

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724  
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

**\*\*Star Council 1968-1969, 1971-1972, 1973-1974, 1979-1980, 1985-1986, 1992-1993, 1996-1997, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 & 2023-2024\*\***

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

Day 2 of being tourists in Paris. Nick has a problem with gluten so we decided to find a gluten free bakery for him. On our way there we passed a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop. I did buy 1 doughnut and Father Martin took a picture of me eating it. I sent it to Lynn, she really likes Krispy Kreme doughnuts. As it turned out, it was national doughnut day in the US!

Much to Nick's delight we did find a gluten free bakery where he bought some bread and pastries. From there we headed to the Arch of Triumph. It was quite crowded and roped off as Biden was there as part of the D-Day celebration. We took a couple pictures and headed on. Our next stop was to Le Jardin Du Luxembourg. It is a 56 acre park surrounding the castle of Queen Marie De Medici, wife of French King Henry IX. It was full of people enjoying the sunny day and playing soccer and other games. We bought some sandwiches and did some people watching. We headed back to the hotel to get our luggage and go to the train station. We were taking the high speed train to Dijon. Where we transferred to a regular speed train to a town close to Domremy, the birth place of Saint Joan of Ark. The owner of the bed and breakfast we were staying at in Domremy picked us up at the train station and drove us back to Domremy.

Robert, the owner spoke very good English, and as you would expect knew a good bit about Joan and the surrounding history. He had a room full of memorabilia, statues and pictures of Joan. We arrived there about dark, after visiting with Robert and his wife we turned in for the night.

To be continued.

Vivat Jesus, Tom



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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>

### **KNIGHT OF THE YEAR BANQUET**

Time is running out to sign up to attend the Annual Knight of the Year Banquet. The Banquet is free to Knights and their significant other(s), will be held in the MHC Parish Center on Saturday June 21, 2025. Doors open at 5 PM with a catered dinner starting at 5:30 PM. Please plan on attending this great event to congratulate our honorees and close out Fraternal Year 2024-2025. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge or you can contact PGK Herman Karhoff at [wratgass@gmail.com](mailto:wratgass@gmail.com) or text to (937) 361-2758 to make reservations. Please RSVP on or before June 18.

### **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’.

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Grand Knight Tom Pitstick announced that our Family of the Month for May are all these wonderful ladies who took home a beautiful potted flower. Annual Council Ladies Night Banquet. This is our opportunity to thank all of our wives, significant others, and widows for all of their endless support to our mission. Brother Knights served each lady a wonderful meal of brisket, marry me chicken and all the sides. We are forever indebted to this loving group.

### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**



Congratulations to the Knight of the Month, Brother Dave Johnston. As our 2024 Blue Coat Volunteer of the Year, Dave continues to give all of his time for the betterment of others. Dave inspires our youth as a PSR instructor, supports all K of C events, and serves as our Council Chancellor. Day and night he is delivering furniture for SVDP or getting needy neighbors to critical appointments. Thanks for all you do, Brother Dave!

### **2025-2026 3724 Officers Elect**

Grand Knight - Tom Pitstick  
Deputy Grand Knight - Matt Justice  
Chancellor - Stephen Cosey  
Recorder - Tim Barlow  
Treasurer - PGK Gene Erbacher  
Warden - Brian Pataki

Advocate - PGK Steve Wal  
Inside Guard - Terry McCann  
Outside Guard - Ken Normand  
Outside Guard - Steve Glass  
3rd Year Trustee - PGK Frank Carchedi

### **Past Grand Knights Thank You**

On behalf of the PGKs of 3724, I would like to offer thanks and appreciation to the brother knights who stepped up to lead this awesome council during the next fraternal year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,

PGK Erbacher

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Congratulations and thank you to all brothers who helped us recruit 16 new members this fraternal year, surpassing our goal of 14. As I have said in the past: the harvest belongs to the Lord. All praise and honor to Him but thank you again for being one of the workers in the vineyard!

