

# SANTA MARIA

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

As Memorial Day draws near, it brings to mind something I saw during the Knights of Columbus State Convention last year and I wanted to share it with you. Watching the flag-folding ceremony and listening to the meaning behind each fold was a very heartfelt experience. Most Americans have seen the traditional folding of the American flag at special events, such as funerals. Have you ever wondered why Old Glory was folded that specific way? Much more than just pomp and circumstance, each of the thirteen folds holds special meaning.

### The Meaning Behind the 13 Folds of Old Glory

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

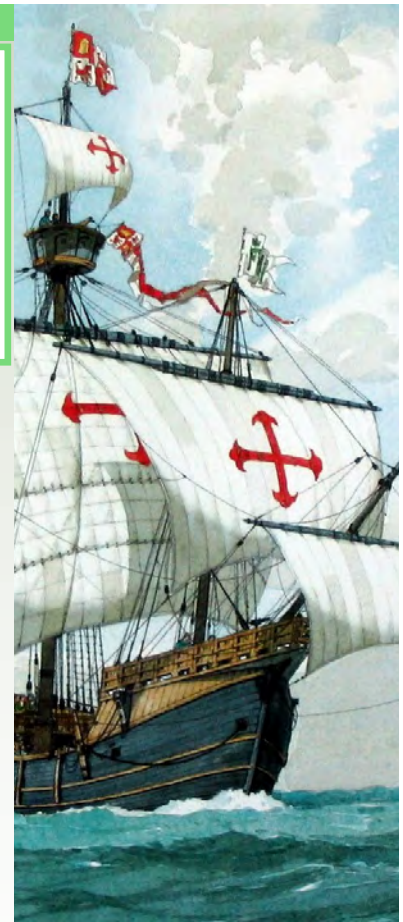
The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.



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## **Grand Knight's Column (cont.)**

The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust." (From military.com)

PGK Russell Milliron and PGK John Wolfe have been working for months to restart our Blue Coat Awards Banquet which was halted during COVID. Congratulations, Gentlemen, you pulled it off! What a special evening it was and the food, prepared by our own Kitchen Crew, was outstanding! Thanks to all our other Knights who volunteered to help with this event. Congratulations to all the award winners! If it wasn't for PGK Russell Milliron and PGK John Wolfe, this event wouldn't have happened. Thanks to you both for your leadership, hard-work and perseverance!

Thanks to the Kitchen Crew and all the Knights for another great season of breakfasts. Special thanks to PGK Frank Minnick, PGK Russell Milliron, PGK Frank Carchedi, PGK Larry Bogemann, and Brother Cal Smith. These Knights all put their outstanding culinary skills to work to ensure our Parish's breakfasts are done to perfection! I also want to give a special thanks to Brother Corky Block for managing the beverage station, PGK Grant Kempf for dining hall setup, and PGK Herman Karhoff for serving as our cashier. The monthly breakfasts will return in the Fall.

Vivat Jesus, GK Don Shepherd

### **LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER**

On Saturday, May 11th, the Knights will honor the ladies in their lives and our Brother Knights' widows with a catered meal. It will be held in the Parish Center at Mary, Help of Christians Church after the 4:00 pm Mass. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge or you can contact Grand Knight Don Shepherd to make your reservations by May 6. (donterishepherd@aol.com, 937-657-4375).

### **KNIGHT OF THE YEAR BANQUET**

It is hard to believe that the end of the Fraternal Year is fast approaching. This means it is time for our annual Knight of the Year Banquet. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 15 and plan to attend this great event. The Banquet will be held in the MHC Parish Center. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge or you can contact Grand Knight Don Shepherd to make your reservations by June 8 (donterishepherd@aol.com, 937-657-4375). More details to come.

### **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 Leonine 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.



**Chaplain Fr. Bedel**

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Beloved in Christ, Saint Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes aspires to cooperate through grace to form disciples of Jesus Christ who desire to be saints.

