

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724  
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,  
Sorry my column is going to be very short this month as farm work has taken priority.

All of our group except Father Martin, myself and Nick returned back to the states. The 3 of us were staying for 4 extra days. The first day we toured the sights of Paris. We walked to a nearby church where Father Martin said Mass on one of the side Alters. We then enjoyed lunch at a street side restaurant where we could people watch. Our next stop was to the Eiffel Tower. It is as impressive as billed. We took the stares to the first 2 levels which is as high as you can go by stairs. It was rather tiring but worth it for the view of Paris from the top.

Found another street side cafe for some adult beverage and people watching. From there we walked along the Seine River walk. It was getting towards evening and there were a lot of people out enjoying the nightlife. They have blocked off the street an both sides next to the river for a couple of miles. The walkway is lined with small shops, cafe's and outside restaurants.

On our way back to the hotel we walked past Notre Dame Cathedral. It was not open yet, still under reconstruction from the fire. They had large billboards up explaining some of the reconstruction progress and process.

To be continued.

Vivat Jesus, Tom

### Ladies Night

Our annual ladies night appreciation dinner is May 10 after the 4 pm mass. Please plan on attending to help us honor the wives and widows of our Brother Knights for all they do in support of our mission.



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## Membership Drive

GK Tom Pitstick of Fairborn Council 3724 organized a membership drive at St. John Bosco Chapel at the campus of Wright State University. Following Mass, the students were treated to a lunch of multiple soups and bread options prepared by chef PGK Milliron. Fairborn Knights explained what it means to be a Knight and answered questions. The day was completed with an in-person exemplification conducted by FA Rob Hernandez for 6 wonderful Catholic gentlemen. The Knights of Columbus is Blessed to have these new Faithful Men as Knights.





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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/>

**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>

### **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’.

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Council 3724 GK Tom Pitstick chose as this month's Family of the Month, the Kitchen Crew!! This group of dedicated Knights, plan, purchase, prep, set up, cook, serve, and clean up at a multitude of events. It could be the monthly parish breakfasts, reverse raffle, FYI fundraiser, Lenten Mission, and so much more. They are always there providing a wide variety of delicious foods. Thanks for all you do.



### **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.

### **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 available to help with the duties of each position. All position descriptions are listed in this letter, as well as current nominees for the next fraternal year. If you have any questions reach out to me, or current Grand Knight Grant 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. Brothers your council needs you, please step up.

Vivat Jesus PGK Erbacher.

## 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. Under 3724s charter he also serves as Program Director.

**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:** 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.

Nominations will begin at the April Business meeting, the nomination committee chaired this year by PGK Milliron will be making rounds and talking to membership about the potential roles you could fill to help propel this council into the next fraternal year.



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A great harvest at WSU! Friday, April 11, was a memorable day for our Council and for the Catholic Community of St. John Bosco. The Knights hosted a luncheon for the Catholic student community and was able to recruit and fully exemplify six new members. I'll let Brother Herb Edwards explain:

“It was a successful blessed day. We have six new third-degree Knights who responded to the Exemplification Video and two more who have filled out the application on the I-phone and need to see the video. Plus, two or three more who took down the info to consider joining. That was more than half of the young men who attended the soup and bread lunch after Mass. Grand Knight Tom (Pitstick) started off with a short talk on why the Knights were there.....to give the young men an opportunity to join. Beefy (PGK Russ Milliron) provided three delicious soups that were scarfed up by the young men and women at the lunch. Also, he provided corn bread and two other types. Tom provided sodas and water. PGK Grant Kempf brought Beefy to lunch, and was very helpful generally. PGK Bogemann and Brother Steve Glass were very involved also. Insurance Agent Rob Hernandez set up a great table and banner and was instrumental in recruiting folks. Fr Tim seemed very pleased. Overall, it was a joyous occasion; the Holy Spirit was very present; the atmosphere was infectious. Many other seeds were planted. The Knights ‘did themselves proud.’”

When I left for Florida in late January, we had nine new members recruited toward our fraternal goal of 14. Because of the great work done by our great Council at Wright State, we now have 15 new brothers . . . we have more than achieved our fraternal goal! Congratulations, Brothers!

Visit with PGK John Wolfe & Family. Marilyn and I had a wonderful visit with PGK John Wolfe and his lovely family who live in Ellenton, FL. John is in great shape and sends his best to all his brothers in Fairborn Council 3724. He wished he could have been at the Blue Coats dinner, but he promised that he and his son, Tom, should be travelling North sometime soon.



