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Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

After our Mass at The Chapel of Our Lady where The Blessed Virgin appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure. We had a guide that took us to a number of other historic churches in Paris. The most notable being Sainte-Chapelle built by King Louis IX, the future Saint Louis, dedicated in 1248. He built it to house the Crown of Thorns and a fragment of the True Cross plus 22 other relics. The Crown of Thorns was acquired from the Emperor of Constantinople Baldwin II in 1239 for a sum of 1/2 the annual income of the kingdom.

We had to wait in line for a good bit to go through security as the Church is in a protected area. I was complaining about how long it was taking and questioning if it was worth the wait, as we had already visited so many Churches. Father Martin assured me that it was worth the wait, and he was certainly correct.

When I entered the building, I just stood there in awe. The stained-glass windows are magnificent, both in color and size. There are 1113 stained glass panels divided into 15 bays, almost 50 feet tall. They relate scenes from both the Old and New Testament. The main body of the Church was for the common people and there was an upper Chapel connected to the Kings residence. This Chapel housed the relics of the Passion of Christ and was reserved for the King and his distinguished guests.

That evening after a nice group dinner we boarded our bus for a ride to Sacre-Coeur Basilica (Sacred Heart). This is a large Basilica built on the highest point in Paris. They have a Mass every night at 10:00 pm. This day was the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and Father Martin had arranged to concelebrate Mass that evening in French (which he speaks well having lived in France for 3 years) with 2 other Priests. It was a beautiful ceremony, very solemn, but in French. I was pleasantly surprised at the number attending Mass at this time of the evening, I would say at least 250 people.

This was our last night together as a group. Everyone but Father Martin, Nick and I were leaving in the morning, we were staying for another 4 Days.

To be continued.



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Mardi Gras Carnival

On March 2nd, Council 3724 supported the Mary Help of Christians (MHC) Parish School of Religion (PSR) with a Mardi Gras Carnival. PSR held a Lenten celebration consisting of a parade, songs, King Cake desert, and prayer following Sunday Mass. Council 3724 invited youth and families from MHC and Sacred Heart parishes to celebrate Mardi Gras after the PSR event. Carnival games and crafts were open to the children in MHC's Parish Center. The Council provided free food and drinks and children walked out with their share of candy, prizes, and a two-liter bottle of pop, if they were successful at the corn hole booth. 104 participants were present, including children, their families, and volunteers. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the plan is to make this a regular event. The Family Director would like to thank his wife Jana, Brother Eric Rogalinski, PGK Grant Kempf, Brother David Johnston, and PGK Russell Milliron and his wife Annie for their efforts in ensuring a successful event.

PSR Bible Purchase

Each year, Knights of Columbus Council 3724 purchases bibles for Mary Help of Christians (MHC) Church Parish School of Religion (PSR) children. This year 8 bibles were purchased for adolescents completing the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. These young people are parishioners of both MHC and Sacred Heart Parish in New Carlisle, Ohio, members of the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes. Another three children's bibles were purchased for MHC PSR children completing the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Working with MHC staff, the bibles will be placed in gift bags for each of the children during the celebration of the Sacraments this spring. Bibles will each contain a sticker acknowledging the Knights of Columbus donation.



Special thanks go out to all who helped us put on dinner for Mary Help of Christians mission dinner. It was a fabulous event with over 250 attendees from all the St. Michael the Arcangel Family of Parishes. It took a lot of work but everyone was fed and we received a host of great comments about the menu and the quality of food. A number of the parish staff members also took time to express appreciation for our efforts. Thanks again to all who helped.

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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 Larry Bogemann. Brother Larry leads us in so many ways; Bingo Co-Chairman, WSU Usher Chairman, Faith Director, and pancake chef extraordinaire. PGK Larry also represents MHC on SMFP finance committee, counts collection after Mass and so much more. Thanks for all you do!!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Family of the Month, Brother Larry & Alicia DeWitt. Larry has been Council Treasurer for many years and a valued member of the kitchen crew, specializing in amazing hash browns! Brother Larry & Alicia attend St Raphaels church where Alicia is a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. She is also part of "Our Lady of Rosary makers", that make Rosaries to be given away. A big thank you to Larry & Alicia for all they do for our Council and their Parish.

