

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Fraternal Year 2025-2026 CHARTERED IN OCTOBER 1953 March 2026

The Amazing Fairborn Knights

It is a well known fact that our council has so many Brothers who step up to help in so many ways. Some quietly lend a hand at multiple activities and you never realize how much they do until they don't. When that happens, what do we do? We find that God always provides. Case in point. This past month we held our monthly Parish Breakfast and a key player in the kitchen has taken ill. What do we do? Well for starters we have sleepless nights worrying about it! This particular snowy morning I arrived at the back of the Parish Center at 7:30 AM to find a dozen vehicles already there! The kitchen was abuzz of activity as new and old Knights pitched in to set up, cook, serve, and clean. God always provides and in this case he provided dozens of dedicated Fairborn Brother Knights. **Amazing!!**

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2025 - 2026 Fraternal Year**

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Father Alex just returned from his visit home to Uganda. See article and pictures on next 2 pages.

Update from:

Seminarian Nicholas Hinkel

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Happy Holidays and a Blessed Epiphany! I have just returned back to the seminary so you can mail anything for me to the Pontifical College Josephinum. 7625 N High Street Columbus Ohio 43235. Once again I am beyond grateful for any support you are willing to provide whether it is spiritual or financial. Be assured that I have been praying for you and the council during this season. God Bless you.

Father Alex Visits Family in Uganda

Father Alex was blessed to visit his family back in Uganda this past month. He departed from the parish he serves, Holy Angels in Sidney, Ohio, early on the morning of January 9, 2026. The long flight to Entebbe, Uganda can last from 24 to 27 hours. Once he lands though, he still has a ten-hour drive to his home village! It's not easy, but for Father Alex, he'll do whatever he can to help his loving family. His last visit home was one year ago.

Arriving from Uganda on July 16, 2014, Alex began his studies at Mount St. Mary's major seminary in Cincinnati. During that time, he became our Council's seminarian. He was ordained a Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on May 18, 2019. His family weren't able to travel here to his ordination, nor are they able to visit. However, Father Alex visits them when he can. This year, he managed to escape the record snow and harsh cold we just had. Although Uganda is along the equator, its higher elevation provides mild temperatures year-round. Average January temperatures are 75° degrees.

This visit was a blessing because Father Alex's father, who is 87 years old, had been very sick, and could have died. He was recovering from malaria, which took a toll on his health. Afterwards he suffered from abnormally low blood pressure and a weak liver. Thankfully, his blood pressure has returned to normal. During his visits, Fr. Alex does what he can to help his late brother Emmanuel's widow, his sister-in-law, and her children.

While in Uganda, Father attended Mass with his family, in the village where he grew up, Rwaseyeza. On Sundays, when the congregation gathers, a catechist leads a prayer service. A priest comes occasionally to celebrate Mass, about four times a year, since the parish has 18 outstations and only two priests, who do their best to serve them all.

Father returned to Ohio, on February 9, 2026, and has recovered from his long journey. In his limited free time, he's managed to pick up a new hobby, playing pickle ball. Parishioners at Holy Angels kept inviting Father to give it a try. He finally relented to their requests. He says, "they were so kind" to introduce him to the sport. He really enjoys it, and finds it good exercise.

Please keep Father Alex in your prayers, that his work permit, set to expire on April 18, 2026, will be extended soon. This is a concern because a work permit is needed for Green Card approval. Even though he's lived in the U.S. now for twelve years, both as a seminarian and now as a priest, he's been waiting for Green Card approval for two years. During the last administration, the State Department placed unaccompanied minors in the same category as clergy. This has created a backlog, further delaying processing. All will be well.

Welcome back Father.

Brother Matt Justice



Fr. Alex's mother Bonekonsila Nyamaguru and his father Dominiko Babweyaka Babweyaka



Fr. Alex with his late brother Emmanuel's widow and her children after morning Mass. His nephew, wearing the purple shirt, will be starting high school this year on March 5, 2026.



Tea farm in Uganda

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS

A proposed change to the Council By-Laws was presented at the February Business meeting on 2/12/26. The change has been requested to bring the Council By-Laws in line with the new requirement from Supreme, changing the Audit requirement from semiannually to annually. Below is the current wording and the proposed changes (in red).

