

SANTA MARIA

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Grand Knight's Corner

Santa Maria Editor

Brothers, and council family. First I need to apologize for how late the Santa Maria is this month. I can only plead the fact that I have been crushed at work. There is no Grand Knight's column this month so I have decided to take a moment to talk with you about the newsletter. This is very hard for me to say but after prayerful consideration. December's Santa Maria will be my final as editor. I would very much like for someone to step up and take over, however I get it, it probably seems like a lot of work. Editor would be an ideal position for one of the newer knights who might wish to be more active as it can be done from home.

I will say this, the newsletter is a template and really its just a matter of collecting this articles and formatting them to fit the boxes. I have been the editor since 2011 when I jointed the council. Worthy PGK Frank Carchedi stepped in and put the newsletter together for me during my five years as Grand Knight which I will be eternally grateful for. It has been an honor to perform this service for the council. I need to step down to focus on my health and the welfare of my family.

The council has a very large social media presence and nearly everything that you see in the Santa Maria is on the Facebook page. Information on council events and happenings is posted in the activity and knight alerts emails. After configuring and sending out the newsletter in Dec. I will be transferring all historical artifacts and electronic copies to the council computer in the main office.

Should a brother step forward who would wish to take over . I am willing to work with them as they begin. One of the problems will be looking at a replacement for Microsoft Publisher which will be discontinued after Oct of 2026 so another format will be needed. Moving forward I will continue to be the Chairman of the Football Frenzy and the Super Cash Bonanza programs. I will also continue to be active with the Past Grand Knights of this council. And will continue to serve as Council Treasurer as long as you will have me.

As it says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens."

Peace of Christ Be With You. Vivat Jesus PGK Erbacher



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'TIS THE SEASON TO SAVE LIVES



Donate blood to receive this long sleeve tee*.

*All gifts are available while supplies last and are subject to change. Color and design are also subject to change at any time and are based on availability from the manufacturer.

Be a local lifesaver and help avoid critical blood shortages when you give the most important gift of all, the gift of life!

Be a hero for someone in need, give blood today.

NOVEMBER 3RD - DECEMBER 27TH

BLOOD DRIVE

Mary Help of Christians

954 North Maple Street, Fairborn, OH

Saturday, November 15, 2025

8:30am – 12:30pm



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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>

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. To celebrate the start of the season we will having a pizza party after the September business meeting. Come out and cheer on your favorite team with your brother knights. It promises to be an exciting year of football.

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’.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month, PGK Don Shepherd. Brother Don is a council Trustee, serves at Mass every weekend and supports all our activities. A fixture in the kitchen, Brother Don arrives very early for the monthly Parish breakfast to help make all the delicious entrees. Thanks Brother Don for all you do!

2025-2026 3724 Officers

Grand Knight - Tom Pitstick	Advocate - PGK Steve Wal
Deputy Grand Knight - Matt Justice	Inside Guard - Terry McCann
Chancellor - Steven Kosey	Outside Guard - Ken Normand
Recorder - Tim Barlow	Outside Guard - vacant
Treasurer - PGK Gene Erbacher	Year Trustee - Steve Glass
Warden - Brian Pataki	

Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2025-2026

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 October 30 and wrote the checks out for the selected charities. The next FAB meeting will be discussing and working on revisions to the charter. With regards to the calculations that determine how much is available to donate.

The charities selected this year as mentioned last month are;

**St. Vincent de Paul - Fairborn, Family & Youth Initiatives - Fairborn,
Ohio Veterans and Caregivers - Piqua**

The next normally scheduled FAB meeting is January 29th, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We are on a very positive road toward meeting this year's new membership fraternal goal of 15. As of this writing, we have 10 new brothers who have signed up online to be a Knight. That's fantastic! Still, we can't be too cocky, because five of those prospects still need exemplification to the First through Third Degree either online or in-person.

