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Grand Knight's Corner

Brother Knights,

As we bid farewell to October, I hope everyone had the opportunity to reflect on our Council's 70th Anniversary and all the wonderful things our Council has achieved over the last seven decades. Being a Knight, there are so many opportunities available to serve God, our church, our community and each other. I am filled with pride and respect for our Council and my Brother Knights!

Now as we enter into the Thanksgiving month of November, let us look back and reflect on what we are thankful for as a Knight of Columbus. Happy Thanksgiving, Brothers!

The Thanksgiving Prayer below was written by Trish Iiams, 2001.

Thank you God for showing us the way.
Help us to remember You this day. Let us
Always remember the price You paid.
Never let us forget that with You we can be saved.
Keep us in Your loving arms.
So we know that we belong.
Guide us and protect us, as we walk
In the path that You have set. Even though life can be
Very hard, we know that You won't forget.
I know that I am
Never alone. For You are always there
Guiding my every step with the love that You have shown.

Thank you to everyone for filling in for me during my surgery and current recovery. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers! I am very grateful!

Vivat Jesus, Don



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Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

The Family of the Month for October 2023 is PGK Larry and Mary Bogemann.

Larry...serves on the Church Council, schedules Church Servers for Masses and Funerals, as well as being a Server himself, assists with the weekly counting of Church donations, is our Council's Faith Director, is our Council's Senior Trustee, is a Board of Directors member for Family and Youth Initiatives, runs the WSU basketball program and ushers himself, is a member of the Kitchen Crew, our pancake Chef, manages the Bingo Kitchen with the Daughters of Isabella, and runs the Church Festival's Hamburger Booth, along with Mary.

Not only does Mary support Larry's full schedule and attends many of the functions with Larry, she too is involved with and supports many Church activities.

Mary...-is a Eucharistic Minister, is a member of the Bereavement Ministry, is a member of the Funeral Luncheon Ministry and -assists with the Christmas Bazaar.

As Grand Knight, I am proud to present this Council with our Family of the Month for October 2023, PGK Larry and Mary Bogemann. Thank you, Larry and Mary, for all you both do and Congratulations!

The Knight of the Month for October 2023 is PGK Frank Minnick. Frank...serves on the Church Council, is our Home Corporation President, managing our Council's operating expenses, is a member of our Council's Financial Advisory Board, is a leader of our Kitchen Crew including planning menus, purchasing supplies, supervising kitchen cooking and cleanup, supervises Work Parties and is the first person to roll up his sleeves to join in the work detail, is the Chairman of our Reverse Raffles, overseeing raffle sales and food preparations, running the raffle drawings and 50/50s, and managing the entire event from start to finish. As Grand Knight, I am proud to present this Council with our Knight of the Month for October 2023, PGK Frank Minnick! Thank you, Frank, for all you do and Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights born in November!

Kyle J Smith	Rev Joseph Safraniec	Cyril L Borchers	Eric Michael Elchert
Robert J Goecke	Edward B Durkin	Michael J Foy	Zygmunt Kosmowski IV
Alan J Meade	Steven C Bayard	Thomas G Pyatt	Rev Lawrence M Gearhart
Robert C Hernandez	Dominic J Hughes		



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"You can tell Thanksgiving isn't like a regular dinner 'cause the table gets to be dressed up too."



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN,
PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS
MEETING (7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH
YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.





Father Alex Biryomumeisho

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On September 29th, Grand Knight Don Shepherd presented Father Alex with our council's Religious of the Year award. Grand Knight Shepherd was joined by brother knights Frank Carchedi (PGK), Herman Karhoff (PGK), Ken Normand, and Matt Justice. We traveled to St. John Fisher in Newtown, Ohio, to meet Fr. Alex at his parish rectory. Our visit coincided with Fr. Alex's birthday weekend, as he turned forty the next day, September 30th. To celebrate, we went to Father's favorite restaurant,

Outback Steakhouse! Over dinner we were glad to learn Father had a good visit with his family in Uganda this past May 7th through June 14th. Each time we visit Alex we learn more about this amazing man of many talents. On this trip we were amazed that Father has been researching chickens. In fact, he knows quite a lot about how to raise them. While in Uganda, he met a priest who raises chickens to support his church. After doing research on his own, Father helped get his deceased brother's widow back in Uganda started in raising over three hundred chickens on her own. If successful, this could be a source of needed income as she strives to take care of her family. After a wonderful meal, we came back to the rectory, where Grand Knight Shepherd presented Father with the award. Chancellor Matt Justice then presented Father with the biography our council prepared in nomination to the state committee. The biography documents Father Alex's inspiring vocation journey to priesthood. It begins as follows: "With praise and thanksgiving, Fairborn Knights of Columbus, Council 3724, nominates Father Alex Biryomumeisho for Religious of the Year. His vocation journey is a remarkable story that will inspire others to heed God's call, no matter where it may lead. It is a story of faith that teaches us that through God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)." Afterwards, we enjoyed birthday cake, and gave Father a Fairborn Council cap, and a card signed by over twenty Knights. "If I had space, I wish you all could spend the night" Father said. It was a privilege for us to celebrate Father's award and his birthday. To conclude a beautiful evening Father had us gather and prayed for us and our council. (More pictures on Page 8)



Chaplain Fr. Bedel

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Beloved in Christ, Hopefully by now, all the faithful have educated themselves on the moral evils of Issue 1, which the people of Ohio will accept or reject as an amendment to our state's constitution. Early voting is now open. Please vote NO on Issue 1 sometime between now and Nov. 7. Visit ohiocathconf.org for more information on the issue. Moreover, please continue to pray for its defeat. 40 Days for Life is an opportunity for such prayer. Join some of our parishioners on Fridays

keeping vigil at the abortion facility at E. Stroop and Vineyard, praying for its closure and the respect for all human life. Last week, we announced the new members of our first Family-wide Pastoral Council. This marked our entrance into Beacons of Light Phase 2. Related training for myself and council members is scheduled for the coming weeks. Please pray for our Family's leadership. I invite you to pray with me and some members of our Serra Club Friday (Nov. 3) at St. Brigid. Named for St. Junipero Serra, the Serra Club of Cincinnati promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life in concert with Serra International. Visit cincyserravocations.org for more information. Some parents of priests and seminarians will join me for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 5 to 6 p.m. All are invited. We plan to continue the celebration of vocations afterward with a self-paid dinner at a local restaurant. If you have ever wanted to ask the parents of a priest or seminarian what they experienced when their son answered the call, this is your chance. My parents are even threatening to join us. Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

God bless, Fr. Bedel

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We just completed a very successful membership drive at Our Lady Queen of Peace (WPAFB chapel) the weekend of October 7 and 8. We were able to sign up two new knights, Clifton Cowart and Jason Antkoviak. When they complete their Charity/Unity/Fraternity exemplification, we will have five new council members toward our membership goal of 14. There were also three men who expressed strong interest in joining our Order, so please keep them in your prayers as they discern if the Knights are right for them (of course we are!).

Thanks to all the brothers who gave up their precious time to help with the drive: FA Rob Hernandez, Brother Herb Edwards, and Brother Percy Gros. I also wish to give a big "thank you" to Father Don Moss and chapel community coordinators Tiffany Eastman and Irene Rutherford, who really went all-out this year to help make our drive a success!

This Month's Personal Goal: I will bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. Everyone knows someone who should join our Order. If everyone commits to bringing in just one new member, we'll definitely make our goal!

Here is the link to the step-by-step process of using the online application <https://files.constantcontact.com/716460b3001/1a871a1a-64bb-4f8f-8a30-840e4651b85a.pdf>

Don't forget to add [Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#) as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. Remember, all online member applications with the Promo Code RHERNANDEZ (the code from our K of C Insurance Representative) will receive twelve months of online membership free. You can also use the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

Name Tags: If you need a new Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see me, Brother Mark Dues, or Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00.

2023 Football Frenzy

My brother knights, I am astonished by the support generated for this program this year. I shouldn't be, 3724 has always supported this program but this year has been record breaking. I believe the changes in the incentive structures helped but brothers oh my gosh. To date 3724 has sold 217 tickets which puts us in the neighborhood of \$1,900 for a rebate and exceeds the 100% per capital credit mark of 135 tickets which will save the council about \$500. The first turn in has been made and we raised \$4340 for the program. The Football Frenzy involves the last 10 weeks of games played this season. Any tickets turned in from Nov 2 on will be considered late and will only count for the remaining games final cutoff is Dec 31, 2023.

Please make checks payable to: **K of C 3724**

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Home Corporation

Officers of HC met on Oct 19, 2023 to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

- Discontinued using Spectrum Internet/Phone services, changed to Altafiber. Rationale for action taken - cost reduction, increased internet speeds, and improved customer service.
- If you see something that needs to be done or acquired for the benefit of the Council, note it in the Maintenance Work Log located in the business meeting room, on the right, just inside the door. Recent examples: 1) Recommendation to repaint the heat registers in the 3 K of C rooms. **Action taken** - Tuesday crew will complete this effort over the next few months. 2) Suggestion to improve lighting above the sinks in the kitchen. **Action taken** – LED lights purchased and installed. 3) Request for new hard drive to backup K of C digital files. **Action taken** – hard drive is ordered.
 - ◆ Key point - the HC is here to help Council members do whatever it can to help achieve the Council's mission.
- Next work party is scheduled for Nov 25, 2023. Start with coffee in the lounge at 9 am.
- Fifth HC raffle drawing winners: \$40.00 prize – Ticket 139 – winner Henrik Pitstick; \$25.00 prize – Ticket 109 – winner Charlie Lumpp and \$10.00 prize – Ticket 172 – winner Loretta Pant.
- The HC File Plan (FP) Committee (GK Shepherd, PGKs Carchedi, Minnick, Milliron, Karhoff and Bro Edwards) have completed the development of a FP Guide which is currently being implemented. Thanks to the committee and the many Council members who provided feedback.

The process/steps used are defined in the Guide on pgs. 1-2. The goal is to, over time, eliminate 85-90% of the hardcopy files. It's important to have digital copies of all K of C key documents (i.e., HC Tres Rpts, Mtg Mins, etc.) stored on the new system. The benefits justifying this action are documented in the Guide on pg. 1.

All Council, HC, FAB, Bingo officers are to follow the new FP Guide procedures. Copies are available on the desks next to the computers. Please give special attention to Attachment A – K of C Council 3724 Filing Plan – 2023/2024, the FP folder logical hierarchy, to understand where you are to store your files; and Attachment B – K of C Digital Directory/Folder/File Naming Standards. A list of best practices and file naming scenarios can be found on pgs. 11-12.

Training: PGK Karhoff will be the Records Manager, responsible for providing training and assistance with implementation. Training will take 10-15 mins, he can train small groups or individuals.

Patris Corde Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer. Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Parish Breakfast

Our November breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 12. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 am and will continue until 11:00 am. We will be featuring our same popular menus of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company!

MHC Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

November 19, 2023

Mary, Help of Christians has asked the Fairborn K of C council to provide kitchen help for this important event. We need Brother Knights who are available to volunteer. Please let PGK Minnick know if you can participate. 937-522-0866 or FMINN@aol.com. Volunteers will need to arrive at 9 AM on November 19th for various kitchen duties. Thanks in advance for your help.



Fairborn Council 3724 Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday November 18 at Mary, Help of Christians Church 4 PM's Mass. All Knights, family, friends and especially the widows and families of our departed Brothers are encouraged to attend. We will sit together during Mass and then hold a short prayer service afterwards recognizing our most recently departed. All are then invited to the Council Hall for light refreshments and fellowship.

Fairborn Council 3724 Fall Reverse Raffle

On Saturday October 21st the Fairborn Council held another very successful Reverse Raffle, raising money for its various charities. The large crowd enjoyed great food, fellowship and chances to win many prizes. Brother Knight David Johnston, one of many who generously purchased tickets on behalf of clergy and charitable organizations had one of his tickets win the grand prize on behalf of St Vincent de Paul Fairborn Conference!! What a perfect way to end this great event. DGK Tom Pitstick had the honor of presenting the check to SVDP Treasurer Jordan (JC) Kelly. Thank you so much to PGK Minnick for putting in many hours as Chairman and to everyone who worked so hard on this successful event! See you in the spring!



