

# SANTA MARIA

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Matthew 8:5-11 is one of my favorite passages, it's the one where the Roman centurion comes to Jesus and says, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully. . . . I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed." He is asking Jesus to heal his servant with simply a word, something well beyond the limits of human understanding, reason tells us it's not possible, but that centurion has such trust and faith. Jesus's response is I believe one of the highest bits of praise ever given. Jesus says, *"In no one in Israel have I found such faith."* The Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard once defined faith as *"a passion for the impossible."* Faith and reason can coexist despite what TV and our politicians repeatedly try and tell us.

Is God opposed to reason? I don't think so after all one of his greatest gifts to us is the ability to reason, to make choices based on information presented to us. Faith however goes beyond reason; it is a passion for what reason can't see. This is the final article for 2021 and as always, I like to use the end of the year to reflect. My point of reflection this year is how often I take a very short perspective in my daily life. What worries me today, what is pressing hardest on my spiritual, physical, mental, or emotional welfare. I forget sometimes to take a moment to reflect on what does endure, what counts the most in the long run, and that is faith. Faith that we can take all those daily worries and place them directly in the hands of the Lord. This time of year also brings with it all sorts of light displays on houses and businesses. Festive, joyous some can be seen for quite a distance. This is our time to let go and be refreshed.

What better person to help us let go, to help us refresh then St. Joseph? The Latin form of the Litany to St. Joseph refers to him as "Lumen Patriarcharum" or in a more common tongue the "Light of Patriarchs" I think it's very important for this time of year as we marvel at the displays of lights and well wishes that we reflect on the following passage from the book of James 1:17, *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change."* Through Christ, the father places his divine love and light within our hearts. St. Joseph is the perfect reflection of the father of lights he brings Jesus the true light of the world to us. After Jesus and Mary there is no person Satan detests more than St. Joseph. Let us reflect on that and place our cares, and our concerns as Joseph did into the hands of the Lord.

The 2021 3724 Memorial Mass scheduled and hosted by Bro Dan Cyphers and his family was a great success and finally after nearly two years we were also

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able to host a small reception in the lounge for those in attendance. The table display of our fallen brother's pictures was excellent and received many supportive complements. This year we bid farewell to the following brothers: John Habel, Thomas Dorenbusch, Patrick Prendergast, Joe Edly, and PGK Bill Gazzo. Also remembered were, Bro Ed Kempf, Bro David Cypher, PGK Paul Sloat, and PGK Thad Houston. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

My Knight of the month was Bro. Adam Kempf who put together the electronic app for smart phones as well as the QR code on our cards and displays to make a more effective and quick pitch for membership to a candidate. This is a key cog in our Membership director's strategy for recruitment. My Family of the Month was that of PGK Jim and Judy McCoy. Jim once again tirelessly worked to sell the Reverse Raffle tickets for this year's reverse raffle that went so well, I can't remember the ticket total but it was well over 100 and Judy who patiently drives him all over to his appointments and places that enable him to so effectively help council 3724.

I would also like to take a moment to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we say farewell to 2021. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, GK Erbacher

### NOV KOTM AND FOTM (MISSING FROM LAST MONTHS SM)

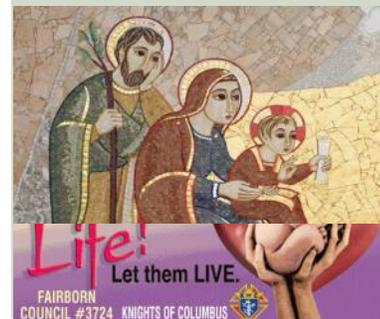


Mark Dues receiving KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



PGK Steve Wal receiving FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Our seminarian, Nam Mac, reached out to us requesting prayers for the repose of the soul of his grandmother, who passed away in Vietnam on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Her baptismal name was Maria. She was an important source of encouragement for Nam in pursuing his priestly vocation. Nam shared that since coming to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati two years ago, not only has his grandfather passed away, but now also his grandmother.

### **“Be Faithful to Your Vocation”**

Earlier, shortly before Nam left Vietnam for seminary here in the United States, he visited his grandfather who was sick with cancer, for what turned out to be the last time. During Nam's visit, his grandfather said he hoped to recover and come to his ordination. Sadly, his grandfather passed away a month later, shortly after Nam's enrollment at seminary in Cincinnati. This was a very difficult time for Nam. He shared that his grandfather's last words to him were “be faithful to your vocation and live a good and holy life.” A YouTube recording of Nam's inspiring testimony titled [He Will Shower You With Grace](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxVXBkYfhfo) was shown at our last business meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Brother Knights may also view it through the internet via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxVXBkYfhfo>.



