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Grand Knight's Corner

My fellow knights, and families,

2020 has become one helluva year so far and I don't think it's over yet. What we are living and experiencing right now is going to force society on every level to reevaluate itself, its pursuits and what gets viewed as worthwhile. When the pandemic passes and it will pass, I don't know what that change will look like, but it certainly feels like a wake-up call for humanity. Covid-19 reminds us that while resilient, human life can be frail as well. I am also looking at the virus as an avenue to sample some additional fruits of the holy spirit. Right off the bat, self-control comes to mind as I am amazed at people who three months ago were hugging each other over tornado damage and coming together to help communities recover. And now are coming to blows and shouting matches over water and toilet paper. There is a role for kindness, goodness and generosity here as well, check on your neighbors, check on your friends, check on your brother knights. Is anyone in need of supplies, groceries runs or assistance from us.

If we look to the stresses and concerns this pandemic is bringing to our own lives, we will find ways to exercise the fruits of patience, gentleness and even perhaps joy. Usually there are periods of time during the week where we are apart from others in our household, either one party still works, or maybe both do. Each member of the family has different charities or activities they support, and work for, but in this time of quarantine those outlets are not open to us and we may find the resulting stress looking for another outlet to escape. Often that outlet is those closest to us, namely our family. That is where the fruits of patience and gentleness can most be applied. Think before speaking, pause before acting. Is the course you are about to take beneficial? is it worthwhile? will it cause injury? Take joy in perhaps sitting down to a game of cards with your spouse, children or grandchildren, rediscover the activities we engaged in when younger before the advent of the internet, gaming and chat rooms.

As I was reading from the journals of Marcus Aurelius again it came to me that the Stoics like all people were not perfect. It's inconceivable to me that Aurelius as emperor of Rome did not get frustrated or angry when things didn't go the way he thought they should. The key he discovered and that I try so hard to emulate is that you don't give yourself over to your initial reaction, try to pause it or stop it before it spirals out of control, take a moment or in other words, practice the fruits of self-control and patience, and remember also that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are at play here as well, in particular I think counsel and in no small part perhaps Fear of the Lord.

The world he gave us to care for is in trouble, the people he gave us to love and cherish are scared and uncertain. More than ever we as Catholic Men must stand firm in our faith and protect our families and friends. We must do our part to try and make the world just a little bit better, to stand as a wall for our children and grandchildren to take refuge behind. To support our wives in whatever ways they need and practice our faith. We must stand strong because quite frankly I believe there is evil at work here. Neighbors coming to blows, social gatherings denied, public celebrations of mass cancelled, never would I have thought to live to see the day we were not allowed to celebrate publicly as a community, especially during Lent one of the most important events in our faith. I myself am getting ready to sit down and watch the 12 videos encompassing the "Into the Breach" program. Stay strong brothers, our families need us our communities and parishes need us, our friends and brothers need us, now more than ever.

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My Knight of the Month was PGK Steve Wal our worthy lounge manager, worthy advocate and all-around pillar of support to our council. He put on a great lunch during the Men's retreat and per PGK Herman Karhoff was instrumental in making it one of the best retreats ever. Not to mention the fact he ensures the lounge has an ample supply of my favorite Bourbon. My family of the month was the family of Larry and Alicia DeWitt who are instrumental in the support of their Springfield community and our council functions. Larry is of course my worthy treasurer and he and Alicia work tirelessly in support of our patroness Mary the mother of our Lord. When you see them and I know it will be a while, make sure to tell them congrats and thank you.

“Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus”
Vivat Jesus, GK Erbacher

ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL 3724 AND THE RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

3724 Family, considering the continuing Covid-19 situation, I have decided to close the hall for the month of April. I will continue to monitor the state website and take guidance from Supreme when appropriate. All council activities through April are hereby cancelled. The Trustee's and Home Corporation will continue with the minimum quorum necessary to pay bills and handle council business, this means Trustees and Home Corp members only. We pay Bills and go home. The lounge will not be open. I encourage you to stay abreast of the Activity and Knight alert emails as that will be our path of communication. Pray the Rosary, Follow Fr Satish of Immaculate Conception and Fr Ethan of WSU both are livestreaming mass via Facebook for the faithful to attend. Take this time to reflect, step outside on your porch for a cup of coffee in the morning or a drink at night. Pray Brothers, pray. Stay Home, Stay Safe and God Bless.

