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Grand Knight's Corner

Hello my friends and welcome to the new fraternal year, as I begin my third term as your Grand Knight, I find myself looking forward to the challenge. Having already held our 4th of July family picnic and participated in the Fairborn Parade, we are off to a flying start. Coming fast in August we have the Memorial Golf Tournament and the Sweet Corn Festival. If the last three years have taught me anything it's that change is inevitable and the Knights of Columbus is no exception. For Council 3724 and other local councils, Supreme has given us a more compact program based on the four categories of Faith, Community, Life and Family. The new State Deputy and his officers aligned the State Program accordingly and redesigned the state website at www.kofcohio.org, to make it easier to navigate and use. The council program director and I will be looking at all our past activities and aligning them to the more faith based focus that the Knights Worldwide are following. This is going to be an exciting year for the Knights of Columbus and Council 3724.

Faith like life is a journey and many of you have come along as my journey followed a rocky trail the last couple of years, many of you have talked to me about challenges and ways to cope or even just prayed with me. I would say all of us individually and as a council have been challenged physically and spiritually on levels we never expected. As Knights we have our fraternity to lean on, both to examine and define where we stand as men. I want you all to know I value that fellowship. As a council our losses have been heavy the last couple of years and its becoming harder and harder to find new brothers to fill the ranks, even harder to find those who will consider leadership positions in the council. Hopefully the new direction that the Knights worldwide are taking will help strengthen our ability to appeal to a larger audience as many of the programs are centered on the Parish and the Knights working together. The last couple years, I've shared with you some of the thoughts and philosophies of "Stoicism", "Bushido", and our shared "Catholic Faith". With regards to that shared faith, I have recently been reviewing some Jesuit works and I have come across a tool I plan to use myself and wanted to share with you. Some of you may know this tool and I beg your indulgence for a bit because for me I vaguely remember it from catholic school but now consider it rediscovered. The tool is from St. Ignatius Loyola, it's a spiritual exercise known as "Examen" The exercise involves 5 parts but is not complex, and what a way to wind down the day.

Give Thanksgiving - "What am I grateful for today?" Could be big or small blessings.

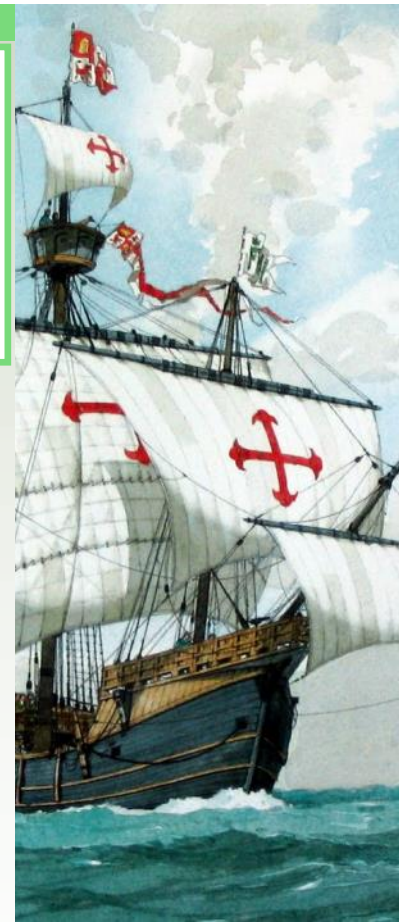
Ask for the Spirit - "Where there moments today I did not act so well?" this kind of soul searching is not easy hence "Ask for the Spirit" to help me look

Review and Recognize Failures - Look back at the day and ask the Lord to point out mistakes big and small that I've made.

Ask for forgiveness and healing. - If a sin, ask God to forgive and help me straighten out. If not a sin but simply a mistake, ask for healing of any harm that might have occurred. Ask for help to move on and for wisdom to discern a better way to handle such moments.

Pray about the next day. - Ask God to show how my tomorrow might go. Imagine the things to be done, the people to see, and the decisions to make. Ask for help to not make the same mistakes.

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Special points of interest

- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention
- Fr. Alex
- Insurance

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My Knight of the Month was Bro. Terry McCann. Terry is one of those behind the scene's knights who doesn't get a lot of recognition. In addition to working full time he has volunteered numerous hours to the demolition of the old FYI trailers behind the council hall, well deserved and a long time coming. My Family of the Month was Harry and Judy Yarwick, Harry is part of the group of server Knights as well as working with Judy in the Communion ministry and the council Bingo program. Harry is a past Chancellor and heads up our measure up campaign as well. Give them a hearty congrats when you see them.

I came across this closing while reading the Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 5:14-16. I think it defines who we are as Knights to the world and to our parish.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (Everything is for God's greater glory)
Vivat Jesus, GK Gene

FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES

The Football Frenzy tickets are in, stop in the lounge on Thursday and pick up a couple to either buy or sell. Tickets are 20.00 ea. and cover the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season. Winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games. Winners will be notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council. Ticket sales benefit the council by rebating a portion of the sale price directly back to the council. GK Erbacher

FAIRBORN JULY 4TH PARADE



ACTIVITIES

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All men of Council 3724 are cordially invited to come to our Men of Faith Fellowship. We meet on first and third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come early for bagels and coffee. Each gathering begins with a couple of songs accompanied by guitar and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We read and share insights / questions about the coming Sunday's readings. We then close with a song/prayer and end promptly at 9 a.m. You are most welcome please come. Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher."

2019 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – SIGN UP NOW!!

