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Grand Knight's Corner

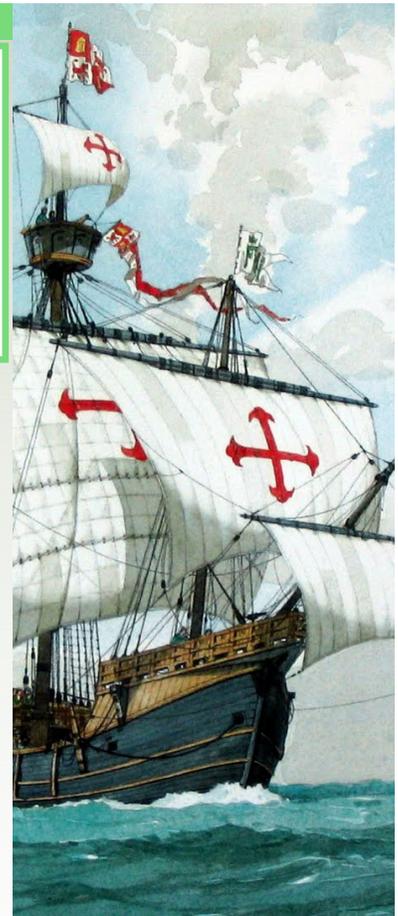
I would like to share with you an experience I had recently. I sat down with a friend who had started a new job. She was anxious and excited for this new challenge and worked hard to prepare and to bring her expertise and ideas to the position. Thinking she were doing a good job; she was devastated when a seasoned co-worker approached with a critique. "You are doing good and this is just some friendly advice. We don't do things that way. We have always done things in this manner. You need to conform."

This weighed heavily on my friend and she started to doubt her ability. Worse, she started to get bitter about the co-worker and her dream job. Then something amazing happened. After church service one day she was approached by a person who looked vaguely familiar. It turned out to be a senior manager at their company. She had seen him before but didn't know he even knew she existed let alone attended the same church. He sought her out to tell her how impressed he was at her work ethic and the job she was doing for the company. He went on to say they needed her fresh ideas and thanked her for doing a great job. Thanked her!

While we sat there and thought about this amazing turn of events, I asked if the senior manager worked in her department or could have known about her mental struggles. The answer was no. As we pondered this, we both concluded that only God would have known the situation and was behind this turn of events. Could this all have been a coincidence? Maybe. Likely, doubtful. There are definitely not that many coincidences to explain all of these types of situations.

Why does a person sometimes act cruel? Why do so many horrible things happen around us? It is because God gave us free will. The saving Grace is that God is always there for us. Sometimes allowing us to travel through the valley of death, sometimes stepping in to raise us up. The above story is not life or death but it is another example of how our God, with the funny sense of humor, is part of our everyday life. I am convinced God's hand was on this event. The thing I struggle with is what do I do with this knowledge. I do have the platform to share this with you but that doesn't seem enough.

I know that God created this event for my friend and for me. Shouldn't I drop everything I am doing and go to church on my knees to give thanks? I should but I don't. I move on with my life, filing this away and try to be a better person because of it. Is that enough, doubtful, but I will try harder. How will you react when God shows up unexpectedly?



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Grand Knight's Column Continued

My Knight of the Month is PGK Gene Erbacher. We all know the great things he has done for us these past 5 years and especially for me this past year. Over the last month he has worked tirelessly to make sure we had a smooth transition of leadership. My Family of the Month is Ken and Rita Normand. Ken not only holds the office of Guard and helps out around the council but also ushers at Mass. Rita is often seen helping out at church and always working hard in the kitchen to support bingo and D of I. Please congratulate Gene, Ken, and Rita when you see them.
May God Bless Vivat Jesus, Grant

August 2022

August 1 is traditionally known as Lammas Day, as a festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest. The Birthstone for August is the lovely yellow-green gem stone Peridot and the flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy. The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights Born in August

Allen E Sheffield
PGK Garrod J Fabian
Landon J Engle
Christopher P Zeller
Charles W Lumppp
Theodore Schaefer

Scott H Karhoff
Francis L Maguire
Lyndon Engle
John L Hudson
Torrey Dye,
Michael Uecker

Bro Raymond C Ronan
James D Conger
Ricky C Staley
John M Corcoran Jr,
Lawrence Estes
Steve Glass

Installation of Officers

At our August Business meeting on August 11, District Deputy Ryley Mason, will conduct the installation of officers. Family and friends are invited to attend this short ceremony and then enjoy refreshments in the lounge afterwards.

