

SANTA MARIA

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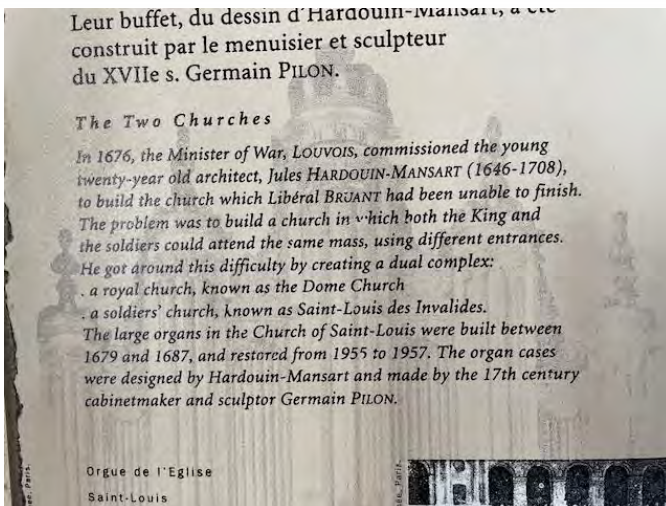
Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

On our last day in Paris France, we visited the Les Invalides. It is a huge complex of buildings originally built by King Louis XIV in 1670 as a hospital and home for soldiers. In 1706 a chapel, Saint Louis Des Invalides was completed. It is a large church with a huge gold dome that stands out in the skyline of Paris. The altar is in the middle of the church with one end for the soldiers and common people and the other end for the royals. Over the years a number of other buildings and courtyards were added. The whole complex is a museum dedicated to all things military. Many military artifacts from the Middle Ages to the 20th century are displayed. It is also the burial place of Napoleon Bonaparte, several of his brothers and his son, Napoleon II along with other important French military leaders.

We also visited the plaza that surrounds part of the Louvre Museum, but didn't have the time needed to make it worth the fee to get in. From the size of the building, it would take a couple of days to get through it. We spent the night at the retreat house at Sacre-Coeur Basilica and in the morning headed to the airport for our trip home.

I am really glad I went on this Pilgrimage; it was a great faith building experience, time I got to share with my brother Father Martin, a great tour of France but most of all our time at Lourdes. If I could have only gone to one place it would be Lourde, that was truly a moving experience and the closest I have ever felt to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Vivat Jesus, Tom



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Special points of interest

- Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
- Rosary Memorial for the Unborn
- FAB Update
- Special Election



Lector Meeting (October 23, 2025)

Status of Our Beacon of Light Journey

Deacon Mark Danis will provide an update on where St. Michael's Parish Family is on our Beacon of Light Journey. He will share the successes to date and challenges moving forward. All brother Knights, their significant others and friends are invited.

The event will be held at 7 am in the Council meeting room followed by a social in the lounge.

Thursday Night Football

Football season has started and the lounge will be showing the NFL Thursday Night game each week. Kickoff is 8:15 every week until the end of the regular season. Come out and cheer on your favorite team with your brother knights. It promises to be an exciting year of football.

Special Election

After prayerful consideration, Bro Matt Justice will be stepping down as Deputy Grand Knight. We will be holding nominations and election at the October office to fill that office and any other affected offices.

Santa Maria Editor

Brothers, I am looking for someone to step up and take over as the Editor of the Santa Maria. The newsletter is a template and the hardest part is corralling all the stories in time for the edition to be printed. I am willing to act as advisor and work with you through the transition but I will be stepping down at the end of this fraternal year. Reach out to PGK Erbacher or send an email to Santamaria@3724kofc.org if you have questions or wish to volunteer for this important council function.

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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>

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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.



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 PGK Bill and Linda Stoddard, our family of the month for September. While they have been honored many times in the past we continue to honor them for what they have done and what we know they will continue to do. Bill is an active 4th degree knight and both he and Linda help with our breakfasts and dinners, usually not leaving till everything is cleaned up and put away. Bill also runs our Thursday night Lounge Drawing and keeps the record of who wins. Bill and Linda, thanks for everything you do to make our council the best.!

