

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Fraternal Year 2025-2026 CHARTERED IN OCTOBER 1953 August 2025

Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

Saint Joan of Arc is a Patron Saint of France. There are statues of her in all of the churches I visited as well as in many public places. All for good reason as she, with God's guidance, changed the history of France and England. She was born in 1412 in Domremy, a small village in north eastern France to a poor farm family. She was deeply religious and very pious. She had no formal education and could not read or write. The 100 year war had been going on for 75 years when she was born. France had no crowned king at the time, only a prince. He was the son of the last king. The English were in control of large parts of France, and their intent was to control both England and France. There were forces loyal to Prince Charles but they were losing ground to the English. When Joan was 13 English forces attacked her village of Domremy. It was at this time she started hearing voices. She did not tell anyone about the voices for almost 4 years. When she was about 17, Saint Michael the Archangel appeared to her. Through the council of the voices and Saint Michael's vision it became clear to her that she was to help the prince's forces defeat the English and see Prince Charles crowned King of France.

She traveled to a nearby town and met with Robert Baudricourt, a commander of forces loyal to Charles. Remember she was only 17, illiterate, a girl, sent by God to save France. He laughed at her and sent her home. By now the English forces had laid siege to Orleans in the center of France. If Orleans fell France would be lost to the English. Joan's voices continued to pressure her, telling her that it was God who commands it. She made another trip to see Robert Baudricourt. This time she was very persistent and insisted she meet with Prince Charles. She informed him that the French were defeated in the battle of Herrings. When 2 days later news of this defeat reached him, he believed her enough to send her with 3 soldiers on a 3 day journey to meet Prince Charles in Chinon. Two days after arriving Charles agreed to meet her. He dressed in disguise and hid among his court. She walked up to him and saluted him without hesitation. Most of his advisors told him she was a crazy person and did not trust her. The voices gave her a sign to give to him, whatever it was it convinced him to half-heartedly believe her. She was further scrutinized by a committee of Bishops and Doctors which found her to be ardent in her faith, simplicity and honesty.



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At this point she implored Prince Charles to give her an army to take to Orleans to prove to him she was inspired by God. She requested a sword that she said was buried behind the altar in the chapel of Ste-Catherine- de – Fierbois. It was found in the very spot she described. They made a standard for her bearing the words Jesus, Maria, with a picture of God the Father and kneeling angels presenting a fleur-de-lis. Joan arrived in Orleans on April 30. She had a letter sent to the English to withdraw their troops from French soil. The English commanders were furious at the audacity of the demand. Her presence in Orleans worked wonders. In 8 days they captured all of the English fortifications and the siege was over. Her forces continued to defeat the English and cleared a path for Prince Charles to travel to Reims, the city where historically French Kings were crowned. Prince Charles was crowned King Charles VII on July 17, 1429 with Saint Joan in attendance with her standard by her side. She proclaimed, “As it had shared in the toil, it was just that it should share in the victory”. She felt that she had completed her mission to see the prince crowned King, but the voices continued to push her to finish driving the English from France. The King’s advisors were concerned that Joan was becoming too popular and powerful throughout France. She was of course seen as a national Hero. There is some thought that they set her up for failure. On May 24, 1430 her forces were outside Compiègne defending the city against a larger attacking force. They were driven back into the city but the drawbridge was dropped before all the men and Joan were inside. She was captured by the enemy. No words can adequately describe the disgraceful ingratitude and apathy of the King and his advisors in leaving Joan to her fate.



There can be no doubt that the English, partly because they feared their prisoner with superstitious terror, partly because of the dread which she inspired, were going to take her life. They could not put her to death for having defeated them, but they could get her sentenced as a witch and a heretic. It took them just over a year of trials and hearings to convict her and on May 30, 1431 at the young age of 19, she was burned at the stake. She was allowed to go to confession and receive Communion before being tied to the stake. She asked for a cross and someone gave her a crucifix which she held to her chest and then held it in the air calling the name of Jesus. Her demeanor at the stake was such as to move even her bitter enemies to tears. Twenty four years after her death her trial was reopened with the consent of the Holy See. After a long inquiry and examination of witnesses the sentence was reversed and annulled.

Joan of Arc was Canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV. 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>

IT'S FUNNEL CAKE TIME

The Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17. Our Council will again participate with our funnel cake booth and we'll need workers to support this effort. The work isn't physically demanding and no experience is necessary. Please consider helping support this important fund raiser for the Council. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge, or you can volunteer by contacting one of the Co-chairs to let them know when you are available.

You can reach them at:
PGK Russell Milliron 937-426-5299 mrmilliron@yahoo.com
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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

Congratulations to our Family of the Month, Brother Dan & Jana Cyphers. As our Family Director, Dan is our interface and support to PSR, chairs the Council Annual Memorial Mass and gathering, leads us in the Consecration of the Holy Family, keeps our widow involved, and so much more. Jana works very hard in helping Dan in all of these activities. Thanks for all you do!