This change will be voted upon at the March Business meeting on 3/12/26. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Worthy Advocate PGK Steve Wal or Trustee PGK Grant Kempf

Current By-Law states (Article III – Officers. Section 7)

At the end of each semiannual period, the Council Trustees shall meet and conduct an audit of the books of the Council and shall make a full report of their findings. The Grand Knight shall issue the call for such a meeting of the Council Trustees. The report findings shall include the receipts and disbursements of the monies of the Council for the previous semiannual period, the balance on hand to the credit of each of the various funds at the end of each semiannual period, and the assets and liabilities of the Council. The semiannual Audit shall be completed by the Council Trustees and submitted to the Supreme Council by 15 February and 15 August each year.

Proposed Amended By-Laws (Article III Officers. Section 7)

On an annual basis in August, the Council Trustees shall meet and conduct an audit of the books of the Council and shall make a full report of their findings. The Grand Knight shall issue the call for such a meeting of the Council Trustees. The report findings shall include the receipts and disbursements of the monies of the Council for the previous **year**, the balance on hand to the credit of each of the various funds at the end of **the Fraternal year**, and the assets and liabilities of the Council. The **annual** Audit shall be completed by the Council Trustees and submitted to the Supreme Council by **15 August of each year**.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 14:

This is a story about Tootsie Rolls. You remember that tasty little chocolate treat? It's also about shining your light.

Marilyn and I have been wintering in Sarasota, Florida; and we are attending St. Thomas More Catholic Church, which seems to have a very active Knights of Columbus Council #7826. All the greeters are Knights; they wear suits or sports jackets and proudly wear their Council's name tag. Last Sunday was "Tootsie Roll Sunday," where the Knights were out in the vestibule after Mass handing out Tootsie Rolls for donations supporting one of their ministries: providing shoes for children in the community. At the same time, they were handing out brochures promoting membership to their council.

The point of this story is not to say we should be handing out Tootsie Rolls. It is about letting your light shine and not putting it under a bushel basket. If you are involved in a parish ministry, such as an Usher or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you might want to display your Knight's name tag and/or wear a council shirt or sports coat. Publicize who you are! Don't hide your light under a basket! You might be surprised when someone approaches you about becoming a Knight!

Welcome to our new brother, Christopher Burt from Our Lady Queen of Peace! We are headed for Star Council status again this fraternal year! As of this writing, we have 13 new members toward our goal of 15. Keep up the good work, Brothers! We're almost there!

Membership Incentives: Don't forget to add kofc.org/join as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. New prospects can join online for FREE (no \$30 initiation fee) when you use the Promotional Code: **BLESSEDMC-GIVNEY** in honor of the beatification of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. Until I have a new agent referral code, the present agent referral code is **ROBHERNANDEZ**. I'll let you know when that changes.

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

This Month's Personal Goal: Follow Up!

You have recruited a new prospect. Congratulations! But the job is not done. He may be a new Knight, but he is considered a State member. Please make sure he completes the 30-minute initiation package which is sent to all new members. This program online is the same as the in-person initiation ceremony into the First through Third Degree. The new brother cannot be considered fully initiated in our council until he completes the program. So, follow up! One more thing: Bring your new member personally to our business meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Remember how you felt as a new brother! It really helps if the new member is joyfully introduced to his fellow brothers by his sponsor.

2026 Ohio Charities Super Cash Bonanza



The Ohio Charities campaign is underway and will once again help 3724 raise money for the charities we support locally. The tickets are \$5.00 with the council retaining \$2.40 of every ticket sold.

The state chairman is also authorizing some additional incentives for making early turn ins etc. The drawing will be held at the State Convention May 23rd, 2026. Your hard work last year helped 3724 sell over 1100 tickets, netting the council a little over \$3,000 when you factor in the bonus incentives.

Some of the charities we supported are Food for Families, 2nd Harvest Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul, Coats for Kids, Family and Youth Initiatives, various Right to Life activities and various Veteran's programs.

The all-important first phase of the campaign has begun. Ten tickets will be mailed out to each registered member of 3724, you should be receiving your tickets shortly if you haven't already. It is critical that we sell/buy as many tickets as possible before the first state turn-in date.

These tickets net the council the biggest rebate. Final turn in for the first phase will be Thursday March 26, 2026, so we can make the deadline. The final turn in for phase 2 will be Sunday May 10, 2026 so we can make the cutoff prior to the convention. Tickets can be turned in any Thursday night at the Hall, at Bingo, or mailed to 934 N Maple Ave, Fairborn, OH 45324.

Please make checks payable to K of C Council #3724

The ticket stub must have a full name and address or full name and ten-digit phone number. The name must be an individual, not a parish or organization. Please contact PGK Gene Erbacher for additional tickets at (gene.erbacher@gmail.com) or (937) 477-5669.

