

SANTA MARIA

Grand Knight's Corner

The penitential season of Lent is, admittedly, my least favorite season of the year. The call for introspection and self examination tends to cast a dark pall over a time when the earth is experiencing it's rebirth cycle and beginning it's celebration of the passing of winter, well ahead of Easter. When you add to that the interference with my dietary habits, it often presents itself more as a challenge than an opportunity.

As a Knight, however, there is no season better targeted at the guiding principles of our Order. Constantly forming ourselves in the faith, charitable giving and raising up the weak and the fallen through fraternal sharing are central themes in the Church's penitential practice. As Knights we will participate in our parish's Lenten/Easter traditions through gathering for our retreat in March, through the stations of the cross on Fridays during Lent, through serving in church during the Holy Triduum, and through Eucharistic adoration. We finish out the season with our last Corporate Communion of the Fraternal Year on April 30.

I encourage each of you to mark your calendars, respond to the call when it's received. Help us support our parish's Lenten/ Easter observances. Participate, with us, as a Council, in our continued formation in the faith, And above all give alms as you are able.

This month's Knight of the month is our Worthy Recorder, Brother Herb Edwards. Herb has been our recorder for a number of years (certainly more than I can remember) and his attention to detail ensures that a permanent record of our meetings is accurately captured and presented to our membership. In his capacity as our Roundtable Chairman he also coordinates our relationship with the WPAFB Catholic Community, Our Lady Queen of Peace. The Base community has been our most fertile recruiting grounds as of late. Herb also leads the rosary before every business meeting and our quarterly corporate communions. Hat's off to Herb for providing a fine example of Catholic leadership.

Our Family of the month is Cal and Alice Smith. Cal does so much for the Council it's hard to remember or list it all. He is the financial chairman of our Bingo operation. He is a tireless member of the kitchen crew and usually serves as our head baker. He serves mass for funerals and when called for by the church. He counts money for the church and is currently up to his neck in other people's tax returns, a service he renders to the community through the Fairborn Senior Citizens Center. Alice is a long time member of the Daughters of Isabella and serves there as their Financial Secretary. She regularly works the kitchen in support of our Bingo program. She supports their "Giving Tree" efforts and is active in the Church Bazaar. Thanks to Cal and Alice for all they do.

Vivat Jesus, Beef

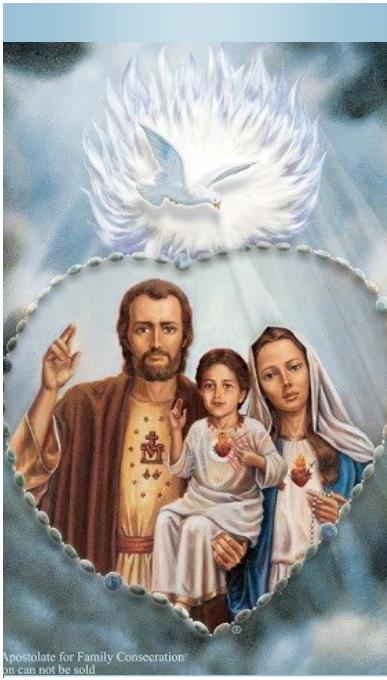


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ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday March 18th. This month's menu will include chicken fettuccine alfredo, garlic bread, salad and 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.

HELP WANTED

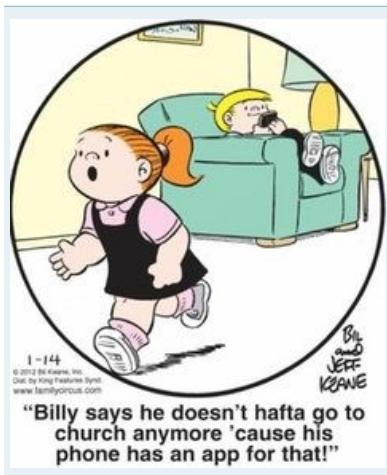
PGK Gazzero (Will Mentor)

Someone to be the contact for Council Shirts.

3rd Degree member willing to take on the DGK role in the 1st degree membership team.

The council is in need of someone to handle the 2017 taxes for the council. Send suggestions, to GK Milliron.

"Parish Dinners - Support your council charities and bring the Parish together"



ACTIVITIES (cont.)

SECOND & THIRD DEGREE

Please note that the Second and Third Degree scheduled for April 2nd is canceled. There is a Fourth Degree exemplification that day down at the Athenaeum in Cincinnati and a lot of the folks needed will be down there to support it. Currently, there is a Second Degree scheduled at Dayton Council 500 on March 19 at 1:00PM. There is also a Third Degree scheduled at Dayton Council 500 on Palm Sunday April 9th at 1:00. If you need either of the advanced degrees and would like to attend on one of these dates, please contact the Grand Knight at Grand-Knight@3724kofc.org or (937)426-5299. If you are someone's sponsor and know they need the advanced degrees, please consider contacting them and encouraging them to attend.

