

# 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 & 2024-2025\*\***

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

After a restful night in Domremy, our hosts served us a typical French Breakfast. French bread, orange juice, coffee, yogurt and cheese. After breakfast we walked about a quarter of a mile to a small church that claimed to be where St Joan went to church. When we questioned our host Robert about this, he thought it was unlikely. At that time the border between Germany and France ran through this little town and the church was on the German side. This church does have the baptismal fount that St Joan was baptized in but again Robert thought the fount was moved from another church that was destroyed in one of the wars.

There is currently no priest assigned to this church, so once it was unlocked and it being Sunday, Father Martin said Mass for Nick and myself on the side altar. It was rather moving to worship where in the 1400's St Joan might have attended Mass. There is a small park next to the church with several statues and monuments to St Joan. There is also a small private museum next to the church. We went in but the entry fee was more than we wanted to pay so we walked back to the house. Robert had offered to take us to another small church about 5 miles outside of town where he thought St Joan was likely to have gone to church. The terrain is rather hilly with Domremy sitting in the valley. The second church was in a wooded area up the hill from Domremy. When we arrived there was Mass going on and we did not want to disturb them as it was almost over. After Mass was over the priest came out and introduced himself. He was a Coptic priest and had several parishes in the area but not the one in Domremy. He agreed this is probably where St Joan went to Mass. Being in the woods probably helped the church survive the wars.

It was a very peaceful setting. There was a small gift shop and house attached to the Church. The house was large enough to possibly have been home to a group of fryers. The church was restored on the inside several years back and in the process, they uncovered some paintings on the wall that probably went back to 995 when the church was built. Amazingly, the church is over 1000 years old and in very good condition.



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### Special points of interest

- Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
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- St Michael Sanctuary
- New Pope Leo XIV
- FAB Update

The priest offered us a ride to a cathedral on the other side of Domremy. It was about ½ mile outside of town on the side of a hill with a great view of Domremy and the valley. It was built some time after St Joan was canonized as a tribute to her. The inside has at least 6 paintings on the walls that are probably 6 x 20 ft. The paintings are scenes from important times in St Joan's life. After our visit to the cathedral, we had to walk back to the house so Robert could take us to the train station for our ride back to Paris.

An interesting story about the house we stayed in. It seems that Napoleon around 1800 was traveling through Domremy and stopped to rest there. While resting he was waited on by a very attractive young lady. She became one of his mistresses and he had this house built for her. Everything went along fine until he lost power and was no longer supporting her. So being a resourceful lady she turned it into a house of prostitution! 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>

### **Independence Day Parade and 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 at about 2:00. As always, there will be brown bag Bingo after food.

### **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 named as the June Family of the Month, all the Brother Knights of Fairborn Council 3724! Whether the Brother worked day and night at our many charitable activities or just prayed for our success, each Knight is responsible for the Council receiving the State Jesus Award and expected Star Council Award. May God Bless these good Catholic Gentlemen.

### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of the Month for June 2025, Brother Harry Yarwick! Harry runs our Measure Up program. He works BINGO and is responsible for medical aid to players. Harry is an announcer at our Reverse Raffles and Church Festivals and has done it willingly for years. Harry is a Server and a Lector at Mass. Thank you Harry for all you do!

### **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 - vacant

Year Trustee - Steve Glass

### **Sirach 3: 30-31**

As water quenches a flaming fire, so almsgiving atones for sins. The kindness people have done crosses their paths later on; should they stumble, they will find support.

### **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

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy Independence Day! In this edition of the Santa Maria, I wish to thank all those men who stepped out of their comfort zone and approached another practicing Catholic man and asked him if he would like to join the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, the Knights of Columbus! Those men I wish to recognize are the following: PGK Russ Milliron, FA Rob Hernandez, Brother Ken Normand, GK Tom Pitstick, Brother Herb Edwards, PGK Don Shepherd, and PGK Grant Kempf. In my experience as this Council's Membership Director, this is the greatest number of members who signed up new brothers. Thank you! I also wish to thank all those who approached a prospect even though he may not have accepted your invitation. You planted the seed, and you referred his name for follow-up with someone on the membership committee. That's what active recruiting is all about, and that is why we have surpassed our fraternal new membership goal for the fourth consecutive year! We also have a couple prospects waiting to be signed up in the next fraternal year; so, we should be off to a great start!

**This Month's Personal Goal:** I will encourage prospects to further enrich their Catholic faith by becoming a Knight of Columbus. Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.

Vivat Jesus!

