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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

It's often said that good judgement comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgement. If you're lucky enough to survive the bad judgement moments you file away the lesson and get a little older. I'm also a student of History and a firm believer that if we don't try to understand where we came from and how we arrived where we are we are doomed to repeat the same errors that others made before us. For the Knights of Columbus there is a pivotal moment in history occurring in March, that moment is Founders Day. March 29, 1882 the curate of a small parish in New Haven Connecticut, along with a small group of laymen received their fraternal charter from the state of Connecticut. Under Father Michael J. McGivney this small group of laymen established an elementary form of insurance to take care of the widows and orphans of fallen brothers, along with helping Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement. I can't imagine what it must have been like to be in the company of those receiving that first charter what would they say if they could see where the organization they founded is now. Another historical note you might find interesting in March of 1673 the English King Charles II accepted the Test Act, which excluded Roman Catholics from public functions.

Of more direct import to our own council's history our last charter member, yes the original group of men who received the Fairborn 3724 Charter in 1953, Bro Michael Blandino passed into the arms of the lord on March 12, 2019. That is a significant moment in our sixty six year history as that connection to our own timeline is now closed. Closed but not lost as his legacy remains in his family, friends and the fellow knights who knew him.

March 21, 2019 saw your council host its 46th Annual Blue Coat Awards. Historically, the term Blue Coat was associated with being a Police Officer, a copper badge pinned to that coat reflected light, a beacon of safety as they walked a beat. Everyone has a picture of a Knight; a soldier mounted on a horse in heavy armor, but a Knight like a Blue Coat is something more, someone who aspires to a higher code, the term Blue Coat has since evolved from just police to include soldiers, paramedics, and first responders. I think Paramedics and First Responders have much in common with the Knights of St John also referred to as the Knights Hospitalier. Who not only fought on the fields of battle but carried their wounded brethren to safe harbor to heal from wounds suffered. Many of the orders such as the Knights Templar, and the Teutonic Knights were founded to protect travelers and towns, much like the police officers and soldiers of today. Protect, Defend, Rescue, and Heal, what a goal to strive for, what an honorable purpose. Every human born on this earth is granted a certain talent by our creator. to earn the title bluecoat takes that God given talent, and with however much time they are granted on this earth tries to make the world just a little bit better a little bit safer

The world we live in now is strange and for the life of me I cannot think of a historical parallel to what we are seeing, the rampant culture of death, the outright apathy to all that is kind or decent that has taken hold of the world and not just the United States. No matter what religion you subscribe too, the deliberate turning away from that faith, the deliberate turning away from the "Golden Rule". Who else can be at the root of what is happening but the devil himself. More and more I find myself turning to the older prayers from my youth in some instances my parents youth. I stated in one of my earlier letters that I no longer believe the devil is prowling like a lion, I believe he is outright engaged and actively attacking God, our faith, our families and our friends Knights and Blue Coats are more important than ever, we have to stand tall in our faith to give strength to our friends and our families and to let God know that not everyone subscribes to this new culture, there already are and will be more casualties in this battle. My Knight of the Month was worthy PGK Bill Gazzerro who ran an exceptional 50/50 raffle at the Reverse Raffle as well as his tireless efforts on behalf of recruiting new members to the council. My family of the month was again the masterful, unmatched 3724 Kitchen Crew who just go, go and go all the time. When you see Bill around or any members of the kitchen crew make sure you say hello and congrats. (Con't on next page)



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I closed this year's Blue Coats with the prayer to St. Michael as I thought it particularly suited and as I went on to write this letter, I thought what better way to end this message.

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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy and holy Easter season. May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope, and bless you and your household with peace. During this holiest season of the year, we can all agree that we have much to be thankful for. For many of us just making it through the winter is enough cause for celebration. As Knights and as a council, however, there is much left to do. Two of our biggest activities of the year are still on the horizon. We'll recognise the special ladies in our lives in May and we will hold our prestigious Knight of the Year banquet in June. Keep tuned to the Santa Maria for details.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus GK Erbacher

2nd CALL FOR HELP

My brother Knights, the council needs your help, yes, being an officer of your council will take a portion of your time, depending on which position you are willing to consider some will take more of your time than others, it is doable, and you won't have to go it alone. Those who have gone before will be there to provide guidance and answer questions. I implore you, if you are reading this newsletter, search your heart, pray on what you can do to help Council 3724 succeed. We are coming to the end of our fraternal year and we must start prepping for the next year. We need a Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Guards, Council Director, Community Director, Membership Director, and others. We have 200 + members on our rolls, yet the work of the council locally is performed by the same 20 to 30 brothers' year in and year out. Come to your council meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month, hear the good works your council is performing and choose to be a more direct part. Look at the walls of honor with the names of your brothers who have served you well. Please be more than just a name on the roll sheet.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

May is the month where we will elect the officers that will run your Council for the coming year. If you would like to server your Council holding an office, please contact the Grand Knight at GrandKnight@3724kofc.org. The success of our council depends on having good men to run it. Please consider filling one of the many vacancies.

LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER

It's time to get your reservation in for Ladies Knight! The dinner will be held on May 4th in the MHC Parish Center. The social will start at 5:00 with dinner being served at 5:45, followed by a short program. As in years past, the event will be catered by Christy's Catering from Huber Heights. Their food is always excellent and no one ever goes away hungry. The event is always free for the ladies and only \$10 for men. Reservations are required. Please either sign up in the lounge or by calling the Grand Knight at 937-477-5669. You may also send email to GrandKnight@3724kofc.org There will also be a signup sheet in the Lounge.



The Fairborn 3724 Admission Degree Team recently held a 1st Degree Exemplification to bring into the Council Jeremiah Roux and Robert Herring. They are pictured holding their Admission Degree Certificates with Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher, PGK.

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday April 6th. This month we will be featuring Chilli Spaghetti, salad and Ice Cream for dessert. You get all this for just \$10 for adults \$5 for children. We'll be serving in the Parish Center right after the 4:00 Mass. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

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MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All Council 3724 Knights are requested and encouraged to come and visit the Men of Faith Fellowship that meets in St Francis Hall on the First and Third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. Come early for a bagel, hot coffee and conversation. During nice weather, we meet on the patio adjacent to the St Francis meditation garden. Fellowship begins with a couple of well-known songs led by guitar, voice and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We then read Scripture for the weekend Liturgy and share personal insights / challenges about the Readings or related church teaching - a great way to spiritually prepare for Mass later that day or the next! We then close with a song and prayer. Please come! You are welcome - it is like home - an open and welcoming place to share... Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher for more information...

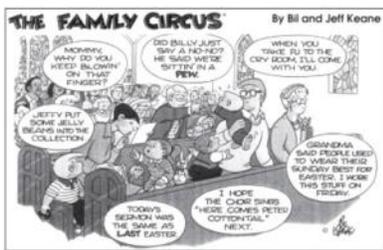
2019 MEASURE-UP

Save some time on your activities schedule during May 2-3-4 for the Measure-Up street blitz. The normal time for Street Blitz is from 9 AM thru 8 PM, two hour slots depending on location (and weather). Thanks to all who volunteered last year. Harry Yarwick 2019 Chairman

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

"We are Family"

Brother Knights, We are off to a great start this year and we appreciate everyone who has turned in sold tickets so far. Thank you! Please keep up the great effort. Additional tickets are available in the hall or call us and we will deliver them. We need your special effort to make our first half goal. To make our maximum rebate goal, please turn in as many tickets as you can on or before the first turn in date of April 11, Business Meeting. Final turn in date is May 9. If you need any additional tickets, need someone to pick up your sold tickets, or have any questions, please contact PGK Jim McCoy at 879-3570 or cell 694-3368, PGK Herman Karhoff at 361-2758, DGK Grant Kempf at 609-1471, or call the Hall at 878-2909 and leave a message.



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.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 28 March to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on March 30. We recovered six chairs and returned them to service. A work party will be held on April 27th from 9:00 - 11:00. Please come and help your brother knights keep our property and equipment functioning properly.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

- 1st Place: Jim McCoy, \$40 Ticket #1909
- 2nd Place: Dennis Kelly, \$25 Ticket #028
- 3rd Place: Max Roadruck, \$10 Ticket #047