On Thursday, October 30, at 7:30 pm, we are having an in-person exemplification ceremony in our Council Chambers. This will be a terrific opportunity for us to restore our knowledge of and renew our commitment to the First through Third Degree virtues of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. All Knights, family, and friends are invited to attend! After the 30-minute ceremony, there will be a social in our lounge so that our new brothers can become better acquainted with our membership. I hope you can make it!

Don't forget to add [Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.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.

Name Tags: If you need a new Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see me or Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark



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 lets use that as a talking point with potential recruits.



Paul Martin Pitstick
December 13, 1922 — October 14, 2025



Paul M. Pitstick, aged 102, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. He was born on December 13, 1922, to Paul Frank and Clara Marie Pitstick in Yellow Springs, Ohio. After graduating from high school, Paul attended General Motors Institute. His studies were interrupted after two years, when he enlisted in the Army Air Forces for WWII. He served in Italy as a bombsite technician and was promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant. While there, he met and became devoted to St. Padre Pio.

Paul married Mary F. Smith on February 15, 1947, in Junction City, Ohio. He began farming and with innovative production methods turned the Pitstick Pork Farm into one of the largest pork farms in southwestern Ohio. He always found time to take his family on summer vacations for fishing, swimming, and camping. After retiring from farming, Paul enjoyed beekeeping and honey production. He and his wife also travelled to Europe, the Middle East and Mexico for pilgrimages to Catholic sites and to see other attractions. His spiritual devotions included attending daily Mass, leading home bible studies, service in the Legion of Mary, taking communion to the homebound, and memberships in the Knights of Columbus and the Incarnate Word Community.

In addition to his parents, Paul is preceded in death by, four brothers: Carl (Gloria), Gerald, Roger (Peggy), and Eugene (Edna); three sisters: Mary (Rudy) Singhoffer, Angie (John) Cimprich, and Irene (Joseph) Oberst; and sister-in-law, Eloise. He is survived by his loving wife of 78 years, Mary F. (Smith) Pitstick; one brother, George; sister-in-law, Betty; his children: Thomas (Lynne), Paula (Steven) Kirklin, Joseph (Elizabeth), Andrew, Mary (Stephen) Hess, James (Barbara), and Fr. Martin; 19 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Please consider a memorial contribution to Dayton Right to Life or Elizabeth New Life Center, in Paul's honor.

2025 FOOTBALL FRENZY

Brothers the first turn in was amazing thank you so much for supporting this effort and your council. 3724 turned in 310 tickets which has set a record for us nearly 100 tickets better than our last best year. The games have started with the last week of October through December/January. Any tickets turned in from now to the final turn in date will only count for the remaining games of the season. 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. Winners list will be posted on www.fundcrazr.com and www.kofcoho.org – Password is going to your ticket number.

Late turn in will be allowed up to Monday Dec 22, 2025.

2025 Total as of November 6. We have sold 313 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.

Saint Vincent De Paul Pantry

As the government shutdown continues, our neighbors with needs continues to grow. Our own St Vincent de Paul pantry has received record requests for food which has strained their resources and left the shelves bare. As this crisis continues, please consider donations of food or money. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish office, at pantry when staffed, or to your Community Director. As always, the best thing you can do is keep our neighbors and volunteers in your prayers. There is also a donation can available at the council hall through Thanksgiving.

Community Director
PGK Grant Kempf

Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on Oct 16, 2025, a meeting held monthly to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

Approved the September meeting minutes.

Paid Facility/Bingo rent, Custodial fees, HC Raffle winners, wrote a check to the Council for the for the Council Treasurer to issue checks to the FAB designated charity donations.

HC Raffle Ticket Drawings: Conducted our 4th HC Raffle for the fraternal year. The winners were: \$40 winner was Jim McCoy, ticket # 120; the \$25 winner was Ronald Watson ticket #73, and the \$10 winner was Kaitlyn Riegle ticket #57. We still have 30+ **tickets for the 2025/2026 HC Monthly Raffle available**. The proceeds from the sales of these tickets help the HC provide the services to sustain our **“Council of Excellence” reputation**. Contact PGK Herman Karhoff (wratgass@gmail.com) for tickets and more information.

