

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

The month of August is now behind us and between the 4th of July picnic and the funnel cake booth at the sweetcorn festival, I think we are off to a rousing start for the fraternal year. Much like the Fairborn parade the sweetcorn festival was packed with people eager to just get out and be able to do something communal and not isolated. I want to thank all the brother knights and their families who showed up to help support the 3724 booth and props to the crews that did all the frying of funnel cakes for those two days. I don't have the totals yet but from the number of people availing themselves of those funnel cakes I think it was a hit. The council dinners are kicking off again with the first one on September 11, more to follow. The 18th of September is the National Day of Remembrance, and we will be joining the Daughters of Isabella in reciting the rosary for the unborn after the 4pm mass on that Saturday. That is also the kickoff event for the 3724 Novena for Life program. We commence with the Rosary for the Unborn followed by nine days of prayer concluding on the 27th of September. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge where you can put your name to commit to a day for prayer. I'll post the Novena prayer itself lower in my column. The sign-up sheet is not mandatory it's just there for you to review but by placing names on the lines should Supreme ask for validation of the program I can include that sheet, but I will still ask everyone in the council by themselves to pick a day between the 18th and 27th just to pray quietly and be part of this Novena for Life.

With September being the kickoff for many Respect Life Events across the United States I think it's also appropriate in this year of St. Joseph to remember him as the Zealous defender of Christ and the Holy Family. The infant Christ came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised. The humble rarely talked about carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come. As St. Joseph defended the infant Jesus and Mary from the threats raised against them trusting in the Lord implicitly, so too can we look to his example to defend our own families against the threats raised against them by the culture of death that is so prevalent right now. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade had this to say, "St. Joseph held the Maker of the Universe in his hands. St. Joseph fed the Creator of the heavens. In his role as the earthly father to Jesus, St. Joseph lovingly commanded the Son of God. Heaven and Earth obeyed him. All Hell trembles before him." An item of note if you interested, a K of C produced documentary about the life of St. Joseph, titled St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father, will air on ABC affiliates starting Oct. 10.

In keeping with the theme of the year of St. Joseph we were able to gift small statues of St Joseph and the infant Jesus to the two young children serving

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Father Tom at mass on Sat and Sun so reverently. When the diocese started talking about beacons of light these two servers came to mind instantly and the council thought it only appropriate to show them how much they are appreciated. Father Tom blessed the statues, and several Knights and members of the parish were on hand to witness the presentation to the children. At the end of the presentation, I think what impressed me the most was that both children stated their thanks and then both said they 'work for the greater glory of god.' I'm not generally given to visible emotional response, but that statement got me to tear up a bit and I thought what a blessing to this parish and community these two young servants of God are. Beacons of Light Indeed.



My family of the month was the family of PGK Russ and Annie Milliron and if I were to summarize all that they do for the council and parish I would need much more paper than I have all I can say is God Bless you both for all that you do. My Knight of the month was Brother David Johnston who in addition to supporting the parish and the Family Youth Initiative has helped our Family Director Dan Cyphers with several of the family projects currently getting underway for this fraternal year. When you see them around make sure to congratulate them for all that they do. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, GK Erbacher

Novena Prayer

As I mentioned beginning on Sept 18th, I would like it if everyone would be willing to say this prayer once a night for nine days. The signup sheet will also be in the lounge if you'd like to have your name recorded for posterity, but not necessary.

"Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen"

NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY

New DD-4 Riley Mason attended the business meeting on August 12. He was welcomed by the membership and we look forward to working with him.

Did You Know....

our council will be 68 years old in October 2021? It was chartered on October 15, 1953 at Mary Help of Christians when the church was on Pleasant street in Fairborn. The church is now the home of Brother Knight Mike Foy. Pictured is the inaugural class of over 60 new Brother Knights attending Mass in November. The last surviving member was Mike Blandino who passed away in 2019.

Institution of Fairborn Council 3724 Sunday Nov. 15, 1953



Charter members of the Council (Ftr Bernard P. O'Reilly Class) grouped in front of Mary Help of Christians Church Pleasant St., Fairborn, OH, after attending the 8:30 Mass.