Okay you've been practicing all summer for the council golf scramble and now is the time to sign up. The good thing about a golf scramble is you don't have to be a good golfer to enjoy the competition. Over the years we've had plenty of bad golfers (and a few good ones) play in the scramble. It's a fun format and you get to enjoy the comradery with your brother knights. Our golf scramble is on Saturday, August 10th, at the Locust Hills GC in Springfield. Start time is 8:30AM. The cost for members and their guests is \$60 each which pays for your green fees, cart, dinner, refreshments and prizes. Locust Hills will serve your choice of steak or ½ chicken dinner for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge or call PGK Steve Wal at 672-6847. Come join us for some friendly competition, fun, and remembrance with your brother knights at Locust Hills on Saturday, Aug 10th.

IT'S FUNNEL CAKE TIME

The Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18. Our Council will again participate with our funnel cake booth and we'll need workers to support this effort. The work isn't physically demanding and no experience is necessary. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge, or you can volunteer by contacting one of the Co-chairs to let them know when you are available. You can reach them at

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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 18 July to pay bills and discuss business. A work party is scheduled for 31 August to do general cleaning and minor repairs.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

The 2018-2019 monthly raffle has ended, new tickets for 2019-2020 are now on sale and the first drawing will be held at the Sept HC meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

There are three opportunities for recruiting new members this summer.

First, we had a membership information booth at the Parish Festival in addition to running several food booths. This was a great opportunity to meet catholic men and introduce them to our order. Hope you volunteered a couple of hours at the air conditioned Membership booth.

Second, we will have several council displays of Community Service at the Sweet Corn Festival. Knights will open the festival with the flag raising, then we sponsor the corn eating contest and all weekend long we sell the best funnel cakes at and festival.

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS FESTIVAL



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INSURANCE CORNER



Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

Thanks!

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HOLY FATHER'S



Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

FATHER ALEX'S FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Our former seminarian, newly ordained priest Father Alex, was assigned parochial vicar to Saint Veronica parish in Mt. Carmel and St. John Fisher parish in Newtown, both Cincinnati area parishes. His assignments became effective July 1, 2019. Brother knights wishing to contact Father Alex may reach him at his new address:

Father Alex Biryomumemeisho
3211 Church St.
Newtown, OH 45244



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFFEN AS YOU CAN, PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

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.

Rrpose of the Soul:

Bro. Ed Trefethen

Health and Healing:

John Erbacher, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Cathy DeWitt, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Whilma Rizzo, Robert Herring, Martin Hernandez, Katherine Justice, Linda Engle.



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Fairborn, OH**

AUGUST EVENTS

Aug 1 Trustees Meeting	Aug 8 Business Meeting
Aug 10 Memorial Golf Outing	Aug 11 4th Degree Picnic/Meeting
Aug 15 Home Corp Meeting	Aug 17-18 Sweet Corn Festival
Aug 22 First Degree	Aug 24 WSU/CCM Fall Picnic
Aug 29 FAB Meeting	Aug 29 PGK Meeting

SEPT PREVIEW

K of C Dinner, National Day of Remembrance of Unborn, Church Membership Drive and Open House, Life Tech Conference, First Degree, 5th Sunday Rosary and Corporate Communion

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.



Terry McCann Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



Harry Yarwick Receiving the FOTM from GK Erbacher

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THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN



Because Mary's entrance into heaven was the happiest and most joyful event of her life---even happier than the Annunciation and the Nativity of Our Lord. Below are ten points regarding the awesomeness at her Assumption into heaven:

1. The Blessed Virgin Mary was, for the first time since His Passion and Ascension into heaven, physically reunited with her Son, Jesus, for all eternity, never to be separated from Him again.
2. Her long and difficult earthly mission as a co-worker in Christ's redemption of the human race was now complete; through God's grace she persevered to the end in perfect harmony and submission to the will of God.
3. At this moment she received the fulfillment of all she longed, sacrificed, sought, worked, desired, hoped, waited, and prayed for her entire life.
4. She experienced perfect and complete happiness in her entire person, as both her body and soul were united in heaven (Mary and Jesus are presently in heaven with their physical bodies; the souls of the other saints will receive their bodies at the final resurrection of the dead).
5. Everything mysteriously written and prophesied in the Scriptures of her role in salvation history was brought to its glorious fulfillment.
6. [Mary, the true Ark of the Covenant](#) where the Incarnate Christ dwelt, was finally in her exalted place in the Temple of the heavenly Jerusalem.
7. Just as Mary humbly received Jesus into the world at his nativity, now Jesus magnificently receives Mary into heaven for all eternity.
8. Mary, as the most beautiful and perfect creature in all of God's created order, enters heaven for the first time---with her physical, human body---and is given the highest place above all the choirs of angels, and there receives the honor and praise proper to her exalted state.
9. Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth to reign as Queen Mother alongside her Divine Son, to rule, protect, guide, intercede, and lead all of her spiritual children to be with her Son, Jesus, just as she is.
10. Mary is the first to receive the promise of the resurrection given to all who are united to Jesus Christ and persevere in faith as she did; therefore she embodies the future hope of the Church and of all believers.

"Among all these feasts which have been celebrated so devotedly for so many years, even unto the present day, the Feast of the Assumption is considered the greatest and holdeth chief place. **Indeed there was no happier or more joyful day for Mary, if we duly consider the happiness of both body and soul granted to her on that day.** Then especially, as never before, her spirit, soul and body rejoiced wondrously in the living God and she could rightfully say: