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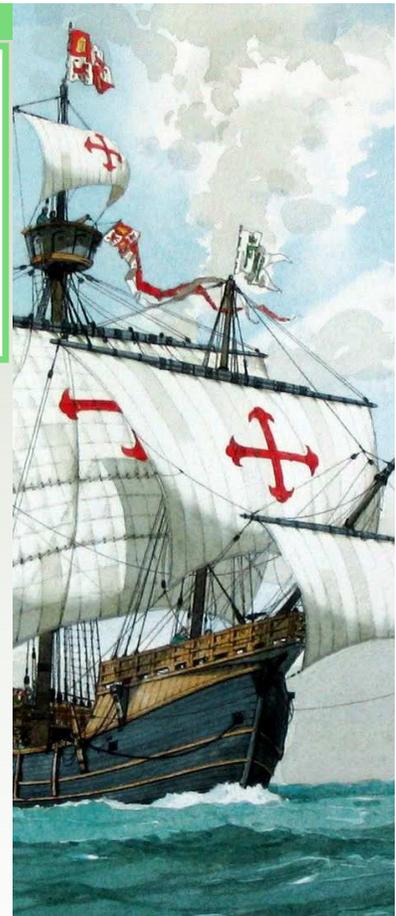
Grand Knight's Corner

What is a council? More importantly what does it mean for a community? The word council hails from the Latin concilium which means; plan, purpose, counsel, advice, judgement, wisdom. Merriam Webster defines a council as an assembly or meeting for consultation, advice or discussion. It can also be used to describe a local chapter of an organization. I'd say any of those or all of them fit Knights of Columbus Council 3724 like a glove. Council 3724 has many members across the US, members who serve their local communities but still call Fairborn home. What does 3724 mean to those communities? Well I just finished the tabulation of the Fraternal Activity Survey and let me tell you what 3724 means to all the communities we support. How about 13,000 hours caring for the sick, disabled and bereaved. 11,000 hours devoted to Church activities. 30,500 hours devoted to community service of which nearly 8,500 hours were spent on programs to strengthen the youth of all our parishes and promote the Culture of Life. 5,500 hours were spent on feeding the hungry, supporting our veterans, donating blood, and generally doing our best to make our communities just a little better and lighten the burden that so many carry. That is time and talent given but what about treasure? Well we haven't finished the year yet, so I don't have the final tally on money donated, but Council 3724 is strong and a force for good in all our communities. As Christ himself said, "What you do for the least of my brothers that you do for me." I am proud to be associated with Council 3724, even more it is an honor and privilege to serve as your grand knight. Use some of those numbers when someone asks you, "What is a Knight, and what do the Knights of Columbus do?"

My Knight of the Month is PGK Bill Gazzo for his tireless efforts to promote our council to the parish and community and for his continuing ideas to drive up membership. PGK Russell Milliron and his wife Annie were my Family of the Month selectees, and I don't think there is enough paper and pen to list the amount of time, talent and treasure they both give to the Parish, the community and our shared faith. Remember to give your congratulations to Bill, Russell and Annie when you see them, they have more than earned this Grand Knights gratitude.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Erbacher



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Special points of interest

- Prayer
- Parish Dinner
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- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner Saturday February 17th. This month we will be featuring pepper steak over rice, vegetable medley a 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.

MEN'S RETREAT 2018

Mark your calendars now for our annual Men's Retreat! We will once again gather at St. John Bosco Chapel in the heart of Wright State University on February 17th, the first Saturday of Lent. As in the past, a light breakfast, box lunch, and engaging lineup of speakers will be provided. This year we are asking for \$20 to cover the costs.

Sign-in will start at 8:30. The program will kick off promptly at 9:00. As usual, we'll end the day with mass. The program should be over by 4:00. Please join us for a great kickoff to the Lenten Season.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

The first and third Saturday of each month, men of the parish meet at St Francis Hall to sing, pray, read, and discuss the 'so what' for that weekend's Scriptures. Each man who comes is affirmed and encouraged in their personal walk with our Lord Jesus, the Christ, and with each other as 'Men of Faith'. Please come and join us from 8-9 a.m. (before Honey Do's and Saturday tasks) on first and third Saturday's, if you can make it at 7:30 a.m. you will be able to chew a bagel and have a cup of fair trade coffee before we meet in St Francis Hall Chapel.

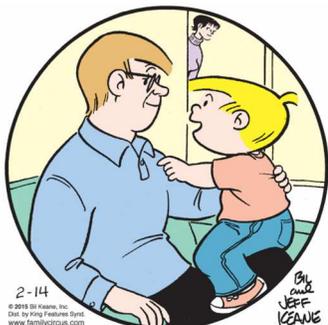
BLUE COAT AWARDS 2018

The 45th Annual Blue Coat Awards (BCA) will be held Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the MHC Parish Center in Fairborn. PGK John Wolfe will serve as Chairman for our annual Community event. Help with the set-up & tear-down of tables, chairs and other items will be needed. The Kitchen Crew efforts have been important to the success of the event – they generally can use help with the cooking and serving of the meal. Other areas where help is needed will be listed next month. All members and our Council Widows and their guests are invited to attend this community event at no cost. Reservations are required for food planning and seating assignments. For additional info or reservations, PGK John A. Wolfe can be reached at 937-609-4552, by E-mail at wmc45324jaw@aol.com or use the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN 2018

March 25, which is nine months before the celebration of the Birth of Christ, is the Annunciation, when Jesus was conceived within the body of the Virgin Mary as she accepted her call to be the Mother of God.