That sentence above is the vision statement we have crafted over the past several months. Family Leadership Team, Family Pastoral Council, and parishioners in leadership of commissions and ministries of all six of our parishes were all invited to participate. As a reminder, the vision is the goal; the mission is how we get there.

Crafting a vision statement is a major step in phase two of Beacons of Light. You may recall, phase one was about leadership, phase two vision; and eventually we will move into phase three, which is about culture. Over the next several weeks, our parochial vicars and I will be unpacking the rich meaning in each of the words we chose, on purpose, in our vision statement. Thank you for your prayers and support you have already offered and continue to offer throughout this process. Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

Happy Easter, Fr. Bedel



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Father Alex continues to serve and reside at Saint John Fisher, in Newtown, Ohio; he is also the parochial vicar at Guardian Angels, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cincinnati.

**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.

**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.

### St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes

Our Family is comprised of six churches: Mary, Help of Christians in Fairborn, Sacred Heart in New Carlisle, St. Augustine in Jamestown, St. Brigid in Xenia, St. Luke in Beavercreek, and St. Paul in Yellow Springs. Two of our churches, St. Brigid and St. Luke, also have schools with preschool through eighth grades. We are part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and were combined as a Family in July 2022 to be “Beacons of Light,” an Archdiocese multi-year initiative to better array resources for spreading the Gospel far and wide. Family staff are listed below. Contact information for each church is also listed for help with baptisms, anointing of the sick, marriage, communion, reconciliation, registering, religious education, joining the Church, and other needs.

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## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Good news, Brothers! Our council won the “Sprint to Founder’s Day” Supreme Council incentive for signing up six or more new members during the last three months. I believe we signed up seven. Wow! Thanks be to God and to all of you for making this achievement possible. Soon, we’ll have a personalized banner in our Council Chambers which will recognize this outstanding accomplishment.

**Talking Points.** Have you ever been in a situation where you want to tell a prospect what the Knights are all about, but you’re having a hard time coming up with something to talk about? Well, below are a few talking points you can use (taken from the K of C “Elevator Pitch” card):

- We have more than 16,000 councils headquartered in Catholic parishes around the world.
- Knights put their faith into action every day to make life better in their parishes and communities.
- We offer men the opportunity to grow in their faith while helping others and supporting the Church, and to become better Catholics, husbands, and fathers.
- The Knights of Columbus annually contributes nearly \$200 million to worthy charitable causes around the world, and our members donate nearly 100 million hours of their time.
- Our Leave No Neighbor Behind program provides direct outreach to those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Our founder – Blessed Michael McGivney – has been beatified by the Church. People around the world seek his intercession through prayer.
- All practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are invited to join.

**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 Brothers Mark Dues or Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00. Vivat Jesus!

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC

Mark Your Calendars! July will be here sooner than you think and the Members of the Council, along with 4th Degree members of Monsignor Buckley Assembly will once again march in the Fairborn Independence Day Parade. As always, our entry will consist of a truck and a trailer and we’ll gather at the hall to decorate it at 8:00 AM on the 4th. We have to be in our place in the parade line by 9:00 AM. As usual, you are welcome to ride in the truck or trailer. Some of us will also walk. After the parade, we’ll have our annual Council Family Picnic back at the Hall. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided by the Council. Please bring a covered dish of your choice to share. We’ll have a few games and a lot of fellowship and good times for the whole family. We’ll start to gather about 2:00. As always, there will be brown bag Bingo after we eat.

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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.

### May Tidbits

May's full Flower Moon reaches peak illumination at 9:53 a.m. (EDT) on Thursday, May 23. It will be below the horizon at this time, so plan to go outdoors on the nights of the 22nd and the 23rd to get the best view of the bright, full Flower Moon. May's Flower Moon name should be no surprise; flowers spring forth across North America in abundance this month!

In the United States and many other countries, Emerald serves as the birthstone for people who were born in the month of May. Emeralds are gem-quality specimens of the beryl mineral family with a rich, distinctly green color. They are found in igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks in a small number of locations worldwide. Today emerald, together with ruby and sapphire form the "big three" of colored stones.

