

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

"Memento Mori" Remember you will die, how often do you consider this brothers? Have you prepared not just with provision for your family but for yourself, for your soul? A life should stand for something, a life should never be taken lightly, and all life is a gift from god and should be remembered regardless if it's a life in the womb, a newborn baby or a human being approaching the end. Even the life of a death row inmate is valuable to God how could it not be? After all are we not endowed with that life by our creator? Everyone should strive to live a life that is meaningful in its own right. How will we know if our life was meaningful? We can't control that, we can't control what happens to us only how we react to it. I've told my children for years that I feel a measure of how we are judged will in large part be what we have done with those talents God gave us in this life.

John Steinbeck wrote in "East of Eden" that "When a man comes to die, no matter what his talents and influence, and genius, if he dies unloved his life must be a failure to him and his dying a cold horror...we should remember our dying and try so to live that our death brings no pleasure to the world." I really like that, to live such a life that the end of it brings pleasure to no one, what a goal to aspire to. The month of November celebrated All Saints and All Souls Day and it seems only right that we were able to return the Council Memorial mass to our newly rechristened church. We bid farewell to 8 brother knights this year which is a significant turn in any council. It was disappointing to me in how few brothers actually showed up for the mass and ceremony after, I know life gets in the way sometimes but that's why we picked a Sat Evening. There were plenty of reminders in the Santa Maria, it was talked about in at least 3 of the last 4 business meetings, some brothers did send me notes indicating they would not make it and a couple brothers were sick but with 250 plus members on the roll you think more than five could show up to say farewell. Thankfully those in attendance brought their spouses and thereby had enough voices to make the widows and children of the fallen say thank you. I shall repeat the names here and please remember them in your own quiet prayers. Brothers Wayne Moses, Ed Costello, Buck Hite, Fred Meyer, Paul Thomas, Mike McGuinness, Anthony Merendo, and Gerald Murray. The widows of Brothers Paul Sloat, Marvin Meade, Mike Rodin and the daughter of Mike McGuinness were present. May all our departed brothers' rest in peace.

The first week in December brings the annual Breakfast with Santa where our crew will cook pancakes again. One of the most pleasant times in the liturgical year "Advent"; the Annunciation, the Birth of our Lord and the bidding farewell to another year. Worthy PGK Minnich was my selection for Knight of the Month for spearheading the November Reverse Raffle which was its usual success, the kitchen crew played a large part in that as well as worthy PGK Gazzo for the 50/50 raffle. Jim and Judy McCoy were my family of the month with Jim of course setting the mark for ticket sales for both the reverse raffle and the football crzr. Judy continues to work supporting the parish by co-chairing the Scripts Campaign and keeping Jim out of trouble. Thank them when you see them in the hall or around the parish. I'll close with a nod to one of the Stoic Philosophers I like to read named Seneca who stated; "Life is like a play: it's not the length, but the excellence of the acting that matters."
Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus

Vivat Jesus.
GK Erbacher



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ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner Saturday December 15th. This month we will be featuring our Christmas Glazed Ham We'll serve that up with baked potato, a nice vegetable medley, cole slaw, and another of our special surprise desserts. 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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

As in years past, the Past Grand Knights are hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday December 20 from 7 to 10 pm. Brothers and a guest are encouraged to attend in the spirit of Fraternalism and the Christmas Season. The even is free, as always, and the PGK's will provide both food and beverages. Please come and enjoy the merriment of the season with your fellow Knights and their spouses. While you're at it, this is an opportunity to invite a prospective member and his guest. The event is free for them as well, and a great chance to meet all of us and explore what it means to be a Knight. If you have a prospect that you've been thinking about asking, do let this chance pass you by.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All Council 3724 Knights are requested and encouraged to come and visit the Men of Faith Fellowship that meets in St Francis Hall on the First and Third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. Come early for a bagel, hot coffee and conversation. During nice weather, we meet on the patio adjacent to the St Francis meditation garden. Fellowship begins with a couple of well-known songs led by guitar, voice and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We then read Scripture for the weekend Liturgy and share personal insights / challenges about the Readings or related church teaching - a great way to spiritually prepare for Mass later that day or the next! We then close with a song and prayer. Please come! You are welcome - it is like home - an open and welcoming place to share... Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher for more information...

