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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

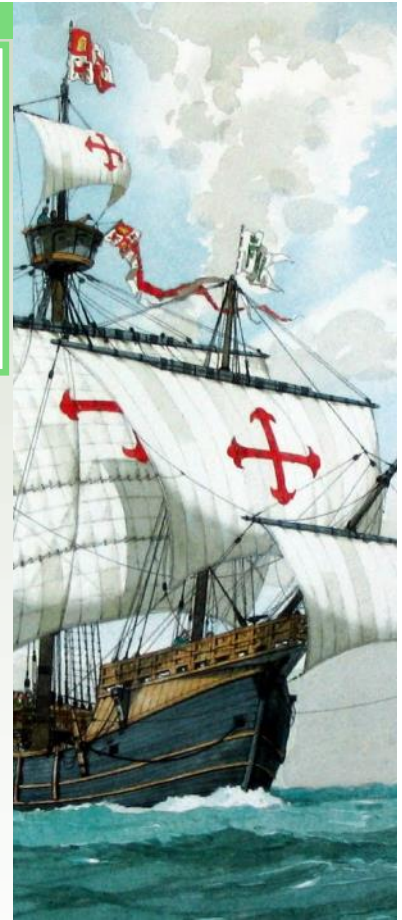
Why am I Catholic and why do I go to Mass?

I have thought about this more as I have gotten older and watched friends and family members not going to Mass on a regular basis. First and foremost, I am Catholic because my parents are, and they passed their faith on to me. Then there is the tradition. My ancestors on both my parent's side were Catholics who immigrated from Germany and Ireland. What must they have endured over the centuries to continue their Catholic faith. While I have no way of knowing their struggles, it remains a fact in reinforcing my faith because they kept theirs through time, and I take comfort in that.

Second, it is the Mass itself. It is my way of thanking God for everything, and I do mean everything. My parents, my very life, my loving wife, my children and grandchildren. God asks so little of us, yet He gives us everything. Yes, there are struggles in life, some that challenge our Faith but that is when we need Him the most. The Mass and the Eucharist are my way of thanking God for all the blessings and asking for help with the struggles and challenges in life.

The Eucharist and our belief that we are receiving the Body and Blood of Christ our Savior is a fundamental difference between Catholics and other Christian faiths. I fully believe this and consider it such a blessing to be able to receive Jesus, body and blood, that I can't imagine not being Catholic.

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Going to Sunday Mass is a commitment and a habit. I am saddened by the fact that many people did not come back after covid. I miss them at church as church also gives us a sense of community where we support each other in our struggles in life.

Unfortunately, there are many people that say they are Catholic but are missing out on the blessings and graces received from attending Mass.

If you are one of these, I hope to see you at Mass soon and if you are a regular Mass attendee God Bless you for your Faith.

Vivat Jesus

Tom



Grand Knight Tom Pitstick and Chief Chef PGK Russell Milliron put their culinary skills to good use at last months Parish breakfast by making delicious fruit and cheese filled Danish pastries!

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2025 - 2026 Fraternal Year**

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Father Alex arrived at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in July 2014. Fairborn Knights were there from the beginning welcoming him to all our activities as part of our Council family, helping, supporting and praying as he progressed on his journey to his ordination on May 18, 2019. Even as Father Alex moves on with his ministry, he stays close to his friends at 3724.

**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.

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 presents an

# Italian Dinner Fundraiser

**17**  
**January**  
**5:30 P.M.**



**\$10 per adults, \$5 per children under 12**

**All the proceeds from this event will support Brigid's Path,  
the first newborn recovery center in Ohio.**

Come and enjoy spaghetti and meatballs,  
accompanied by a salad, garlic bread, and sherbet with  
pizzelles.

Let's eat, Connect, and Make a difference!  
Mary Help of Christians Church Parish Center  
954 N Maple Ave, Fairborn, OH 45324

### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Knight of the Month, DGK Tim Barlow. Brother Tim has been our long term Recorder and now has stepped up to fill the all-important roll of Deputy Grand Knight. He is working hard to learn all the activities of the council and we look forward to his leadership. Thanks for all you do.



