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Grand Knight's Corner

This is my final article for 2020 and yet we still have the entire month of December waiting around the corner. Nearly a million people have died worldwide from a virus for which there may or may not be a vaccine by the end of the year. American's are the most divided we've been since the Civil War. The global economy has slowed while the stock market continues to hit inexplicable highs. To me it just sums up the fact that despite experts everywhere nobody really knows anything, there is no trust, no faith or belief in leadership it's a mess, both lives and livelihoods are hanging in the balance. How are we going to survive? Again, please indulge my love of history.

Marcus Aurelius endured 15 years of the Antonine Plague, which was worse than anything we are experiencing now, and yet Rome survived for hundreds of years more. That's not to say any of those crises were easy. Lives and jobs were lost. Families were torn apart. There was pain, anxiety, fear, frustration, everything we are experiencing now. What is apparent however is that life is remarkably resilient and persistent, that much of what seems overwhelming in the moment will eventually blend in with ordinary history. The same will be true of this pandemic and these trying times. They will recede and become footnotes to history. We must stay true to our faith and true to the vision of Fr. McGivney and look to the welfare of our neighbors and families. If we can commit to that our best days may still lay ahead.

The close of November brought with it the annual 3724 Memorial Mass. Bro Dan Cyphers and his family worked hard on the setup and coordinating the event with the parish. The table display of our fallen brother's pictures was excellent and received many supportive complements from those in attendance at the mass. Sadly, we could not do a reception this year because of the protocols involved with Covid-19 but that did not take away from the majesty of the occasion. This year we bid farewell to the following brothers: Sir Knight Victor Berberich, Bro John Kaemp, Bro Al Brewer, PGK, Sir Knight John Lougeman, Rev Daniel Pilarczyk, Bro Bill Fortner, and Sir Knight Phil Amb, PGK. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Thanksgiving is also part of November and as with everything in 2020 it will be strange and odd as we celebrate in new or unconventional ways. I thought it might be nice to refer to a Benedictine practice that states, "it isn't happiness that makes us grateful but rather gratefulness that makes us happy." Remember that 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. I have a bit of trivia for you as well; the Greek word for gratitude is "eucharistos." 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 to look forward to and I mean look forward to. The dual lights of Advent and the Annunciation what better way to renew our spiritual strength. Cont next page



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Special points of interest

- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Worthy PGK Frank Minnick was my selection for Knight of the Month, for those in the council not aware PGK Minnick had the idea to redefine the parish dinners in the wake of the Covid 19 pandemic much as the rest of the world has had to do. He and his entire kitchen crew have managed to implement social distancing protocols for those who wish to sit and eat but also have created a take-out program for those who just wish to have a good dinner. For their support and tireless work in this endeavor the kitchen crew were my Family of the Month selection.

When you see Frank M, Frank C, Corky, Don, 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 .

Worthy brothers and families of 3724, in these unprecedented times as we face fear, anger, uncertainty, doubt, isolation and numerous other evils, let's not forget to keep our faces turned to God, I know it's hard faith never seems to be an easy journey but Jesus himself said "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second part is equally important, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these." If we give God that love and that trust he will guide us through.

"Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus" Vivat Jesus, GK Gene.

DEFENDING OUR NAMESAKE Part 3.

Charge #3 Against the Character of Christopher Columbus. He instituted the slave trade.

Columbus was not interested in the slave trade; his goal was to set up a trading post or, later, an agricultural colony on the island of Hispaniola, today's Dominican Republic and Haiti. He did, however, take slaves as prisoners of war, or where he found violations of natural law, such as human sacrifice or cannibalism — the only reasons Spain permitted. Slavery was never the admiral's intention, except as a — not very effective — way to maintain order in unprecedented circumstances.

Council 3724 and the Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

3724 Family, considering the resurgent Covid-19 situation, I have decided to close the hall for the months of December and January. 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 Tom of Mary Help of Christians and/or Fr Satish of Immaculate Conception both are livestreaming mass via Facebook for the faithful to attend. Stay Home, Stay Safe and God Bless.

