working together can make this possible, so a huge THANK YOU to each and every Brother Knight who contributed to helping us reach Star Council again. It is no small undertaking! With everyone's help, I know we can make it 4 years in a row. I want to thank all the officers, returning and new, for their commitment to this coming year. I look forward to working with all of you. We will have a fun and rewarding year...guaranteed!

Please remember to join us for the 4th of July Parade & Family Picnic. We will gather at the hall on Thursday, July 4th @ 8 AM to decorate the trailer & set up for the picnic. If you cannot make it for the setup, join us at the shopping center parking lot before the parade begins @ 10 AM. For the picnic we'll start to gather about 2:00. 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. Vivat Jesus, Tom

### **Knight of the Year fun facts**

A Knight of the Year award has been presented every year starting with John Morrill for the 1954-1955 Fraternal year

Dual recipients have been awarded 7 times

Some Knights have been named Knight of the Year multiple times:

Twice: Louis Moeller, George Butcher, John Whytal, Cal Smith, Larry Bogemann, and Herman Karhoff

Three times: John Wolfe and William Gazzarro

Five times: Frank Carchedi



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#### Special points of interest

- Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
- Nine Month Novena
- Family of the Year
- National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
- Financial Advisory Board
- Fraternal Year Outreach

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & PICNIC**

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. Since the location varies every year, either meet up at the Hall before we leave or call PGK Milliron @ 937-609-9068 if you can't find us. 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 food.

## **MHC 51st FESTIVAL 2024**

The annual Festival is a major fundraiser and very important for the Parish. The dates are July 19, 20 & 21. Great Delicious Food, Rides, Entertainment, featuring music by: 24Seven on Friday, The Hathaway's on Saturday and Fr. Ambrose's Band on Sunday. Your Council will once again be working the beer booth for the duration and help is needed. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge or you can also contact Bro. Corky Block 937-864-7018 to volunteer.

## **IT'S FUNNEL CAKE TIME**

The Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18. Our Council will again participate with our funnel cake booth and we'll need workers to support this effort. The work isn't physically demanding and no experience is necessary. Please consider helping support this important fundraiser for the Council. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge, or you can volunteer by contacting one of the Co-chairs to let them know when you are available. You can reach them at:

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## **Council By-Laws Committee**

At the July Business meeting the Bylaws Committee will present recommended amendments to the council bylaws. After the amendments are presented the council will be asked to act upon a motion to accept the amendments to the bylaws. All council members are encouraged to attend the July business meeting, actively participate in the discussion, and cast a vote on the motion.

## **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 1/2 chicken for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge, or call/email Andrew Wal at (937) 672-5543, andrewwal55@gmail.com.



**Chaplain Fr. Bedel**

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When I and three priests arrived on July 1, 2022, we had to act quickly to make some adjustments to create a Mass schedule that four priests could cover. The new schedule began Sept. 1, 2022. Thanks for your flexibility! We seem to have the right number of Masses, but the schedule needs to be tweaked to maximize our sacramental reach. We plan to use an online survey to help us collect data from parishioners between now and Fourth of

July. After that, we will announce an adjusted Mass schedule to begin on August 1. Notice how daylight begins to decrease at the birth of St. John the Baptist and daylight increases as we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. St. John is quoted as saying: “He must increase, I must decrease.” (John 3:30) What great advice for us as well! Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.  
God Bless Fr. Bedel



**Father Alex Biryomumeisho**

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Father Alex, our former seminarian, called to let us know he’s being reassigned to a new parish family: St. Joseph, Pillar of Families. He begins moving on June 30th, from St. John Fisher in Newtown, Hamilton County. St. John Fisher was Father’s first assignment as a priest, and his home these past five years. While there, he also helped serve Guardian Angels and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishes. They will

miss him. His new assignment as a parochial vicar becomes effective July 1st. Father will be busy. He’ll be one of three priests serving four Shelby County parishes: 1) Holy Angels in Sidney; 2) Sacred Heart of Jesus serving Anna-McCartyville; 3) St. Michael’s in Fort Loramie; and 4) Saints Peter and Paul, serving the Fort Loramie-Newport area. He’ll reside at Holy Angels in Sidney. Despite having barely finished moving, we’re happy to announce Father will be joining us for our council’s annual Fourth of July picnic, starting at 2 pm at Mary Help of Christians. While Sidney is still about a 45-minute drive from us, he’ll now be about 30 minutes closer than before. So hopefully we’ll see him more! All the best to you in your new assignment Father Alex.



**Seminarian Joe Carner**

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Attending Josephinum Pontifical College

### 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

When you are talking with a new prospect, and he asks you what the Knights of Columbus stand for, could you tell him? We all know from our own initiation into the Order that our four basic principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and (for Fourth Degree) Patriotism. But what do they mean? Here's a brief description from the Supreme website about each of our core principles which energize all the good works we do:

**Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So, we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

**Fraternity** – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to aid the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens. The next time you approach a prospect, be prepared to share our principles with him. I hope this helps.

**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!

### 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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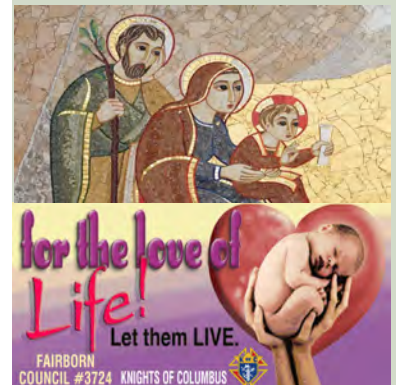
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## Please Welcome Our Council's New Seminarian Joseph Carner



We are pleased to introduce our new seminarian, Joseph Carner of Tipp City. The archdiocese assigned us Joseph back in late April, just as he was nearing completion of his first year at the Josephinum Pontifical College in Columbus, Ohio. We haven't met Joseph in person yet, but have had a couple of great conversations, including a telephone interview. You'll enjoy his answers to our questions, enclosed in this article. Once Joseph completes college seminary three years from now, his next step will be seven-years of major seminary at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. Although technically on "summer break", there's little time for rest for this dedicated young man. He's currently working a 60 hour a week job, to help pay for seminary tuition. He works at a warehouse, where he loads pallets, which are then loaded onto delivery trucks to restock vending machines. While the archdiocese pays tuition for major seminary, seminarians are responsible for paying half of their college seminary tuition. Although short on free time, Joseph is hoping to join us for our annual Fourth of July picnic, so please come and say hello.

Joseph, age nineteen, is from Tipp City, where he grew up with three brothers and three sisters. His entire family is very active with their home parish of Emmanuel, in Dayton. Joseph began serving Mass there at eight years old. His mother is the organist, his father, an engineer, is a sacristan, and two of his siblings are in the choir. Joseph himself was in the choir too, and loves singing. He has sung in orchestra choirs, served as a cantor, and was part of an Irish singing group that participated in a Chesterton Academy fund raiser. Joseph was home-schooled. Having a strong aptitude for mathematics, he took college level math for credit at Sinclair Community College.

Telephone Interview, June 25, 2024

**When was the first time you thought you might have a calling to the priesthood?** From an early age I'd accompany my mom to church, as she was the organist at Emmanuel. One particular day after Mass I held the door for an elderly lady. She asked me "Have you ever thought about being a priest?" May God Bless her. That was the first time I thought about being a priest.

**Who or what events influenced or inspired you in your discernment?** Our parish priest, Father Angelo has been a big inspiration to me. He met with me and gave me literature that proved helpful with my discernment. I first met Father Angelo when I began serving Mass at eight years old. I was inspired by his joyful spirit.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?** Well, one fun fact is I'm a huge Star Wars nerd. Also, I picked up juggling three years ago. During the pandemic I began watching YouTube videos on juggling. So now I'm to the point where I can juggle fire, which I've done the past couple of Fourth of Julys. I also can do a few magic tricks.