JC Kelly & DGK Tom Pitstick



Brother David Johnston

PRAYER TO MARY

Mary, Mother of God, mother of all, who bore and raised the Son of God, who sought to bring peace into the world. You treasured all you saw in your heart, as the fruit of your womb poured out love and mercy to each of us in our own personal way. Pray for us and be with us, that we may remember that we are also treasured in your heart. Help us to always remind others that they are just as treasured, that the world may know a true and just peace. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians / Knights of Columbus Men of Faith Fellowship

Needing encouragement or an opportunity to share with other men of faith – men of like mind and heart? Our Men of Faith fellowship meets twice monthly to do just that! Join us at St Francis Hall from 8 – 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Come at 7:30 a.m. for bagels and fair-trade coffee. We then gather to sing, pray, read and discuss Sunday scripture readings from 8-9 a.m. Come join us! You will be affirmed and encouraged in your walk with our Lord Jesus Christ and be blessed by fellowship with other ‘Men of Faith’.

Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Grand Knight: Don Shepherd
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Pitstick
Trustee: PGK Grant Kempf
Council Treasurer: Larry DeWitt
Home Corp President: PGK Frank Minnick
Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff
1 Year Member At Large: Steve Glass
2 Year Member At Large: PGK Gene Erbacher
The next FAB meeting will be on November 30, 2023 at 6:30PM.

STAR COUNCIL

It was a great honor to accept the Star Council Award for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year from District Deputy Jeremy Begines, on behalf of all Members of Fairborn Council 3724 and all who support our mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. It was special for this to happen during the Council celebration of its 70th anniversary. This is the highest honor a Council can receive from the K of C Supreme Organization. None of these Knights and all who support their efforts do any of the good works for acknowledgement, however it is so wonderful for their hard work to be recognized. Thank you for allowing me to lead you during the last Fraternal year. I am so proud of these men and this organization. May God Bless, PGK Grant Kempf



Fr. Alex Birthday



St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

History of the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel has a special heavenly role in doing battle against the devil, protecting the Church, protecting Christians against assault from the devil. The prayer to St. Michael originated with Pope Leo XIII in 1886. Legend has it that the Pope, following Holy Mass, received a vision in which he saw the great damage Satan would do to the Church and the world in the 20th century. Pope Leo XIII composed this prayer in response and added it to the Leonnine prayers to be recited after Low Mass, which were originally intended for the intentions of the defense of the temporal sovereignty of the Holy See. Although no longer required to be said after Low Mass, the prayer is still encouraged.

Knights in Action



Grand Knight Don Shepherd, on behalf of Fairborn Council 3724, presented a check to Jordan (JC) Kelly, Treasurer of the Fairborn St Vincent de Paul Conference Food Pantry. Realizing the great need, Fairborn Council chose to support this worthy cause. JC explained that the needs of our neighbors are greater than ever and with winter around the corner, the need will continue to grow. We encourage everyone to keep this group in their prayers. Donations of food, staple products, and money is much appreciated. If you can help, please call 937-424-0951 or email kelly45324@gmail.com. SVDP is also looking for furniture, the need is surprisingly high. Couches, beds/mattresses, tables and chairs. Please contact Dave at 937-825-3576. He will be glad to arrange free pick up.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Fairborn Council 3724 celebrated its 70th anniversary as a Council with a family cookout prior to the monthly Business meeting this past week. It was great to see so many Brother Knights, family and friends gather for this special occasion. Many Blessings and thanks to all, past and present, who work so hard in making Council 3724 the very best!



Measure Up Campaign

Measure Up Chairman Harry Yarwick along with Grand Knight Don Shepherd had the honor of delivering checks to the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Developmental Disabilities of Clark County. These groups are always so appreciative of the Knights donation and are proud to show off how the donations are used. The items purchased by these funds over the years are carefully maintained and still in use today. Funds from the support have gone to purchase video cameras for recording and playback of therapy sessions. Climbing and balancing equipment to support balance and coordination exercises and many many other items used to teach, help and further the growth of some of Gods most cherished, the developmentally disabled.



INSURANCE CORNER

Four parts of retirement: Phase Two



In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash. Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work, for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years. Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule. I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Health and Healing requests are entered into the council's prayer 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 Souls:

Chuck Gilbert

Health and Healing:

PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, GK Don & Teri Shepherd, Charlie Lump, Bob Goeke, Charles Zeller, Jason Hake, Cal and Alice Smith, Maureen Edwards, Jon Edwards, Ponzi Swett, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lump, Kim & Anna Gros, PGK Herman & Martha Karhoff, Pat Riegle, Betty Destout, Harley Paxson, Anna Lou Nava, Jordan Clemment, Bro. Pat Schuman, Kathy Justice, Mary Alice Paxton, Lucy Ragazine (sister of Fr. Ambrose), Frank Tipton, John Dawes, Eric Potter, Cortney Links, the People of Ukraine, the People of Israel, Nam Mac, Jaqueline Keesbury and Alicia DeWitt.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.