Checks and stubs can be mailed directly to the hall or directly to me,
KofC Council 3724 PGK Gene Erbacher
934 N. Maple Ave. 1442 Wedgewood Dr.
Fairborn, OH 45324 Fairborn, OH 45324

On behalf of your Grand Knight thank you brothers for any help you can give. PGK Gene



BLUE COAT AWARDS ARE BACK!



Fairborn Council 3724 will once again hold the Blue Coat awards on Thursday April 30. Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner 6:30 PM. Award ceremony at 7:30 PM. Sign up sheets will be posted in the lounge after the Business meeting this month. If you plan to attend, please sign up for seating and meal preparations. If you can help with set up Thursday morning and clean up Friday morning, please let PGK Kempf know. If you can help in the kitchen let PGK Minnick know. Your help for this great event is much appreciated!

2026 Ohio Final Four March Madness Sweepstakes.

Some members of the council may receive a separate mailing from the State Chairman Gary Eckstein with a request to support the Final Four March Madness Sweepstakes. As charity fundraising chairman for 3724 I am letting you know that you do not have to support it if you don't want to. There will be no specific contribution to the council from the proceeds of the Basketball Sweepstakes. However, at the state convention this year one of the initiatives being voted on by the representatives is how much to raise the per capital tax state charges the local councils for membership. Some reports put the number as going up to 10 or 12 dollars per member due to rising costs and inflation. I think 2007 was the last time per capita tax was raised to the roughly 6 dollars per member we pay now. The state has pledged to use the funds raised by the Basketball Sweepstakes to keep that increase as low as possible.

Amazing Knights at work!



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: Tim Barlow

Council Treasurer: PGK Gene Erbacher

Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff

2nd Year At-Large Member: vacant

FAB met on January 29 to review charter and specifically the formulation used to determine reserve amount prior to deciding charitable distributions. PGK Karhoff took action to rewrite charter including CPI index, spreadsheets, and date updates to be reviewed at next meeting.

Next FAB meeting will be April 23 at 6:30 (1 week early because of Blue Coat Awards on 4/30.)

“LET’S GO FLYING!!”

Do you know anyone between the ages of 8 and 17 years old? If so, invite them to soar the skies with the EAA Chapter 382 and the Young Eagles Program. Every summer this dedicated group of pilots donate their time and planes to give young people the experience of flying. This years dates are: 23 May, 20 June, 11 July, 15 August, 12 September. Each rally begins at 8:00 AM and ends around 12:00 noon at the Greene County Airport. Reservations can be made on line at <https://share.google/6AwIz0KWlYzlhQgB0> Sign up early as space is limited. If you are lucky you might get to fly with ace pilots Brother Percy Gros and Brother Steve Glass of our own Fairborn Council!!



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Mary Help of Christians

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Parish Center

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Knight of the Month, PGK Frank Minnick. Brother Frank is Home Corp President, FAB President, Reverse Raffle Chairman, Keeper of all things kitchen related like Parish Breakfasts and Charity dinners. PGK Frank does all this and so much more. Our Council is Blessed to have you.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulation to our Family of the Month, Brother Percy and Anna Gros. Brother Percy has been our Life Director for many years and does a fantastic job of keeping us informed of the Right-To-Life activities. He has been to Washington DC many times to represent us at the DC March For Life. He quietly goes about washing dishes at our Parish events. He serves Mass on weekends and for funerals. Brother Percy is a seasoned pilot and donates his time and money to the Young Eagles program.

Anna is a long time member of the D of I. She heads up scheduling bakers for bingo, as well as hosting D of I movie night. She prepares the altar for the daily Masses. She also hosts the brown bag bingo for our 4th of July family picnic. Percy and Anna are both a vital part of our Parish and Council. A huge thank you for all you do.



MARDI GRAS / CARNIVAL CELEBRATION

On February 15th, Council 3724 supported the Mary Help of Christians (MHC) Parish School of Religious (PSR) with a Mardi Gras Carnival. PSR held a Lenten celebration consisting of a parade, songs, King Cake desert, and prayer following Sunday Mass. Council 3724 invited youth and families from MHC to celebrate Mardi Gras after the PSR event. Carnival games and crafts were open to the children in MHC's Parish Center. The Council provided free food and drinks and children walked out with their share of candy, prizes, and Gatorade, if they were successful at the corn hole booth. Approximately 75 children were present and a number of families. Everyone seemed to enjoy the carnival atmosphere inside the Parish Center on a cold winter day outside. Family Director Dan Cyphers would like to thank his wife Jana, Brother Eric Rogalinski, Brother David Johnston, and PGK Russell Milliron and his wife Annie for their efforts in ensuring a successful event.