PRO-LIFE ITALIAN DINNER 2019

It's almost time for the 2019 edition of our famous Pro-Life Italian Dinner. All the proceeds from this event go directly to support Family and Youth Initiatives, a pro-life, pro-family organization, and their many life changing programs. As in years past, we'll be serving up spaghetti and meatballs, prepared by our own PGK Frank Carchedi, accompanied by a salad, garlic bread, and sherbet with pizzelles for desert. FYI staff will also have a fine array of auction items available for you to bid on, so come and enjoy the fun and good food! Get a great meal, some great deals and support a worthy cause. Doors open after the 4:00 mass on Saturday January 26, 2018. The price is \$10 per person.

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Again this year, your council will be serving a free pancakes and sausage breakfast in support of the PSR Breakfast with St Nick.. We will be serving, in the Parish Center on Sunday Dec 3, 2018 starting at 9:45 am. .

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

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



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFFEN AS YOU CAN,
PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING
(7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR
BROTHER KNIGHTS.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 15 November to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on November 17th from 9:00 - 11:00. We cleaned both the lounge and the business office and spot cleaned the carpet in the lounge.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: Tracey Thompson, \$40 Ticket #144

2nd Place: Robert Hernandez, \$25 Ticket #094

3rd Place: Sophis Yarwick, \$10 Ticket #198

COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

The Council's annual Thanksgiving food drive for the needy concluded this week. At the end of the event, we netted over 676 items estimated as over 676 pounds of food. All of the items collected have been transported to the SVDP food pantry and shelved.



MEASURE UP FUNDS DISTRIBUTION



Fairborn Knights of Columbus #3724 present a check in the amount of \$907, collected in their spring Measure Up drive, to each of the Directors of the FF Mueller Residential Center and Early Intervention Family Center of Springfield.



Fairborn Knights of Columbus #3724 present a check in the amount of \$1814, collected in their spring Measure Up drive, to the staff of the Four Oaks Early Intervention Center of Fairborn.

PARISH DINNER



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INSURANCE CORNER

Ways to Pay for Whole Life

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force. Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That people, who are involved

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY AND CORPORATE COMMUNION

On December 30 you and your family are encouraged to attend the 11:15 Mass and pray the Rosary together as a group.. Please plan to attend, the Rosary will start at 10:45.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BILLBOARD

Check out our Councils Keep Christ in Christmas billboard located on State Route 444 near the Area A entrance to Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

MEMBERSHIP

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced that "this year the Knights of Columbus set a record for membership with a total 1,967,585 members" Unfortunately, Fairborn Council did not contribute to that record. Do not be dismayed. Times are changing. The old "Surge with Service" program guide which we have been following has been replaced with "Faith in Action" which will lead us on to attract those young Catholic men in our parish, neighborhood and workplace. Simply put, Faith in Action encourages us to engage in new activities to promote faith, family, life and community.

Now is the time to get close to those who are eligible and should be members. Perhaps you could invite him and his family to a parish dinner. We are hoping to restart a fourth Thursday "Family Night" with movies, games and whatever might be of interest to young families.

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:

PFN Dan Wells

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, ET and Joan Trefethen, Nancy Wertheimer, Dave Bartok, John Kaempf, JavierPerez Jr, Paul and Rose Yosick, Adalynn Gibson, Angel Fox, Marianne McNamara, John Young, Kimberly Sees, John Mentas, Betty DeStout, Elena Dues, Frank Harris, Lisa Redmon, Jon Edwards, PGK Herman Karhoff, PGK Russ Milliron.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

DECEMBER EVENTS

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| Dec 2 | Breakfast w/ St. Nick | Dec 6 | Trustees Meeting |
| Dec 8 | Immaculate Conception | Dec 10 | 4th Degree Meeting |
| Dec 13 | Business Meeting | Dec 15 | Parish Dinner |
| Dec 20 | Home Corp Meeting | Dec 25 | CHRISTMAS |
| Dec 27 | 1st Degree | Dec 30 | 5th Sunday Rosary |

JANUARY PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, March for Life, Pro-Life Dinner and Blind Auction, FAB Meeting, PGK's Meeting

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.



PGK Jim McCoy Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher

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***THE OFFICERS OF FAIRBORN COUNCIL
3724 WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY HOLY
AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.***

