



SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

The tradition of giving at Christmas, although highly secularized in modern society, can be traced back to the first Christmas. Then the Magi traveled an unknown but presumed considerable distance to present gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to a foreign child they didn't know in a distant kingdom. The tradition was cemented into history when St. Nicholas tossed bags of gold through a poor man's window to prevent his three daughters from being sold into slavery.

In our own way, we attempt to follow these examples by giving gifts, both small and large to our friends and family, but let's not forget that these venerable ancestors took their giving to a level most don't even think about. The Magi endured great hardship to lay gifts of great worth at the feet of a baby from another land. St. Nicholas threw gold through an open window to help a poor family, and yet remain anonymous.

In this time of giving, in our land of plenty, I encourage you all to look around you for ways to exercise your charitable duties. The poor are everywhere, but are sometimes too quickly forgotten or easily dismissed during the rush of the Holidays. There are literally hundreds of charitable campaigns in our area alone. As Knights, we are ever charged to "lift up the poor and the fallen." In absolute dollars, America donates more money in development than any other nation. As we approach the celebration of St. Nicholas Day and later the Feast of the Epiphany we should all examine our lives and see if we can find a little room to do better.

Our Knight of the Month this month is perennially our top ticket seller for every reverse raffle, the Charity Cash Bonanza campaign, and our annual home association raffle. Once the tickets are in our hands, PGK Jim McCoy hits the bricks, and the phone, and doesn't stop selling till the tickets are all gone. The last couple reverse raffles were a great success and largely due to his efforts. In addition, he also leads our retention team, an area Supreme is placing increasing emphasis on. Thanks PGK McCoy for all your effort.

Our Family of the month is PGK Frank and Janet Carchedi. Frank has served as Grand Knight for council 3724 twice, and at some point, in his time as Knight has filled each council office, he now serves as our Worthy District Deputy. Frank continuously provides advice and guidance to the newer grand knights and is a historical reference for everything Council 3724. A staunch member of the Bingo and Kitchen Crew he attends nearly every council event.

GK Corner (cont.)

Frank's wife Janet helps in the kitchen during Bingo and serves communion weekly to the parish as a member of the lay mission for Mary Help. Janet also serves the parish as a Stephen Minister and is an active member of the Daughters of Isabella. She has volunteered at Children's Medical center for years. Hat's off to the Carchedi's for all their many years of service. Vivat Jesus

BLUE COAT AWARDS

The 44th Annual Blue Coat Awards (BCA) will be held Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the MHC Parish Center in Fairborn. PGK John Wolfe has been named Chairman for our annual Community event. We would like for a Brother Knight to step forward to train with PGK Wolfe this year and become the 2018 Blue Coat Awards Chairman. Duties include the planning, preparation, and successful execution of the event (invitations to the dignitaries, BCA organizations, members, widows & special guests, ordering of plaques & certificates for the Honorees, preparing seating arrangements for those attending and coordinating with GK, DGK, Master of Ceremonies, kitchen crew, set-up & tear-down crews). Since this is an outstanding community event, it is personally rewarding to all that make it a success. Let GK Milliron or PGK Wolfe of your interest as planning is currently underway.

ADVENT HOLY HOURS

During Advent, each Mon. evening MHC will have a Holy Hour from 7-8 PM with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. All are encouraged to come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord and the Blessed Sacrament. Every minute we spend praying in His Real Presence gains graces for ourselves and each soul in the whole world. What a good way to prepare spiritually for the great feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Please come and pray with your fellow parishioners.

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner Saturday December 17th. This month we will be featuring one of our favorites from last year, Chicken Pot Pie, salad, and a 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.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

With roughly 18 members and spouses in attendance the mass was held on Oct 30th 2016, PGK's Phil Ambs and John Maiorano attended father while Bro Harry Yarwick, PGK Don Banford, PGK Bill Gazzo and Bro Cal Smith presented the gifts. Brother Edwards lead an excellent rosary for all present.

