

SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

Our 2020-2021 fraternal year is closer and closer to coming to its conclusion. The pandemic less so, vaccines are making inroads although I feel we are still far away from normalcy. If you have been in the council for a while and been to a few meetings you know what we are about. As a council 3724 is one of the most active and vibrant councils in the state of Ohio. We are responsible for thousands of hours of community service, thousands of charitable donations to the parish, the community, and various national organizations. We need new leaders to step up and continue this or even better take us in new directions we may not be aware of. The old guard while still willing is weary, sword and shield arms are not as stout as they use to be although the determination and desire is still there. I am asking now for all of you reading this newsletter to prayerfully consider taking a leadership role in the 2021-2022 fraternal year. If you absolutely cannot see yourself as a Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, or Warden there are numerous smaller council leadership positions you can take and as you grow in the knowledge of what this council is truly about mayhap you will consider one of the officer positions. Your council needs a Membership Director, a Community Director, a Faith Director. We need a Home Corporation Vice President. The brothers serving in these positions are long since due for relief. No one in this council serves alone, and there is plenty of help and aid when asked. Confucius said, "Perceiving what is right and doing it not reveals a lack of courage." Bushido states that courage is worthy of being counted among virtues only if it's exercised in the cause of Righteousness. In the book of James, Chapter 4 verse 17 says "So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, it is a sin."

Council 3724 is a storied council and to be a member is a privilege, to be elected a leader in this council is an honor but the writing while still faint is on the wall. 250 plus members in this council it is time for our other third-degree brothers to take a turn, who knows some of you probably have ideas that could turn around membership, appeal to the younger generation. Now could be your time. Merriam Webster defines Duty as; obligatory tasks, conduct, service, or functions that arise from one's position (as in life or in a group) and worthy of your consideration. Honor is defined as a keen sense of ethical conduct. That is the Knights of Columbus, that is Council 3724 please consider taking a more active role in your council we need you. If you are interested even in just finding out what one of the roles entails send me an email at either grand-knight@3724kofc.org or gene.erbacher@gmail.com. I will send you a job description and what your role would be as incorporated in our charter.

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My Knight of the month was Bro Percy Gros who continues to shine in his role as Life Director keeping our council on the forefront of the battle to protect the unborn and to fight against the culture of death so rampant in our country. My family of the month was the family of Corky Block our erstwhile Home Corp President who continues to keep the lights on, the water running and our rent on time to the parish. Corky's wife Cheryl continues to serve in the Eucharistic ministry and the parish. When you see Percy, Corky and Cheryl congratulate and thank them for their service.

Worthy PGK Herman Karhoff is acting as our Ohio charities campaign chairman again this year and you will shortly be seeing an envelope with tickets arriving in the mail. COVID-19 has crushed our fundraising much as it has the rest of the nation and as such the portion, we get back from our Ohio charities sales will be in large part the linchpin to how many of our charities we can support this next fraternal year. Please prayerfully consider directly contributing this year to the council efforts, if its within your means to do so.

“May the God of peace himself make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus
Vivat Jesus. GK Erbacher

STATUS OF THE COUNCIL HALL

The hall will be open for the month of March, following all State of Ohio COVID-19 guidelines. The march business meeting will also be our chance to bid farewell to our current Community Director John Wolfe who is permanently relocating to Florida with his family. John will continue to serve in an advisory role and as the council historian and may even return every now and then to attend a meeting but with all my gratitude for his support and help over the years will mostly be enjoying some well-earned poolside cocktails.

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Brother Knights, if you have not already received them, your Ohio Charity tickets should be arriving in the mail soon. Since the covid-19 pandemic has caused us to cancel many of our fund raiser events in 2020, we are in desperate need for your help in buying/selling tickets so we can continue to support our charities. This year we are encouraging all members to get out and sell/purchase 10 tickets. Please read the GK letter which identifies a few to the charities your Council supported last year. It also provides details about the critical turn-in dates, points of contact should you have questions or request for additional tickets.

REQUEST FROM SVPD CONFERENCE

If you are able-bodied and have a truck or trailer, let brother Tom Boland know. Our parish St Vincent de Paul Conference is in the business of collecting good used furniture in order to provide to our Fairborn neighbors in need. To do this effectively, we need a cadre of able-bodied persons with ready access to truck or trailer willing to be called upon to help pick up / deliver furniture. Reach out to brother Tom Boland at 937-469-3267 and be prepared to leave a voicemail if necessary. God's blessings upon you and your families to remain healthy during this Covid Pandemic

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K of C and MHC BLOOD DRIVE

Consider giving the gift of life at the K of C/MHC blood drive to be held in the Parish Center APR on Saturday March 20, 2021 from 8:30 AM-12:15 PM. Remember to bring a picture ID with SSN and eat a nourishing breakfast beforehand. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment visit www.donortime.com or call 1-800-388-4483.

A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a green shirt and gold earrings, feeding a baby with a white bottle. The baby is wrapped in a white blanket and looking towards the camera. The background is a light beige color with text.

LOVE
WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

OUR LENTEN DEVOTION OF LOVE:

*Formula
for Orphans*

For I was hungry,
and you gave me food.
I was thirsty,
and you gave me a drink.
I was a stranger,
and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25:35

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The Knights of Columbus offers a wide range of insurance products, please contact me for your insurance needs or if you have any questions.

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MEMBERSHIP

New members are the life blood of the order, our membership has been steady declining. Every Catholic man 18 years and older should be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Sadly a small percentage are. It's up to each member to ask their family members, friends, coworkers, etc. to join the order, please make an effort this Lenten season to recruit one new member. As most of you know our Membership Director PGK Bill Gazzero is in a rehab facility and needs help performing his duties, if you can help let the GK or Program Director know.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on Feb18 to pay bills and discuss business. Due to the COVID-19 crisis our work parties will be suspended until further notice.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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 Sou

Bro. Tom Dorenbusch, Bro. Patrick Prendergas Susie Abdo.
Widow of Bro. Abe Abdo, Mary Rodin widow of Bro. Mike Rodin, Karl Kleysteuber, Father-in-Law of Brother Jeff Karhoff,

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, Sophiaia Yarwick, Cladina Hay, Tony Liam, Janet McGrath, Bill Gould, Jan Gartsipe, Jeanne Paula, Wallace Johnson, Cathy Kempf, Tony Newton, PGK Bill Gazzero



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Fairborn, OH**

MARCH EVENTS

Mar 4	Trustee Meeting	Mar 11	Business Meeting
Mar 18	Home Corp Meeting	Mar 20	Blood Drive
Mar 25	Lecture Meeting/Degree		

APRIL PREVIEW

Easter, Degree, 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.



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"Hey! What happened to March
goin' out like a lamb?"

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