**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. Here is the link to the step-by-step process of using the online application (Click on the link). 1a871a1a-64bb-4f8f-8a30-840e4651b85a.pdf (constantcontact.com)

**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

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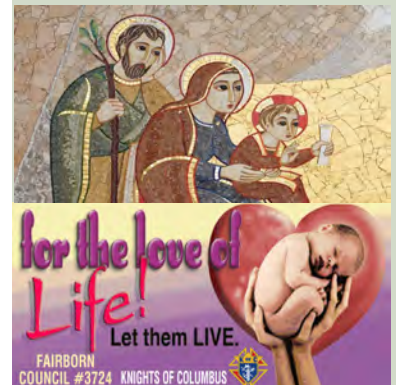
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## Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2024-2025

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 next FAB meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM

### Proverbs 31; 25-31

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue. She watches over\* the affairs of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

### 2025-2026 3724 Officer Nominations

Grand Knight - Tom Pitstick

Deputy Grand Knight - Matt Justice

Chancellor - Stephen Cosey

Recorder - Tim Barlow

Treasurer - PGK Gene Erbacher

Warden - Brian Pataki

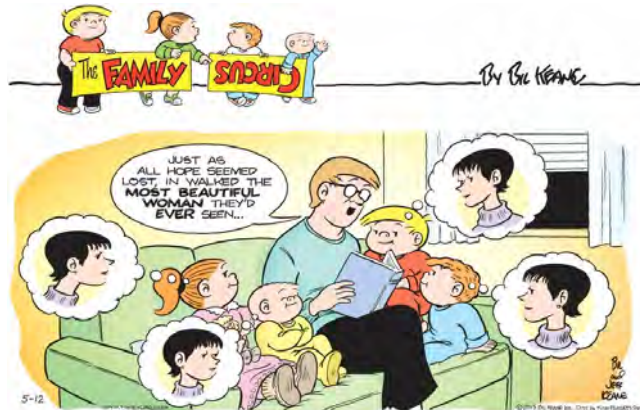
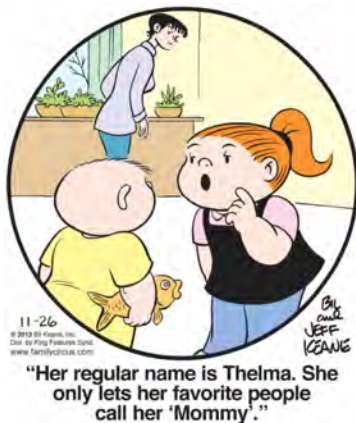
Advocate - PGK Steve Wal

Inside Guard - Terry McCann

Outside Guard - Ken Normand

Outside Guard - Steve Glass

3rd Year Trustee - PGK Frank Carchedi





## Home Corporation (HC)

Officers of HC met on April 17, 2025, to discuss activities and pay bills. Key member interest points:

**Conducted the tenth HC Raffle** and the winners were: Virginia Peters - \$40 winner, ticket # 122; Jim McCoy - \$25 winner, ticket # 153; and Harry Yarwick, \$10 winner, ticket # 22.

**Reminder**, should 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. **The HC is here to help Council members do whatever it can to help achieve the Council's mission.**

**Next Meeting: May 15, 2025, 7:00 PM** Meetings are open to all K of C 3724 members.

**Tuesday morning crew activities (Apr):** Inventoried chairs needing new covers. Started to prepare (drilled holes for electrical wiring) for establishing a new electrical circuit from main in Lounge to the Tool Room. Coordinated with Eric Rogalinski on getting paint, scaffolding, etc. for painting rear door awning. Uncovered the AC units, cleaned the ice machine and regenerated the water softener. The refrigerator in the kitchen malfunctioned, removed lost food items and scheduled maintenance.

**Work Party (April 26, 2025)** – Twelve Knights turned out to help with reupholstering chairs, cleaning Lounge & Business, & Meeting rooms; finished painting large storage cabinets in boiler room; installed new electrical circuit to Tool room and moved upright freezer from Storage Shed to Tool room. Thanks to all who came out to help, especially a guest helper, PGK Frank Minnick's son, Dan Minnick, GREAT JOB!

**Next Work Party: May 24, 2025** – Paint the back entrance outdoor awning framework (pending weather conditions), and routine spring cleaning. More details to follow in a Knight Alert.

