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Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

We arrived in Nevers in time for a nice dinner at the hotel Mercure overlooking the Lorie river. After dinner several of us walked to the Cathedral of St-Cyr. It was closed by the time we got there so we were only able to walk around it. I was also under some reconstruction. It is a very large Cathedral and dates back to before the 9th century, having been redone many times over the centuries due to fires and wars.

In the morning we boarded our bus to the city of Charters and the Charters Cathedral. This Cathedral dates back to the 4th century and while famous for many reasons the most important to me is that it houses the Veil Mary was wearing at Jesus birth. In 1194 there was a terrible fire in the Cathedral that burned for a week. They were sure that Mary's Veil had been destroyed but to their amazement several monks emerged from the crypt with the Veil. They had been in the church when the fire broke out and could not escape so they got the Veil and fled down to the crypt and managed to survive the fire.

We had an excellent guided tour led by a lady from Russia that spoke perfect English. There are many beautiful, large stained-glass windows in the church. She explained these windows were done before the time when most people could read. Each pane of the window tells a story out of the bible. It was their way at that time to make the stories of the bible come to life.

This Cathedral has a huge crypt. There are several saints buried in the crypt. There are also at least 7 chapels in the crypt. Father Martin said Mass for us in the Chapel of St John the Baptist. These Chapels could each seat 30 of so people. The crypt serves as the foundation of the Cathedral.

In the main body of the Cathedral behind the main alter is a horseshoe shaped structure 30 feet tall and 330 feet long from one end of the horse-shoe to the other end of it. It is constructed of intricately carved limestone. There are 40 niches filled with close to life size statues carved into the limestone depicting the life of Christ. I cannot begin to imagine how long it took to carve these in the detail depicted.



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Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

In mid-August 1944 the Americans were advancing on Chartres. The American command fearing the Germans were occupying the towers of the Cathedral, ordered it to be targeted. Colonel Welborn Barton Griffith Jr questioned the order. He and another volunteer went to the Cathedral to check it out and verified that it was not occupied. He had the bells rung to signal that it was not occupied and the order was cancelled, thus saving the Cathedral. Unfortunately, later that same day he was killed by gunfire in a town near there. He was posthumously awarded many awards from both the French and American governments for his initiative. After a very nice lunch we were back on our bus headed to Lisieux.

To be continued.

Vivat Jesus, Tom





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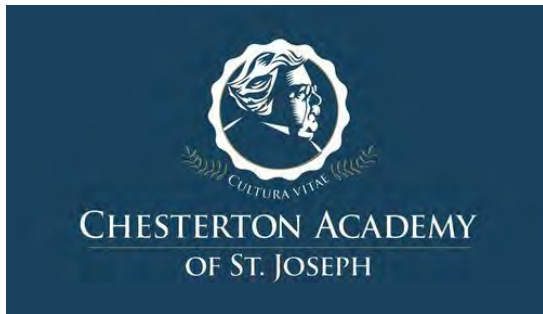
Any3 Things Podcast with Fr. Ambrose

Fr. Ambrose has launched a podcast for the St Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Serving Mary, Help of Christians, Sacred Heart, Saint Brigid, Saint Augustine, Saint Luke, and Saint Paul parishes. Fr. Ambrose will talk about Any 3 Things that would be good for us all to know! You can listen on our podcast website by clicking on the microphone in

the banner toward the top of any of the web pages. It's also available on the Amazon Music and PodBean apps.

<https://any3things.podbean.com/>

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST JOSEPH



You'd never guess that our students are future saints. They don't slay dragons, preach to fish, or have pet bears; they don't bilocate or even levitate. (That's probably for the best.) The evidence of their future sainthood is less spectacular.

I often see students walking to morning mass earlier than required. A skeptic might claim that they are merely trying to get good seats, or stargazing in the twilight parking lot. Instead, I think this shows that our students are serious about their faith. Our students are serious about service, too. There are good deeds, justly rewarded with merits as part of the House System. There are days of service; at the most recent, students helped tend the adjoining garden, for example. Not least is their regular cleaning of the school.