We'll thank each sponsor here in the "Santa Maria" at a later date as well as at a future business meeting. In the meantime, please welcome the "Class of 2024-2025:" Jay Luis, Gene Eastman, Kent Scholl, Bill Williams, Don McKenzie, Elliott Leigh, Sanjay Bali, Jared Hess, John Cinelli, Zachary Kramer, Michael Krol, David Steimie, Timothy Wilson, Jace Wilson, Andrew Boudinot, Andrew Duffey and transfer Logan Pinder. God bless you all and welcome to our great "Band of Brothers."

The new Fraternal Calendar is official, and we have our next membership drives programmed! Here's the list so far: September 20-25 for Our Lady Queen of Peace (Base Chapel); October 4-5 for Mary, Help of Christians; August 24 is the WSU/St. John Bosco "Welcome Back" Picnic; and we will have a membership table set up at each monthly K of C Sunday morning breakfast starting back up in September. We hope you all can help us out at these important events.

Vivat Jesus, Mark



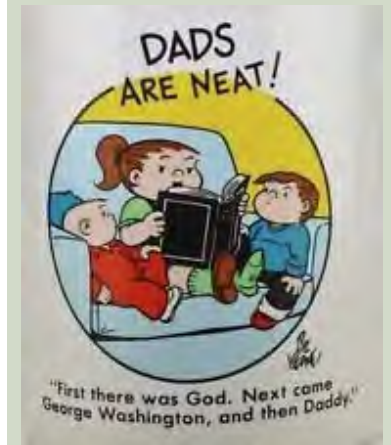
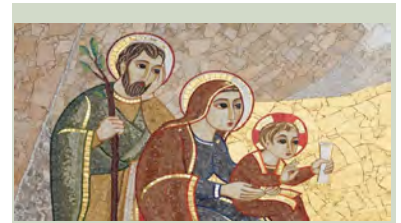
**Don't forget to add Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)** as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. Remember, all online member applications with the Promo Code RHERNANDEZ (the code from our K of C Insurance Representative) will 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

### Proverbs 8:10-14

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold. For Wisdom is better than corals, and no treasures can compare with her. I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence, and useful knowledge I have. The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil; Pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate. Mine are counsel and advice; Mine is strength; I am understanding.



## 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 July 31, 2025 at 6:30 PM

### 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

### State Convention



At the 126th Annual Ohio State K of C Convention, Fairborn Council's own Robert Hernandez was recognized for bringing in the most new members of any insurance agent in the state, (is this the 3rd year in a row?). Brother Rob is now up to 56 new members this year. Thank you for all you do for our Council and the State!



The 126 Annual Ohio State K of C Convention was held this past weekend in Cleveland. During the awards ceremony, Fairborn Council 3724 Grand Knight Tom Pitstick accepted 2 major recognitions; the Jesus Award, the highest State award, and the SOS Award for our donation toward the Support our Seminarians. Pictured with GK Tom is State Deputy Jeff Kiliary and Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Siracusa. Congratulations to Grand Knight Pitstick and all the members of Fairborn Council 3724

## Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on May 15 2025, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

**HC Raffle Ticket Drawings:** Conducted the eleventh HC Raffle and the winners were: Paul Herchenback - \$40 winner, ticket # 131; Keristen Keys - \$25 winner, ticket # 101; and Kaitlyn Reigle, \$10 winner, ticket # 61. **Tickets for the 2025/2026 HC 12 Month Raffle will be available 1 June. Only 200 tickets to be sold, costs are \$10.00 each, 1<sup>st</sup> drawing in July 17<sup>th</sup>.** Contact PGK Herman Karhoff for tickets and more information.

**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.**

### **New purchases:**

1. Freezer/Refrigerator temperature monitoring hardware/software that send alerts/notifications of unit failures in Kitchen/Tool rooms. Benefits: Helps eliminate food loss.
2. Raffle Ticket tumbler, to replace existing tumbler which is experiencing old age issues.