Nam's academic commitments at seminary made it impossible for him to travel back to Vietnam for his grandmother's funeral, “to say goodbye for the last time.” Brother Knights are called upon to pray for Nam's grandmother Maria, and to pray for Nam, that he will be consoled during this difficult time.

## SHERIFF FISCHER

Greene County Sheriff Gene Fischer, 65, passed way suddenly on November 16, 2021. He was a strong supporter of the Fairborn Council 3724 Blue Coat Awards for the past 18-years. Sheriff Fischer was honored by Fairborn Council 3724 by being named the 2013 Blue Coat Awards Citizen of the Year.

## BOB GLASER

Former Greene County Commissioner Bob Glaser Passed away Tue Nov 23, 2021. Bob was a Beavercreek Knight and a regular attendee at the Fairborn 3724 Blue Coat Awards while serving as County Commissioner. May he rest in peace.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Part 3: 1910-1919)

As membership in the Knights of Columbus grew, the Order became known as a force for public good. Following the dedication ceremony for the Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountain in Washington, D.C., in 1912, a reporter for *The Washington Star* noted the large number of Knights in attendance “marked anew the important position of the Knights of Columbus as an order in the social fabric of the United States.”

During World War I, the Order provided rest and recreational facilities and social services to Allied servicemen of all faiths. K of C Huts throughout the United States and Europe provided religious services, supplies and recreation under the motto, “Everybody Welcome, Everything Free.”

Everybody meant everybody. Whatever your race or creed, you were welcome at K of C facilities. In fact, the Order was praised by a contemporary African American historian of World War I, because “unlike the other social welfare organizations operating in the war, it never drew the color line.”

As a result of the Order’s wartime work, which earned high praise from Pope Benedict XV, nearly 400,000 men joined the Knights between 1917 and 1923.

1912 (left image): With support from the Knights, the Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountain is dedicated in Washington, D.C. Some 20,000 Knights attend the ceremonies, which are overseen by President William H. Taft.

1914: Tens of thousands of copies of a “bogus oath” are circulated to defame the Knights of Columbus. The Knights, in turn, lay the groundwork for a lecture series and educational programs to combat anti-Catholic hostility. Between 1914 and 1917, the number of anti-Catholic publications drops from 60 to fewer than five.

1917: When the United States enters World War I, Supreme Knight Flaherty writes President Woodrow Wilson telling him that the Order plans to establish centers to provide for the troops’ “recreational and spiritual comfort.” The Knights’ services, he says, will be offered “regardless of creed.”

1917: By the summer of 1917, the Order opens service centers, or “K of C Huts,” in training camps and behind the lines of battle. The Knights and independent fund drives raise nearly \$30 million to finance the huts.

### DID YOU KNOW

In addition to being our Faith Director, Trustee, Kitchen chairman, leading the WSU Ushers program and a plethora of other things, PGK Larry Bogemann also volunteers his time at the National Museum of the US Air Force. However, Brother Larry is not your ordinary volunteer. If you are lucky enough to see Larry at the museum, you will get firsthand accounts of a special aircraft. The F-105D Thunderchief, better known as the Thud, is the aircraft Brother Larry flew many combat missions over Vietnam. Some of his heroic and harrowing missions will make your hair stand on end.

Thank you, Brother Larry, for your service and all you do for our council and the community



## **ACTIVITIES**

### **PARISH DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday December 11th. This month's dinner will feature roast pork loin, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, salad and another 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.

### **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 5, 2021 starting at 9:45 am. .

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

The Past Grand Knights are once again hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday December 16 from 7 to 10 pm. Brothers and a guest are encouraged to attend in the spirit of Fraternalism and the Christmas Season. The event is free, as always, and the PGK's will provide both food and beverages. Please come and enjoy the merriment of the season with you fellow Knights and their spouses. This also is an opportunity to invite a prospective member and his significant other. 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, ask them to come join us.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The next session of bible study, hosted by PGK John Maiorano, will start on January 11, 2022. We will be studying the book of Revelation over an eight-week period. The group meets every Tuesday between 2 PM and 4 PM in Saint Francis Hall. Everyone is welcome to join this interactive and inspiration fellowship.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Once again we will be making the pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the March for Life. We plan to spend two nights in DC this year. The bus will leave St. Anthony, Thursday, January 20, at 7:45 AM and return on Saturday, January 22, in the evening. There is a 7 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony on Thursday morning that all are invited to attend before boarding the bus. We will spend 2 nights in the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington DC White House, 1729 H Street NW. The room rate includes a hot breakfast buffet. We will attend the March on Friday, January 21, and board the bus early Saturday morning to attend Mass and then go on a tour of Mother Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. We will depart around noon on Saturday for the return trip to Dayton, arriving around 8 or 9 PM. The cost for the trip (bus fare and two nights in the hotel) is: Single - \$363 (one person in a room) Double - \$236 per person (2 people in a room) Quad - \$173 per person (4 people in one room) Cost for the Mother Seton Shrine is \$5, not included in above prices St. Anthony/Holy Angels Respect Life Committee has several fund-raisers during the year to help families and others who need financial aid to attend the March for Life. You have no excuse not to get on the bus! Please consider joining us in January. When we march we are representing millions of our little brothers and sisters who have no voice. We need to remind our countrymen, our Congress, and our President that laws must change to protect these young, innocent ones.

