

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724  
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

Mont Saint Michal continued

The Isle is on the Normandy coast not far from Normandy Beach where the Allied forces landed to retake France during WW2. The 80th anniversary of D Day was being celebrated while we were there and several WW2 era planes were circling the coast line and flying over the Isle.

Through history the rule of Normandy changed hands many times, going back and forth from the French to the English. But as far as I can tell the Isle itself was never conquered. In around 1256 the Isle was fortified to withstand an attack. During the 100 year war which started in 1337 to 1453 the English put the Isle under siege twice for about a year each time, with no success.

From 966 to about 1780 there was a Benedictine Abby there but there numbers got so low that it was closed. After the French Revolution and under Napoleon I ,1805 it was converted to a prison until and remained that till 1863 . In 1874 it was named a historic monument and major renovations were started.

In 1969 the Benedictines returned to the Abby of Mont Saint Michel. In 2001 they were replaced by The Monastic Fraternities of Jerusalem, about 12 Monks and Nuns.

There is a Chapel part way up the side of the Mont called Saint Peter's Church, but it is totally dedicated to Saint Michel the Archangel. There are a number of paintings and statues of Saint Michel in the Chapel. Father Martin said Mass for us there, very memorable. I have a several pictures which I will include.

After our visit and tour of the Mont we boarded the buss and headed back to the Ermitage Saint Teresa for the night. The next morning we traveled by bus back to Paris. To be continued.

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## Grand Knight's Column (cont.)





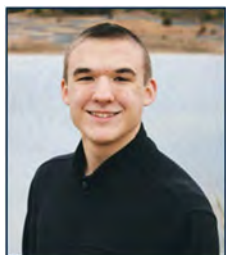
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**Any3 Things Podcast with Fr. Ambrose**

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 Herman Karhoff. Present in all we do; welcoming everyone to our events, Home Corp Treasurer, Tuesday work crew, bingo worker, and so much more! Thanks for all you do.

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Family of the Month, Brother Ken & Rita Normand. Faithful supporters of our parish and all our council events including Ken being Inside Guard, ushering at church and Rita's dedication to Daughters of Isabella and Eucharist Minister. Thank you for all your dedicated work

### **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 February 9, 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](mailto: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

I don't have a lot of new stuff to report this month. We are still at 8 new members toward our fraternal year's goal of 14. At this time last year, we had already met our goal! Let's make a concerted effort toward the finish line. Remember, we will not make Star Council this year if we don't meet our new member recruiting goal! Let's make it four in a row!

### A Couple Things I'd Like You to Consider.

As of this writing, all the new members recruited this fraternal year were signed up by members of our membership committee. That's great; however, that means only a small fraction of our Council is actively looking for new recruits! From here on, I want everyone involved! Consider yourselves to be duly sworn into the membership committee! If each brother would make it his goal to recruit just one new member, we would far surpass our growth target.

I'm sure some of you have met Catholic men who are interested in becoming a Knight but are not members of our parish. A good example of this are Wright State University students. This should not be an obstacle! Go ahead and sign them up as members of Council 3724. If they wish to attend another Council anywhere else, they can transfer at a later date. We will still get credit toward our new membership 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

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**For the Love of Life!**  
Let them LIVE.  
FAIRBORN  
COUNCIL #3724 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Trust in the LORD**  
with all your heart.  
- Proverbs 3:5a



**Partner with us in support of these Corporal Works of Mercy:**

 <p><b>Seminary &amp; Vocations</b> We give thanks to God for our priests! Without them, we would not be able to celebrate the Eucharist!</p> <p><b>7</b> New Ordained Archdiocesan Priests this past May</p>	 <p><b>Prison Ministry</b> "I was in prison, and you visited Me."</p> <p><b>15</b> Inmates completed OCIA in the past two years. Ministers have a weekly presence in 5 prisons within the Archdiocese.</p>
 <p><b>Center for the New Evangelization</b> The CNE equips parishes for mission and forms leaders as missionary disciples through evangelization training, marriage &amp; family life ministry, Hispanic advocacy and formation, and college / young adult initiatives.</p> <p><b>3,000+</b> Knelt in Eucharistic Adoration on Fountain Square for "Jesus is Here" last summer.</p>	 <p><b>St. Rita School for the Deaf</b> For over 100 years, St. Rita has provided services to thousands of children with profound hearing loss. Over the years they have expanded services to children with Apraxia, Down Syndrome, and Autism.</p> <p><b>238</b> Enrolled in community sign language classes - Increasing by 20% this year, with half of participants new to ASL and Deaf culture.</p>
 <p><b>Campus Ministry</b> A strong Catholic presence for students at the University of Cincinnati, Miami University, and Wright State University has resulted in OCIA candidates, seminarians, thriving Scripture study groups, and regular Mass attendance.</p> <p><b>1,050+</b> Students involved weekly in Campus Ministry.</p>	 <p><b>Retired Priests &amp; Senior Clergy</b> The CMA supports our retired priests and senior clergy (priests who choose to postpone retirement and continue in active ministry beyond age 70).</p> <p><b>108</b> Retired Priests <b>22</b> additionally serving as Senior Clergy</p>
 <p><b>Hospital Ministry</b> "I was sick, and you visited Me."</p> <p><b>40,000</b> Hospital visits were made last year.</p>	 <p><b>Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services</b> "I was hungry, and you gave Me food."</p> <p><b>425,492</b> Meals served by food programs offered through Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio &amp; Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley.</p>