**Next Meeting: Jun 19, 2025, 7:00 PM** Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members.

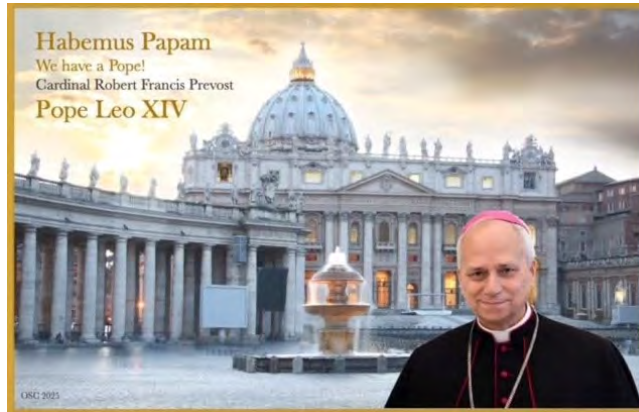
### **Membership Participation:**

1. The purposes of the Home Corporation are: (1) to provide a suitable facility and necessary furnishings and equipment for a Council home for meetings, and community and social activities of the members and their guests; and (2), provide an environment suitable for the Council to extend fraternal, charitable, civic and social pursuits. For the last several years, your current Board of Directors (BOD) has exceeded everyone's expectations in accomplishing these objectives.
2. The current BOD encourages Council Membership attendance to each of HC meetings, conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. The BY-LAWS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HOME CORPORATION are posted on the Council's bulletin board for your review. Please attend, a wonderful opportunity to learn about what it takes to sustain one of the top K of C Councils in Ohio.

**Tuesday morning crew activities (May):** The commercial freezer/refrigerator in the kitchen malfunctioned, compressor failure. HC is currently researching various replacement alternatives (purchase new/used). Bro Eric Rogalinski painted and re-installed the canopy at the K of C entrance. Thank you Eric! Working with PGK Milliron, planning, scheduling events, meetings, and activities, inputs to 2025/2026 Fraternal Year Calendar.

**Work Party (May 24, 2025)** – Cancelled, Memorial Day weekend.

**Next Work Party: Jun 28, 2025** – Repair window screens, More details to follow in a Knight Alert.



### **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.

### **2025 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 2025 Annual Memorial Golf Scramble. We play typical 4-Man Best Ball format with refreshments and snacks provided, come join us and enjoy some friendly competition, camaraderie, and remembrance with your brother knights. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, at the Locust Hills GC in Springfield. Shotgun Start at 8:30AM. The Cost for members and their guests is \$60 each which pays for your green fees, cart, dinner, refreshments and prizes. Locust Hills will serve pork and ½ chicken for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge, or call/email Andrew Wal at (937)672-5543, [andrewwal55@gmail.com](mailto:andrewwal55@gmail.com).



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.

# Fairborn Knights of Columbus Memorial Golf Scramble

August 2, 2025  
8:30am

Shotgun Start

\$60.00 per person

Includes:

- Green Fees
- Cart
- Meal
- Refreshments
- Prizes

Contact:

Andrew Wal

937-672-5543

[andrewwal55@gmail.com](mailto:andrewwal55@gmail.com)



- Mulligans for Sale
  - Skins Game
  - 50/50 Drawing



- 4 Man Best Ball Scramble Format
- Chicken and Pork Lunch
- Prizes for all

**Come Enjoy a Day of  
Brotherhood and Unity!**



## INSURANCE CORNER



### **Lazy Days of Summer**

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

Give me a call.

**Robert Hernandez**

**Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent # 18446**

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## HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### **That the world might grow in compassion**

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and, from his heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

## 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:** John Martin, Paul David Avery, Arlene Anne Posey

### **Health and Healing:**

Archbishop Schnurr, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Herman Karhoff, Charlie Lump, Dave Banazak, Chuck Shaffer, Michael Gaudir, Helen Adams, Kitty Justice, Nam Mac, Jay Leonard, Brenda Whytal, 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, 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.

### June Events



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

Jun 4 BINGO	Jun 5 Trustees Meeting
Jun 9 4th Degree Meeting	Jun 11 K of C BINGO
Jun 12 Business Meeting	Jun 15 Happy Father's Day
Jun 18 BINGO	Jun 19 Home Corp Meeting
Jun 21 Knight of the Year Banquet	Jun 21 Ride, Walk & Run for Life
Jun 25 BINGO	Jun 26 Lecturer Meeting
Jun 28 Home Corp Work Party	Jun 28 Corp. Communion at OLQP, 4:30pm
Jun 29 Corp. Communion at MHC, 8:00am	

### July Preview

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

### 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.



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