The May birth flowers are the Lily-of-the-valley and the Hawthorn. Lily-of-the-valley, with its small, dainty, bell-shaped white flowers, is a perennial ground-cover that spreads aggressively given the right conditions. These flowers represent sweetness and purity.

Hawthorns are flowering shrubs in the rose family with flowers that bloom in May in small white, red, or pink clusters. Small berries, called haws, sprout after the flowers. The Hawthorn is a longstanding symbol of hope.

May 4 - Kentucky Derby  
May 18 - Preakness Stakes

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo  
May 18 - Armed Forces Day

May 12 - Mother's Day  
May 27 - Memorial Day

### May Spiritual

May 2 - National Day of Prayer - a day for prayer and reflection, bringing people together for the well-being of the nation.

May 12 - The Ascension of The Lord

"After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it." (Mark 16:19-20)

May 19 - Pentecost

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

May 20 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

May 24 - The Feast of Mary, Help of Christians

"Mary, Mother of God, you are the Mother of mankind and therefore the Help of Christians, the all-powerful suppliant. You abound in divine life for yourself; for us you abound in grace." EWTN

May 26 - The Most Holy Trinity

“God, Thou who art one in nature and three in persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, first cause and last end of all creatures, the infinite Good, incomprehensible and ineffable, my Creator, my Redeemer, and my Sanctifier, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, and I love Thee with all my heart.”

May 30 - Corpus Christi - translates to 'Body of Christ' and this day celebrates and honors the presence of Jesus Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist or Communion.

May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

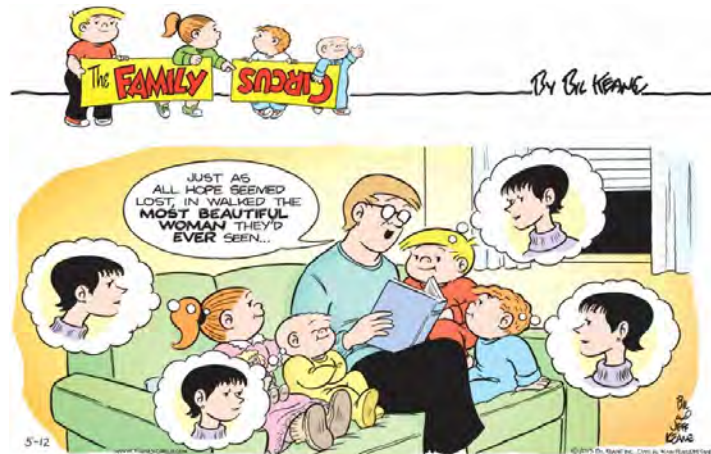
”Rejoice in the Lord, for He is our Savior and the source of strength and courage; let us give thanks, proclaim His greatness, and celebrate His presence among us.” Isaiah 12

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

I couldn't be more proud to announce our Council's Knight of the Month for April 2024, PGK Russell Milliron, our Council's Financial Secretary. Russell just committed for another 3-year term as F.S. Also, Russell calls BINGO on the second and fifth Wednesdays of the month. He is a key member of the Kitchen Crew, trusted council for me as GK, he is knowledgeable about all Knights of Columbus matters, and he is Chairman of our upcoming Blue Coat Awards. Russell has been involved in Boy Scouts for decades and he runs our Boy Scouts Food Drive. Russell runs the Funnel Cake booth at the Church Festival and he serves as Co-Chair of the Funnel Cake booth at the Fairborn Corn Festival. Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of the Month for April 2024, PGK and F.S. Russell Milliron. Thank you, Russell, for all you do!