**2025 CMA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA)



### 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 May 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM

## Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on Feb 20, 2025, to discuss activities and pay bills (i.e., the annual liability insurance bill was over \$1700). Key member interest points:

**Conducted the seventh HC Raffle** and the winners were: PGK Gene Erbacher - \$40 winner, ticket # 117; Stacey Lapham - \$25 winner, ticket # 137; and Rowan Pitstick, \$10 winner, ticket # 166.

**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.**

**Next Meeting: Feb 20, 2025, 7:00 PM** Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members.

**Tuesday morning crew activities:**



Thank you once again for the tremendous (12 members) turnout. All the carpets were swept (Thank You Michael). We worked on installing a floodlight in the hallway; inventoried our chairs to identify those requiring repair and started the repair process; and we put up a shelf to display our larger Star Council trophies. As you can see, there's lots of room to add future plaques/awards to our Star Council Gallery. We currently need 5-6 more new members this fraternal year to fill-in the void on the lower left area. As our Membership Director has frequently noted, "it's easy, just ask those men whom you come in contact, encourage them to join the best Catholic Men's Organization in the world."

## Men's Retreat

The Fairborn Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Men's Retreat at the K of C Chambers (located behind the Mary Help of Christians School) on March 29, 2025. Men from Mary Help of Christians, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart, St. John Bosco Parishes, brother knights, and your friends are invited. We have a great day planned around the theme, Pope's Jubilee 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope". The 2025 Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, invites Catholics around the world to embark on a journey of profound spiritual renewal. Rooted in the theme of Hope, this Holy Year calls the us to deepen their relationship with God. Hope gives us a purpose, gives us direction, gives us a sense of moving towards something that is true, beautiful and great.

Please mark your calendars to save this date for this special event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fairborn K of C lounge, or you can RSVP to PGK Herman Karhoff, (937) 361-2758. Please leave a message if no one answers your call.

More details to follow in the March Santa Maria issue.



## **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



### ANNUITIES

Working on your taxes? April is just around the corner. Have you funded your Roth IRA, your SEP, your traditional IRA? What, you don't even have one set up yet? A lot of people hope they might win the lottery, get a big inheritance, win a class action lawsuit, or just expect to continue working throughout their retirement years. It's not too late, just call me to set up an appointment to get your foot in the door before April 15 and get some immediate tax relief before you file your returns. Our Order pays a very competitive rate on our annuity programs, and there are NO fees, NO tricks or gimmicks and the rates are adjusted every quarter to insure you get the most competitive rate available, plus they come with a guaranteed rate of up to 3%!! Did I remind you there are no problems with probate, immediate or in sometimes forever freedom from taxation and the money is available for whatever you'll need it for after retirement? The K of C has a great product in our flexible annuities. We can roll over your other IRAs, retirement plan money or replace those low rate CDs that you no doubt have put away somewhere hoping they might give you a competitive rate, someday, somewhere! Give me a call.

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### **For vocations to priestly and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life

### 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:** Regina Daley

#### **Health and Healing:**

Archbishop Schnurr, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Herman Karhoff, Charlie Lump, Dave Banazak, John Martin, 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, Beverly LeFevre, Tony Ragozzine, Dave Black, Kim Gros, Steve Kosey, Baby Henry, Cecilia Prewitt, Jeremy Begines DD#5, Cal Smith, Larry DeWitt, PGK Jim McCoy, John & Brenda Whittemore, Paul & Pat Pitstick.

### PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

## February Events



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

Feb 5 BINGO	Feb 6 Trustees Meeting
Feb 9 K of C Parish Breakfast	Feb 10 4th Degree Meeting
Feb 12 K of C BINGO	Feb 13 Business Meeting
Feb 14 Valentine's Day	Feb 17 Presidents' Day
Feb 19 BINGO	Feb 20 Home Corp Meeting
Feb 22 Reverse Raffle	Feb 26 BINGO
Feb 27 Lecturer Meeting	

## March Preview

BINGO, Trustees Mtg, Blood Drive, K of C Parish Breakfast, 4th Degree Mtg, K of C BINGO, Business Mtg, FYI Dinner, Parish Mission dinners at St. Luke, Mary Help of Christians, and St. Brigid, Home Corp Mtg, HC Work Party, Lecturer Mtg, K of C Youth Carnival with Lunch, Ash Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, Men's Retreat, Corporate Communion at Our Lady Queen of Peace and Mary, Help of Christians

## 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 Herman Karhoff**



**Family of the Month  
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