Donate blood and hearts will be glowing!

The holidays are a wonderful time to put aside the challenges of this busy season and give the gift of blood so that many will have more time... more joy... more life.



Formerly Community Blood Center

- Donor Time App
- 937-461-3220
- DonorTime.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Mary Help of Christians Knights of Columbus

954 North Maple Street, Fairborn, OH

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:30am – 12:30pm



Appointment preferred. Scan QR code or go to: www.donortime.com, enter sponsor code: 227

Answer the bell to donate and you'll be "**Sleigh-In-It**" in the **holiday long-sleeve t-shirt!** Our gift to you when you register to donate blood with Solvita Blood Center from **Nov. 6 – Dec. 31.**



NOVEMBER TIDBITS

November's moon name, the Beaver Moon, highlights the actions of animals preparing for winter and the onset of the colder days ahead. The Beaver Moon reaches peak illumination in the morning hours of Monday, November 27, at 4:16 A.M. EST.

The November flower is the chrysanthemum, or mum for short. The flower is most associated with the fall season, providing the last pop of color in the landscape. Chrysanthemums symbolize loyalty, friendship, and joy.

The November birthstones are the Topaz and the Citrine. The variety of Topaz hues includes colorless, light blue, yellow, orange, pink, violet, brown and, very rarely, red. The Topaz symbolizes strength, long life, beauty and intelligence. The Citrine birthstone is the transparent yellow to brownish orange variety of quartz, which has been used in jewelry for thousands of years. Today, most of the Citrine in the marketplace results from the heat treatment of amethyst. With its ready availability in a broad range of sizes, Citrine birthstone is one of the most affordable and desired yellow gemstones.

November 7 is Election Day. Don't forget to vote!

The end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent. The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. All Saints' Day on November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. We turn to the saints as guides and models of holiness on this day.

“Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

All Souls' Day on November 2nd guides us in remembering our deceased loved ones and praying for a peaceful journey from Purgatory to Heaven. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

Psalm 121

A song for ascents. I shall raise my eyes to the mountains, from where will my help come? My help is from God, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to falter; Your Guardian will not slumber. Behold the Guardian of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. God is your Guardian; God is your shadow; He is by your right hand. By day, the sun will not smite you, nor will the moon at night. God will guard you from all evil; He will guard your soul. God will guard your going out and your coming in from now and to eternity.

NE3 Pastoral Council

The first ever Pastoral Council to represent all six churches of the Northeast 3 Family of Parishes is final, Father Jason Bedel, NE3 pastor, is happy to announce. Fifteen parishioners (see below), sought from pre-existing councils at each church, will help lead NE3 toward its final destination as one canonical parish. St. Brigid and St. Luke, the two largest NE3 churches, both with schools, each have three representatives. The other four churches each have two with the third largest, Mary, Help of Christians, also having an alternate. The first meeting of the Family Pastoral Council, or FPC, is scheduled for Nov. 7. Formation of an FPC is a key milestone for Phase 1 of the Archdiocese's Beacons of Light initiative. According to Beacons guidance, the function of the pastoral council is "to investigate everything pertaining to pastoral activities, to weigh them carefully and to set forth practical conclusions concerning them so as to promote conformity of the life and actions of the People of God with the Gospel." The term for FPC membership is three years. The council will be temporarily co-chaired by Father Mike Holloran, Parochial Vicar, and Dr. Josh Englefield, Director of Evangelization and Christian Formation, for six months until permanent co-chairs are discerned. Initial FPC tasks include establishing goals, as well as creating a new charter, vision, and mission.

