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Grand Knight's Corner

Brother Knights and 3724 Family,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new fraternal year. By now I think it is safe to say that the next few months and possibly years will be rough. How rough I don't know but suffice to say rougher than they have been. Those events will be out of our control, what will be within our control is how we react to them and how our families see us react. Our very way of life is under attack from all sides, spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. I made a note in one of my articles last fraternal year, but I'll say it again right now. The devil must be dancing a jig as all his ideas to distract us from God's plans are active, successful, and bearing the sour, nasty fruit he desires. Abortion, Euthanasia, Fear, Contagion, Anger, Hatred, and the Destruction of Families run rampant. Our country is more polarized now than before the onset of the Civil War. The situation in the world and here at home is literally mind blowing. One of the stoics I spend time with, Epictetus once said, *"The chief task in life is simply this: to identify and separate matters so that I can say clearly to myself which are externals not under my control, and which have to do with the choices I actually control. Where then do I look for good and evil? Not to uncontrollable externals, but within myself to the choices that our my own..."*

So how do we defend ourselves against this maelstrom of evil?

A good friend recently lent me a copy of the book "MEDJUGORJE" by Wayne Weible. What a great read, I propose we look to the message of Medjugorje, and that message is a call to conversion, conversion back to God. In that message Mary gives us five weapons, which we can use to overcome the power and influence of evil and sin in our lives. Those five weapons are Prayer, Fasting, Reading the Bible, Confession, and Eucharist. I say as Knights we band together, with our families, our parish, and our neighbors and we practice our faith fully in front of the world utilizing that message because that is within our control. That is how we weather the maelstrom the devil has unleashed.

If we can take anything from history and current events it's that life is unpredictable and comes at us fast. It pumps us up and brings us down. All we can do is be ready. I mentioned last month that I had started looking at some of the monastic rules which we can look to for guidance in life. While for most of us, a monastic life is probably not the road we will take. We are not precluded from enjoying their wisdom. St. Augustine, St. Benedict, and St. Francis are the most familiar monks and we can read about and integrate aspects of their rules into our own lives. In the July Santa Maria I touched on St. Augustine, this month I would like to touch on St. Benedict.

The Rule of Saint Benedict

Written by St. Benedict of Nursia in the mid-sixth century, the Rule consists of a prologue and seventy-three chapters that are informed by his experiences as a monk, his reading and reflection on scripture, the writings of John Cassian, and an anonymously authored text called the Rule of the Master. Monastic rules provide directives about the basic virtues of humility, silence, and obedience, as well as instruction on other aspects of life: work, clothing, sleeping arrangements, food, and travel. Life is full of challenges, but we face them with faith in our God who loves and upholds us. St. Benedict offers us timeless wisdom on living a simple, intentional, and spiritual life. That rule boiled down basically is:

1. Follow the Benedictine prayer schedule. Several chapters of Benedict's rule relate to a discussion of daily, weekly, and annual prayer content. His scheduling of the psalms is not random, they are ordered to teach lessons. For instance, the first psalm of each morning is a cry for help and the second is a song of praise.

2. Reflect on your work. Benedict's chapters on the nature and quality of work contain wisdom for a culture whose attitude towards career is dominated by overwork. St. Benedict makes clear: work should be regular, worthwhile, productive, but not impossible. It should contribute positively to the world and to the life of the person.

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After much discussion we did manage to host our first event of the new fraternal year and that was the 4th of July Family Grill Out. We had about 30 knights and ladies in attendance and were more than able to ensure the physical distancing needed to maintain safety. Special thanks to PGK Russ Milliron and Bro Cal Smith who handled the bulk of the grilling with help from PGK Larry Bogemann. Thanks also go to Bro. Charlie Lumpp who agreed to step in as a 1st year Trustee and was voted in during the July business meeting. Family of the Month was worthy PGK Bill and Barbara Gazzerro. Knight of the Month and special service awardee was PGK Don Banford. If you are at the parish or hanging out at the hall and you see them make sure to tell them congrats and job well done. Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus. Vivat Jesus, GK Gene.