For more information or reservations call Fran (937-254-8727) or e-mail: richphil1@roadrunner.com.

## ACTIVITES

### CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



On Sunday, December 26, 2021, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. As a further celebration this year, the Knights of Columbus are asking our Mary Help of Christians families to also celebrate a Consecration to the Holy Family. Our Knights of Columbus Council 3724 will be making Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards available for parishioners at the back of Church the two weeks leading up to the Feast of the Holy Family Sunday. Our hope is that this will strengthen parish families and revitalize our parishes. To aid in this effort, Fairborn Council 3724 is inviting each Mary, Help of Christians' family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hope our Brothers will lead by example. Make sure to take a prayer card and say the prayer with your family daily leading up to the consecration. Although it may be difficult during the Christmas season, families are also asked to intentionally fast from something for the week leading up to the consecration. To fully acknowledge the solemnity of the event, family members are also urged to go to confession during the Christmas Season.

### PARISH DINNER



Another successful Parish dinner was held on Saturday November 14 after the 4 PM Mass. Attendees enjoyed ham bathed in pineapple, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and cole slaw. For those who still were not full, delicious pineapple upside down cake went well with coffee, lemonade, or tea. All this for just \$10 per adult and \$5 for children. If you didn't make it this time, plan to join us on December 11<sup>th</sup> for another wonderful evening of great food and fellowship.



### K OF C BLOOD DRIVE



Another successful blood drive was held in the Parish Center on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 26 donors participated. All are heroes because:

- Blood is needed every two seconds.
- About one in seven people entering a hospital needs blood.
- Blood is always needed for treatment of accident victims, cancer patients, hemophiliacs and surgery patients.
- Blood cannot be manufactured.

Only 37 percent of our country's population is eligible to give blood, and less than 10 percent of those who can donate actually do donate annually.

Thanks to all who donated and to PGK John Whitemore for always chairing this most important event.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Congratulations to our newest members for completing the online ceremony of admission and advancement: Bradley Bendall, Luke Champagne, Don Shepherd, Steve Weeks, and Don Ward who are now Third-Degree Knights in our Council!

**Membership Incentives:** Don't forget to add [Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org) as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. The First Year Free Membership Promotion has been extended through June 2022 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](https://www.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.

**This Month's Personal Goal:** Recruiting is our opportunity to build our brotherhood and help our communities. To grow is to be able to expand our service. Our community and parishes need Council 3724 now more than ever and we need to continually grow to help meet growing needs. One of the most effective ways to recruit is a personal invite from a Knight. I challenge each of you to bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. Everyone knows someone who should join our Order.

## HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met Nov 18 to pay bills and discuss business.

## COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

Knight alert requests and activity alerts should be send to the PGK Russ Milliron at [webmaster@3724kofc.org](mailto:webmaster@3724kofc.org)

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

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"We should make Mary lie down in the straw. She's 'specting a baby, you know."

## 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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PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS.  
PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 pm) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.



### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



#### Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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

Sherriff Gene Fischer, Bob Glaser

#### 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, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Pat Banaszak, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lump, Charles Lump, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, PGK John Whittemore, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, Mary Alice Paxson, Sr. Mary Valerie Gros, Corky Block



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## DEC EVENTS

Dec 2	Trustee Meeting	Dec 5	Breakfast w/ St. Nick
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception	Dec 9	Business Meeting
Dec 11	Parish Dinner	Dec 16	Home Corp Meeting
Dec 16	PGK's Open House	Dec 23	Lecturer Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas	Dec 30	FAB Meeting
Dec 30	PGK Meeting		

## JAN PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, March for Life, Corporate Communion, 5th Sunday Rosary

## 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.



DGK Grant Kempf receiving the KOTM on behalf of his son Adam from GK Gene Erbacher



PGK Jim McCoy receiving FOTM from GK Gene Erbcher

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