ACTIVITIES

Mass for Knights Indulgence at Wright-Patterson Prairies Chapel

"All Knights are invited to a Mass on Thursday, 3 December at 2:00 PM at the Prairies Chapel (682 Chapel Lane, Riverside) to obtain a plenary indulgence. Knights from Michigan, led by Faithful Navigator Mike Babiuk will be attending. The requirements for this indulgence include receiving Holy Communion in a state of grace and the sacrament of Reconciliation seven days before or after the Mass. Contact Herb Edwards, 237 -2217 for further info

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REQUEST FROM SVPD CONFERENCE

If you are able-bodied and have a truck or trailer, let brother Tom Boland know. Our parish St Vincent de Paul Conference is in the business of collecting good used furniture in order to provide to our Fairborn neighbors in need. To do this effectively, we need a cadre of able-bodied persons with ready access to truck or trailer willing to be called upon to help pick up / deliver furniture. Reach out to brother Tom Boland at 937-469-3267 and be prepared to leave a voicemail if necessary. God's blessings upon you and your families to remain healthy during this Covid Pandemic



Our Seminarian Prepares for Final Exams

Our second-year seminarian, Nam Mac, is preparing for final exams this December at [Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West](#) in Cincinnati. Chancellor Matt Justice was able to meet up with Nam for an enjoyable visit during his midterm break on Saturday October 24th. The visit included a stop at the Cincinnati Art Museum. This was the Knight's first visit with Nam since his guided tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force, led by Larry Bogemann (PGK) on March 7, 2020, just a week before the COVID lockdown.

Nam is completing a rigorous course load this semester, comprised of the following six subjects: modern philosophy, natural theology, epistemology, advanced Latin, logic, and catechism. The subject matter is made even more difficult because English is Nam's second language. Nam grinned in explaining the challenge of being Vietnamese, learning advanced Latin from an

Italian professor, while having to translate from a textbook written in English. Although Latin is a very complex language, Nam says he appreciates studying it, and he considers it a beautiful language, especially when read during the Mass.

Although Nam has very little free time while at seminary, he has many interests. Among his interests, Nam enjoys plants, playing piano, and studying language. Next year, he hopes to study Spanish, to help him as a priest minister to the diocese's Hispanic population. Nam also loves cats. In fact, once ordained a priest, Nam would like to have a cat.

Seminarians live an extremely disciplined life, arising early at 5:30 am daily, and attending chapel at 6:30 am. In addition to their heavy course load, the seminarians serve weekly at a soup kitchen, and are responsible for various duties to maintain the seminary. This year Nam is assigned work at the seminary bookstore. Each evening the seminarians gather at 9:00 pm for Benediction. Once over, Nam studies into the night as long as he is able, usually until 12:00 am or 1:00 am, before arising again at 5:30 am.

Seminarians are responsible for providing their own toiletries, clothes, and school supplies. Not having a car, Nam must either walk 20 minutes to the nearest store or find a ride from a fellow seminarian when he needs supplies. Despite the hardships of being a seminarian in a foreign land, Nam remains very devoted to becoming a priest. So as we enter this Advent season, please keep Nam in your prayers.

If you wish to send Nam a Christmas greeting, he would greatly appreciate your prayers. Please address your cards to:

Mr. Nam Mac
Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West
6616 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230



Seminarian Nam Mac entering Air Force One, used by President John F. Kennedy; National Museum of the United States Air Force; March 7, 2020



Nam Mac (left) standing with PGK Larry Bogemann in front of an F-105 Thunderchief flown over the dangerous skies of North Vietnam during Operation Rolling Thunder

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MEMBERSHIP

Our country and our namesake are under attack. We need to increase the size of our roles with members who will defend the name and memory of Columbus. We must contact good Catholic men and invite them to join our ranks. The new on line “Charity-Unity-Fraternity degree” is a great incentive. Individualism may have been OK in the past, but with our nation’s proud history under attack by organized revolutionaries, a strong defense is needed. The Knights of Columbus can provide that defense; however, we need the strength of numbers. It is up to each of us Fairborn Council members. We have a proud history of service. Recruit a new member or reactivate a former member. Turn in his name today.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on Nov 18 to pay bills and discuss business. Due to the COVID-19 crisis our work parties will be suspended until further notice.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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

Dale Petacki, Donald Maaning

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Cal and Alice Smith, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O’Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez Sgt, John Habel, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Cassie Barlow, Sopaia Yarwick, Cladina Hay, Tony Liam, Janet McGrath, Bill Gould, Jan Gartsipe, Jeanne Paula, Wallace Johnson, PGK Frank Carchedi, PGK Russ Milliron, Cathy Kempf, Tony Newton, PGK Herman Karhoff.

DECEMBER EVENTS

All activates cancelled except those noted in newsletter.



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JANUARY PREVIEW

All activities cancelled

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.



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