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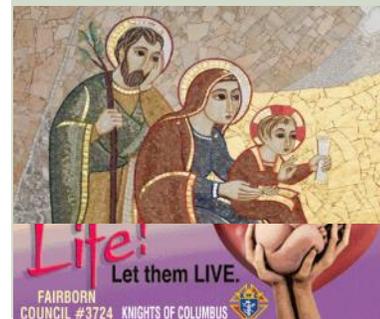
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THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD

I'd like to take a minute to talk about a small but vital part of our council and that is the FAB. A summary for those newer members who might not be aware and reminder for those brothers who might be interested in attending a FAB meeting which is open to all members. In 2014 while drawing up the 3–5-year council development plan, a need was identified for a small group to interview, evaluate, and select a professional investment agent. Using Catholic principles to evaluate, the firm chosen was the Johnson Investment Group. The FAB has seven members the GK, DGK, Council Treasurer, Home Corp Pres, 1st year Trustee and 2 at large members. Under the FAB charter the FAB has the authority to disposition return of investment proceeds to designated charities. The principle is always to be preserved. The principle is the realized proceeds from the sale of the old council hall which must be maintained should we ever need to relocate. The proceeds earned from that principle adjusted for inflation are donated to 3 charities of choice. Charities are identified by membership and presented for review to the FAB by the Grand Knight. Checks to those charities are cut during the final FAB meeting of the fraternal year.

In past years we have supported Mary Help, Local Veteran's organizations, orphanages, mission trips, and St Vincent DePaul among others. The deadline for submission for this year's charities to the FAB is the September 30th, 2021, meeting which commences at 6:30 pm. So far this year I have received three nominations to present to the board.

The Tunnels to Towers Foundation which helps to build accessible homes for our most seriously injured veterans:

<https://t2t.org/smart-home-program/about-shp/>

America's Vet Dogs which help to provide enhanced mobility and independence to US Veterans by pairing them with guide dogs: https://www.vetdogs.org/AV/About/AV/About_Us/

The Second Harvest Food Bank which collects, stores, and distributes food within Logan, Champaign and Clark Counties:

www.theshfb.org

Brothers this is your chance to submit worthy charities that we can support please submit your entries to grandknight@3724kofc.org or write them up and drop them in the Grand Knights box at the hall. All charities are worthy of consideration and the chance to keep the distributions local is a plus.



Fairborn Knight Lyndon Engle received training in Virginia - Pictured are John A. Wolfe, United States Coast Guard Intelligence Specialist Third Class (IS3) Lyndon Engle, Linda Engle & Tom Engle following graduation ceremonies at the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Training Center in Yorktown, VA.

Engle recently finished his tour in Honolulu, Hawaii where he served on the USCG Marine Protector-Class Cutter AHI for 18-months. During September 2020, Rear Admiral Mathew Sibley, USCG Fourteenth District Commander, selected Seaman (SN) Engle to join his Flag Staff as a Flag Driver / Staff Resource Management Aide. Prior to SN Engle leaving for VA, Rear Admiral Sibley presented him with the Commandant's Letter of Commendation for his meritorious service by which he upheld the highest traditions of the USCG and advised him he is authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar. Intelligence Specialist Third Class Engle has now been appointed to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC.

ACTIVITIES

FOOTBALL CRAZR 2021-2022

Council 3724 is off to an okay start although a little slower than I had hoped for at this point. Since commencing the program in July after the state tour we have sold a total of 23 tickets. As I mentioned we sold a total of 52 last year so we are not quite halfway to that mark, but we are nearly 1/3 of the way toward my goal of 75. The tickets again cover the last 10 games of the season and none of the money supports the NFL in any way. My goal of 75 tickets gets us a 50% reduction in the state per capita tax which we must pay every year. Tickets are available in the lounge, or you can reach out to me at grandknight@3724kofc.org and I will get some to you. I am even willing to mail a ticket to you with a return envelope if you'll commit to buying 1 ticket at \$20.00. Checks should be made out to K of C Council 3724. You can turn in tickets in person any Thursday at the Hall, you can mail your tickets to the hall or to the grand knight at,

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BIBLE STUDY

Eight sessions usually lasting about 1-1/2 hours. We've expanded into looking more into church history. Last time we met we looked at the first two centuries of the church history; now we'll move on to course titled "Christianity and the Competition". Over these 8 weeks we'll look at other religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. Format is to view a well-done video followed by a discussion period. Unlike our previous Bible study no outside reading is required. I hope this will prove interesting to our K of C brothers. Again, we will begin on Tuesday Sept. 14 and go for 8 weeks. We meet at 2 PM in the community room at St. Francis Hall. POC is PGK John Maiorano, 937-750-7213(c) or 937-340-6084(h), jcmajorana8@gmail.com.



With the world opening back up we are seeing a surge in people coming back to play bingo. This is great, as we have missed this important revenue producing charity program. Now we need your help more than ever. We are desperate for help on Wednesday nights. If you could give just a few hours once or twice a month to help it will go a long way for us to maintain and grow our bingo program. Please reach out to Eric Rogalinski at 937-767-9866 or Cal Smith at 937-864-1217. Thank you in advance for stepping up.