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 April 13, 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@3724KOFC.COM

Entreaty for Council Service

Please prayerfully consider taking up an officer's position to help chart your council's path this next Fraternal year. You will not be alone, many of the previous officers continue to be active and available to help with the duties of each position. All position descriptions are listed on page 6, as well as current nominees for the next fraternal year. If you have any questions reach out to me, or current Grand Knight Grant or any of the Past Grand Knights, Trustees or currently serving officers. To serve your council is a great honor and if you just can't serve as an officer, please consider stepping into one of the Program Chairman roles. Brothers your council needs you, please step up. Vivat Jesus PGK Erbacher.

COUNCIL OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

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

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: The DGK performs all the duties of the GK in his absence or inability of the GK and all duties the Order manual imposes. Under 3724s charter he also serves as Program Director.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Is appointed by the Supreme Knight. Receives all monies owed the council, collects dues, maintains council current membership roster, advises Retention Committee, Grand Knight and Trustees when a member becomes delinquent in paying his dues.

Nominations will begin at the April Business meeting, the nomination committee chaired this year by PGK Milliron will be making rounds and talking to membership about the potential roles you could fill to help propel this council into the next fraternal year.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Brothers, Happy Easter, and Happy Spring! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Marilyn & I are in Florida as I write this. We plan to visit with PGK John Wolfe and his family shortly after Easter, so my next column will have some pictures of our get-together. Special thanks to Brother Herb Edwards for filling in for me while I'm gone. If you have any questions concerning membership or need a name tag, see Brother Herb.

Please welcome our newest member to the Council, Brother Jared Hess! We're now at number 9 toward our fraternal goal of 14. Just five more to go! We're looking into having a membership drive at Wright State University St. John Bosco Catholic Community. More on that later. Also, we hope to have a membership table set up at all future MHC parish breakfasts. Won't that be a perfect opportunity to sit down with a prospect, share "bread" together, and discuss the privilege of being a Knight! We might have membership drives, but the most effective way of recruiting is one Knight approaching a prospective new member!



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. Vivat Jesus! Mark

Philippians 1:3-11

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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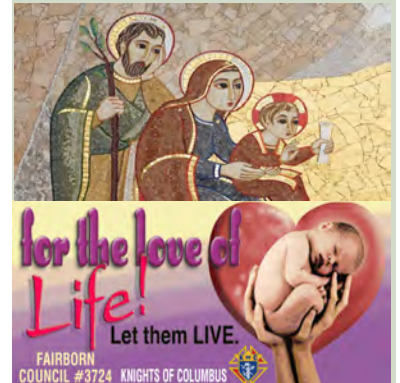
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Blood Drive

Thanks to everyone who came out on Saturday Mar 8 for the MHC/K of C Blood drive. Each and everyone of you are Hero's for giving the Gift of Life! In cooperation with the Community Blood Center 18 units of blood were collected.



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

Knights in the News

3724's own Brother Adam Kempf has been elected as the Vice President of the Ohio Victim Witness Association. "OVWA is rooted in the belief that every survivor deserves to be heard, supported and empowered" Ginger Young (President).

Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on March 20, 2025, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

- **Conducted the eighth HC Raffle** and the winners were: PGK Gene Erbacher - \$40 winner; Teri Shepherd - \$25 winner, and Kierstyn Keys was the \$10 winner.
- **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: April 17, 2025, 7:00 PM Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members.

Tuesday morning crew activities (Feb): Many engaged in the preparation for numerous events, FYI Fundraising dinner, Beavercreek Troop 68 food drive (food donated to St. Vincent DePaul) and the Mission dinner (15 Knights helped out – Thank you!). The crew also purchased a Pyle PA system, paint and other supplies.

Work Party (March 22, 2025) – Twelve Knights turned out to help with reupholstering chairs, cleaning Lounge & Business meeting room, paint large storage cabinets in boiler room, and setup the new Pyle PA system. Thanks to all who came out to help. GREAT JOB!

Next Work Party: April 26, 2025 - Prepare AC units for warmer weather. Finish painting cabinets and back entrance outdoor awning framework (pending weather conditions), and routine spring cleaning.