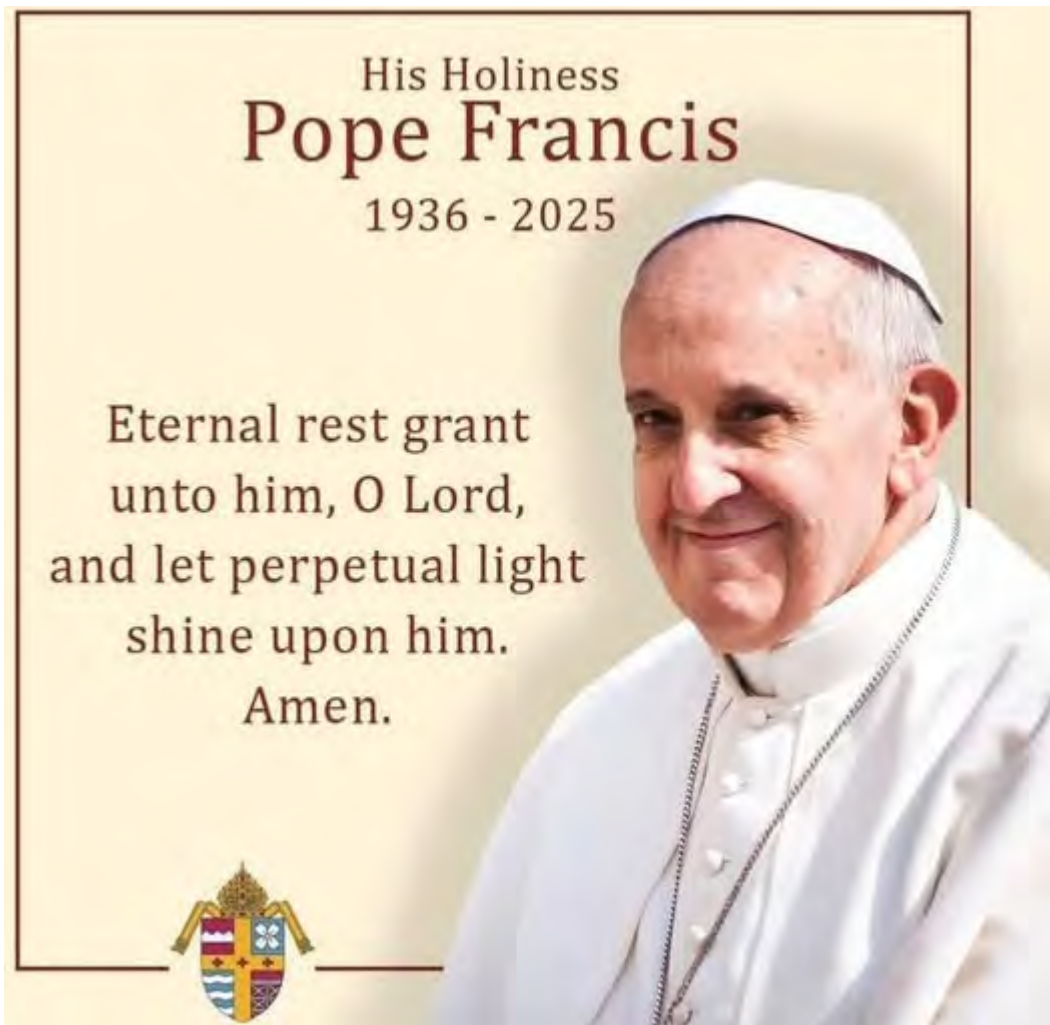
## Ohio Charities Super Cash Bonanza 2024-2025

On behalf of GK Tom Pitstick I want to thank the council for the gracious response to support the Super Cash Bonanza this year. Between the 1st and 2nd turn-ins, council 3724 sold 1125 tickets. With some of the incentive goals reached as well as the \$2.40 from each ticket retained in the council the campaign this year should return a little over \$4,300 to the council for use in our charitable outreach.

The drawing will be held at the State Convention in Cleveland this month. Prize winners will be published in a later edition of the Santa Maria. Some of the charities we support with these funds are; Food for Families, 2nd Harvest Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul, Coats for Kids, Family and Youth Initiatives, various Right to Life activities as well as various Veteran's programs.

Thank you again for your support.

Vivat Jesus, PGK Gene 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



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



### **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. Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

Give me a call.

**Robert Hernandez**

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### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

#### **For working conditions**

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and society might be humanized.

### **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:** Pope Francis

#### **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, Paul David Avery Jr, Nam Mac, Jay Leonard, Brenda Whytal, Mary Alice Paxson, Marge Hueston, Lisa Caldwell, Kathy Thompson, Kim Sees, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lump, Cathy Kempf, 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, Larry DeWitt, PGK Jim McCoy, John & Brenda Whittemore, Paul & Pat Pitstick.

### **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.



### May Events



**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| May 1 Trustees Meeting      | May 7 BINGO                       |
| May 8 Business Meeting      | May 10 Ladies Appreciation Dinner |
| May 11 Happy Mother's Day   | May 11 1st Communion              |
| May 12 4th Degree Meeting   | May 14 K of C BINGO               |
| May 15 Home Corp Meeting    | May 21 BINGO                      |
| May 22 Lecturer Meeting     | May 23-25 K of C State Convention |
| May 24 Home Corp Work Party | May 26 Memorial Day               |
| May 28 BINGO                | May 29 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, Corporate Communion MHC and OLQP, 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.



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