Happy March Birthday to our Brother Knights

Anthony Beiring
Tim Corcoran
Edward Knoth
Paul Petachi

Christian Benedict
Clifton Cowart
Dale Mize
Christopher Seng

John Cinelli
Matt Justice
Scott Nicholson
Phillip Young

Thursday Night Basketball

Football's over??!! No worries, there are plenty of basketball on TV with March Madness starting on March 15th. The hottest games will be on in the Lounge every Thursday night. Come out, cheer on your favorite team and enjoy the fellowship of your Brother Knights. Our Worthy Lounge Manager, PGK Wal always has delectable items to excite your taste buds.



February 12th on Fairborn Night at the Wright State Basketball game, Usher Chairman PGK Larry Bogemann and DGK Tim Barlow presented a check to WSU Athletic Director Joylynn Brown. Each year Fairborn Council 3724 donates half of their pay to WSU for their scholarship programs.

PGK Bogemann wishes to thank all the Brother Knights and volunteers who helped usher all of the WSU Men's Basketball home games.

GO RAIDERS!!

MEN'S RETREAT

Fairborn Council 3724 Men's Retreat will be held on Saturday March 21st in the Council Chambers.

It will start at 8:30 AM with coffee and pastries. The topic for the retreat is St Michael the Archangel. Speakers include Deacon Max, Michael Barkley and Father Bedel. Lunch will be provided. Confessions will be available at 3 PM followed by the Rosary at 3:30 and Mass at 4 PM. A sign up sheet will be in the lounge or you can text PGK Don Shepherd at 937-325-4344



K of C Corporate Communion

March 28. 4:30 PM Rosary, 5:00 PM Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace

March 29. 8:00 AM Rosary, 8:30 AM Mass at Mary, Help of Christians

This is and has always been an important activity for our Council to gather together, show our Fellowship, show our Faith, show our Brotherhood.

PLEASE put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

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.



TIME FLIES!!

It is hard to believe that almost 3/4 of the Fraternal year is over.

It is time for all of us to start thinking about how we want to participate in the great works of this Council in the new Fraternal year. Is being a Council Officer or Director in your future? Interested in running one of our major events?

Is bingo your thing? There are so many ways for all of us to participate. Soon, we will be posting nominations for the 2026-2027 Fraternal year. Will your name be in the list?

Need more information, reach out to any Officer or Past Grand Knight.

REVERSE RAFFLE

Our semiannual reverse raffle was held on Saturday February 21st to the delight of almost 200 attendees. Everyone enjoyed the huge variety of delicious appetizers, fellowship, and hoping their ticket would not get drawn out! Event Chairman PGK Frank Minnick would like to thank all the Brother Knights who helped with this event to raise money for the Council's many charities. It takes a great group of workers to make this happen. Special thanks to Chief Chef PGK Russell Milliron and wife Annie for staying up all night cooking and preparing all the great food!





Respect for Life

Over the years the Fairborn Council 3724 has played a vital role in fostering, defending the sanctity of life, promoting the dignity of all human life through its charitable donations and participation in prolife initiatives (i.e., 40 Days for Life, Pro-Life Marches, prayer vigils at abortion clinics, etc.). For every \$500 our council donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100. Supreme donations support the Aid and Support Pregnancy (ASAP) program. Since 2022, the Knights of Columbus ASAP Program has donated over \$10 million to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes to help moms and babies in need. So, our contributions over the years have been very impactful.

Currently (Feb 18 – March 29th) we are supporting the Dayton 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2026 SPRING PRAYER VIGIL. VIGIL HOURS/DAYS: 8am to 8pm, Monday through Friday. **The priority is to be present during Planned Parenthood's open hours, which are 8am-5pm. Location:** Planned Parenthood Dayton Surgical Center, 1401 East Stroop Road, Kettering. The objective is to give peaceful witness as everyone prays to end abortion. If you can't attend in person, spend some time saying the Rosary for the end abortion intention. Council 3724 40 Days For Life Coordinator is Brother Percy Gros (937-367-6005)



Home Corporation (HC)



Officers of HC met on Feb 19, 2026, to discuss action items and pay bills. Key member interest points:

Approved the January meeting minutes.

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

PGK Don Shepherd agreed to perform HC Annual Audit

HC State Certification expires Feb 2027.

Plans are to review HC By-Laws, possibly add a member at large position.