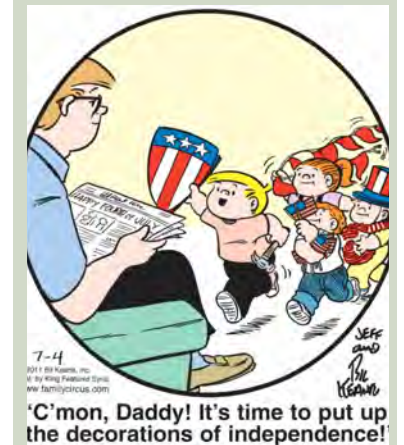
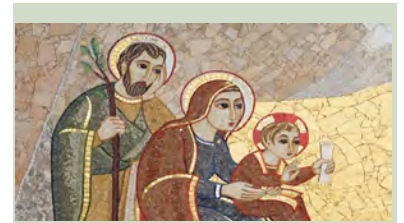
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**Don't forget to add Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)** as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. Remember, all online member applications with the Promo Code RHERNANDEZ (the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



## 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:** PGK Gene Erbacher

**Home Corp President:** PGK Frank Minnick

**Home Corp Treasurer:** PGK Herman Karhoff

**1st Year At-Large Member:** Bro. Steve Glass

**2nd Year At-Large Member:** vacant

The next FAB meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

### Knights in Action

This past June at Mary. Help of Christians Church, Father Blenman Blessed the Saint Michael statue and accompanying icons of Archangels Raphael and Gabriel and then led a procession to the new St. Michael the Archangel Devotion Chapel located in St. Francis Hall. Fairborn Council 3724 graciously gifted the statue and icons through its bingo funds.



## Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on June 19, 2025, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

**HC Raffle Ticket Drawings:** Conducted the twelfth (and last for 2024/2025) HC Raffle and the winners were: Carolyn Huey - \$40 winner, ticket # 104; Henrick Pitstick- \$25 winner, ticket # 039; and John Skakun, \$10 winner, ticket # 23. **Tickets for the 2025/2026 HC 12 Month Raffle will be available. 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 ([wratgass@gmail.com](mailto:wratgass@gmail.com)) 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:** Paid \$800.50 (donation) for Seiter Services to repair the St. Vincent DePaul milk cooler.

**Next Meeting: July 17, 2025, 7:00 PM** Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members.

**Tuesday morning crew activities (June):** Replaced rotted wood around Rectory garage doors. Started planning for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic. Table setup for Bingo after the Knight of the Year Banquet. Installed and setup K of C refrigerator/freezer monitors in kitchen/boiler room.

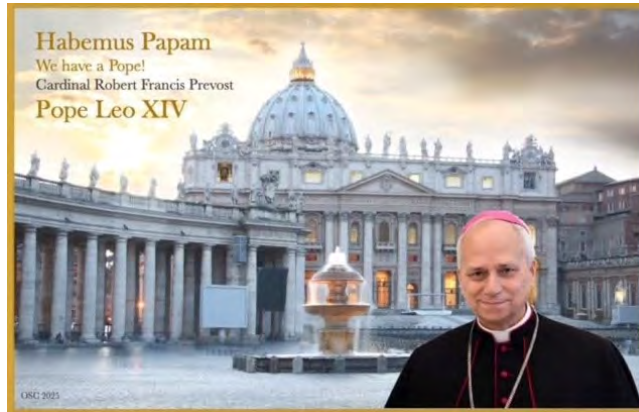
**Work Party (June 28, 2025)** – Repaired 40 window screens for MHC; cleaned grills and K of C room in preparation for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic.

**Next Work Party: Jul 26, 2025** – Details to follow in a future Knight Alert.

## Fallen Brother



Calvin Smith, Jr.  
October 6, 1934 — June 11, 2025



### **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

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- 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



### UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. 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. 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.

Give me a call.

**Robert Hernandez**

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

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the elderly, that they may be valued and cared for.

### 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:** Cal Smith

### 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, 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.

## July Events



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

July 2 BINGO  
July 4 Parade and Picnic  
July 10 Bus Meeting/Induction of Officers  
July 16 NO BINGO (Festival Prep)  
July 18-20 MHC FESTIVAL  
July 24 Lecturer Meeting  
July 30 K of C BINGO (5th week)

July 3 Trustees Meeting  
July 9 K of C BINGO  
July 14 4th Degree Meeting  
July 17 Home Corp Meeting  
July 23 NO BINGO (Fest. Tear down)  
July 26 Home Corp Work Party  
July 31 FAB and PGK Meetings

## August Preview

Trustees Meeting, K of C Memorial Golf Outing, Business Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, Home Corporation Meeting, HC Work Party, Lecturer Meeting, K of C BINGO, Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival, BINGO, Welcome Back WSU Picnic, Corporate Communion at MHC and OLQP, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## 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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