Home Council of the Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk Retired Archbishop of Cincinnati

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HOME CORPORATION

A quick meeting this month to pay bills and review existing files and documents. The next meeting is December 15th.

MEMBERSHIP

We have a long way to go to become a STAR council this year. Your Grand Knight and Program Directors are working very hard to provide all our members with a gratifying fraternal year. They really deserve to have us members support them by recruiting a new council member. During December, we are targeting Nursing Home Catholic Men. In this Year of Mercy, we are encouraged to seek out these men who are suffering, many with no one to ever visit them, and abandoned, and are without hope of feeling God's love and pardon. These men can join for FREE and benefit from receiving the Columbia, Santa Maria, Council member's prayers and the assurance that they will be remembered during daily mass at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Conn. If you don't go to Nursing Homes, then don't forget the former members and inactive insurance members who are ripe for reactivation. There is a list of these men on the lounge bulletin board. Check it out and give one of them a council recruiting package. Invite your prospect to the January Saturday dinner which will be followed by an Open House in the Council Chambers. Be sure to get your name and member number on their Form 100.

3724 OPEN HOUSE

The Past Grand Knights are hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday December 22 from 7 to 10 pm. Brothers and a guest are encouraged to attend in the spirit of Fraternalism. While you're at it this is an opportunity to invite a prospective member and his guest. We will be sending personal invitations to new members of MHC and parents of the PSR students. This will provide a real opportunity for you to get to know these folks who you have been seeing around the parish on weekends. Please also jot down the name of a prospective member who we may also invite. Place the Referral cards in the box provided in the office. Thank you.

MEMORIAL MASS

The Council was well represented at the Nov 8th service with both members and spouses in attendance. Fr Burns had a great homily working some K of C history into the sermon. The college students liked hearing the relevance of the Knights. Several of the widows were in attendance, Christina Addison (wife of Bro Dave Addison), Rosalie Sloat, (wife of PGK Paul Sloat), Marge Hueston (wife of PGK Thad Hueston), Hellen Kempf (wife of Edgar Kempf mother of David Kempf). The Knights we remembered this year were Fr. John Kummer, Louis Corelli, Phillip Ferryman, Frank Dapore, David Kempf, William Lambe, James Nealon, Gilbert Jenschke, and Jeffrey Pitstick

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1	Trustees Meeting
December 8	Business Mtg.
December 8	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 15	Home Corp Mtg.
December 17	Family Dinner
December 22	Open House
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day (Holy Day)
December 31	New Year's Eve

Home Council of Past State Deputy Robert W. Wilhelm (dec.)

INSURANCE CORNER

By Dennis Kelly, MDRT, FICF, Field Agent

Growth is Our Duty

I am a dedicated Knight, as are all of you who read this column. As the insurance agent for your council, my role as a Knight is somewhat different than yours. My goal is to meet with each of my assigned members at least once a year to make sure their insurance needs are covered. In addition to this, I have several smaller goals that help me accomplish my main one. Among these is the need to recruit new members. I want to help this council achieve the coveted Star Council Award. I want all the eligible Catholic males in the area to become Knights so they and their families can be part of this great Order. To that end, I am here to help this council with its recruiting efforts.

Remember, most men who could join but haven't yet are merely waiting to be asked. They likely do not know about the many good deeds done by the Order and its members on an annual basis. It is our job to ask them and tell them that with minimal commitment, they too could be Knights. Many men join because their wives encourage them – they know it is a good move for their family's future and provides a wholesome, faith based organization they can all enjoy.

I make my living and support my family by talking about the Order and the benefits of membership and have done so very successfully for over 22 years now. I would be more than happy to speak with any potential candidates, especially those who may be right under your nose. Is your father, brother, cousin or neighbor a member? How about the man sitting in the next pew at Mass? Strike up a conversation and see where it goes.

