



SANTA MARIA

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Change can be a difficult thing. It is often one of the most daunting challenges that we face in our lifetimes. Yet with that in mind, Benjamin Disraeli's immortal quote, "Change is inevitable. Change is constant." has never been truer. Your council has had to face many changes over its lifetime and we stand on the brink of yet another one.

For the past two months, you should have seen notices in this publication about moving to a more electronic centered format. We feel this is necessary to keep pace with the changes in the way society communicates, but also in answer to rising postal costs and our perception of continued degradation of service. This decision does not come easy to us, and we want to make sure that the members of our council who are getting paper copies don't get lost.

If you have email, but are not getting the Santa Maria that way, please contact me personally and let's get that situation resolved. If for some reason, you stop getting the newsletter at your preferred email address, please let me know that too. I'm committed to making sure that if you can receive the newsletter in electronic format, you get it that way reliably. If all else fails it can be downloaded from our website each month. If there is enough call for it, I may try to have back issues available as well.

If you aren't online, we will have copies available at the hall. If you can't get here, we'll try to get it to you any way we can. Just please let us know. We don't want to leave anyone behind, but we need to keep pace with the times and clearly, postal distribution is limiting our efforts

This month's Knight of the month is admittedly, long overdue. DGK Gene Erbacher is halfway through his second term as your Deputy Grand Knight, and General Program Director. Our Council is renowned in the area and even the State of Ohio for the many excellent programs we have. We are, and continue to be one of the most active and recognized Councils in the State. This is due to the dedication of our Program Directors and the leadership of the General Program Director. Thanks Gene for all your help in getting the job done.

Our Family of the month is the Gros Family. Brother Percy heads up our Culture of Life Programs and both he and his wife are very active in the pro-life movement. From demonstrating at the abortion clinic and doctor's office to marching on Washington, they both spend considerable time and effort defending the rights of the unborn.

Both are loyal supporters of FYI and its associated programs where Anna served as director of the Women's Network for 12 years. In his "spare time" Percy also spreads the word of God through the Greene County Jail Ministry Program. Percy also devotes much of his life to the service of others through his chosen profession as a pilot. He is an active member of the Civil Air Patrol providing aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services to the country and our area. Vivat Jesus

BLUE COAT AWARDS

The 44th Annual Blue Coat Awards will be held on Thursday March 23, 2017 at the MHC Parish Center. All members and our Council Widows and their guests are invited to attend this community event at no cost. We will need some help with set-up, kitchen workers & servers, check-in, greeters etc. Reservations are required for food planning and seating assignments. For additional info or reservations, call PGK John A. Wolfe at 937-609-4552 or use the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday February 11th. This month's menu will include down home favorites right out of momma's kitchen. We'll have stuffed pork chops, a vegetable medley, buttered noodles, coleslaw, and banana pudding for 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

There's no greater gift one can give than the gift of life. Your Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive in the Parish Center APR room on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 8:30AM-12:15PM. One donation can save up to three lives! How else can you save three lives in less than one hour? Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment visit www.donortime.com or call 1-800-388-4483.

BINGO FINANCIAL MGR

Bingo is need of someone to step up to the Financial Manager Position. See Worthy Grand Knight Russel Milliron for details.

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HOME CORPORATION

A quick meeting this month to pay bills and review existing files and documents. The winners of the HC drawing were; Fr. Ed Burns \$40, Rita Bland \$25 and Tracy Thompson \$10. The next meeting is February 16th. The next work party is February 25th at 9am.

MEMBERSHIP

SIMPLE FOUR STEPS TO RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

- 1.) Build Friendships. Displays of political power or great works of mercy or elaborate social activities will not gain members. We live in a culture where large and small organizations are routinely questioned dismissed and ignored. Fortunately, friends still listen to and trust each other.
- 2.) Pray for the men and families we are trying to recruit. Prayer is powerful. Prayer is essential.
- 3.) Tell your story. Stories change people's lives. Let your friend know why you became a Knight. Tell him about the benefits of membership.
- 4.) Invite him and his family to a council function. It could just as well be a work party, Measure-Up collection, council breakfast or any of the many council activities that are not restricted to the membership.

MEN'S RETREAT

Brothers: Mark your calendars for the annual Lenten Retreat to be held at WSU Chapel. March 4th, 2017, Registration and light breakfast begins at 8:30. Retreat ends with Mass about 4 PM. Cost is \$15, which includes a Panera Bread box lunch. Sign up in the lounge or call Jim McCoy, 879-3570. It's a good way to begin your Lenten journey.