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Knight of the Month Steven Kosey. Since joining the Knights, Brother Steven has immersed himself in all of the council activities. Now he takes on a bigger roll as our new Chancellor and is hard at work engaging with Athenaeum of Ohio for a new seminarian we can sponsor. Thank you Brother Steven for all you do.

2025-2026 3724 Officers

Grand Knight - Tom Pitstick
Deputy Grand Knight - Matt Justice
Chancellor - Steven Kosey
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

Fraternal Year 2024 –2025 Outreach

If you remember the quote from Sirach last month, “The kindness people have done crosses their paths later on; should they stumble, they will find support.” In line with that I thought I would share that Council 3724’s outreach last year with the help we get from Bingo dollar wise totaled nearly \$44,000.00. That doesn’t count the hours spent laboring in the fields for our Lord. Well done everyone and use that as a talking point with potential recruits.

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

New Membership Quota and New Member! Brothers, we are now in the new fraternal year with a new membership quota of 15. "No good deed goes unpunished" since we exceeded last fraternal year's goal by two (16). The good news is 15 is the highest membership quota we can be tasked with. So, I think that says a lot for our Council. The other good news is that we have a new and fully exemplified member. Please welcome Gerald (Gerry) Laughner as our new brother. We also have one other new prospect who became a Knight online but who still needs to be exemplified. Hopefully, he will be soon!

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING OPPORTUNITY EVENTS COMING UP!

Membership Drives: We have our annual membership drives coming up in the months of September and October. Our Lady Queen of Peace is scheduled for the weekend of September 20 (5 pm Mass) and September 21 (9:00 am Mass). Mary, Help of Christians will hold its membership drive the weekend of October 4 (4 pm Mass) and October 5 (8:30 am Mass). Sign up sheets will be posted in the social lounge soon. I'd sure appreciate everyone's help!

Wright State University (St. John Bosco) "Welcome Back" Picnic: Another membership recruiting opportunity will be Sunday, August 24, at Wright State University, St. John Bosco Catholic Center. The Knights will be hosting a "Welcome Back" picnic for returning students after their 11:00 am Mass. It's a good time and we hope to have a good turnout for this event!

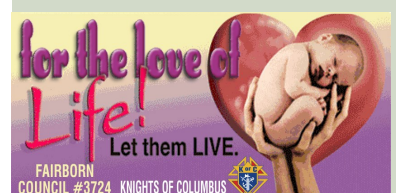
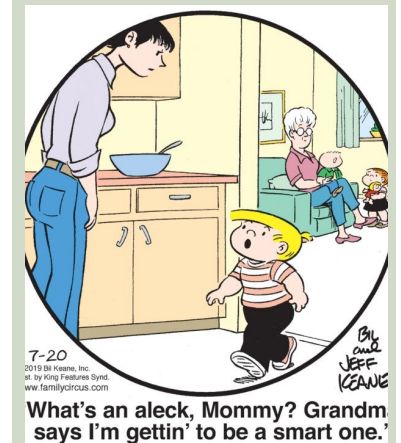


Don't forget to add Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org) as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. Remember, all online member applications with the Promo Code RHERNANDEZ (the code from our K of C Insurance Representative) will receive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

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.



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 FAB met on July 31, 2024 to review the performance of our investment funds and determine the feasibility of having extra money to donate this year. We are pleased to report that our investments have performed well enough to have the entire 10,000 amount available for dispersal. Consequently, we will be taking recommendations from the council for possible charities to support this year. The recommendations should be in writing to Grand Knight Pitstick or Home Corp President PGK Frank Minnick. Deadline for submission will be September 1, 2025. Brothers recommending charities should be willing to make a small presentation to the FAB. Charities selected should be a 501c3. Recommendations can be emailed to grandknight@3724kofc.org.

They can also be mailed to;

Fairborn Council K of C 3724

Attn: Grand Knight or Home Corp President

934 N. Maple Ave.

Fairborn OH 45324

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

Installation of Officers

Fairborn Council 3724 kicked off the new Fraternal Year with the ceremony for new officers. Chaplain Father Jason Bedel prayed for the new team and District Deputy Jeremy Begines praised the Brother Knights who served during the successful 2024-2025 year and thanked those who have stepped up to continue our mission of Charity.



2025 FOOTBALL FRENZY

Hello, my brother knights and welcome to the 2025-2026 fraternal year. As always at this time of year the Ohio State Council K of C kicks off the Football Sweepstakes. This year the games will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket.

\$25,000 in prizes will be awarded over the contest period and a winners' list will be posted on www.fundcrazr.com and www.kofcoho.org – Password is going to your ticket number.

Last year 3724 sold 203 tickets which netted the council a \$1,400 rebate, and a \$470.00 credit off our state per capita bill. So instead of a \$1300 bill the council only had to write a \$800 dollar check for per capita. Grand Knight Pitstick is hopeful that we can repeat that success again this year.