### **Family of the Month**

Congratulations to Family of the Month, Harry & Judy Yarwick. Brother Harry's name is synonymous with Measure Up being the dedicated Chairman for over 16 years. Harry has held the office of Warden and supports all of the council activities. He is a lecturer and Eucharistic Minister at church. Judy not only supports K of C events but she is also a long term member of the Daughters of Isabella, holding the office of Scribe and worked for years at many events including the D of I kitchen crew at bingo. Thank you for your dedication and support to Church, Council and Community.



# Christmas Open House

**THANK YOU** to the Past Grand Knight's Club for planning, cleaning, decorating and supplying wonderful food for the Council Christmas Open House on December 18, 2025. It was so great to see so many folks, some we see regularly and some new faces. What a great way to celebrate the Birth of Christ and finish off a wonderful year with food and fellowship.



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I apologize for not having a membership director's corner for the month of December! Marilyn and I were busy on a cruise up and down the Nile River in Egypt and traveling to Jordan to see the ancient city of Petra. It was awesome!

**In-Person Exemplification:** Still, I'd like to say thank you to all the brothers who participated in the in-person exemplification on October 30. Five men became new Third Degree members in the presence of a standing-room only assembly of family and friends. It was a very memorable evening.

**Where We Stand:** Please welcome to our Council Eric Buschelman, Andrew Braun (the new son-in-law of our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Barlow!), Mike Vastola, Shawn Everhart, Jay LaPore, Elias Santiago-Reyes, James Pitstick (the brother of our Worthy Grand Knight, Tom Pitstick!) and Christian Benedict. We now have ten new brothers toward our fraternal year goal of 15. Keep up the good work!

**What do you say when a prospect's answer to your invitation to join our council is "I don't have time"?** Many prospective members, when they are approached to join the Knights of Columbus, comment, that "they are too busy," or they have "too much work", or they are involved with their "children's hectic school schedule", and similar reasons. Be prepared with a simple answer, like "the amount of time you put in is completely up to you. Even one or two Saturdays a year would be a big help. Also, with the family-oriented activities we offer, you'll have more opportunities to spend time with your family.

**This Month's Personal Goal:** Approach recruiting in a different way. Instead of asking, "Would you like to join my council?" ask a prospective member: "Would you be interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus and our local council?" This offers you the opportunity to explain the benefits of joining to the prospective member in a more flexible way.

**Tip for the New Year:** Show your pride in being a Knight of Columbus by wearing a logo shirt or sweater. If you wear a sports jacket to Mass, make sure you also wear your Knights' lapel pin and maybe even your name tag. You never know: someone may approach you and ask about joining our "Band of Brothers."

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

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

Happy New Year, Brothers!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark



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"It was a lot more fun takin' them  
OUT of their box 'stead of  
putting them back IN."

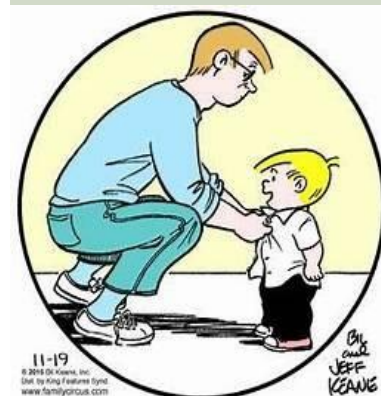


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"How many 'Talk to God' minutes  
does our family plan allow?"



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"Wow! Listen to that! I can't wait  
till I'm old enough to make  
MY knees do that!"



### Happy January Birthday to our Brother Knights

Andrew Beiring Sr.	Jeffrey Bogemann	Cletus Buddelmeyer
Francis Butcher	Joseph Carchedi	Cedrick Charles
Bradley Cook	Gene Eastman	Vincent M Ferry
John Gazzerro	Gilbert William	Scott Hopkins
Paul Jaya	Chad Kimmel	Zygmunt Kosmowski III
Zachary Kramer	Joel Lefevre	Frederick Lenk
Jay Luis	Ken Normand	Steven Quinter
David Roux	Nicholas Roux	PGK Don Shepherd
Richard Sorensen	Peter Thibodeau	Cory Wal
Timothy Wilson	John Young	

### 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.



Kitchen elves were busy this holiday season cooking for Parish breakfasts, Holiday Bazaar, Thanksgiving feast, and Breakfast with St Nick

## 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

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



### Spring Reverse Raffle 2026



Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Spring Reverse Raffle will be on February 21, 2026. Doors open at 5:00. The first ticket out will be at 6:00. Tickets are \$40 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2250. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email [FMINN@aol.com](mailto:FMINN@aol.com), or any of our members.