Our students are also students. They construct like Euclid and conjugate like Cicero. They read Plato and Shakespeare. Our students train as philosophers, theologians, scientists. This they do together, as a community of learners.

In Chesterton's biography of St. Thomas Aquinas, he observes that "each generation is converted by the saint who contradicts it most." Our students contradict their generation. Their intellects, formed by the classics and the Socratic method, contradict it. Their characters, held to the highest standard by their faith, contradict it. And their spirituality, by its very existence, contradicts it. If Chesterton is correct, we are not just educating a cohort of future saints, but working towards the salvation of our age. May God bless this endeavor.

Best,
Dr. Burton

Fall Reverse Raffle Wrap Up

Our Fall Reverse Raffle of 2024 is in the history books, and all signs point to another resounding success. We're still working on the numbers but wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support.

First and foremost, we truly appreciate the backing of all of our ticket buyers. Without you, we would have no event. In addition, we especially want to thank all our brothers that volunteered to make the event the success that it was. Congratulations to Chris Stoddard, our grand prize winner. We look forward to your continued support of our Spring Reverse Raffle in February!

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

Membership Drives: We stoked a lot of interest in becoming a knight, but we couldn't get a firm commitment during the two Masses at Mary, Help of Christians at our Membership Drive of September 21 and 22. As we always say, we are the workers in the field and the Lord harvests; therefore, we do not get discouraged. It's up to Him. Still, I wish to thank those brothers who volunteered their precious time and talent to help with the drive: Grand Knight Tom Pitstick, Financial Advisor Rob Hernandez (both Masses!), Brothers Jay Luis and Dan Cyphers. Brother Jay is a new Knight! So, thanks a lot, Jay! As always, many thanks to our priests and especially Julie for their help during the campaign. Our next Membership Drive will be October 26 and 27 at Our Lady Queen of Peace.



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 for and from 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! Mark!

Facebook

Our council has a substantial social media presence fostered by our current Financial Secretary PGK Russ Milliron, aided by PGK Grant Kempf. Follow your council at <https://www.facebook.com/3724kofc>

Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are back with another season of breakfasts for your Sunday morning enjoyment. Our next breakfast will be on November 10th. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 and will continue until 11:00. 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, \$5v for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

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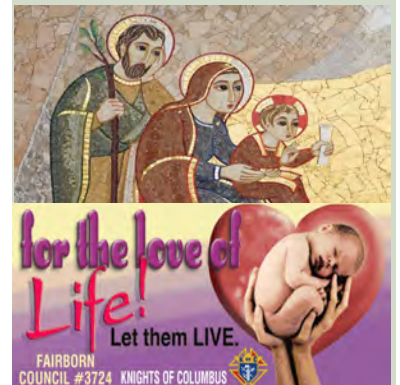
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3724 Past Grand Knights Club

Saturday night, Fairborn Council 3724 Past Grand Knights Club gathered with family to welcome its newest member, PGK Don Shepherd and wife Teri. Brother Don had an outstanding 2023-2024 term culminating in receiving the Star Council Award! Thanks to Don & Teri for all you do.



2024 Football Frenzy

As of this printing and the first turn in we have reached 203 tickets sold which is over the number we needed to get to the second tier for credits from the State Program. We have moved up to \$7.00 per ticket rebate and a 50% per capita credit on whatever result the state receives at the conclusion of the program. If we can get to 239 tickets, we will move up to the \$8.00 rebate and 75% per capita credit. If you receive an additional mailing from the State ticket chairman, you can return them to the council should you wish. If you decide to purchase them as long as you put 3724 in the selling council block, we will still get credit for them.

As always the frenzy involves the last 10 weeks of the football season. The 10 game frenzy season is now underway. The last day for council turn in will be Dec 19, 2024. Bear in mind that any stubs turned in from this point on only count for the remaining games in the season and not the full 10 weeks. Ticket donation is \$20.00. Extra tickets are available in the lounge or you can reach out to me directly at (937) 477-5669 or gene.erbacher@gmail.com and I can mail some out to you. Vivat Jesus, PGK Erbacher

Please make checks payable to: K of C 3724

Ticket stubs and donations can be returned to the council hall or mailed to

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of the Month for October 2024, PGK Frank Carchedi. Brother Frank has been and continues to be the go to person for all we do. His wealth of experience and constant presence makes all we do so successful. Thanks for all you do!!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Fairborn Council 3724 Family of the Month, Brother Corky and Cheryl Block. They are very active, from bingo, to Parish breakfasts and all we do. In addition, Corky and Cheryl support Mary, Help of Christians as ushers and Eucharistic ministers. Thanks for all you do!!!

Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on Oct 17, 2024, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key interest points:
Conducted the third HC Raffle and the winners were: Dylan Medley - \$40 prize winner, ticket # 116; PGK Russell Milliron - \$25 winner, ticket # 49; and PGK Russell Milliron, \$10 winner, ticket # 25.
HC Officers and Trustees agreed to purchase security and protection devise/apps.

Oct 26 (Work Party) – tremendous turnout! Special thanks to those (PGK's Carchedi, Minnick, Milliron, Erbacher, Karhoff, Kempf, Shepard, DGK Justice, Bros Doug & Michael Finn, K. Normand and D. Johnston who helped with:

- Cleaning carpets and chairs
- Dusting and washing windows
- Winterizing all of window air conditioners

The next Work Party is planned for Nov 21, 2024, 9:00 am. Watch for a Work Party Activity email around mid-Nov for more details. 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.**

Note: Next HC meeting is on Nov 17, start time is 7:00 PM. HC meetings are open to all members in good standing, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday morning crew activities:

- Helped Eric Rogalinski put the frame up for our awning at our entrance.
- Installed cameras
- Checked fire extinguisher and First Aid kit
- Straighten up the tool room

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'.

Happy Birthday Fr. Alex

On Friday September 27th, Fairborn Knights traveled to Sidney to celebrate Fr. Alex's forty-first birthday. His birthday is September 30th, 1983. Brother Knights Frank Carchedi (PGK), Herman Karhoff (PGK), Matt Justice, and Ken Normand drove up to meet Father at his rectory, at Holy Angels in downtown Sidney. Father is adjusted to his new assignment serving the St. Joseph Pillar of Families Parishes. He is one of three priests serving four Shelby County parishes spread over a large area as follows: Holy Angels in Sidney, Saints Peter and Paul in Fort Loramie, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Anna, and St. Michael also in Fort Loramie.

Father gave us a tour of Holy Angels church. It's a grand, beautiful church, completed in 1862. After the tour, we drove to Applebee's in Sidney for an enjoyable dinner. Then we came back to the rectory, where we sang "Happy Birthday" and presented Father with a card signed by over twenty Knights. Father made us coffee, and we enjoyed birthday cake and great conversation. We always learn a lot from Father. It's inspiring to learn about his continued efforts to help his deceased brother's widow and her family in Uganda. To conclude a beautiful evening Father prayed for our council. We're blessed to have had Father Alex as our seminarian, and now as our friend these years since his ordination in 2019.



Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2024-2025

As of July 1, 2024, new Fraternal year, the Financial Advisory Board will consist of:

Grand Knight: Tom Pitstick

Deputy Grand Knight: Matt Justice

Trustee: PGK Don Shepherd

Council Treasurer: Bro. Larry DeWitt

Home Corp President: PGK Frank Minnick

Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff

1st Year At-Large Member: PGK Gene Erbacher

2nd Year At-Large Member: Bro. Steve Glass

The FAB met on October 17th 2024 just prior to the Home Corp meeting to decide on which charities will be supported this year. Checks to the charities selected will be written at the November Trustees Meeting. The regular FAB meeting scheduled for October 30, 2024, was cancelled due to the All Saints Day Vigil Mass occurring that evening.