**Have any saints or church leaders particularly inspired your discernment?** Definitely. My confirmation saint, Saint John Bosco. I chose him because he was dedicated to serving orphans, and I like working with children too. Years later, I found out that he liked juggling and performing magic tricks (which he did to entertain the orphans). That we had those things in common seemed like more than just a coincidence!

Getting to know Joseph these past couple months has been rewarding and enjoyable. He has a quick wit and a fine mind, and many surprising talents! Most inspiring, he's trying his best to follow the Holy Spirit, even when the path is not easy. It's a privilege for us as Knights of Columbus to now walk alongside Joseph on his vocation journey and offer our support. So, if you're able, come and meet him at our Fourth of July picnic. If not, please keep Joseph in your prayers.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knights of the Month for June 2024, Brothers Doug and Michael Finn! This Father-Son duo strive to support our Council during Work Parties and events. They are valued members of our Council and attend meetings regularly. Michael is a positive, upbeat member of our Council and he always puts a smile on our faces. Thank you, Brothers Doug and Michael, for all you do!

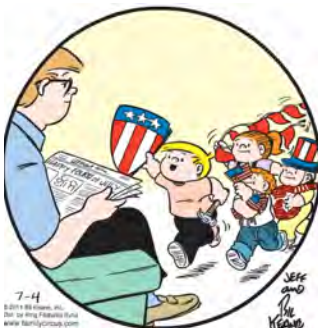
## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month for June 2024, Brother Larry and Alicia DeWitt! Larry is our Council's Treasurer and he is very active in all of our Council's business. In addition, Larry volunteers during our Home Corporation Work Parties and he always helps after our Breakfasts and Dinners. Alicia is involved in various Church groups and ministries. She always supports Larry in all his Council activities. Thank you, Brother Larry and Alicia, for all you do!

## ANNUAL KNIGHT OF THE YEAR BANQUET

On June 15th, we closed out the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year with our annual Knight of the Year banquet. Seventy people attended including Brother Knights, their families and our Council's widows who enjoyed a catered dinner from Carmae Catering in Springfield of meat lasagna, grilled chicken, roasted red potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and a platter of assorted mini desserts. The night was kicked off with a prayer lead by our Council Chaplain, Father Jason Bedel. Following dinner, PGK Russell Milliron asked all of the Past Grand Knights in attendance to join him in front of the stage. PGK Russell said he is often asked how our Council is so successful and he pointed to the gentleman behind him. At the Fairborn Council, when a Grand Knight finishes his term, he does not fade away but continues to be an active participant in all we do. PGK Russell then welcomed the newest member to the Past Grand Knight's Club, outgoing GK Don Shepherd, presenting him with a plaque and his wife, Teri, with flowers. A number of outstanding individuals were then recognized for their service to God, Council, Church, and Community.

PGK Grant Kempf announced our Religious of the Year, Father Jason Bedel, who is also our Council Chaplain. In addition, Father Bedel was selected as the Cincinnati Archdiocese's Chaplain of the Year. Brother Dave Johnston presented the Youth of the Year Award to Amelia Campbell. Family Director Brother Dan Cyphers had the honor of presenting the Family of the Year Award to the Percy and Anna Gros family who were also awarded the State of Ohio Knights of Columbus Family of the Year Award. The Gros family also received the Cincinnati Archdiocese's Family of the Year Award. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Knight of the Year Award. GK Don Shepherd had the pleasure of announcing PGK Grant Kempf as this year's Knight of the Year. PGK Grant is a role model for all of us to follow. He promotes the principles of our Church and of our Order. PGK Grant Kempf is most deserving of the title, 2023/2024 KNIGHT OF THE YEAR, in every aspect of service to the Church, Community and Council. For each of the recipients, a detailed bio was written about their achievements and what they mean to all of us. A copy of these are in a binder in the Hall for anyone to



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"C'mon, Daddy! It's time to put up the decorations of independence!"  
By Jeff Keane



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"I sure wish God didn't invent 'skeetos!"  
By Jeff Keane



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"Wow! Listen to that! I can't wait till I'm old enough to make MY knees do that!"  
By Jeff Keane

## 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 June 20, 2024, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key interest points:

Agreed to repair our commercial refrigerator. Estimates were obtained, work is to be performed by Seiter Services LLC at a cost of \$1629.