As with all the years before, if we do not make any quota and just participate, we get 0% per capita credit and a \$5.50 rebate for each ticket. If every member is responsible for 1 ticket, we can break last year's number. I am asking all brothers to be responsible for 3 tickets, buy one, sell two, buy two or sell one and we can crush that number. As always participation is optional but when we sell more tickets, we do get credit from the state office. Stay tuned to the Santa Maria for the running total as the program progresses.

Quota for 3724 this Fraternal Year

Tickets	Credit	Rebate
381	100% credit on Per Capita	\$9.00 per ticket sold
254	75% credit on Per Capita	\$8.00 per ticket sold
191	50% credit on Per Capita	\$7.00 per ticket sold
127	25% credit on Per Capita	\$6.50 per ticket sold
<127	0% credit on Per Capita	\$5.50 per ticket sold

Tickets can be turned in at the council hall any Thursday evening or mailed to PGK Erbacher at the address listed below.

Please make checks payable to: **K of C 3724**

You can mail your tickets to:

Fairborn Council 3724
934 N. Maple Ave.
Fairborn, OH 45324

or

Gene Erbacher, PGK
1442 Wedgewood Dr.
Fairborn, OH. 45324

The turn in deadline for the full season of games will be Thursday Oct 23, 2025. This will ensure we get all money and stubs into the state chair by Oct 30, 2025. Late turn in will be allowed up to Monday Dec 22, 2025, however any tickets turned in after Oct 30, 2025, only count for the remaining games and are not retroactive. Again, on behalf of your Grand Knight, welcome to the new council year.

Fraternally,

Gene Erbacher, PGK

Football Frenzy & Ohio Charities Chairman.

Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on July 17, 2025, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

HC Raffle Ticket Drawings: Commenced with our first HC Raffle for the new fraternal year. The winners were: \$50 & \$10 winner was Alaina Yarwick, ticket # 20; and the \$40 & \$25 winner was PGK Frank Minnick, tickets # 34 & #36. We still have **tickets for the 2025/2026 HC Monthly Raffle available**. Contact PGK Herman Karhoff (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.**

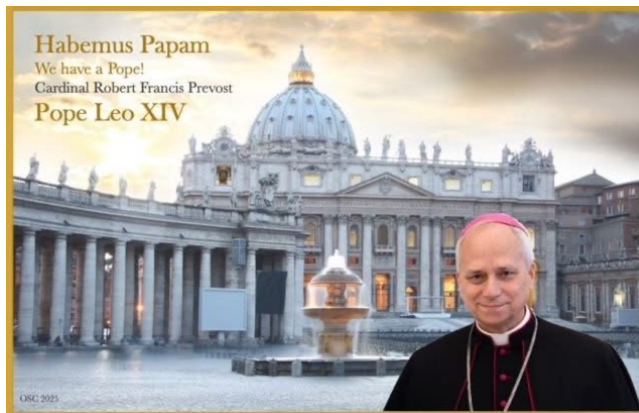
New purchases: Purchased a new Maytag 21 cu ft freezer for \$799.56 which resides in the Tool Room.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2025, 7:00 PM Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members.

Tuesday morning crew activities (July): Assembled new Reverse Raffle tumbler, organized tool room, started planning for the upcoming sweetcorn festival (Aug 16-17).

Work Party (July 27, 2025) – Repaired 40 window screens for MHC; cleaned Council area, started reorganizing the kitchen which was left in disarray after the MHC festival.

Next Work Party: Aug 23, 2025 – Clean kitchen....more details to follow in a future 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.

INSURANCE CORNER



K OF C MISSION

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members. While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. We stand together during hard times, and we are ready to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help. Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk. It is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

Give me a call.

Robert Hernandez

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the marginalized, that they may be included in society.

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:

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.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

August Events

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| Aug 2 K of C Memorial Golf Outing | Aug 6 BINGO |
| Aug 7 Trustees Meeting | Aug 11 4th Degree Meeting |
| Aug 13 K of C BINGO | Aug 14 Business Meeting |
| Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption | Aug 16-17 Sweet Corn Festival |
| Aug 20 BINGO | Aug 21 Home Corporation Meeting |
| Aug 23 HC Work Party (9 am - Noon) | Aug 24 WSU CCM Picnic |
| Aug 27 BINGO | Aug 28 Lecture's Meeting |
| Aug 30 Corporate Communion OLQP | Aug 31 Corporate Communion MHC |

September Preview

Trustees Meeting, Business Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, Home Corporation Meeting, HC Work Party, Lecturer Meeting, BINGO, K of C Breakfast, OLQP Membership Drives, Labor Day
September also kicks off our 40 Days Novena for Life Program which starts with the National Day of Remembrance of Unborn on September 13.

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.



Bro. Steven Kosey



Bro. Dan & Jana Cyphers

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