2022 Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 6th, at the Locust Hills GC in Springfield. Shotgun Start at 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 coffee and range balls before the round. Locust Hills will serve pork and 1/2 chicken for dinner. You can sign up in the lounge, or call/email Andrew Wal at (937)672-5543, andrewwal55@gmail.com. This year Locust Hills has set-up an online registration option, if you would like to utilize that, please register at <https://manager.gallusgolf.com/Register/30837/fairborn-k-of-c>



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"The sun is there, PJ. You just can't see it 'cause it's behind all the dark."

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.





Father Alex

Father Alex continues to serve and reside at Saint John Fisher, in Newtown, Ohio; he is also the parochial vicar at Guardian Angels, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cincinnati. Please keep Fr. Alex and all the priests of the diocese in your prayers as they continue to navigate their new assignments in this Beacon of Lights.



Seminarian Nam Mac

Our seminarian, Nam Mac, completed his third year, second semester final exams on Friday, May 13th, 2022. He was very pleased with his grades, especially after so much hard work and study. Nam now has three more years of study left, plus one year of internship. He hopes to be ordained a priest in May of 2026. This summer has been a happy time for Nam because he has been visiting his family for the first time since entering seminary three years ago.

On June 1st, two weeks after finishing his exams, Nam boarded a flight bound for Vietnam to see his family. He decided to make his return home a surprise! Playfully, he said “my mom will be amazed!” Nam has had a very enjoyable visit and will return to Mount Saint Mary’s in Cincinnati in early August, a couple weeks before classes begin. A lot of preparation was involved in arranging his trip home. First, Archbishop Schnurr had to grant approval. Then Nam had to compile all the necessary documentation for his three-year student visa renewal application. He submitted his application to the U.S. embassy in Vietnam soon after his arrival. The good news is it was renewed quickly. We pray the rest of Nam’s visit with family will be blessed and that he have safe travels back to Ohio.



Nam Mac (far right) with his parents and other family members; Vietnam, July 2022.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lindsey Engle Grothouse & husband U.S. Army Captain Nick Grothouse on the birth of their daughter Aria Rose Grothouse (7 lbs / 20 1/2 inches) on July 20, 2022 at 6:52 AM at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Also congratulations to the new grandparents Tom & Linda Engle & the 1st time great-grandfather PGK John A. Wolfe.

Knight's in Action



Measure-up donation to the Developmental Disabilities of Clark County Early Intervention Department to assist with the purchase of a tumble form feeder chair and cube chairs for children with special needs.



Measure-up donation to Greene County, Four Oaks Developmental Disabilities Early Child Intervention Center, to add playground equipment at their facility in Xenia.



Moving Father Bedel, the new Pastor of our Beacons of Light group of Parishes and a new member of our council!!



4th of July Parade

Knight's in Action



4th of July Picnic

2022-2023 Football Frenzy

The Ohio State Council is offering every council in Ohio an opportunity to receive 100% credit on their 2022-2023 per capita bills along with at least \$5.50 to 11.00 rebate on each ticket sold in the 2022 Ohio Knights Football Fund Crazr Sweepstakes program.

3724 can earn one of the following PER CAPITA REBATES by achieving one of the following quotas.

If we sell 317 tickets 3724 will receive \$9.00 per ticket + 100% Credit on Per Capita

If we sell 211 tickets 3724 will receive \$8.00 per ticket + 75% Credit on Per Capita

If we sell 159 tickets 3724 will receive \$7.00 per ticket + 50% Credit on Per Capita

If we sell 106 tickets 3724 will receive \$6.50 per ticket + 25% Credit on Per Capita

Your new Grand Knight would be super happy if we achieve one of those quota marks. Last year 3724 sold 83 tickets. I really think we could get to the 106 line and that is the goal that I will set for the council.