You can also purchase tickets by mail. Just send a check for \$40 per ticket to us and we will send your stub back to you. You can send it to:

K of C 3724 Reverse Raffle

Attn Frank Minnick

934 N Maple Avenue

Fairborn, Ohio 45324



## Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on Dec 18, 2025, for a short meeting to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

Approved the November meeting minutes.

Paid MHC Facility/Bingo rent, Service & Custodial fees.

**HC Raffle Ticket Drawings:** Pleased to report all HC Raffle Tickets have been sold. Winners of our 6th HC Raffle were: \$40 winner – Judy McCoy, ticket # 119; the \$25 winner was Judy McCoy, ticket #121, and the \$10 winner was PGK Bill Stoddard, ticket #137.

**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 HC Meeting: January 15, 2026, 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 (Dec):** We had a commercial carpet cleaning firm clean all of carpets and put up the Christmas decorations in preparation for the PGK Christmas Open House.

**Last Work Party: Dec - None. Next Work Party: Jan 24, 2026 –** Activities to be determined. Watch for K of C text alerts. **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your HC Officers: Pres. PGK Frank Minnick; Vice Pres. PGK Frank Carchedi; Tres. PGK Herman Karhoff; and Sec., brother Herb Edwards.**



# COUNCIL CALENDAR

## January Events

Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Jan 2 Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM
Jan 6 The Epiphany of the Lord	Jan 7 Bingo 7:00 PM
Jan 8 Business Meeting 7:30 PM	Jan 11 Parish Breakfast 9:30 AM
Jan 12 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7:30 PM	Jan 14 Bingo 7:00 PM
Jan 15 Home Corp Meeting 7:00 PM	Jan 16 March for Life (Wash, DC)
Jan 17 Italian Dinner Brigid's Path 5:30 PM	Jan 21 Bingo 7:00 PM
Jan 24 HC Work Party 9:00 AM	Jan 28 Bingo 7:00 PM
Jan 29 FAB Meeting 6:30 PM	Jan 29 PGK Club Meeting 7:30 PM

## February Preview

The Presentation of the Lord 2/2, Bingo 2/4, Trustees Meeting 2/5, Bingo 2/11, Parish Breakfast 2/8, 4th Degree Meeting 2/9, Bingo 2/11, Business Meeting 2/12, Children's Mardi Gras Carnival 2/15, Ash Wednesday (no Bingo) 2/18, Home Corp Meeting 2/19, Reverse Raffle 2/21, Bingo 2/25, Work Party 2/28



Confused on how to be more involved in your council activities? Take a look at the upcoming calendar of all the activities and then contact Family Chairman Dan Cyphers [cyphershome50@gmail.com](mailto:cyphershome50@gmail.com), 937-266-3507 or Retention Chairman, Dave Johnston [silk-bloom1@aol.com](mailto:silk-bloom1@aol.com), 937-825-3576 to discuss your time and talents.

## Dues Bills are Coming

Dues billing is ready, but coming to you late due to the Christmas rush at the post office. If you don't get a dues bill, and are not an Honorary Life member, please contact FS Russell Milliron at 937-609-9068.

To pay your dues by mail, please send a check to the FS at the address listed on the bill. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH VIA THE US POSTAL SERVICE.

If you wish to pay your dues via credit card, please call the FS at the number listed above. If he is not available please leave a call back number where you can be reached.

Thank you for paying your dues promptly.

## INSURANCE CORNER



Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person 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.

**Robert Hernandez**

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

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## 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

### **Repose of the Souls:**

Betty Ann Ferry

### **Health and Healing:**

Themon Lee, Bill Gilbert, People of Ukraine, Brian Edwards, Bill Dahling, Kitty Justice, Larry Bogemann, Larry DeWitt, Catherine Lump, Jeff Ballard, Jim McCoy

## 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.



**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER  
ENTRUSTED TO HIS WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**JANUARY**

**For prayer with the Word of God.**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**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.

**Facebook**

Our council has a substantial social media presence. Please follow us and share. If you have input contact PGK Russ Milliron or PGK Grant Kempf.  
<https://www.facebook.com/3724kofc>

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