BLUE COAT AWARDS

The 2019 Council Blue Coat Awards ceremonies were very successful with 145 attendees. To open the evening, Msgr. Buckley Sir Knights FC Jack Huey, PFN William Stoddard & SK Herb Edwards posted the colors & Gabrielle Erbacher sang the National Anthem. The Rev. Donald Moss gave the Invocation & then the Fairborn Kitchen Team 3724 served dinner. GK Erbacher introduced PGK John A. Wolfe as the Evenings Master of Ceremonies Emeritus. The program started with Fairborn Mayor Paul Keller reading & presenting a Proclamation to GK Eugene Erbacher naming March 21, 2019 as Fairborn Council 3724, K of C, Blue Coat Awards Day in the City of Fairborn, WPAFB 88th Security Forces Squadron Commander Lt Col Aaron Rittgers, Ohio Senator Bob Hackett, Ohio Representative Rick Perales & Greene County Commissioner Bob Glaser gave opening remarks. Twelve individuals were named Blue Coat Honorees including Volunteer of the Year Ray Daley, Scout of the Year Nicole Gazzo and Youth of the Year Gabrielle Erbacher. GK Erbacher & MCE Wolfe expressed their thanks to all that helped make the evening a great experience.



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INSURANCE CORNER

Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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MEMBERSHIP

We tried a new approach to Church Membership Recruiting this month. Members attending mass were given a couple of business card size cards which had information for On-Line-membership on one side and the council's web site on the other. The ushers also handed the cards to non members who came through the doors. Additional cards were similarly distributed at the WPAFB Chapel. It remains to be seen how curious the men are to go to ether web site. This is now an ongoing program. You may pick up a couple of cards at any meeting for your use in introducing a friend or relative to the order without having to get into a long conversation. Your comments on this approach will be appreciated. Contact me at wjg070436@gmail.com.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Health and Healing requests are entered into the council's prayer request book prior to the business meeting. If you can't make a meeting and have a name you wish to include in the Santa Maria prayer intentions, please call the council hall and leave a message or send an email to Santamaria @3724kofc.org.

Rest of the Soul:

Charter Member Mike Blandino, SK Greg Grober, Guadalupe Nava Mother of Bro Jose Nava, Fr. Jerome Robinson, Ed Huber, Patricia Boettcher widow of Bro Herb, Josephine Herring, Brother of Bob Newcombe, Michael Grothouse father in-law of Lindsey Engle Grothouse and Leslie Kerley Sister-in-Law of Brother Grant Kempf.

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Nancy Wertheimer, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Angel Fox, Jon Edwards, Frank Harris, DCN Rusty Baldwin, Cecilia Richards, Jack Engle, Joann Eichelberger, Cathy DeWitt, Bob Koegele.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

APRIL EVENTS

Apr 4	Trustees Meeting	Apr 6	Parish Dinner
Apr 11	Business Meeting	Apr 15	4th Degree Meeting
Apr 18	Holy Thursday	Apr 19	Good Friday
Apr 21	Easter	Apr 25	Home Corp Meeting
Apr 25	First Degree		

MAY PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Ladies Appreciation Dinner, State Convention, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, FAB Meeting, PGK's Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

The 2nd Thursday on each month, we pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm which is followed by our business meeting. Please attend, stay after the meeting and socialize with your brother knights. Every Thurs there's a Pot-of-Gold drawing. Entry fee is 50 cents and you are required to sign your name in "The Book". At 10:00 pm on the meeting night and at 9:30 pm on the other Thursdays there's a random drawing from our membership pool. The name of the winner drawn win's the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



PGK Bill Gazzo receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



PGK Don Banford receiving FOTM on behalf of the Kitchen crew from GK Erbacher

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HOLY WEEK

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshiping him and laying down palm leaves before him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year.

Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem is only one side of the story.

By now many of the Jews are filled with hate for Our Lord. They want to see him stoned, calling Him a blasphemer, especially after offering proof of His Divinity during a winter visit to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Dedication.

After this, Jesus went to Perea, where he was summoned to Bethany. There he raised Lazarus from the dead, a miracle which wins Him such renown among certain Pharisees that they decided finally to end His life. Jesus took refuge at Ephrem returning six days before Passover to Bethany, triumphantly entering Jerusalem. That evening, He leaves Jerusalem and returns Monday.

He spent time with Gentiles in the Temple, and on Wednesday left for the Mount of Olives. Here he foretold the apostles the events of the next several days, including His impending death.

He returned to Jerusalem on Thursday, to share the Last Supper with His apostles. He was subsequently arrested and tried.

He was crucified at Calvary on Friday, outside the gates of Jerusalem.

He was buried the same day, and arose three days later, on Easter Sunday. All of this is done by our Lord for forgiveness of our sins, and for life everlasting with Him. God so loved us, that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us, so that our sins maybe forgiven.