RECAP OF FRATERNAL YEAR 2019-2020

Activities cancelled, weddings, baptisms and vacations put on hold. Nightly news broadcasts designed to inflame and scare instead of informing. With all of that we did have some bright moments for the council. Council 3724 completed all our Faith, Life, Family and Community goals, and as the Grand Knight, I can't ask for more than that. At the state level, PGK Herman Karhoff's grandson Jonathon was honored with the Youth of the Year Award for both Diocese and State. 3724 received the Bronze Award for Programs, and the Holy Orders Award for Seminarian Support. Locally 3724's Knight of the Year was PGK John Wolfe, Chaplain of the Year was Fr Don Moss, Family of the Year was the Karhoff's PGK Herman and Bro Jeff. Youth's of the Year were Jonathan Karhoff and Elaina Yarwick. Thank you, 3724 family, for a great year and here's to making the best of 2020-2021.

URGENT APPEAL

Brother Knights – Fairborn Council 3724 has long been known by the Ohio State Council (OSC) & throughout Ohio as one of the most active & top Councils in Ohio. This has resulted in the Council receipt of many Supreme Star Council Awards & OSC Council & Honoree awards throughout the years. We have an opportunity to continue our accomplishments & success this fraternal year with your help. Our most pressing need is to fill the Deputy Grand Knight vacancy. It is an important & required position as a step to becoming Grand Knight of this great Council. Please contact Grand Knight Erbacher at 937-477-5669 of your interest. Second in importance is adding new members. We all should ask family members, friends & Catholic men to become part of the good works the Council is involved in. As the Council Historian & 55-year Knight, I welcome your questions about Fairborn 3724. VIVAT JESUS, John A. Wolfe, PGK FDD PCP, 937-609-4552

ACTIVITIES

2020 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – Sign up now!!

Hello Brother Knights, it is that time of year again, the council golf scramble is upon us and now is your chance 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 8th, 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. This year we will have donuts, coffee, and range balls before the round. Locust Hills will serve your choice of pork or ½ chicken for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge or call Andrew Wal at (937)672-5543. Come join us for some friendly competition, fun, and remembrance with your brother knights at Locust Hills on Saturday, Aug 8th.

BLUE COAT AWARDS

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the March 2020 Annual Blue Coat Awards (BCA) Dinner & Awards Ceremonies was rescheduled to Thursday, August 20, 2020. Since Gov. DeWine has not replied to our request for guidance, we have advised the Governor that we plan to hold attendance to under 100 in accordance with the current Ohio ban on Mass Gatherings of 100 or more and requested approval. Pending approval, we will move ahead with the BCA & will confirm at the August Business Meeting & Knight Alert. With 15 honorees, presenters, dignitaries, Knights & guests, we must keep attendance under 100.

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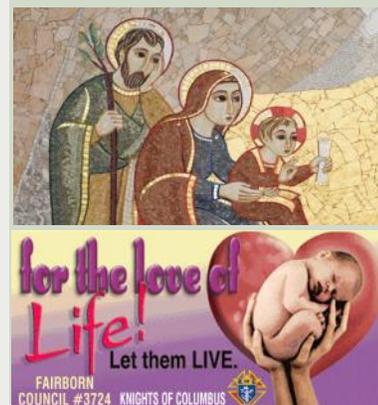
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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



THE MARITIME WORLD

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

MEMBERSHIP

We start off this fraternal year with a great opportunity to add to our membership. Recruiting has been simplified. Perhaps you have catholic friends who are too busy to take degrees or attend an admission committee meeting. He now can become a member from the comfort of home and in the presence of his family. Start him off with an "ON-LINE" membership. On-line has NO meetings, NO council ties, Supports worldwide disaster relief and worldwide charity. National membership dues are \$30 per year and include all insurance and investment benefits as well as the Columbia. Once an on-line member he will be invited to join Fairborn council Again from the comfort of home

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

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



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPICALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. 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.

Repose of the Soul:

Dwight Claus, brother-in-law of Herb Edwards, PGK Al Brewer

Health and Healing:

PGK Steve Wal PGK John Whytal, 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, Cassie Barlow, Sophaha Yarwick, Peggy Heity, Joe Koegle, Steve Glass, Tom Storer, Peggy Heitz, Greg, Kris and Josh Edwards, Will Lawless, Katlyn, Caleb and baby Elle Mc William,

AUGUST EVENTS



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Aug 6 Trustees Meeting
Aug 10 4 th Degree Meeting
Aug 20 Home Corp Meeting
Aug 30 5th Sunday Rosary
Aug 30 WSU/CCM Cookout

Aug 8 Memorial Golf Outing
Aug 12 Membership Meeting
Aug 27 Degrees
Aug 30 Corporate Communion

SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

Degrees, Parish Dinner (tentatively), Remembrance of the Unborn, Membership Open House

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 the FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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