FOURTH DEGREE REVERSE RAFFLE

Monsignor Buckley Assembly 4th degree K of C biennial reverse raffle will be held February 18, 2017 from 5:30 to 9 PM at the MHC Parish Center. 200 tickets @ \$25 each will be sold, and provide entrance to the drawing for two adults. Non-alcoholic beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided, COD bar will be available. Prizes: 1st ticket drawn - \$100.00, every 25th ticket drawn - \$25.00, Last ticket drawn - \$1500.00. Winner need not be present to win! For tickets or additional information please see any 4th degree member or call Frank Carchedi 878-0275.

Lecture on Faith and Science

Athenaeum of Ohio-Mount St. Mary's Seminary

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017, Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J., Director of the Vatican Observatory, will speak on faith and science at 7:30 pm. The talk will be held in the Bartlett Pastoral Center on the campus of the Athenaeum of Ohio. A native of Detroit, he earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, and a Ph.D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard and MIT before entering the Society of Jesus in 1989. He has worked at the Vatican Observatory since 1993. There his research has explored connections between meteorites, asteroids, and the evolution of small solar system bodies. Along with more than 200 scientific publications, he is the author of several popular books including Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial? (co-authored with Father Paul Mueller, S.J.). The talk is free and open to the public.
Bartlett Pastoral Center - Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230.

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

INSURANCE CORNER

By Dennis Kelly, MDRT, FICF, Field Agent

Have you insured your most valuable asset?

Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. Call me at 882-6928 or 478-1049 to learn more about our new exciting product offer. I look forward to meeting with you.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

Comfort for the Afflicted.

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



Gen Washington at Valley Forge

SOME HUMOR

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rest of the Soul:

Annette "Ann" Gilbert, 76, wife of Brother Knight
Chuck Gilbert

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; Deacon Max Roadruck; Brothers Steve Wilkinson, 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 John Wolfe's Daughter Linda and children; Br. Wess Hall's family; Bro Vic Berberick's wife Rita; Bro. Dan Cypher's sister Dana; 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; Melita Murphy wife of PGK Lou Murphy; 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 Herb Edward's sisters Phyllis and Becky; Bro Greg Groeber's daughter Teresa; 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, Stan Macora friend of Herb Edwards & Eric Grinde brother in law of Bro. Mark Dues. Bro Mike Uecker's Wife Carolyn. Cathy Wilmot and Pat Banazak.

Special Requests:

All Veterans;
Bobby Hernandez son of our worthy Financial Secretary,
Bro. Rob Hernandez



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"Ut in omnibus glorificatus Deus"



The digital billboard is displayed in January on Hwy 444 across from the AF Material Command HQ. driving into Fairborn.

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 fellow 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 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

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Reminder that February 2017 will be the last mailed hardcopy Santa Maria, see the Worthy Grandknight's corner for more specifics. By now all subscribers should have updated the council records with a current email address. If you have not please ensure you get a message to webmaster@3724kofc.org or santamaria@3724kofc.org. Alternatively, you can call the council hall and leave a message.

QUICK PRAYER

Loving God, you speak to us through all of life. Help me to trust you and to trust that what you desire for me lies in the deepest part of my heart. And, what you desire is that which allows me to grow and to be the person you created me to be - fully human and fully alive. May I always center my life on you and hear joyfully your call to be your companion. Help me to follow my desire to live my life as best I can and to serve others with the special gifts you have given me. Amen

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2	Trustees Meeting	February 8	Athenium of Ohio Lecture Series
February 9	Business Meeting	February 11	Parish Dinner
February 14	Valentine's Day	February 16	Home Corp Mtg.
February 18	4th Degree Reverse Raffle		

12 MONTH CASH PRIZE DRAWING

Brothers, once again this year we are holding monthly cash drawing for \$40 and \$25, and \$10 prizes. This Home Corp big fundraiser started in July and runs thru June of 2017. The chances are still ten dollars each and again only 200 tickets are printed and sold. The first drawing this month of JULY has a Big Bonus Prize drawing of an extra \$50. Also, note: All winning tickets are immediately put back in for the next prize that day. (Yes, in the past we have had multiple lucky winners of cash.) Please see or call Corky Block (864-7018) or PGK Jim McCoy (879-3570) or C.694-3368.

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