I list the others so you can see what could be possible. If we don't make any quota, 3724 will receive \$5.50 for each ticket sold but there will be no per capita tax credit. As an added incentive State is also offering;

\$.50 - Increase on rebates on all tickets sold when you exceed last year sales by 10%.

\$1.00 - Increase on rebates on all tickets sold when your council reaches the 200% level.

\$.50 - Increase on rebates on all tickets sold if 25,000 tickets are sold statewide.

Tickets that are sold can be turned in any time before November 7th. Tickets turned in after deadline will be good for remainder of season. Ticket turn in will be every Thursday night beginning August 4 and ending Nov 7th. Tickets turned in after Nov 7 will be honored for the remaining games in the season but no turn in after Dec 7, 2022. The ticket chairman is PGK Gene Erbacher. If you have tickets to turn in outside of a Thursday you can contact worthy PGK Erbacher at (937) 477-5669 to make arrangements for pick up. Alternatively you can also mail to PGK Gene Erbacher, 1442 Wedgewood Dr. Fairborn, OH.

45324. Winners will be notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council. Participants must print legibly their name, address, telephone number, and name and number of the selling council, on the ticket stub. The stub, and \$20.00, need to be turned in to validate FBS ticket. The participant keeps the rest of the ticket. A winners' list will be posted on www.fundcrazr.com and www.kofcoho.org – Password is going to your ticket number.

MHC Parish Festival

Many Brother Knights again stepped up to help at the MHC Festival. Even though Sunday was a wash out, the festival still broke records. All of the “regulars” were there, and it was great to see many more Brothers and their families helping out at the beer booth, cooking delicious burgers, steaks, corn, chicken & fries, the must have funnel cakes, announcing, and even working security! On top of that, we recruited 2 new members and 2 transfers into our council. Great job everyone!!!!



Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, You are the most valued Heavenly treasure. New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, Created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, You are the spiritual Mother of mankind. Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, Your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, To be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God. O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, The Immaculate Heart of Mary! Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, You who continuously intercedes on our behalf, Please present my need before your loving Son Jesus. *(In your own words, make your special request here. Do not just mention a word. Speak to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as you would speak to another person, begging your Heavenly Mother to plea to Jesus on your behalf, that you be granted this special request.)* O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, For you have never turned away those in dire need. Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, Submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, For all glories are His forever and ever. Amen

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Fraternal Year! July is usually considered (by some) a “off-month” since it’s the middle of summer and many are on vacation, but July was anything but an “off-month!” Last month saw an addition of two new members and two transfers! Some of these happened during the Mary Help of Christians Festival, a great opportunity to talk with and pick up new members. I’m not at liberty to divulge their names yet, because the new members still must complete their online initiation into the three degrees (Charity, Unity, Fraternity); but we have a good, strong beginning to achieve our new goal of 13 new members. Thank you, brothers, for all your hard work! Stay tuned for upcoming and exciting announcements of new recruiter incentives!

Membership Incentives: 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, but RHERNANDEZ is a little shorter.

Name Tags: If you need a Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see me, Mark Dues, or Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. Cost per tag is \$5.00.

This Month's Personal Goal:

Appreciate what it means to be a Knight of Columbus and pass it on to potential new members!

I AM A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith.

There is much work to be done in this world.

Good work. Necessary work.

And that’s what the Knights do. Every day.

Assisting the sick and disabled.

Protecting those who can’t protect themselves.

Whether they are next door or halfway around the world.

This is the journey we are on.

Our path.

We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics.

We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values:

Charity. Unity. Fraternity. Patriotism.

We come from many places. And backgrounds. And stages in our lives.

But we are all of one faith.

A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world.

It’s one thing to say who you are.

It’s another to live it.

To put your values into action.

That’s what we do at the Knights of Columbus.

That’s who we are

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Home Corporation

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. Home Corp and the brother volunteers have begun to work on the hallway project. Home Corp president PGK Minnick has reinstated the maintenance clipboard where noted repairs or tasks that might require the home corps attention can be written down for action. The next Home Corporation work party will be on August 27th, 2022 at 9am.

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’.