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month for April 2024, Brother Harry and Judy Yarwick! Harry runs our Measure Up program. He works BINGO and is responsible for medical aid to players. On Holy Thursday, Harry rushed up to help clear chairs from the Altar after the Washing of the Feet. Harry is an announcer at our Reverse Raffles and Church Festivals and has done it willingly for years. Harry is a Server and a Lector at Mass. He is our Aluminum Recycling Manager. Judy is a longtime member of D of I where she served as an Officer. She writes, edits and designs the D of I monthly newsletter for years. She is responsible for the Members' Roster and address book. Judy is one of the leaders of the Spirit Bag Program and she designed Easter cards for the Church shut-ins. She is in the Funeral Lunch Ministry. Judy has also served as a Lead Kitchen Manager for BINGO for many years. As a couple, they are active in many Church activities. Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month for April 2024, Brother Harry and Judy Yarwick! Thank you, Harry and Judy, for all you do!



## 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 May 30th, 2024 at 6:00PM. Start thinking about worthy charities that we might be able to support this fraternal year. You can submit them to the FAB by placing them in the HC Presidents mailbox at the hall or sending an email to [grandknight@3724kofc.org](mailto:grandknight@3724kofc.org). We hope to have Johnson Investments on hand as well to go over the fund performances and strategies for the coming year.

### Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on April 18, 2024, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

Printer/copier (new Brother) in the Business Office has been repaired and available for Council use.

Acquired HC monthly Raffle tickets which are now available for purchase from HC President Minnick. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. The first drawing for \$50 occurs at the July 2024 HC Business Meeting. In addition, for each of the months in the next fraternal year there will be drawings for a \$40, \$25, and \$10 winners. Each winning ticket is returned to the jar for all subsequent drawings. HC proceeds are used to off-set unforeseen maintenance issues (i.e., replacement of Refrigerator/Freezer compressors, etc.).

Note: Next HC meeting is on May 16, start time is 7:00 PM.

April 27th Work Party results – Another wonderful turnout (11 members) to help with pressuring cleaning and installation of the AC units for the Council lounge and meeting rooms.

Next Work Party May 25, 2024, 9:00 am. Storage cabinets in the boiler room need repair. We also need help picking up trash in the green area and around the MHC campus.

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. Key point - the HC is here to help Council members do whatever it can to help achieve the Council's mission.

HC raffle drawing winners: \$40.00 prize – Ticket 15 – winner Chris Stoddard; \$25.00 prize – Ticket 13 – winner Linda Stoddard; and \$10.00 prize – Ticket 83 – winner PGK Steve Wal.



## 2024 Super Cash Bonanza

Peace Be With You All, final turn in this year was on Thursday May 2nd and tickets and the last check were mailed on Friday May 3 to the state chairman. At the time of writing this article I was still doing the tally and will have that for you in the June Santa Maria. We were fast out of the box at 1015 tickets and then tailed off a bit toward the end but we should be close to last year's total of 1300 tickets. The prizes worth over \$108,000 will be awarded during the State Convention this month. On behalf of Grand Knight Shepherd, thank you once again for supporting our efforts in raising these funds. Vivat Jesus, PGK Erbacher

## BLUE COAT AWARDS - 2024

The Council's 48th Annual Blue Coat Awards was held on Thursday April 25, 2024 at the MHC Parish Center. We had excellent attendance from the Council officers, the members and their guests and our Dear Widows. The support by the members with set-up, cooking and serving, and the assistance during the event plays a big part in the success of our annual community event. Fairborn Mayor Daniel Kirkpatrick read and presented a Proclamation to GK Don Shepherd naming April 25, 2024 as Fairborn Council 3724 K of C Day in Fairborn. Our Volunteer of the Year Honoree was Brother David J Johnston.. There were also nine other Blue Coat Awards Honorees from agencies such as the Fairborn Police, Fire Department and City Employee, WPAFB Security Forces, Fire Department and Wounded Warrior Program, the WSU Police Department, Greene County Sheriff's Office and the Xenia Barracks of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Plaques were presented to the honorees by GK Shepherd on behalf of the Council. Ohio State Senator Bob Hackett was on hand to present certificates from the Ohio Senate recognizing their accomplishments. Greene County Commissioner Dick Gould also presented similar certificates from the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

