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Grand Knight's Corner

Well here we are a month into 2020, tax time is coming, we have crested the hill and are heading down to the end of the fraternal year, and although we still have a lot of activities remaining we need to start thinking about next year. So I'm going to take this month to talk about service. Service is the action of helping or doing work for someone. The word service is rooted in the Latin "serv" which is most closely defined as slave, I found that to be a little shocking because it means that many other words, servant, servitude, even the term doing a disservice has that same root. The reason I find that shocking is that I can't think of anyone in the Knights of Columbus, our families, or our parish who would consider the term service any sort of slavery. I willingly serve as your Grand Knight, many of our brothers serve the council in roles small and large and by serving the council, serve the community and the parish. Why am I talking so much about service this month? I am calling on you brother Knights, several of our offices need filling, the Deputy Grand Knight has been vacant this whole year. The Past Grand Knights are going to be putting a mentoring program into effect specifically geared towards pairing a member who chooses to serve an office in the council with a specific mentor who has performed that office to help and guide them along. Some of you will be approached by members of the Past Grand Knights to prayerfully, seriously consider stepping into an officer role. Trust me I've heard the reasons people don't want to do it. I used some of those reasons myself but when I finally said yes, it became one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. I had multiple mentors to help me understand what I was supposed to do and how to do it and no one in our council is ever alone when they take a leadership role.

I recently completed and submitted the fraternal survey that we must turn in every year at this time and I'm am gladdened to share with you that we again had a standout year. Council 3724 is spread across the United States encompassing nearly 260 members. In direct support of those local councils all over, 3724 has donated 64 pints of blood, 2,693 hours of Faith activities, 1,540 hours in support of Family activities, 1,621 hours in support of Community activities, and 375 hours in support of Life activities. We have also provided 98 hours in visits to the sick and bereaved, as well as 50 hours of service to the sick and disabled. Those are just the hours reported on the roughly 60 council surveys that I received. 60 is about 20% of membership, so even accounting for sick and disabled members we could probably add another 10-15% to all those service hours for brothers who didn't send in a survey but still participate in their respective Faith, Family, Community and Life activities. Financially we as a council have contributed over 30,000 dollars in direct charitable donations related to Faith, Family, Community and Life. The first fruit of the Holy Spirit is Charity, coincidence that the same term is the hallmark of the first degree. I don't think so. When you look at the totals that our council contributed in all the program areas, I would say it is self-evident that 3724 is holding true to the lessons of that degree.

We have some pretty big events coming up in February, the second reverse raffle as well as the men's retreat which is coming home to Mary Help and has been opened to the parishes from the base, New Carlisle and the college parishes so it looks to be a great experience. My Knight of the month was Bro. Corky Block our tireless Home Corp president, kitchen crewmember, Tuesday crewmember and all-around huge benefit to the council and to myself. In that vein as well, my Family of the Month was our worthy recorder Tim Barlow, he and his wife Cassie and their family work tirelessly in support of Our Lady Queen of Peace over at the base as well as their other charitable endeavors, yet Tim still finds time to serve as our recorder which could not happen without Cassie's support. Give Corky and Tim a hearty job well done when you see them again.

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



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ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday February 8th. This month's dinner will feature Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad and a 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.

MEN'S RETREAT

29 Feb 2020

Did you know Julius Caesar introduced the first leap year around 46 BC, and that during leap years, George Armstrong Custer fought the Battle of the Little Big Horn (1876), the Titanic sank (1912), Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity (1752) and gold was discovered in California (1848)? While none of us lived in these times, 2020 is a leap year and provides us an opportunity to use this extra day to our personal historic significance. So why not set aside this day to grow our relationship with God, who loves us more than anyone else in this world?

So, plan to attend a men's retreat hosted by the Fairborn Knights of Columbus in Fairborn K of C chambers (in back of Mary Help of Christians Parish Center). Join us for coffee and pastries in the lounge starting at 8:30 am. The theme of this year's retreat is: ***Finding Hope in the Mercy of God***. Featured speakers at this event include Fr. Tom Nevels; Fr. Donald Moss; Mr. Joe Hand; and Deacon Max Roadruck. Lunch and beverages will be provided by the Knights. Stations of the Cross, rosary, and confessions followed by a 4 pm Mass at MHC will round out the afternoon.

This retreat is open to men from Mary Help of Christians, Sacred Heart, St. John Bosco parishes, and Knights from Fairborn, New Carlisle, and WSU councils.

Yes, the rumor you heard is true, **the event is FREE**. So, why not seek respite from the noise and commotion of daily life? Treat yourself to a Lenten experience of finding hope in the mercy of God, to help prepare us for the joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

"Please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge or RSVP to Herman Karhoff, (937) 361-2758 on or before 27 Feb 2020."

BLUE COAT

The Council 46th Annual Blue Coat Awards will be held on Thursday March 26, 2020 at the Mary Help of Christians Parish Center. All Officers, Members, Widows and K of C Family Members are encouraged to attend this outstanding community event at no cost. A sign-up sheet will be on the lounge bulletin board by the January Business Meeting. Nominations for a Boy Scout (Eagle Scout or working on it) or Girl Scout (Gold Award or working on it) may be sent to PGK Wolfe at wmc45324jaw@aol.com. He can be reached at 937-609-4552.