Cleaned out refrigerator and freezer.

Purchase miscellaneous items (ice machine filters; mold cleansers & inhibitors; carpet cleaner; window installation foam, etc.).

A motion was made for the current officers to continue in their current roles through fraternal year 2024-2025. Motion was approved by majority vote.

A new HC Raffle commences on Jul 18, 2024. 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 tickets, contact PGK Frank Minnick, (937) 522-0866.

**Note: Next HC meeting is on Jul 18, start time is 7:00 PM.** HC meetings are open to all members in good standing, everyone is welcome.

**Jun 22th - Work Party results** – In spite of the hot weather, volunteers came out and finished the clean up the Pro-Life Memorial/Shrine area. All the dirt/sand was removed and replaced with new materials; the Mary statue and pavers were cleaned and treated with mold inhibitor. Suggest everyone stop by and enjoy a brief visit with Mary in her refreshed setting. **Next Work Party is planned for Jul 27, 2024, 9:00 am. (weekend after the festival).** Watch for a Work Party Activity email around mid-July 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 38 – winner Carol Jones; \$25.00 prize – Ticket 132 – winner Halibesen; and \$10.00 prize – Ticket 189 – winner Rob Hernandez. This concludes the HC Raffle for fraternal year 2023-2024.

### **Note from our Outgoing Chancellor Bro Matt Justice**

Dear Brother Knights,

I wanted to pass along that I learned last week that Father Alex's family in Uganda are in need of immediate help. You will recall his older brother Emmanuel, who paid for Fr. Alex's seminary education in Uganda, died unexpectedly in March of 2020. He was Fr. Alex's best friend. Since then, Fr. Alex has been paying for his brother's children's education. Our council provided financial support, which Alex used to help his niece complete her nursing certificate and help his nephew complete secondary school. Some of you will remember during his trip to Uganda last summer, he helped his sister-in-law get started raising chicks, for much needed income. I think she has five children. She raises chicks until they are one month old and sells them to neighboring customers. It has been going very well, bringing in \$500 US dollars/month. However, she just lost her two motor-bike deliverers. Unfortunately, one quit and the other she let go for stealing. So she now has 600 chicks needing delivery by mid-July. So she'd need to buy a motorbike soon to keep the business going, so her sons can deliver the chicks. Fr. Alex said it would cost about \$1,500, which he doesn't have.

Father Alex didn't call requesting help. This would have never come up had I not asked how she was doing. With Alex coming to our picnic, I thought you all should know. Anything we can provide would be a blessing. Please feel free to pass this along. Vivat Jesus, Matt