BLUE COAT

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Fairborn Council 3724 Knights of Columbus is postponing the K of C 47th Annual Blue Coat Dinner & Awards Ceremonies scheduled for March 26, 2020. The new tentative date is Thursday, August 20, 2020. We will reconfirm your reservation during July 2020. If you have any questions, you may contact Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher at 937-477-5660 or BCA Chairman PGK John A. Wolfe at 937-609-4552 or by email at wmc45324jaw@aol.com.

MEASURE UP 2020

Street Blitz new dates **are**, July 23-25 and July 30-31, Aug1, 2020. More details in future Santa Maria's.

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Brother Knights, you should have received your letter and tickets in the mail for this important charity campaign. This is a major fund raiser for our Council and the State. Through all of your hard work last year you raised over \$4000 that was used by our Council for our charitable works. Thank you! We ask for your help again this year. Please try and buy or sell the tickets sent to you. Also, if you can, please try and sell even more tickets. Last year our turn-in was a little over 1100 tickets. The State has asked all Councils to increase their sales by 15%. Our goal this year is 1500.

The Ohio State K of C is planning a **VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION** May 16-17, 2020. The 2020 Super Cash Bonanza drawing is expected to take place during the virtual convention. The drawing is still planned for Saturday, May 16 in the morning with a virtual audience to certify the drawing. However, this also means that the ticket turn-ins are even more important with no “last-minute convention turn-ins.” Please continue to sell the tickets as before, keeping in mind that the tickets need to reach State Treasurer Jeff Kiliany well in advance of the virtual convention date of Saturday, May 16.

If you have Ohio Charities Tickets to turn in please contact the GK at (937) 477-5669 and he will arrange to meet you at the hall and get them from you, and get them to Ohio Charities Chairman Herman Karhoff. Deadline for the 1st turn in to the council is April 16th. Final turn in date is May 2nd. There is no last-minute turn in this year if you sell a ticket and cannot get it to GK before May 2th then just refund the person their money and throw the ticket away.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 19 March to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held Saturday March 14th. We had an excellent turnout and made great progress on repairing our stock of chairs. Thanks to all who turned out. Due to the COVID-19 crisis our work parties will be suspended until further notice.

Our monthly raffle winners for March were:

- 1st Place: James Cinelli , \$40 Ticket #171
- 2nd Place: Sam Robinson, \$25 Ticket #196
- 3rd Place: Steven Cleveland, \$10 Ticket #93



Chair repair work party

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

Knight alert requests and activity alerts should be send to the PGK Russ Milliron at webmaster@3724kofc.org .

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS DEDICATED TO WORKS OF CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM. CARE TO JOIN US? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRANDKNIGHT@3724KOFCCOM



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPICALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. WHEN WE RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS, PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 pm) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

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INSURANCE CORNER

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members. While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

Vivat Jesus!

Thanks!
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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

MEMBERSHIP

The Catholic Church is facing a crisis, as the rates of baptisms, sacramental marriages and weekly Mass participation have dropped significantly. The Knights of Columbus, the strong right arm of the church, must take up our essential and irreplaceable role in evangelizing the children and families as well as those who do not yet know Christ. The "Faith in Action" program focuses our activities on four essential categories of Faith, Family, Community and Life. The Online membership program serves to introduce good Catholic men to our order. We must build trusting relationships with these Online members and introduce them to our Faith in Action programs. Do you have a Catholic neighbor or co-worker who does not attend Mass? Invite him and his family to attend with you, perhaps before going out for a meal together. "Be a friend". Keep your trust in God and let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. We as a council must also be open to new ideas and approaches to problems. The Membership Committee meets every third Thursday at 7:30 in the meeting room. Don't be a stranger, this is a no obligation meeting.

Rebuild My Church

We Knights are called to an urgent project – working for renewal of the church. In the face of scandals, indifference and hostility toward the faith, authentic Christian witness is needed today more than ever. This requires, in part, that we faithfully live the principles of charity, unity and fraternity in all that we do. The search for fulfillment in the things of this world always comes up short.

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:

Most Reverend Daniel Pilarczyk, John Lougeman, Paul Dunigan, Emmanuel Biryomumemeisho

Health and Healing:

PGK Steve Wal, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Bobby Hernandez, John Habel, Alice Smith, Rosalie Sloat, John Keampf, Velma Hobbs, Lisa Eamon, Whilma Rizzo, Cassie Barlow, Sopaia Yarwick, Peggy Heity, Joe Koegle, Steve Glass, Tom Storer, Peggy Heitz.

APRIL EVENTS



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

All April events are **CANCELED**

MAY PREVIEW

State Convention, Ladies Night (tentatively)

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 Steve Wal Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



Larry DeWitt Receiving the FOTM GK Erbacher

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