

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

A little more on St Teresa of Lisieux. She died in 1897 at the age of 24. She was proclaimed Blessed in 1923 after 2 miracles were accredited to her. In 1925 Pope Pius XI named her a Saint after 2 more miracles were confirmed. The Bishop of Lisieux started making plans to build a Basilica to Saint Teresa right after she was canonized. He met with some opposition at first because some felt that the area had enough religious sites. But after Pope Pius XI gave his blessing, the Bishop approved a plan and construction started in 1929. It was not completed till 1951 partly because of WWII and the fact that it was funded from donations from all over the world. The Basilica is the 2nd most visited religious site in France behind Lourdes, with over 2 million pilgrims per year. It is a beautiful tribute to Saint Teresa, the Little Flower.

We visited the Basilica in the morning then boarded our bus for the drive to Mont Saint Michel. Mont Saint Michel was known as Mont-Tombe a rocky islet off the coast of Normandy. It is 17 acres in size and rises 300 feet above sea level. In earlier times you could get to it at low tide by walking on the sand, at high tide the water around the islet was 46' deep. In about 708 Saint Michel the Archangel is said to have appeared to Saint Aubert, the Bishop of the area (Avranches), and told him to build a church to Saint Michel on the islet. The Bishop ignored the request. Saint Michel appeared to him a second time and again he ignored the request. The third time Saint Michel pressed his thumb into the Bishop's forehead hard enough to leave a permanent indentation. The Bishop finally got the message and started but it would be many years in the making. In 966 a Benedictine Abby was established there that would last till the early 1800's. Around the year 1000 Richard II Duke of Normandy commissioned William of Volpiano, an Italian Architect to build the church for the Abby. Cathedrals then and now are built in the form of a cross. He chose to build the cathedral with the peak of the of the islet poking through the floor at the center of the cross (transept crossing), so it is perched at the very top of the islet. There were many crypts and chapels built first to form a foundation for the Cathedral.

More about Mount Saint Michel next month

To be continued. Vivat Jesus, Tom



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Special points of interest

- Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
- Nine Month Novena
- Parish Breakfast
- Breakfast with St Nick
- Consecration to the Holy Family

Grand Knight's Column (cont.)



Christmas Open House

The Past Grand Knights Christmas Open House occurred on Thursday December 19th and was a whole lot of fun for all attending. The raffle basket was won by our Worthy Insurance Agent Rob Hernandez. Dinner was fried chicken and a host of side dishes brought in by all the fabulous cooks that are part of the 3724 family. Grand Knight Pitstick and Deputy Grand Knight Justice were treated to their annual gift surprise of mystery stockings. It was a great night of fellowship, fraternity and community.



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Any3 Things Podcast with Fr. Ambrose

Fr. Ambrose has launched a podcast for the St Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Serving Mary, Help of Christians, Sacred Heart, Saint Brigid, Saint Augustine, Saint Luke, and Saint Paul parishes. Fr. Ambrose will talk about Any 3 Things that would be good for us all to know! You can listen on our podcast website by clicking on the microphone in

the banner toward the top of any of the web pages. It's also available on the Amazon Music and PodBean apps. <https://any3things.podbean.com/>

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>

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’.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Knight of the Month PGK Frank Minnick. Home Corp President, Chairman of Reverse Raffle, Parish Breakfast, any kitchen activity, Tuesday morning crew, Saturday work party, etc. Works bingo and go to guy for anything that needs fixed. Don't know when he sleeps!! Thanks for all you do!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month, Brother Cal and Alice Smith. The heart and soul of our Council, Cal & Alice give so much for Church, Council and Community. Thank you for being such great role models for all of us. Thank you both for the example you show us.

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.

Parish Breakfast

The next Parish Breakfast will be on January 12, 2025. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 and will continue until 11:00. We will be featuring our same popular menus of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5v for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRANDKNIGHT@3724KOFCC.COM



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.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Please welcome our newest brother, John Cinelli; and thank you, PGK Don Shepherd, for sponsoring him! That puts us at number eight toward our fraternal goal of 14. Let's keep moving forward! We're more than halfway there!

Tip for the New Year: Show your pride in being a Knight of Columbus by wearing a logo shirt or sweater. If you wear a sports jacket to Mass, make sure you also wear your Knights' lapel pin and maybe even your name tag. You never know: someone may approach you and ask about joining our "Band of Brothers."

