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FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight's Corner

Well brothers, as we begin to round out the end of the year November had a couple of very good events. We had another successful blood drive chaired once again by Worthy PGK John Whittemore. The parish and council jointly exceeded the amount hoped for in donations. We also celebrated the annual 3724 Memorial Mass. Bro Dan Cyphers and his family worked hard on the setup and refreshments as well coordinating the event with the parish the table display of our fallen brother's pictures was particularly moving. This year we celebrated the lives of Bros Ed Trefethen, Michael Blandino, Greg Groeber and Samuel Porter. As mentioned earlier in the year Mike Blandino was the last living charter member of Council 3724 so that was a significant milestone in the council's history. May they rest in peace.

For normal calendar year events of course, Thanksgiving comes to mind. In the days leading up to the actual Thanksgiving feast that we all like to partake in, I found myself reflecting on some of the items I am thankful for, not the least of which are my children, my family, my friends and my brother knights and their families, as well the fact that I have my health and a good job. I don't think it's enough however to reflect on those items one day a year at least for myself. I started scrolling through some of the Stoic websites and books that I read so much to get a take on what a Stoic might have thought about Thanksgiving and this is what I found. The Stoics believed of course in less is more staying away from the drive to acquire and obtain and to be thankful for what you have and that if you spend a little time each day thanking providence for what you have been given your bounty will increase on its own. As an interesting item of note, most of the original Stoics were Greek and the Greek word for gratitude was "eucharistos".

The Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast reminds us that it isn't happiness that makes us grateful, but rather gratefulness that makes us happy. When something really valuable is freely given, gratefulness arises and with-it happiness. Being thankful is a lost daily art that must be reclaimed, the way I read that is every day brings us an opportunity to be thankful for something as well as an opportunity to be angry about something which one we choose is up to us but being thankful is always more productive.

Ralph Waldo Emerson stated that we should, "Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to us and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to our advancement, we should include all things in our gratitude." I tell you brothers its not as easy as it sounds, but I believe it's a worthwhile goal to set.

December is a significant month in our liturgical year, obviously we have the celebration of Christmas, but we also have Advent, as well as the Annunciation. For council activities we have the annual Breakfast with Santa and the Past Grand Knights Christmas Open House. Worthy PGK Frank Minnich was my selection for Knight of the Month for spearheading the Reverse Raffle, which was its usual success, the kitchen crew played a large part in that as well as worthy PGK Gazzerro for the 50/50 raffle. The kitchen crew were my Family of the Month selection. When you see Frank M, Frank C, Corky, Don, Phil, Larry B, Larry D, Beefy, Cal, Herman and any other member of the Kitchen Crew give them a hearty thanks and a God Bless for the work they do.

"Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus"

Merry Christmas to you and your families. Vivat Jesus, GK Gene



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ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday December 14th. This month's dinner will feature another one of our most popular offerings, Chicken Pot Pie, tossed salad and another special 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRAND-KNIGHT@3724KOFC.COM

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."

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Again this year, your council will be serving a free pancakes and sausage breakfast in support of the PSR Breakfast with St Nick.. We will be serving, in the Parish Center on Sunday Dec 8, 2019 starting at 9:45 am. .

BLUE COAT

March 2020 Blue Coat Awards: We are planning to honor a Youth & a Scout. If you would wish to make a nomination, contact PGK Wolfe at 937-609-4552 or Grand Knight Erbacher at 937-477-5669. Youth may be male or female with Church, School & Community involvement writeup & reason for nomination. Boy Scout with Eagle Scout or working o.n it or Girl Scout with Gold Award or working on it preferred or one with Church, School & Community involvement writeup & reason for nomination. If you have questions, call PGK Wolfe.

We need someone to videotape the Blue Coat awards on March 26, 2020. We may be able to borrow equipment, if necessary. Contact PGK Wolfe at 937-608-4552 r by E-mail at wmc45324jaw@aol.com.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

As in years past, the Past Grand Knights are hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday December 19 from 7 to 10 pm. Brothers and a guest are encouraged to attend in the spirit of Fraternalism and the Christmas Season. The event is free, as always, and the PGK's will provide both food and beverages. Please come and enjoy the merriment of the season with you fellow Knights and their spouses. While you're at it, this is an opportunity to invite a prospective member and his guest. The event is free for them as well, and a great chance to meet all of us and explore what it means to be a Knight. If you have a prospect that you've been thinking about asking, do not let this chance pass you by.

MEMBERSHIP

How about recruiting a "Knight Before Christmas". You have been working on a potential member. Now invite him and his wife to the council Christmas Open House party. Invite him and his family to the Saturday evening dinner following the 4 PM Mass. You can get credit for a brand new member as well as a reinstatement or a readmission. The *Columbia* has lots of conversation information for you to use. Bring your copy along to show how much good the Order does around the world. Don't forget about the many Catholic military men in our area. Perhaps you work with one. ASK HIM. How about recruiting a "Knight Before Christmas".