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knights of the Month, Brothers Doug and Michael Finn! This Father-Son duo strive to support our Council, always working hard at Saturday work parties, attending meetings and participating in Corporate Mass and Communion. As valued members of our Council, Brother Doug always gives of his time and great input to all our activities while Michael is a positive, upbeat, hard worker and always puts a smile on our faces. Thank you, Brothers Doug and Michael, 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

We had a very successful Membership Drive at Our Lady Queen of Peace at the Masses for September 20 and 21. Two new members signed up, plus we had a lot of interest from young men with families. Our next drive will be at Mary, Help of Christians the weekend of October 4 and 5. Thanks to all the brothers who have volunteered to help with both these important drives!

During our drive at OLQP, several prospects asked what it means to be a “practical Catholic.” This is a question asked during the application process. So, here is an answer you could provide future prospects:

What is a Practical Catholic: Every new Knight, while filling out his registration to join our fraternal order, must answer in the affirmative that he is a practical Catholic. But what does it mean to be a “practical” or practicing Catholic? According to the Knights of Columbus website, under “frequently asked questions,” a practical Catholic “accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.” So, it appears to me that there are three “gates” that one must be able to pass through to be a member of our Order. By the way, Supreme also states that we CANNOT add our own criteria in addition to these. Let’s tackle them one at a time:

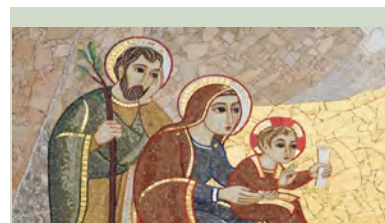
First, does he “accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals?” I accept the teaching authority, but I’ll readily admit there are some teachings on faith and morals that many of us struggle with. Do we accept the teachings on birth control? Do we accept the teachings on capital punishment? We can accept the teaching authority of the Church while still working toward a prayerful and doctrinally informed understanding of these issues. We are all evolving in our faith and walking the pilgrim road to holiness.

Second, does he “aspire to live in accord with precepts of the Catholic Church?” The precepts of the Church are the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics. They are (1) attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday Vigil) and on holy days of obligation. (2) confess your sins at least once a year. (3) receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. (4) observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church, and (5) provide for the needs of the Church. Note that the word is aspire. So, if we cannot go to Mass for reasons of health, for example, we do not have to resign our Knights membership! On the other hand, if we willfully and negligently skip Mass, it is considered a grave sin.

Third, is he “in good standing in the Catholic Church?” If we can answer “yes” to the first and second questions above, I think we’ve pretty much answered the third; however, I’d like to add one more thought: The Catechism of the Catholic Church expands on this list by saying that these acts are “set in the context of a moral life” and are “nourished by liturgical life.” Do you desire to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul? Do you try to follow Jesus every day? Does being a part of the Catholic Church buoy you in these efforts? I believe an earnest yes to these questions should be enough to make anyone good in the eyes of the Church.

So, if a prospect asks you what it means to be a “practical Catholic,” hopefully this will help you in your discussion with him.

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 for and from 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.

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!



Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2025-2026

Grand Knight: Tom Pitstick
Trustee: PGK Don Shepherd
Home Corp President: PGK Frank Minnick
1st Year At-Large Member: Bro. Steve Glass

Deputy Grand Knight: Matt Justice
Council Treasurer: PGK Gene Erbacher
Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff
2nd Year At-Large Member: vacant

There was a special meeting of the FAB on September 25, 2025 at 6:30PM. Reviewing applications for charity assistance from the council yielded several worthy candidates. The charities selected for support this year are;

St. Vincent de Paul - Fairborn. Family & Youth Initiatives - Fairborn. MHC Parish to help with the purchase and installation of a monument displaying the 10 commandments and the beatitudes and **Ohio Veterans and Caregivers - Piqua** which serves veterans in several counties throughout our membership area.