To fulfill Father McGivney's vision is our goal. Growing the Order and educating all members about the benefits of being an insured member is the way to do it. Call me at 882-6928 or 478-1049 to let me help you help our K of C team.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rest of the Soul:

Phoebe Aubrey sister of Bro Corky Block

Health and Healing for Members:

PGK Al Brewer and wife Ann; PGK John Whytal and wife Brenda; PGK Lew Murphy; PGK Jim Muma; PGK Bill Stoddard; PGK John Wolfe; PGK Jim McCoy; Brothers Cal Smith, Ed Trefethen, Ed Costello, Bill Lubera, Vic Berberick; Ray Daley; Jim McNamara; Bill Fortener; Bill Russell; Paul Yosick; Paul Pitstick; Tom Pitstick; Charlie Lump; Gregory Groeber; Andy Beiring; Dave Bartok; Jose Nava; Dick Drake; Bill Gilbert; Bill Hermiller; Billy Russel; Ed Costello; Paul Thomas; Mark Marten; Herb Edwards.

Health and Healing Member Requests:

PGK Steve Wal's Father-in-Law, Wallie Johnson, Bro Terry McCann's niece Kayli Fazio; GK Milliron's mother Effie; Bro Ed Trefethen's wife Joan; Barbara Gazzo wife of PGK Bill Gazzo; Melita Murphy wife of PGK Lou Murphy; Martha Karhoff wife of PGK Herm Karhoff; Deacon Max Roadruck's wife Barbara; Bro Cal Smith's granddaughter Hope; Bro Charlie Lump's mother Cathy; PGK Herm Karhoff's granddaughter Kelsey, Bro Jim Diesel's sister-in-law Cammy; Bro Herb Edward's sisters Phyllis and Becky; DGK Erbacher's mother-in-law Aurea; Bro Greg Groeber's daughter Teresa; PGK Gazzo's sister-in-law; Bro Jack Huey's mother and brother; Angie Natalie; Jean Ketchen; Velma Hobbs; Pat Pitstick; Jacqueline Cinelli; Kevin Sullivan; Dave White; Sheila Sullivan-Cox; John Kemp, Irma Carchedi, mother of PGK Frank Carchedi, Rosalie Sloat, Vicki Young, Mel Drysdale and Stan Macora friends of Herb Edwards & Eric Grinde brother in law of Bro. Mark Dues. Bro Mike Uecker's Wife Carolyn.

Special Requests:

All Veterans;
Bobby Hernandez son of Bro. Rob Hernandez, stationed at Ft. Bragg deploying to Afghanistan.



Council 3724
Fairborn, OH



“Ut in omnibus glorificatus Deus”

COUNCIL 3724 RECEIVES STAR COUNCIL STATUS



Fairborn K of C Membership Director William Gazzerro, Grand Knight M. Russell Milliron and Deputy Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher, who were presented Star Council lapel pins by District Deputy Frank Carchedi.



Fairborn Knights of Columbus Grand Knight M. Russell Milliron receiving the K of C Supreme Council Star Council International Award from District Deputy Frank Carchedi of Fairborn.

COUNCIL 3724 RECORDS UPDATE

In this digital age, increasingly more councils are switching to digital communications and email distribution of their newsletters. Your Council is no exception. For a long time, we have sent out alerts about our activities and our brothers that are sick or in distress via email, and maintained a list of brothers who prefer to receive an electronic copy of the Santa Maria. In recent months, I have begun to get more complaints from brothers because they never knew that one of our members was sick, or that another one died. Unfortunately, the days of a telephone call down list are over. The quickest, easiest, and cheapest way for us to keep you up to date is e-mail. To make sure we have the best possible list of everyone's address I'm asking everyone to update their e-mail address in our records. The process is simple. Send an email from your preferred e-mail address to webmaster@3724kofc.org, identifying yourself with your full name. We will make sure that your address is on our Knight Alert and Activities list as well as correct in your permanent records. Hardcopy of the Santa Maria will cease being mailed in the next few months. A hard copy will be available upon request to be picked up at the council hall.



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