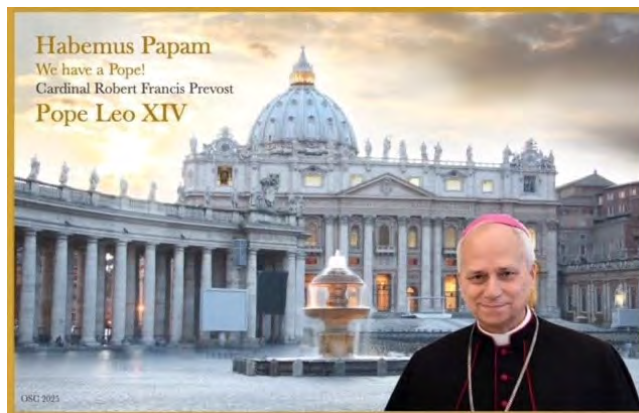
Reminder, should you see something that needs to be done or acquired for the benefit of the Council, note it in the Maintenance Work Log located in the business meeting room, on the right, just inside the door.
The HC is here to help Council members do whatever it can to help achieve the Council's mission.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2025, 7:00 PM. Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members. For those who are interested, monthly meeting minutes can be found in the 2025/2026 Fraternal Year folder on the desktop of the K of C new computer. Select HC shortcut which will bring up HC Meeting Mins (Edwards) folder. Within this folder are the meeting minutes for each month.

Tuesday morning crew activities (October): A host of odds and ends in preparation for the various October events (i.e., reverse raffle, parish breakfast, etc.).

Work Party (Oct 25, 2025) – Winterized air conditioners, prepare for getting carpets professionally cleaned and other miscellaneous needs.

Next Work Party: Nov 22, 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



Four parts of retirement: Phase three

Retirement, You've got free time to pursue your interests, visit friends and family and relax. It's a beautiful thing. Remember: a 60-year-old man has a 20% chance of making it to 95! A 60-year-old woman has a 30% chance. And there is a 40% chance that at least one member of a married 60-year-old couple will make it to 95. That's a long time to live off savings while you don't work. As a Knight, you have access to a product that is designed to make saving safe and easy. Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. Savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity. Our annuities offer a competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans. As you proceed toward retirement, think about a Knights of Columbus annuity. Give me a call.

Robert Hernandez

Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent # 18446

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Deceased

That they may rest in peace.

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. Paul Pitstick

Health and Healing:

Archbishop Schnurr, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Herman Karhoff, Charlie Lump, Dave Banazak, Kitty Justice, Nam Mac, Jay Leonard, Brenda Whytal, Mary Alice Paxson, Marge Hueston, Cathy Lump, Lou Nava, Carol Maiorano, PGK Jim McCoy, John & Brenda Whittemore, 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.

November Events



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Nov 1 All Saints' Day	Nov 2 All Souls' Day
Nov 4 Election Day	Nov 5 No BINGO (Bazaar setup)
Nov 6 Trustees Meeting	Nov 7 Christmas Bazaar
Nov 8 Christmas Bazaar Breakfast	Nov 10 4th Degree Meeting
Nov 11 Veterans' Day	Nov 12 K of C BINGO
Nov 13 Business Meeting	Nov 15 Blood Drive
Nov 15 Memorial Mass	Nov 16 K of C Breakfast
Nov 19 BINGO	Nov 20 Home Corp Meeting
Nov 22 HC Work Party	Nov 23 Parish Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 26 NO BINGO	Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day
Nov 29 OLQP Corporate Comm.	Nov 30 MHC Corporate Comm.

December Preview

Trustees Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, Breakfast with St. Nick, K of C Breakfast, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, BINGO, PGK Christmas Open House, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Feast of the Holy Family, Christmas

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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