PARISH DINNER

After the long absence due to COVID the Knights of Columbus Parish Dinners are finally back! We will start this year's series of dinners on Saturday September 11th. To kick the season off we will begin with our most popular and half famous spaghetti and meatballs! As usual this will feature the recipes of our very own half famous Italian and team of honorary Paisanos. This traditional pasta dish will be accompanied by salad, garlic bread and a special dessert. You get all this for just \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. We'll be serving in the Parish Center right after the 4:00 Mass. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company

FALL REVERSE RAFFLE

Please mark your calendars, after a one year absent we will resume our semiannual reverse raffle on Oct 23. More information in the next issue of the SM and at the Sep 9 business meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Did you ever have a recruiting opportunity but didn't have the brochure or info card on you to give him? Fear not! You can now recruit new members using your cell phone. Copy the following link to your cell phone and make it an app*: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>. When a prospect says, "I want to join," go to the app, fill out the information requested, and click "Join." Fill out a couple extra pages, and you're done! (Make sure he enters 3724 in the Council Number box!) By indicating interest in a local council, the State Deputy, Membership Director and Online Member Coordinator are notified by email and the member is entered in the prospect tab on Officers Online.

If a prospect just wants additional information, here is another app made just for our Council: <https://info.kofc.org/oh-landing-page-council-3724-landingpage.html>. Fill out the requested information and click "Submit." By indicating interest in our Council, information will be sent to the prospect by email and our Council will be notified about the new prospect.

* APP INSTRUCTIONS: To make the link an app in either an iPhone or Android cell phone, make sure you are in the Chrome operating system. Once you are on the page you want to make an app, go to the top right-hand menu (three vertical dots) and select "Add to Home screen." Your cell phone might be slightly different, but you get the idea. Using an app is so much easier than fumbling through several pages to get what you want!

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

Councils who recruit family Members, i.e., fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, cousins, even in-laws will receive CASH! The first five councils recruiting family members into their councils will receive \$100.00. The first five Proposers who sponsor a family member will receive \$50.00

The First Year Free Membership Promotion has been extended and you can have a prospect join online for FREE (no \$30 initiation fee) when you use the Promotional Code: **MCGIVNEY 2020** in honor of the beatification last October of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. Visit kofc.org/join.

NAME TAGS

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

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

Knight alert requests and activity alerts should be send to the PGK Russ Milliron at webmaster@3724kofc.org.

Editor's note: Deadline for articles in the Santa Maria is the 4th Thursday of the month



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPICALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. WHEN WE RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS, PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 pm) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS DEDICATED TO WORKS OF CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM. CARE TO JOIN US? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRANDKNIGHT@3724KOFCCOM



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"So, what did we watch before football season started?"

RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS



As you know we lost another Brother Knight recently, PGK William Gazerrol. It be hard to imagine our council and activities without his presence. One of his many contributions was as our Membership Director for many years. His monthly reports on membership activity, encouraging and admonishing all of us to do more won't be forgotten. Did you know we use to sing at our meetings? PGK Gazerro was behind this. Maybe he just liked to hear his great booming voice or maybe he liked to get everyone involved. At every reverse raffle and other functions, Brother Bill was in the center wearing his carnival barker hat with tickets in hand. A mainstay and Past Faithful Navigator with the Msgr. Buckley Assembly #822, 4th degree, Bill painstakingly edited, assembled, and mailed the newsletter for many years while encouraging 3rd degree brother Knights to advance to this degree. He even offered to take money out of his own pocket to pay for the degree expense. He was also an advocate for K of C insurance and spoke about it as an advantage of Knighthood. PGK Gazerro was very proud of his tenure as Grand Knight and would point out to anyone close at hand that he posed for his Past Grand Knight picture in his tux. PGK Gazerro did so much for our council over the years. In 1979 he directed the local efforts to form the Fairborn Council Volkswalk club and headed up the event for 17 years, coordinating everything from medals, food, proclamations, mapping and clean up. Bill also lead the annual sweet corn eating contest at the Fairborn Sweet Corn festival for 10 years coordinating and encouraging the community battle teams. Bill chaired all of our various programs, Youth, Community, Church, and of course Membership. He served our counsel as Grand Knight on two different occasions, 1989-1990, and 2007-2008, and was selected twice as the Ohio State Council Knight of the Year. Born on July 4, 1936, Brother Bill Gazerro was a dedicated USAF Lt Col (ret) who was proud of his country. Bill now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.