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

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 13, 2025, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League co-sponsored the ninth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters. Fairborn Knights of Columbus Council 3724 and Daughters of Isabella, Marian Circle 911 sponsored a Rosary at our own Memorial for the Unborn after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. (Rosary was moved to church because of inclement weather). Thank you to everyone who joined us in saying a Pro-Life Rosary at our nationally listed Memorial



2025 FOOTBALL FRENZY

Brothers we are moving towards the first turn in date for this years Football Frenzy and I would like to share with you that we are track for a record year of participation. As mentioned earlier the actual games will occur between late October through December/January. If you have received a request from the state chairman to buy tickets separate from what the council sent out please don't be too upset. You can either send them back to me, throw them away or even purchase them if you are so inclined. If you decide to purchase or sell them just put 3724 in the council line and we will still receive the credit for them. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket. When the contest starts the winner list will be posted on www.fundcrazr.com and www.kofcohio.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.

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.

2025 Total as of October 2nd, 2025. We have sold 231 tickets.

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

Fraternally,
Gene Erbacher, PGK
Football Frenzy & Ohio Charities Chairman.

Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on Sept 18, 2025, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

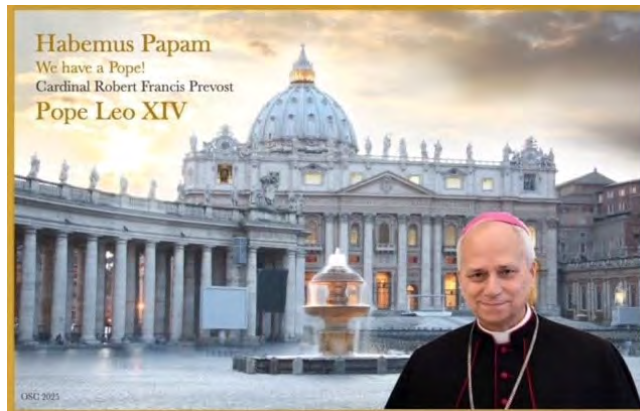
Paid Facility/Bingo rent, Custodial fees, and HC Raffle winners.

- **HC Raffle Ticket Drawings:** Conducted our 3rd HC Raffle for the fraternal year. The winners were: \$40 winner was Ken Normand, ticket # 164; the \$25 winner was Marsha Cox ticket #31, and the \$10 winner was Ken Normand, ticket #45. We still have 40+ 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.**

Next Meeting: October 16, 2025, 7:00 PM Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members.

Tuesday morning crew activities (September): General maintenance.

Next Work Party: Oct 25, 2025 – To be determined. Watch for K of C text alerts.



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



OCTOBER Four parts of retirement: Phase Two, In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash. Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work, for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years. Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule. I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the mission of the Church

That it may be effective in spreading the Gospel.

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: Bro. Thomas O'Connor

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., Martha Karhoff

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.

October Events



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

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| Oct 1 BINGO | Oct 2 Trustees Meeting |
| Oct 3 Ohio March for Life (Columbus) | Oct 4&5 MHC Membership Drive |
| Oct 8 K of C BINGO | Oct 9 Business Meeting |
| Oct 12 K of C Breakfast | Oct 13 K of C 4th Degree Meeting |
| Oct 13 Columbus Day | Oct 15 BINGO |
| Oct 16 Home Corp Meeting | Oct 18 Reverse Raffle |
| Oct 22 BINGO | Oct 23 Lecturer Meeting |
| Oct 25 Home Corp Work Party | Oct 25 Family Rosary Rally |
| Oct 29 K of C BINGO (5th week) | Oct 30 FAB Meeting and PGK Meeting |

November Preview

All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, Election Day, BINGO, Trustees Meeting, Christmas Bazaar and Breakfast, 4th Degree Meeting, Veterans' Day, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, Blood Drive, Memorial Mass, K of C Breakfast, Home Corp Meeting, HC Work Party, Parish Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, OLQP Corporate Communion, MHC Corporate Communion

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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