## Honor Flight



On Saturday night, April 20th, the Dayton Honor Flight returned from Washington, D.C. On that flight was Brother Cal Smith and his son, Ken Smith, who served as his guardian on the trip. A large group of Knights, family members and friends, along with a couple thousand of well-wishers, Military personnel and Veterans who came to welcome the group home. At the boarding gate, there were at least 12 service dogs in attendance with at least 500 people who went through the TSA screening to get a gate pass to meet the Honor Flight Veterans at the arrival gate. As the last honoree past us, we departed the arrival gate and headed to the exit downstairs where we were met by hundreds of well-wishers, flag wavers, and bands playing patriotic tunes. I believe this is one of the most heartfelt experiences I've had the honor to witness. I strongly recommend everyone to experience this firsthand to support our Veterans.

Thank you, Brother Cal Smith, for your service to our Country!

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Lexis Engle, daughter of Fairborn Knight Tom & Linda Engle, has stayed very busy during 2024 with her Special Olympics activities, other sports activities and charitable fundraising efforts. She regularly practices tennis, soccer & basketball at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida. During January 11-22, 2024, Lexis participated in the Special Olympics Torch Icon Campaign Fundraiser held at several Publix locations. Special Olympics Florida and Publix Super Markets teamed up once again on a mission-driven collaboration to help Special Olympics athletes throughout the southeast United States. She also served as a Special Olympics customer greeter for a local Jersey Mikes Annual Month of Giving as 100% of sales would go to Special Olympics Florida. This partnership serves nearly 70,000 Special Olympic Florida athletes and increases public understanding of their capabilities in the workforce. Lexis is a member of the Saints Peter & Paul the Apostles Catholic Church Softball Team sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 15231. She is the only female on the team and usually plays in the outfield or being the catcher. During her last game she hit a double in the last inning which drove in the winning run from her teammate on third base. Lexis attended the Special Olympics 2024 Region 3 Equestrian Competition in Tampa, Florida on Feb 16 & 17, 2024 and received a blue 1st place ribbon & a gold 1st place medal which qualified her to attend the April 2024 State Equestrian Competition. Lexis attended the Special Olympics April 5 & 6, 2024 State Equestrian Competition at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida. On April 5, Lexis received a First Place Gold Medal in her Equestrian Working Trails competition and on April 6, Lexis received a First Place Gold Medal in her Equestrian Western Equitation Competition. On April 13, 2024, Lexis in the Special Olympics Florida Region 3 Summer Games Tennis Singles Orange Ball Competition held at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida. Lexis won her two tennis singles matches and was awarded a First Place Gold Medal. She has qualified to participate in the Special Olympics Florida State Summer Games on May 17-18, 2024 in the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex & USTA National Campus in Orlando, Florida.





### FAIRBORN 3724 KNIGHTS MEET IN FLORIDA

Fairborn Knight Mark & Marilyn Dues recently vacationed in Sarasota, Florida. PGK John A. Wolfe invited them for an early afternoon dinner at the Engle home in Ellenton, FL. Tom Engle grilled out Kobe steak burgers, New Orleans sausage and Nathan's hot dogs. Linda Engle served fresh caprese salad, baked beans, key lime pie, strawberry short cake & Amish cookies. Everyone had a very enjoyable visit. Pictured below are Mark and Marilyn Dues, PGK John Wolfe, Tom and Linda Engle, Lexis Engle and family friend Ryan Smith.





## **NINE MONTH NOVENA**

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation. Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world. Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of

life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.

### **Entreaty for Council Service**

Please prayerfully consider taking up an officer's position to help chart your council's path this next Fraternal year. You will not be alone many of the previous officers continue to be active and are available to help with the duties of each position. All position descriptions are listed on page 13. If you have any questions reach out to me, or current Grand Knight Don or any of the Past Grand Knights, Trustees or currently serving officers. To serve your council is a great honor and if you just can't serve as an officer please consider stepping into one of the Program Chairman roles. Your council needs you, Vivat Jesus PGK Erbacher

### **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



## COUNCIL OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS



**GRAND KNIGHT:** The GK is the chief administrative and financial officer of the council. He presides over all council meetings and is Chairman of the Board of trustees. He appoints a Program Director who, with the Activity Directors plans, coordinates and conducts all council activities and is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:** The DGK performs all the duties of the GK in his absence or inability of the GK and all duties the Order manual imposes.