### **3724 FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024 CHARITABLE OUTREACH**

I thought I would take a minute to discuss 3724's charitable outreach for the fraternal year. In talking with our worthy financial secretary the council donations this year came to a little over \$41,000 dollars. I can't begin to tell any of you how much that number means to me as a member of this council. This year saw the return of many of our fundraising opportunities as well as the Blue Coat Award dinner, a full year of parish breakfasts, dinner events such as Ladies Night and Knight of the Year. Increased attendance at Bingo plus the evolution of our parish and the other parishes under the beacons of light into the St. Michael the Archangel family. A year of change that nevertheless saw our ability to maintain the tenants of fraternity, unity and charity that our brotherhood is founded on. Bingo is a very measurable part of our ability to carry out our programs every year. But all the activities you participate in help as well. The football frenzy, the Ohio Charities Campaigns, the dues everyone pays all goes into the pool and enables us to give back. Council 3724 matters, the brotherhood, your families, and those combined efforts matter. That 41K spread through the Community, Family, Faith and Life initiatives. Initiatives that include Measure Up, St Vincent DePaul, 2nd Harvest Foodbank, Veterans, Coats for Kids, the parish, the RSVP program, our seminarians, and our priests. The Respect Life billboard on 444, March for Life, Family and Youth Initiative and other assorted life causes. The Memorial Mass, Keep Christ in Christmas billboard, Food for Families, the Memorial Fund which donates \$150.00 to a deceased member of 3724's or their family's charity of choice. 2023-2024 was a great year. That number does not take into account the hours spent in preparation and support of all those programs. Every council member and their families should be proud to be associated with this organization. This is why men should want to be associated with us and to join us in all our efforts. As Jesus tells us, "that which you do for others you also do for me." It gives my personal faith a very big boost when I think about this council and what it means to me to be a member. The men of this council, the wives that support them, we are a force for good in this world and what we do no matter how small matters .

Vivat Jesus, PGK Erbacher

## **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

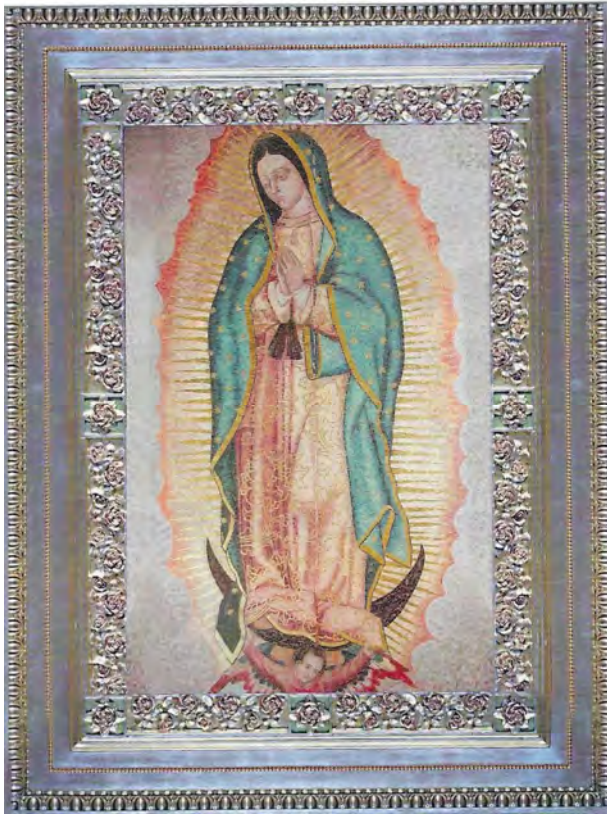
### **Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2023-2024**

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 - Tom Pitstick  
Deputy Grand Knight - Matt Justice  
Trustee – PGK 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.



## **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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF

# the Seton Route



## 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

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## INSURANCE CORNER



### Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies. Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured. I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment. I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs. Give me a call.

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## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

## 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, PGK Herman Karhoff, Cal Smith, 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.

## July Events



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

Jul 1 –2	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage	Jul 3	BINGO
Jul 4	Trustees Meeting	Jul 4	4th of July Parade & Picnic
Jul 8	4th Degree Meeting	Jul 10	K of C BINGO
Jul 11	Business Meeting & Officers Induction	Jul 18	Home Corp Meeting
Jul 19-21	MHC Festival	Jul 25	Lecturer Meeting
Jul 27	Home Corp Work Party	Jul 31	K of C BINGO

## August Preview

BINGO, Trustees Meeting, K of C Memorial Golf Outing, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival, Lecturer Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, FAB Meeting, PGK Meeting.

## 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.



Family of the Month  
Larry & Alicia DeWitt

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