THURSDAY NIGHT NFL FOOTBALL

It's the last month of the regular season and every game is important. So come join your brother knights in the lounge for comradery, food, and some exciting football. This month's game schedule

Dec 5 – Cowboys vs Bears
Dec 12 - Jets vs Ravens

Come join your brothers in the lounge for comradery, food, and some exciting football. Football frenzy tickets will be available for purchase too. Go Bengals, Go Browns!!!



During the November 2019 Fairborn 3724 Business Meeting, Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher had the Madonna Tapestry displayed that was donated by the Erbacher Family to Fairborn Council 3724. Grand Knight Erbacher will have the tapestry displayed in the Council Lounge.



The Fairborn 3724 Memorial Service for deceased members was held at Mary Help of Christians Church on November 16, 2019. Chairman Daniel Cyphers organized the Memorial Service and Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher led Knights, widows and guests in the prayers for our deceased Knights.



GK Erbacher and measure-up Chairman Harry Yarwick present checks to the Clark County Early Childhood Development and the F.F. Mueller Residential Services.



GK Erbacher and measure-up Chairman Harry Yarwick present a Check to the Greene County Early Childhood Development Center.



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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 21 November to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on November 16th from 9:00 - 11:00. We cleaned the lounge, including the carpet, to make ready for our Christmas Holidays. Our next work party will be Saturday December 7th. We will continue cleaning our Council areas to make ready for the holidays including the upholstery on the lounge furniture. Please come and help your brother knights keep our property and equipment functioning properly.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: Eric Muterspaw, \$40 Ticket #174

2nd Place: Frank Minnick, \$25 Ticket #103

3rd Place: James McCoy, \$10 Ticket #021

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, 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:

PGK Phil Ambs

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, Wilma Rizzo, Robert Herring, Martin Hernandez, Katherine Justice, John Habel, Alice and Cal Smith, Barbara Gazzo, Rosile Sloat, John Keampf, John Lougeman, Bernadette Carpio, State Secretary Mark Siracusa, Candi Freil, PGK Frank Minnick, Velma Hobbs.

DECEMBER EVENTS



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Dec 5	Trustees Meeting	Dec 8	Breakfast w/St Nick
Dec 9	4th Degree Meeting	Dec 12	Business Meeting
Dec 14	K of C Dinner	Dec 19	Home Corp Meeting
Dec 19	PGK Open House	Dec 25	Merry Christmas

JAN PREVIEW

K of C Dinner, K of C Pro Life Dinner and Auction, First Degree, March for Life, 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 Frank Minnick Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



PGK Frank Minnick Receiving the FOTM on Behalf of the Kitchen Crew from GK Erbacher

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What Is the Immaculate Conception?

"O Mary, Conceived Without Sin ... "

by Scott P. Richert

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the [Blessed Virgin Mary](#), which Catholics celebrate every year on December 8. Many people, including many Catholics, think that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the [Annunciation of the Lord](#) (March 25, nine months before [Christmas](#)). What is the Immaculate Conception?

CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, [Saint Anne](#). We celebrate the [Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)—her birth—on September 8; nine months before that is December 8, the [Feast of the Immaculate Conception](#).

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Fr. John Hardon, S.J., in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, notes that "Neither the Greek nor Latin Fathers explicitly taught the Immaculate Conception, but they professed it implicitly." It would take many centuries, though, for the Catholic Church to recognize the Immaculate Conception as a doctrine—as something which all Christians must believe—and many more before Pope Pius IX, on December 8, 1854, would declare it a dogma—that is, a doctrine that the Church teaches was revealed by God Himself.

THE DECLARATION OF THE DOGMA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, Pope Pius IX wrote that "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of [Jesus Christ](#), the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful." As Father Hardon further writes, the Blessed Virgin's "freedom from sin was an unmerited gift of God or special *grace*, and an exception to the law, or *privilege*, which no other created person has received."

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ANTICIPATES CHRIST'S REDEMPTION OF ALL MANKIND

Another misconception people have is that Mary's Immaculate Conception was necessary to ensure that [Original Sin](#) would not be passed on to Christ. This has never been a part of the teaching on the Immaculate Conception; rather, the Immaculate Conception represents Christ's saving grace operating in Mary in anticipation of His redemption of man and in God's foreknowledge of Mary's acceptance of His Will for her. In other words, the Immaculate Conception was not a precondition for Christ's act of redemption but the result of that act. It is the concrete expression of God's love for Mary, who gave herself fully, completely, and without hesitation to His service.