HC Raffle Ticket Drawings: Winners of our 8th HC Raffle were: \$40 winner – Charlie Lumpp, ticket # 26; the \$25 winner was PGK Russell Milliron, ticket #154, and the \$10 winner was Bro David Johnston, ticket #185.

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: March 19, 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.

Next Work Parties: Feb 28/Mar 28, 2026 – General cleaning of kitchen area. Other activities to be posted in future K of C text alerts.



COUNCIL CALENDAR



March Events

Mar 4 Bingo 7:00 PM	Mar 5 Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM
Mar 8 Parish Breakfast 8:30 AM	Mar 9 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 PM
Mar 11 Bingo 7:00 PM	Mar 12 Business Meeting 7:30 PM
Mar 14 KofC Blood Drive 8:30 AM	Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
Mar 18 Bingo 7:00 PM	Mar 19 Home Corp Mtg 7:00 PM
Mar 21 Men's Retreat 9:00AM	Mar 21 Scouting for Food 9:00 AM
Mar 25 Bingo 7:00 PM	
Mar 28 Corp Communion OLQP 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass	Mar 29 Corporate Communion MHC 8 AM Rosary, 8:30 AM Mass

April Preview

4/2 Trustees Meeting, 4/5 Easter Sunday, 4/8 Bingo, 4/9 Business Meeting, 4/12 Parish Breakfast, 4/13 4th Degree Meeting, 4/15 Bingo, 4/16 Home Corp Meeting, 4/22 Bingo, 4/23 PGK Meeting, 4/23 FAB Meeting, 4/29 Bingo. 4/30 Blues Coat Awards



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, 937-266-3507 or Retention Chairman, Dave Johnston silk-bloom1@aol.com, 937-825-3576 to discuss your time and talents.



This Month in History of Council 3724



March 2013 Article

Bingo

Brother Eric Rogalinski has volunteered to assist us in the overall management of the bingo operation. He has some new ideas which hopefully will increase our number of players. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Eric Rogalinski The bingo committee and your council thank you for stepping forward.

(Thank you Brother Eric for your continued hard work. There is a need for more volunteers. If you can commit to 1 Wednesday a month Please contact Eric)

Are you keeping up with reading the Santa Maria?



Knights of Columbus Council #3724: February 2026 Impact Report

RECENT IMPACT & COUNCIL SUCCESS

- RECORD-BREAKING FOOTBALL FRENZY**
313 TICKETS SOLD (Returning approx. \$3,000 to the council)
- Football Frenzy Fundraiser Growth**
74 Tickets Sold (2025) vs 203 Tickets Sold (2024)
- STRONG MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**
RECRUITED 12 of 15 NEW BROTHERS toward the annual fraternal goal!
- CHAMPIONING PRO-LIFE INITIATIVES**
DONATED \$1,000 to Council #65 students for the 53rd National March for Life.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 15th MARDI GRAS CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL**
Celebration featuring games, food, and a parade for parish families.
- FEBRUARY 21st SPRING REVERSE RAFFLE**
GRAND PRIZE OF \$2,250 for the final ticket.
- MARCH 14th MHC / K of C BLOOD DRIVE**
Community-wide event to support local health needs.

Some things you might have missed...

- What country did Father Alex visit to see his family?
- What new born recovery center was the beneficiary of our January Italian dinner?
- Who is the “Fisher of Men” and 2025 Knight of the Year who is moving to Toledo area?
- Who was the January Knight of the Month who is also the Council Treasurer?
- What program achieved record-breaking participation with 313 tickets this year?

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Brothers,

Do you have goals in mind for this year?

It may be March, but the year is still fresh. Instead of new year's resolutions, I like to think in terms of setting concrete, actionable goals. I recommend that at least once a year, you make it a goal to take inventory of your financial health.

You can start by asking yourself if you've experienced any major life events in the last year that may call for an update to your insurance plan or to acquire a policy for the first time.

If you've gotten married, welcomed or are expecting a baby, changed careers or purchased a home, these are good reasons to evaluate your life insurance coverage. Don't forget that if your life insurance policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured and only protected while you are still working.

It's also important to consider whether you're on track to maintain the lifestyle you want in retirement. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? It's not too late to set goals for 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet. Thank you!



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:

Brother Knight Steve Paulsen, Jim Riddle, People of Ukraine, Baby Gazzerro

Health and Healing:

A. Gibson, Kathie Karhoff, PGK Don Shepherd, Anna Gros, PGK Frank Carchedi, PGK Bill Stoddard, Timothy Maxam Gazzerro, John Young

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

March

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that the works leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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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