Ensuring parishioner representation is at the heart of forming an FPC, according to the Pastoral Planning Pathway set forth within Beacons of Light. The council gives parishioners "a voice in how their Family of Parishes serves them and leads them to missionary discipleship," the Pathway states. "In its most effective form, the pastoral council is the place where the pastor can share his concerns, discuss difficult pastoral issues, test new ideas and initiatives for the Family and get practical advice from a group of parishioners who live in and represent the larger and wider faith community." The 15 parishioners chosen for the inaugural Family Pastoral Council are:

Mary, Help of Christians

Larry Bogemann
Dave Banaszak
Alternate:
Mark Christensen

Sacred Heart

Dave Fleischman
Don Hall

Saint Augustine

Dan Schiavone
Dominic Miller

Saint Brigid

Tom Pestak
Nancy Severt
David Peters

Saint Luke

Andrew Severyn
Alice Britt
John Donnelly

Saint Paul

Velda Martin
Vickie Hoomes

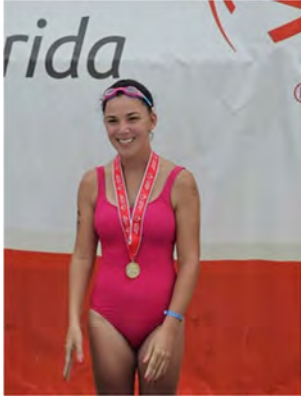
2023 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Brother Knight Tom & Linda Engle are very proud of their daughter Lexis Engle for her participation in Special Olympics games & activities. Lexis has participated in soccer, equestrian, stand-up paddle boarding, pickle ball, swimming, tennis, golf, track & field, bowling and basketball. She is currently training for flag football at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL.

Lexis participated in the Special Olympics Florida (SOF) State Swimming Competition on Oct 7 & 8, 2023 at the North County Regional Park in Sebastian, Fl. She won a first-place gold medal in the 100-meter breast stroke & a second place silver medal in the 100-meter races. The K of C Council 13153 Vero Beach, FL provided lunch for all the attendees.

On Oct 14, 2023, Lexis volunteered to handle a booth at the Hunsader Farms 32nd Annual Pumpkin Festival to benefit Hooves with H.E.A.R.T, that provides support and hope to individuals with special needs through equine-assisted activities and riding therapy.

On Oct 15, 2023, Lexis & her Manatee Blazers flag football teammates & coaches traveled to Veterans Community Park in Naples, FL to participate in the SOF Area 7 Fall Classic. During opening ceremonies, Lexis led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Blazers won their game and each player received a First Place Gold Medal.



LEXIS ENGLE



MANATEE BLAZERS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM

Lexis Engle was recently chosen as the Manatee County, Florida Special Olympics Athlete of the Year and invited to attend the Special Olympics Florida 51st Anniversary Champions Gala to celebrate with all its Champions at the Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate, Florida on Oct 28, 2023. She attended with her sister Chaperone Lacey Engle, who was the Council, Cincinnati Diocese & Ohio State Council 2009 Youth of the Year Honoree.

Sherry Wheelock, President/CEO of Special Olympics Florida (SOF) welcomed the 600 friends and supporters to the Champions Gala. She thanked Publix for being the major sponsor and for their donation in April 2023 of over \$3,700,000, Wheelock also thanked the many other partners including the Knights of Columbus for their support of the close to the 62,000 SOF athletes. Lexis Engle and the SOF athletes from the 67 Florida counties were awarded medals as Athletes of the Year. Following dinner there was entertainment, silent / live auctions, caricatures and fireworks.





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November Events

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| Nov 1 | All Saints' Day (no BINGO) | Nov 2 | Trustees Meeting / All Soul's Day |
| Nov 4&5 | Christmas Bazaar | Nov 5 | Breakfast for Christmas Bazaar |
| Nov 7 | Election Day | Nov 8 | K of C BINGO |
| Nov 9 | Business Meeting | Nov 11 | Blood Drive / Veteran's Day |
| Nov 12 | K of C Parish Breakfast | Nov 13 | 4th Degree Meeting |
| Nov 15 | BINGO | Nov 16 | Home Corp Meeting |
| Nov 18 | Memorial Mass | Nov 19 | Parish Senior Thanksgiving Dinner |
| Nov 22 | BINGO | Nov 23 | THANKSGIVING DAY |
| Nov 25 | HC Work Party | Nov 29 | K of C 5th BINGO Night |
| Nov 30 | FAB & PGK Meetings | | |

December Preview

Trustees Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, Breakfast with St. Nick, K of C Parish Breakfast, K of C Bingo, Business Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, PGK Christmas Open House, FAB Meeting, OLQP Corporate Communion, MHC Corporate Communion, Immaculate Conception, Christmas

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 wins the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



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