This Month's Personal Goal: I will be the one who recruits one or two new members which will help our Council make our fraternal year goal!



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 Brothers Mark Dues or Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00. Happy New Year, Brothers! Vivat Jesus! Mark

Consecration to the Holy Family

The Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, December 29, 2024. Council 3724 simultaneously celebrated the Consecration to the Holy Family at the same mass. The Council made Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards and instructions for the Consecration available for parishioners at the back of Church for several weeks leading up to the event. This year, the Church and the Knights also made available metal pendants featuring the Holy Family on one side and dove representing the Holy Spirit on the other side. A poster with the image of the Holy Family, also at the back of Church, and the Church Bulletin announced the event. An announcement of the event was also made at the Vigil Mass and Feast of the Holy Family Mass. The Knights of Columbus uses this celebration to help strengthen parish families and revitalize parishes. Through this event, Council 3724 invited our Brothers and each Mary, Help of Christians' family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Families were asked to say the family prayer together, celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation, and intentionally fast from something for the week leading up to the consecration. Council 3724 said the family prayer together following the rosary with the Church congregation preceding the Feast of the Holy Family/Consecration to the Holy Family Mass.

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2024 Football Frenzy Summary

My brother knights, this year's football frenzy closed out with 3724 selling 203 tickets. That number is down slightly from last year's 218 but will still be of great benefit to the council. The estimated rebate to the council is \$1,421, and the 203 tickets sold exceeds the 50% per capita credit mark of 180 tickets. This will give us a break somewhere around \$300 off our per capita tax to the state, overall returning roughly 1700 to the council. On behalf of Grand Knight Tom Pitstick, I thank you all for the second most successful year 3724 has had with this effort. I thought I would take a moment to share some research with all of you. I know some members don't think of this as truly beneficial. I also know a lot of you got very upset when the state raised the donation amount from 10 to 20 dollars per ticket. I was upset as well but upon further reflection these tickets are a little harder to sell but the rebates also went up. Again, I can assure you all the money raised goes to support charity at the state and local level and none of it goes to the NFL. Here are the results of past efforts both at the 10- and 20-dollar level.

Year	Tickets	Sales	Rebate	Per Capita Credit	Donation	PerCap Bill	PerCap Paid
2024	203	\$4,060.00	\$1,421	\$300*	\$20.00	\$1,205.00*	\$905.00*
2023	218	\$4,360.00	\$1,635	\$427.83	\$20.00	\$1,205.50	\$777.67
2022	74	\$1,480.00	\$407	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,136.50	\$1,136.50
2021	80	\$1,600.00	\$440	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,076.00	\$1,076.00
2020	52	\$1,040.00	\$286	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,152.50	\$1,152.50
2019	46	\$920.00	\$253	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,207.00	\$1,207.00
2018	49	\$980.00	\$269	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,170.50	\$1,170.50
2017	32	\$640.00	\$176	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,391.00	\$1,391.00
2016	49	\$980.00	\$294	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,404.00	\$1,404.00
2015	118	\$1,180.00	\$295	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,408.50	\$1,408.50
2014	90	\$900.00	\$225	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,445.50	\$1,445.50
2013	73	\$730.00	\$182	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,307.00	\$1,307.00
2012	86	\$860.00	\$215	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,285.50	\$1,285.50
2011	93	\$930.00	\$232	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,352.00	\$1,352.00
2010	67	\$670.00	\$167.5	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,469.00	\$1,469.00

*** = estimated, final accounting not complete at state for 2024**

If you look through this chart you can see that in previous years even when the donation was \$10, support was not very strong for this program. 2023 and 2024 can give you a real idea on how much the council can benefit from this fundraiser. We must pay the per capita tax to state every year, and it is always somewhere between 1000 and 1500 dollars, but last year and this year not only returned a significant amount to us in rebates but also gave us credit towards that per capita which means we had an extra 300-400 dollars on top of the rebates to support the council programs. I am asking you on behalf of the council to prayerfully consider giving your support to this program next year when the tickets come in the mail. If we could have made the goal of 1 ticket per member, we would have beaten the 218 from 2023. If we could have made the requested 2 tickets per member we would have crushed that goal. As always there will be no pressure, but I thought having the information to hand might be valuable.

Of note is that the council has actually had 3 winners this year.