On July 24, 2021 we lost Brother Knight, Joseph Edly. He had been a loyal member of the Knights of Columbus for 71 years, taking his first 3 degrees on August 1, 1950. Originally from Newark Ohio, he joined the Newark Council 721, also the home Council for PGK Wolfe. Joe worked at WPAFB as a systems accountant and interfaced regularly with PGK Karhoff. He transferred to the Fairborn Council and became close friends with deceased Brother Knight Ed Deardurff. After retirement, Joe enjoyed golf and worked as a bartender at the Kohler's Presidential Banquet Center in Dayton. Joe Edly is remembered by many Brother Knights as a kind and holy man who always had good things to say about everyone around him. Joe now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

OUR SEMINARIAN BEGINS HIS THIRD YEAR

Our seminarian and brother Knight, Nam Mac, just began his third year of seminary on Monday, August 23. He has a rigorous course load this semester as follows:

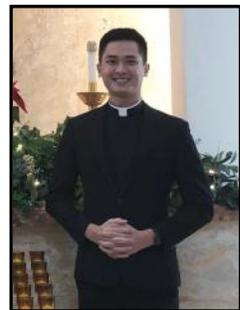
Christian Anthropology
Ecclesiology I, The Church
Biblical Hermeneutics and Pentateuch
Theology and Liturgy, and
Pastoral Spanish I

Nam is very pleased to have earned an A in second year Latin. "Thanks be to God, I offer it to Him" he says. His excelling in the required two years of Latin is quite remarkable when one considers that in addition to being a difficult language, his native language is Vietnamese. He grins in explaining that his Latin textbook was written in English, and one of his professors was Italian! However, Nam loves Latin, and feels privileged to have studied it. He stresses that its use in the Liturgy is beautiful. Having made it past this hurdle, he feels especially encouraged.

Nam has a special gift for language. In fact, this new year he is taking on another language, Spanish, to help him minister to the diocese's Hispanic population when he becomes a priest. In addition to a full course load, Nam will be working at the seminary bookstore.

This summer Nam was assigned to the parish priest at Our Lady of Rosary in Cincinnati, along with a first-year seminarian and a transitional deacon. Nam was also able to see a little bit of the United States this summer. A Catholic Vietnamese family took him on a weekend trip to Chicago, and in August he had a short visit to see a Vietnamese friend, also studying to become a priest, for the Diocese of Orange, in Orange County, California. While there, Nam enjoyed seeing the diocese's famed cathedral, the "Crystal Cathedral".

As Nam begins his third year, please keep him in your prayers. Because his native language is not English, he studies extra hard, late into the night, before rising each day at 5:30 am for morning chapel. Despite the rigors of seminary life, Nam is grateful, cheerful, and very devoted to his calling to become a priest.



INSURANCE CORNER

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Thanks!

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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met to pay bills and discuss business. Our next monthly work party will be on Sep 25. Our focus will be to repairing chairs. We'll start at 9:00 am and are usually done by noon. Please consider giving us a few hours to help support this important activity.

Key Inventory – Per the HC's lease agreement with Mary Help of Christians (MHC), we are required to be accountable for all keys that grant access to MHC facilities. If you have a key and have not been contacted by a HC rep, please contact Corky Block (HC Pres) at (937) 371-6968 and provide the number of your key for inventory reconciliation. If you have more than 1 key, please turn-in your other keys. We are approaching a key shortage for new members who have a need for a key. Thank you.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Health and Healing requests are entered into the council's prayer request 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 Soul

Joe Edly

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez Sgt, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Cathy Kempf, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Pat Banaszak, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lump, William Gilbert, Charles Lump, Jim Wolfe, John P. Wolfe, PGK John Wolfe, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Susie Gros, Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, Judy Kiliany, Larry DeWitt, Veronica Farkas, Skip Steinbrenner



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

SEP EVENTS

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|--------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Sep 2 | Trustee Meeting | Sep 9 | Business Meeting |
| Sep 11 | Parish Dinner | Sep 11 | MHC Membership Open House |
| Sep 12 | MHC Membership Open House | Sep 13 | 4th Degree Meeting |
| Sep 16 | Home Corp Meeting | Sep 18 | Remembrance Day of Unborn |
| Sep 23 | Lecturer Meeting | | |

OCT PREVIEW

Blessing of Animals, Life Chain, Parish Dinner, Family Rosary, LifeTech Conference
Reverse Raffle, Corp Communion, 5th Sunday Rasary

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 Thurs 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 win's the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



Dave Johnston receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



PGK Russ Milliron receiving the FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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