2022 Measure Up Final Report

Hello Brothers. The result of this years efforts, the total amount being sent to the State Council is \$ 6000. After the state gets their share, we will be giving 2400 to Clark County and 2400 to Greene County, Child services division of Developmental Disabilities. Here Is a break out this years Measure-Up Campaign: 6000 TOTAL COLLECTED, 2400-MHC collection, 2300-Council (Bingo-Wright State Ushers-Council), 1208-Gimme-5 (GREAT JOB BROTHERS), 92-Aluminum Cans & Coin drop (council lounge only). No street collection this year due to Covid caution. As I said last year, hopefully next year we can be back on the street. Thanks for all your support. Harry Yarwick Chairman

Financial Advisory Board (FAB)



Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2022-2023

Grand Knight:	Grant Kempf
Deputy Grand Knight:	Don Shepherd
Trustee:	PGK Gene Erbacher
Council Treasurer:	Larry DeWitt
Home Corp President:	PGK Frank Minnick
1st Member At Large:	Steve Glass
2nd Member At Large:	PGK Steve Wal

This is a summary of the FAB meeting conducted in June 2022. The next FAB meeting will be Sept 29, 2022 at 6:30pm. At that meeting the board will review the fund status compared to inflation to date to determine the amount of money available for donation and vote on the charities to be supported. The Fund balance as of 06/30/2022. Total Assets \$400,600.01

On behalf of Johnson Investments, Joe White presented the portfolio as of the June meeting discussing the ups and downs of the current market. Johnson Investments reassured the board that protocols are in place to protect in significant shifts but noted that the council funds were performing well within the lines of the index funds they are measured against. Johnson saw no need for drastic changes to the portfolio and the board agreed.

The board agreed that Sept 15, 2022, will be the cutoff for charitable suggestions in writing. Nominations to be made to grandknight@3724kofc.org or placed in the Grand Knights Mailbox.

Charities nominated to date:

The Young Eagles Program based out of the Greene County Airport in Xenia

The Orphanage in Papua New Guinea run by the Capuchin Mission.

3724's own Bro Ray Ronan is assigned there.

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.

This is also an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Mi-chael 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.

Robert Hernandez

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

RETENTION

Our 2022-2023 Grand Knight Grant Kempf has asked me to head up the Councils retention efforts. I plan to use the Ohio State Council (OSC) Membership Retention Program guidance as our guide. The Council does currently address most of the guidance the OSC provides. They recommend a Retention Committee made up of members who are friendly and outgoing and generally well-liked. These brothers should be willing to contact other brothers. Their focus is NOT dues. Their focus is retaining a Brother Knight as a member and connecting with him personally. The dues are a side effect of retention. The Financial Secretary is not a member of the retention committee but is an important source of member information. Fairborn 3724 has been & continues to be one of the top Councils in Ohio. I would like to have 4 to 6 Fairborn Knights as members of the retention committee. Send me your name, email & phone number. VIVAT JESUS, John A. Wolfe, PGK FDD PCP / Retention Director / 937-609-4552

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 Souls:

Health and Healing:

Katherine Justice, Joe Detore, Tom Gooch, Mecca Brezck, Anna Gros, People of Ukraine, PGK John Whytal, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Alice Smith, Jim McNamra, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Ruth Fisher, Cathrine Lump, Charles Lump, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Dayna Murphy, Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, PGK Russ Milliron, Jordan Copeland, Gordon Samuel, Paul Avery, and Mike Barlow,



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

AUGUST EVENTS

Aug 4 Trustee Meeting	Aug 6 Memorial Golf Tournament
Aug 10 K of C Bingo Night	Aug 11 Business Meeting
Aug 11 Installation of Officers	Aug 18 Home Corp Meeting
Aug 20 Sweet Corn Festival	Aug 21 Sweet Corn Festival
Aug 27 Home Corp Work Party	Aug 21 K of C Bingo Night

SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

Trustees Mtg, Bingo, Business Mtg, Parish Dinner, Open House, Home Corp Mtg, Membership Drive, Work Party, FAB Mtg.

September also kicks off our Novena for Life Program which starts with the National Day of Remembrance of Unborn on Sept 10.

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.



June Family of the Month
Eric & Rhonda Rogalinski



July Family of the Month
Ken & Rita Normand



July Knight of the Month
PGK Gene Erbacher

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