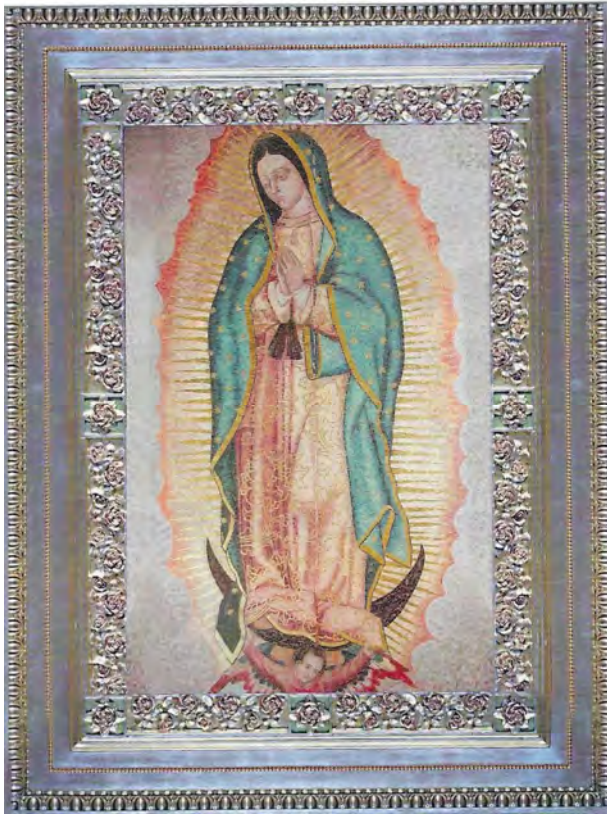
Psalm 121

A song for ascents. I shall raise my eyes to the mountains, from where will my help come? 2. My help is from God, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3. He will not allow your foot to falter; Your Guardian will not slumber. 4. Behold the Guardian of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5. God is your Guardian; God is your shadow; He is by your right hand. 6. By day, the sun will not smite you, nor will the moon at night. 7. God will guard you from all evil; He will guard your soul. 8. God will guard your going out and your coming in from now and to eternity.

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.





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.

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



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.

INSURANCE CORNER



Four parts of retirement: Phase Three

Retirement, You've got free time to pursue your interests, visit friends and family and relax. It's a beautiful thing. Remember: a 60-year-old man has a 20% chance of making it to 95! A 60-year-old woman has a 30% chance. And there is a 40% chance that at least one member of a married 60-year-old couple will make it to 95. That's a long time to live off savings while you don't work. As a Knight, you have access to a product that is designed to make saving safe and easy. Our annuity is designed to provide guaranteed long term security. Savings placed into this annuity over time can provide income at retirement that you cannot outlive. With that guarantee comes the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity. Our annuities offer a competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Take some time to meet with me and I will explain fully the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans. As you proceed toward retirement, think about a Knights of Columbus annuity

Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Those Who Have Lost A Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

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: Mary Bogemann, Gary McCann

Health and Healing:

Archbishop Schnurr, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, PGK John Wolfe, PGK Herman Karhoff, Charlie Lump, Dave Banazak, John Martin, Chuck Shaffer, Michael Gaudir, Helen Adams, Kitty Justice, Aileen Erbacher, 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 Lump, 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, Beverly LeFevre, Tony Ragozzine, Dave Black, Kim Gros, Steve Kosey, Baby Henry, Cecilia Prewitt, Jeremy Begines DD#5, Cal Smith and Rita Bland.

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.

November Events



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Nov 1 All Saints' Day	Nov 2 All Souls' Day
Nov 2&3 Christmas Bazaar	Nov 3 Breakfast for Christmas Bazaar
Nov 6 BINGO	Nov 7 Trustees Meeting
Nov 9 Blood Drive	Nov 10 K of C Breakfast
Nov 11 K of C 4th Degree Meeting	Nov 11 Veterans' Day
Nov 13 K of C BINGO	Nov 14 Business Meeting
Nov 16 Memorial Mass	Nov 20 BINGO
Nov 21 Home Corp Meeting	Nov 23 HC Work Party
Nov 24 Parish Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov 27 No BINGO
Nov 28 THANKSGIVING DAY	

December Preview

Trustees Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, Breakfast with St. Nick, K of C Breakfast, K of C BINGO, Business Meeting, Home Corp Meeting, Home Corp Work Party, Lecturer Meeting, BINGO, PGK Christmas Open House, OLQP Corporate Communion, MHC Corporate Communion, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Feast of the Holy Family, 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 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 Frank Carchedi



Family of the Month
Corky & Cheryl Block



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