Editor's Note

As everyone is aware the mailed edition of the Santa Maria ended in February, your council officers and the editor truly hope you enjoy the new format and the updated content. I am sorry the issue is late this month unforeseen health issues on my part severely impacted my ability to get the newsletter out on time. Vivat Jesus DGK Erbacher





Council 3724 Ushers Receiving Award Check during the Wright State Basketball Game

MEMBERSHIP

We have only three months to reach our goal, June doesn't count. We need 13 new or reinstated members for Star Council and the prize of over \$500 from Supreme. You must know a Catholic family. ?Membership: The Gift That Keeps On Giving? will help you explain how families with children benefit from membership. For former members, ask why he quit. Perhaps the problem no longer exists. If you don't ask, you will never know. A membership package is also available to give to your prospect.

Congratulations to Brother Ray Ronan OFM Cap who celebrated his 54th Anniversary as a Franciscan Capuchin Missionary on February 22, 2017.

BLUE COAT 2017

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 by March 10th or use the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

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Inside Story Headline

This is a chalice holder built for the parish by Council 3724's own Herman Karhoff and son.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Knights in Regalia at the WSU Basketball Game

Saint Patrick's Day March 17

Saint Patrick's day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs. Saint Patricks' Day has many symbols and traditions, from shamrocks and leprechauns, to green beer and Corned Beef and Cabbage. Saint Patrick's Day parades are popular in many cities around the U.S. Interestingly, the first St. Patrick's Day parade did not take place in Ireland. It took place in New York City, in 1762.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Corner

By Dennis Kelly, MDRT, FICF, Field Agent

If you make the commitment to protect your future income by buying disability insurance, look closely at any available extra coverage ("riders") — some can add considerable long-term advantages at a moderate cost.

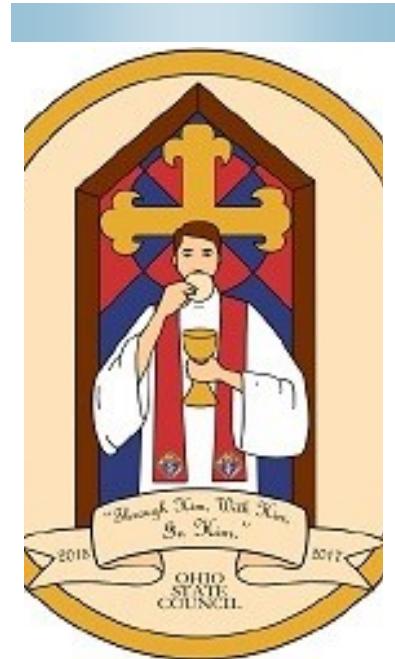
Two of the riders available with a Knights of Columbus Income Armor policy are a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and a Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO).

COLA: Each year, the benefits your policy provides for disabilities that last more than one year will increase to help compensate for inflation. Medical costs continue to increase significantly each year, and that trend isn't likely to change anytime soon.

GPO: At some point after buying your Income Armor policy, you may see a need to increase the base monthly benefit for which you're eligible. Without this rider, the increase would be subject to a medical exam. If you've developed a health condition that makes you medically ineligible, you wouldn't have that option. With the rider, you don't need to provide evidence of medical insurability.

Other Income Armor riders may be available in your state that would enhance your coverage. If you don't have disability insurance or you have it through work but don't know how much protection it actually provides — let have a discussion to see if Income Armor makes sense for you.

Don't leave your family unprotected — call me at 882-6928 or 478-1049.



Good of the Order

Repose of the Soul

Repose of the soul Past State Deputy Dennis Shonebarger

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; 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 Lumpp; Gregory Groeber; Andy Beiring; Dave Bartok; Jose Nava; Dick Drake; Bill Gilbert; Bill Hermiller; Billy Russel; Ed Costello; Paul Thomas and wife Rita; Mark Marten; Herb Edwards; Paul Kelley and wife Mary.

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 Joann; Barbara Gazzero wife of PGK Bill Gazzero; Melita Murphy wife of PGK Lou Murphy; Martha Karhof, Deacon Max Roadruck's wife Barbara; Bro Cal Smith's granddaughter Hope; Bro Charlie Lumpp's mother Cathy; PGK Herm Karhoff's granddaughter Kelsey, Bro Jim Diesel's sister-in-law Cammy; Bro Greg Groeber's daughter Teresa; PGK Gazzero's sister-in-law; Bro Jack Huey's mother and brother; Angie Natalie; Jean Ketchen; Velma Hobbs; Pat Pitstick; Jacqueline Cinelli; Kevin Sullivan; Mary Hellen Kelley; 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



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Upcoming Events

March 2	Trustees Meeting	March 9	Business Mtg.
March 16	Home Corp Meeting	March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 18	Parish Dinner	March 23	Social Meeting
March 30	Social 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 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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