Men's Retreat

Fairborn Council held their annual Men's Retreat on Sat March 29, in the Council Chambers. This year's theme was Jubilee 2025 – "Pilgrims of Hope". Speakers included Fr. Michael Holloran, Fr. Tim Fahey & Deacon Max Roadruck. Participants enjoyed coffee & pastries to start the day, snacks, lunch, and beverages. Inspirational talks, Prayer, Confession, Corporate Communion Rosary and Mass, were all part of a great day of Fellowship and Faith. Special thanks to Chairman PGK Herman Karhoff for putting this wonderful gathering together. Special thanks as well to Martha Karhoff whose cooking and baking prowess was enjoyed by all present.



Family & Youth Initiatives (FYI) Dinner (Bloom with FYI - 2025)

FYI is making a difference in our community and share its mission to empower families and provide hope. They engage, equip, encourage, and rescue families and children from potential trauma. The focus for the 2025 dinner was the FYI Parenting Network which has four locations to serve expectant mothers, fathers, and parents/guardians of infants and children. Parents/guardians receive the education and support necessary to maintain a healthy pregnancy.



Scouting for Food.

Led by legendary Scoutmaster PGK Russell Milliron and wife Annie, Brother Knights and a team from St Vincent de Paul assisted a great troupe of scouts. The scouts did all the heavy lifting and braved the rain and storms retrieving nonperishable items while Knights and SVDP sorted and checked expiration codes. The SVDP food pantry is so blessed to have this influx of products to assist the neediest neighbors.





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.

Ohio Charities Super Cash Bonanza 2024

Tickets are \$5.00 with the council retaining \$2.40 of every ticket sold. Council 3724 turned in 760 tickets for the first turn in which nets the council a little over \$1800.00 to date. Final turn in will be Thursday May 1st, to make the final deadline for the drawing which will be held at the State Convention in Cleveland May of 2025. Prize winners will be published in the June 2025 Santa Maria. Some of the charities we supported are; Food for Families, 2nd Harvest Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul, Coats for Kids, Family and Youth Initiatives, various Right to Life activities including sponsoring the Right to Life Wash DC trip and various Veteran's program. Tickets can be turned in any Thursday night at the Hall, at Bingo, or mailed to 934 N Maple Ave, Fairborn, OH 45324.

Please make checks payable to K of C Council #3724

The ticket stub must have a full name and address or full name and ten-digit phone number. The name must be an individual, not a parish or organization. Please contact PGK Gene Erbacher for additional tickets at (gene.erbacher@gmail.com) or (937) 477-5669.

Checks and stubs can be mailed directly to the hall at;

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On behalf of your Grand Knight thank you brothers for any help you can give. PGK Gene



INSURANCE CORNER



GREENER PASTURES

The grass seems greener on the other side of the fence. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, that phrase can seem true. Perceptions are deceiving. That's why it pays to remember the caveat "Read the fine print." There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. First, all life insurance contracts contain a contestability period, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period, typically two years, after the contract is issued. Chances are, this is no longer an issue with your current coverage. Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Are you older now than you were when the policy was issued? Has your health changed, blood pressure, cholesterol? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar. If someone encourages you to replace your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage works for you and why replacement is not in your best interest. Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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: Rose Yosick,

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 Kempf, 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.

April Events



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

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| Apr 2 BINGO | Apr 3 Trustees Meeting |
| Apr 6 K of C Parish Breakfast | Apr 9 K of C BINGO |
| Apr 10 Business Meeting | |
| Apr 11 KofC Membership Drive & Lunch 1:00 pm at WSU St. John Bosco Chapel | |
| Apr 14 4th Degree Meeting | Apr 16 NO BINGO (Holy Week) |
| Apr 17 HC Meeting 6:00 pm | Apr 20 Happy Easter! |
| Apr 23 BINGO | Apr 26 Home Corp Work Party |
| Apr 30 K of C BINGO (5th Week) | |

May Preview

Trustees Meeting, BINGO, Business Meeting, Ladies Appreciation Dinner, 4th Degree Meeting, K of C BINGO, Home Corp Meeting, Lecturer Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, FAB Meeting, PGK Meeting, State Convention, 1st Communion, Mother's Day, Memorial Day

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 Larry Bogemann



Family of the Month
Bro Larry & Alicia DeWitt



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