**CHANCELLOR:** Assists the GK and DGK in performing their duties. Third in the line of succession to run the council. Charged with the total participation of the membership in activities of the council. Exercises special interest in sick or distressed members. Council's representative to the District Vocation's Committee.

**RECORDER:** Keeps a true record of the doings of the council.

**TREASURER:** Custodian of all council funds. Receives from the Financial Secretary all monies, deposits and disburses all monies of the council

**ADVOCATE:** The attorney of the council in case of the trial and investigation of any matter of interest to the council, keeps current on the orders and council's by-laws and Roberts Rules.

**WARDEN:** Is in charge of all council property, except money and account/record books. With the assistance of the guards, arranges the council chamber for all meeting and degree work, verifies the membership of all present, conducts balloting as directed.

**INSIDE GUARD:** Attends the entrance to the council chamber from the inside door. Assists the Warden in the performance of his duties.

**OUTSIDE GUARDS:** These two attend the entrance to the council chamber from the outside entrance. They assist the Warden in the performance of his duties.

**TRUSTEES:** There are three trustees serving under the GK to supervise the financial business of the council approve payments and audits the account of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer every six months. They serve three-one year terms. One trustee is elected each year.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** This is not an elected office the FS is appointed by the Supreme Knight. Receives all monies owed the council, collects dues, maintains council current membership roster, advises Retention Committee, Grand Knight and Trustees when a member becomes delinquent in paying his dues.

## INSURANCE CORNER



### **Cha, Cha Changes**

You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may want to protect your ability to earn a living. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren. At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead. During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals, and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night. Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help. Give me a call.

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## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### **For The Formation Of Men And Women Religious And Seminarians**

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

## 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:**

Michael Barlow, Pat Prudhomme

### **Health and Healing:**

Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Larry Bogemann, Charlie Lumppp, Dave Banazak, John Martin, Terry McCann, Chuck Shaffer, Michael Gaudir, Helen Adams, Kitty Justice, Paul David Avery Jr, Ray & Regina Daley, Nam Mac, Jay Leonard, Brenda Whytal, Rose Yosick, Mary Alice Paxson, Marge Hueston, Lisa Caldwell, Kathy Thompson, Kim Sees, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lumppp, Cathy Bendall, Lou Nava, Addalyn Gibson, Gayle Beck, Carolyn Huey, Trish Huey, Jean Decenzo, Don & Pam Ward, Carol Maiorano, Margaret Adams, John Barlow, Larry Esses, Alicia DeWitt, Eric Rogalinski, Beverly LeFevre and Tony Ragozzine.

## 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.



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### May Events

May 1	BINGO	May 2	Trustees Meeting
May 5	1st Communion at MHC	May 8	K of C BINGO
May 9	Business Meeting	May 11	Ladies Appreciation Dinner
May 12	Happy Mother's Day	May 13	4th Degree Meeting
May 15	BINGO	May 16	Home Corp Meeting
May 17-19	K of C State Convention	May 22	BINGO
May 23	Lecturer Meeting	May 25	Home Corp Work Party
May 27	Memorial Day	May 29	K of C BINGO (5th week)
May 30	FAB and PGK Meetings		

### June Preview

BINGO, Trustees Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, Lecturer Meeting, Knight of the Year Banquet, Ride, Walk & Run for Life, Happy Father's Day

### 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 Thursday 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.



**Knight of the Month  
PGK Russ Milliron**



**Family of the Month  
Bro. Harry & Judy Yarwick**

**SANTA MARIA  
Gene Erbacher, PGK  
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**WEBMASTER  
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