SPRING 2020 REVERSE RAFFLE

Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Spring Reverse Raffle will be held on February 22rd. Doors open following the 4:00 mass. Tickets are \$35 which covers 2 adults' admission, heavy hor d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2000. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com or any of our members.

MEMBERSHIP

I am still available in the meeting room every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 and after Business meetings for about an hour to listen to your membership recruiting and retention comments and suggestions. I have noticed that over the past several years our council has grown from 300 members then to 260 members now. What is going on. We are not replacing our members who die. Our first Membership Team meeting in January produced some valuable recruiting items. Will you help to implement them? To recruit a new member, convey a sense of enthusiasm, excitement and pride when talking about the great things our council accomplishes and the people our council help. If you cannot think of any great things or accomplishments or if you cannot work up any enthusiasm or excitement then you need to come see me some Thursday.

HELP NEEDED

BINGO is what pays the rent for the space we use in the Parish Center and other bills and is one of, if not the largest fundraiser the Knights have. We are in desperate need of help in the following areas: Cage workers time is 4:30 - 10:00 Callers 6:00 - 10:00 Floor workers 5:30 - 10:00

On the Third Wednesday there is only myself and PGK Larry Bogaman (FHS Music Club works floor) I work the cage and call, while Larry runs Instants. I know there are those who don't like BINGO. Neither do I. (I don't like work either, but I still go) I still Chair BINGO for the Charities. With that being said I put that aside and think about all the money that we are able to donate to those different charities. So please consider one night a month or splitting one night with someone else (every other month)."The order is dedicated to the principles ('Degrees') of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism" "Charity is the foremost principle of the Knights of Columbus"

There was one widow who volunteered to help as a result of this plead, please consider volunteering, we can use your help

Thank you
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COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

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



CONGRATULATIONS



Fairborn Knights PGK John A. Wolfe & Lyndon Engle are pictured following U.S. Coast Guard graduation ceremonies in Cape May, NJ. Engle completed the Coast Guard 8-week very intense Boot Camp and has been assigned as a Fireman E 3 to U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Ahi (marine island protector class patrol boat) in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Rev Tom Nevels giving 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing to Judy & PGK Jim McCoy.

GK Gene Erbacher presenting 1st degree certificates to recent new members.



DON LIEPOLD



DON SHEPHERD



DALE GOTHARD

FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD (FAB)

The FAB met on January 30 and in accordance with our charter presented the checks to the charities chosen by the council. On hand to receive the check for Operation Fairborn Cares was Marilyn McCauley and one of her board members Clint Allen. Father Ethan Moore received the check for the Wright State Catholic Campus Ministries and Russel Milliron received the check for St. Vincent DePaul.



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INSURANCE CORNER



Mapping Your Financial Future:

Preparing for your financial future involves following a disciplined process that involves identifying your goals and exploring financial strategies.

These six steps will help you map your financial future:

1. **Discovery** – Identify and prioritize your financial goals
2. **Data Gathering** – Collect facts and figures based on your current situation
3. **Analyze** – Input data and run calculations and identify shortfalls
4. **Recommend** – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. **Implement** – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. **Periodic Review** – Review regularly to measure success and make adjustments

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help gather data; find out what is most important to you; do you have enough coverage or are there any gaps that need addressed. By taking the time to prepare now, you may be able to lay out a path for your financial future.

Plan to make an appointment with me soon!

Thanks!

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Universal Prayer Intention Listen to the Migrants Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered..

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 16 January to pay bills and discuss business. Our next work party will be Saturday February 29th. We will once again work on repairing our stock of chairs. We have enough tools and equipment to accommodate two teams of workers, so please come and help your brother knights keep our property and equipment functioning properly.

Our monthly raffle winners for December were:

- 1st Place: Scott Karhoff , \$40 Ticket #003
- 2nd Place: James Cinelli, \$25 Ticket #171
- 3rd Place: John Talbot, \$10 Ticket #066

Our monthly raffle winners for January were:

- 1st Place: Pete Bates , \$40 Ticket #060
- 2nd Place: Steven Cleveland, \$25 Ticket #094
- 3rd Place: Mark Halbisen, \$10 Ticket #16



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.

Repose of the Soul:

Cathy DeWitt, Bob Dwyer, Larry Deer

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, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Martin Hernandez, Katherine Justice, John Habel, Alice and Cal Smith, Rosalie Sloat, John Keampf, John Lougeman, Bernadette Carpio, Velma Hobbs, PGK Russ Milliron,, Lisa Eeamon, Whilma Rizzo, Janet Duhon Cassie Barlow,, Sphaia Yarwick, Peggy Heity, Joe Koegle, Boris Tirpack.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb 6	Trustees Meeting	Feb 8	K of C Dinner
Feb 10	4th Degree Meeting	Feb 13	Business Meeting
Feb 20	Home Corp Meeting	Feb 22	Reverse Raffle
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday	Feb 27	First Degree
Feb 29	Men's Retreat		

MAR PREVIEW

Blood Drive, Blue Coat, Dinner, MHC Membership Open House, 5th Sunday Rosary, 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.



Corky Block Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



Tim Barlow Receiving the FOTM GK Erbacher

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