Bro Charlie Lumppp Week 1
 Bro Travis Rogalinski Week 6
 PGK Steve Wal Week 7

May the Peace of Christ be with you all and a very Happy New Year.

PGK Gene Erbacher
 Football Frenzy & Ohio Charities Chairman.

Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on Dec 19, 2024, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key interest points:

- **Conducted the sixth HC Raffle** and the winners were: Deacon Max Roadruck - \$40 winner, ticket # 118; PGK Russell Milliron - \$25 winner, ticket # 49; and Bro Ken Normand, \$10 winner, ticket # 43.
- Completed and closed out the 2024 HC Budget. Income for the year exceeded expenses by \$1600.
- A new 2025 HC Budget was vetted and approved. If you have an interest in a copy or have any questions, please contact the HC Treasurer, PGK Herman Karhoff.
- There was no Work Party planned for December. **Next Work Party is scheduled for Jan 25.** In Jan watch for a K of C Activities email for details.
- **Reminder**, should 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. **The HC is here to help Council members do whatever it can to help achieve the Council's mission.**

Tuesday morning crew activities:

Resolved some storage cabinet issues in the boiler room.

Performed pre-PGK Christmas Party setup, finished putting up Christmas decorations.

Cleaned up after the PGK Christmas Party.

Experienced some great fellowship with attendees.

Happy New Year!

Coats For Kids

Since 2009, the Fairborn Council has participated in Supreme's Coats for Kids program. As noted by our Supreme Knight Kelly, "local councils have purchased and distributed over 1 million coats to underprivileged children (over 200,000 in 2023)". This year Council 3724 donated coats to Mary Help of Christians Parish School of Religion (PSR); Family and Youth Initiatives (FYI) Parenting Network, and Charles Huber Elementary School. Some of the impacts from these generous donations are from a Thank You note from Charles Huber Elementary School.

"Thank you for the donation of coats for our students. Many children come to school without the proper winter gear. Some of the coats are kept in the rooms and loaned to the students for outside recess. Some students come from families who lack the resources to purchase coats (i.e., in one class there are twins who are homeless). Thanks to kindness of the Fairborn Knights, these children will enjoy the warmth on their new coats and have protection from the harsh elements of the Ohio winter weather."

Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2024-2025

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: Bro. Larry DeWitt

Home Corp President: PGK Frank Minnick

Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff

1st Year At-Large Member: PGK Gene Erbacher

2nd Year At-Large Member: Bro. Steve Glass

The next FAB meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2025.



"It was a lot more fun takin' them
OUT of their box 'stead of
putting them back IN."



Breakfast with St Nick

Fairborn Council 3724, once again participated in the Parish's annual Breakfast with St. Nick. The council prepared and served a hearty breakfast consisting of pancakes and sausage and other treats. The children also sang Christmas carols and played games. The attendance was excellent, and all the youth had a great time.



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.

INSURANCE CORNER



Tempus Fugit

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

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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: Mary Bogemann, Gary McCann

Health and Healing:

Archbishop Schnurr, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Herman Karhoff, Charlie Lumpp, Dave Banazak, John Martin, Chuck Shaffer, Michael Gaudir, Helen Adams, Kitty Justice, Aileen Erbacher, 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 Lumpp, 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, Beverly LeFevre, Tony Ragozzine, Dave Black, Kim Gros, Steve Kosey, Baby Henry, Cecilia Prewitt, Jeremy Begines DD#5, Cal Smith and Rita Bland.

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.

January Events



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

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| Jan 1 Happy New Year! | Jan 2 Trustees Meeting |
| Jan 8 K of C BINGO | Jan 9 Business Meeting |
| Jan 12 K of C Parish Breakfast | Jan 13 4th Degree Meeting |
| Jan 15 BINGO | Jan 16 Home Corp Meeting |
| Jan 18 K of C Pro Life Italian Dinner | Jan 22 BINGO |
| Jan 23 Lecturer Meeting | Jan 24 National March for Life |
| Jan 25 Home Corp Work Party | Jan 29 K of C 5th week BINGO |
| Jan 30 FAB Meeting 6:30 | Jan 30 PGK Meeting 7:30 |

February Preview

Trustees Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, K of C Parish Breakfast, BINGO, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, Lecturer Meeting, Reverse Raffle

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 Frank Minnick



Family of the Month
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