Priests for Life, along with many other pro-life groups, urges believers to celebrate this day as a Day of the Unborn Child, with special observances that highlight the Church's pro-life teachings. In solidarity with them, your Council will hold a memorial service for the unborn on March 10th, in conjunction with our March Parish Dinner. The service will be at our Memorial for Aborted Children on the right side of the Parish Center and will start right after the 4:00 Mass. Please come and pray with us for an end to abortion.



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"I'll make you a deal. Mommy'll be MY valentine THIS year, and she can be yours NEXT year."



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.

NEWS ABOUT CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 3724

The Santa Maria editor received a Christmas email from Don Lucero, a former member. The following is a short recap and paraphrase of what he sent:

I made my 1st degree in Fairborn in 1974. Worked bingo with Yezulinas, Derwin, Ostertag, etc. My wife, Carmen, and I had five children at MHC School when Sister Aquinas was principal. Carmen introduced "you all" to some hot Mexican food at the MHC School festival. We lived and worked WPAFB/Fairborn from 1974 to 1978. We moved to Los Alamos, NM in July 1978 just after I had been honored as Council Knight of the Year.

I was cleaning out a spare bedroom, and discovered the 50th Anniversary of 3724 plus other material sent to me by PGK Pete Yezulinas. I am in Sacred Heart Council 3137, Los Alamos, NM 87544. About 25 years ago I was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and have been assigned all these years to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

I would love to receive a copy of the Santa Maria via email if possible (dcndir@aol.com). Regards to all and to the beautiful wives and widows of my Brother Knights....Donald Lucero, 567 Todd Loop, Los Alamos, NM 87547; 505-660-0647

Congratulations to our Brother Knight and 2017 Ohio State Council Religious of the Year Honoree Br. Raymond Ronan, OFM Cap on his February 22, 2018 55th Anniversary with the Capuchin Province of Saint Augustine in Pittsburg, PA and his many years of service as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar in Papua New Guinea.



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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 18 January to pay bills and discuss business. We met for a work party on January 13. Work accomplished included unpacking and installing equipment needed for our new TV subscription service. Special thanks go out to PGKs Bogemann, Carchedi and Milliron, who showed up to help.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: Mary Schuppe, \$40, Ticket #174

2nd Place: John C. Talbot, \$25, Ticket #189

3rd Place: Eric Richards, \$10, Ticket #146

Next month has a Council Activity Scheduled nearly every weekend. We may gather informally to do some things. We'll try to publicize when that happens.

MEMBERSHIP

Open invitation to all Catholic men to become a Knight of Columbus.

I don't have the time is an unacceptable excuse! Members are not required to attend meetings or commit to any time consuming activities. Members are expected to continue to be practicing Catholics, giving good example to family, friends and all they come in contact with. Members are expected to keep their annual dues current. Members receive the monthly Fairborn Council Newsletter and the Columbia magazine which is the best Catholic magazine available. Members are invited to attend the FREE Blue Coat Award dinner honoring local police, fire and public service personnel; FREE May Dinner honoring the ladies and the FREE June Dinner honoring the outstanding Knight of the Year. Members' children participate in the basketball free throw and soccer kick contests as well as various parties. There are numerous voluntary insurance benefits for the member and his family. Finally, upon his passing the member is remembered in daily masses at Saint Mary's church in Hartford Connecticut.

Catholic men and their families are invited to come down to the Knights area when they finish dinner for additional information about the Knights and the Day of Recollection with Fr. Ed Burns, next Saturday, the first Saturday of Lent, at St. John Bosco Chapel at Wright State U.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

The focus of this month's council position is the Community Director. The position of Community Director is described in our bylaws, under ARTICLE VI—Committees, subsection (d) Director of Community Activities; whose responsibility it will be to make the council aware of its life within the community and to develop programs that will be of service to the community.

The current director PGK John Wolfe could be listed in the encyclopedia next to how to perform this function, he has been our director for years, but I know that he would like to retire and turn the position over to another Knight. The biggest job of the community director is our renowned Blue Coast Awards Ceremony, the community director also oversees the blood drive program, media relations, liaison with 4th of July Parade Committee and handles requests for volunteer hours. It is not a solo position as many brothers step in to help with planning and hosting the events but the guiding force behind it all is the community director. Please search your hearts and pray to god for guidance, is this position one you can fill? See you next month, Vivat Jesus, GK Erbacher.

INSURANCE CORNER

Insurance Check-Up for 2018

Where did 2017 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2017. Now, the first month of 2018 has flown by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Say 'No' to Corruption.

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory.

Amen.

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.

Rest of the Soul:

Paul Stutz, John Lethert, Bob Buscher, Fr Mcquarrie

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, and wife Brenda, PGK Jim McCoy, Ed and Joan Trefethen, Victor Berberich, Mike McGuinness, Jim McNammara, Eric Grinde, Bob Johnson, Kathy Wilmont, Amanda Werteimer Martha Karhoff, Paul and Rose Yosick, Bruce Huey, Jana Miracle, the Niece and Grandniece of Robert Hernandez and Javier Perez Jr





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Fairborn, OH**

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb 1	Trustee Meeting	Feb 8	Business Meeting
Feb 12	4th Degree Meeting	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 15	Home Corp Mtg	Feb 17	Men's Retreat
Feb 17	Parish Dinner	Feb 22	Lecturer/1st Degree
Feb 24	Reverse Raffle		

MARCH PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Blood Drive, 1st Degree, Blue Coat Awards Dinner, FAB Meeting, PGK Meeting, Membership Open House

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 Bill Gazzero Receiving KOTM From GK



PGK Russ Milliron Receiving FOTM From GK

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