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Grand Knight's Corner

So, here we are, a month into 2021, and this fraternal year will soon be ending and what a year eh? 2020, Covid-19, Election protests, violence, riots, and an America split asunder and so polarized that reason and rational thought have completely left the building. A good friend of mine recently told me that, "we need to be more understanding of the truth that God allows suffering for our merit, both for our souls and the souls of others. Suffering will bring us closer to him if our hearts are open." If I remember the teaching of the nuns correctly that is also the reason for Purgatory and that suffering here in our time can aid those souls if we offer it to them. This really ties into a concept I keep running into in my readings and it appears more and more applicable the farther our society falls into the Godless state that our leaders are trying to push. The concept is called Sympatheia and it's a mindset that "all things are mutually woven together and have an affinity for each other." "The fruit of this life is acts that benefit the common good." – Aurelius. I feel that must be true, that interconnection, after all how else could suffering in this life help a soul in Purgatory. God is the master of all creation as well as the past, present, and future, we are for him and he is for us. The rabbi Hillel was once asked to explain the Torah. "Love thy neighbor as thyself," he said, "all the rest is commentary."

Love thy neighbor as thyself. Nothing could be more urgent right now, during a pandemic and a global economic crisis. In a time when individual decisions have massive health consequences for other people, no message is more fitting. Wear a mask, wash your hands, donate to food banks, pay taxes, treat servers and delivery people well, why? Because we are all neighbors. it is us. Everyone we meet is an opportunity for kindness

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 despite everything we had a pretty good year. Council 3724 is spread across the United States encompassing a little over 250 members. In direct support of those local councils, 3724 has donated 602 hours in Faith activities, 349 hours in support of Family activities, 422 hours in support of Community activities, and 32 hours in support of Life activities. We have also provided 73 hours in support visits to the sick and bereaved. The numbers are down for our council when compared to the last couple years but given what we and the world have been dealing with not surprising. It is gratifying to see though that even given the current environment 3724 is still striving to meet the mission Fr. McGivney gave all Knights so many years ago.

My Knight of the Month was worthy PGK Frank Carchedi whose efforts on behalf of our council, are approaching shall I dare say legendary status. Sorry Frank, I know you don't care for the spotlight but even when your not feeling well you still manage to turn out a great newsletter, offer support when needed and generally keep the Grand Knight on task. My family of the month was the family of PGK Herman Karhoff they were our Family of the Year nominee last fraternal year and despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Herman with Martha's support continues to volunteer tirelessly for the Council and the Mary Help of Christians (MHC) Church community. When you see Frank, Herman and Martha congratulate and thank them for their service.

"May the God of peace himself make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus
Vivat Jesus. GK Erbacher



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Special points of interest

- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Charge Number 5 against the character of Christopher Columbus: He did not accomplish anything extraordinary.

Many claim that Columbus did not “discover” the New World. Those living here already knew where they were, the argument goes, and didn’t need to be discovered. This is a half-truth. Indigenous peoples, of course, knew their own lands. They did not know that they were part of a larger world. One reason we especially honor Columbus is that he began the process toward the one interconnected world that we now inhabit. Vasco da Gama sailed around Africa and reached “the Indies” five years after Columbus arrived in the New World. But great as that feat was, he only found a new route to long known lands. Columbus, by skill, imagination and sheer grit gave us *the world*.

Columbus is often dismissed today on other grounds — usually by people who have come to hate “Western civilization” and, frankly, traditional Christianity. They want to blame him for everything wrong on these shores since 1492. Following that logic, though, he deserves some credit — and gratitude — as well, for the many good things that also followed his discoveries.

This five-part defending our namesake was based on the book *Columbus and the Crisis of the West* by Robert Royal the director of the Faith and Reason Institute in Washington, D.C., and a member of St. John Bosco Council 12846 in Springfield, Va. The publisher is the Sophia Institute Press.

FAB Update

Donation checks from the building fund proceeds were processed at the January Home Corp Meeting. We again had proceeds of 10,000 dollars to give away. We gave 9500 to Mary Help to update and purchase digital signs for the parish and we sent a 500.00 check to Capuchin mission in support of Bro. Ray Ronan’s efforts at the Orphanage in Mendi Papua New Guinea. The next FAB meeting will be April 29, 2021. The council also received a miscellaneous donation in the amount of 500 dollars to be used for the digital signs so we will be cutting a check for that amount to MHC at the next Trustees meeting

Status of the Council Hall

The Council Hall will remain closed through the month of February so again trustees and home corp will meet only to conduct council business. It is my hope that March will be a little more friendly to the notion of a community gathering. If there is anything that requires a council vote that would normally be conducted during the February business meeting, I will employ a Google voting and survey form to perform that function. I did not however see anything pressing on the council calendar. Continue to relax at home this month, watch the Superbowl if your so inclined or curl up with a fire, movie, and hot cocoa. Keep an eye on your family and friends, lend a hand where needed if you can and keep saying the rosary and prayers for our country to return to some form of normalcy. Keep an eye on the Knight and Activity Alert emails for news and updates.

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

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Brief History of Lent

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It seems certain that a Lenten season preceding Easter goes back to the time of the Apostles.

The length of time varied. But by the Council of Nicea (325 A.D.), which was the first general council of the Church, Lent is to be observed for forty days. The number forty has a long biblical history: The forty days' fasts of Moses, Elijah and especially Our Lord in the desert. During the early days of the Church, the observance of fast was very strict. One meal was allowed per day and, even in that meal, meat and fish were forbidden. By the fifteenth century, the one meal was taken at noon. Gradually an extra collation was allowed in the evening. The present legislation of Canon Law is as follows:

All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the universal Church (Canon 1250).

Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Canon 1251).

According to the apostolic constitution of Pope Paul VI (1966), "the law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening."

Although not strictly obligatory, the observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended by the Church. This recommendation applies to the Marian Catechists.

One statement that is new in the Code of Canon Law declares that "pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast (eighteenth year completed) and abstinence (fourteenth year completed) are educated in an authentic sense of penance" (Canon 1252). This provision certainly applies to Marian Catechists who are in a position to educate young people "in an authentic sense of penance."

Spirit of the Lenten Season

There are two guiding principles for the observance of Lent. During this season, the faithful are to grow in their love of Jesus Crucified, and they are to practice extra penance for their own and other people's sins. Both aspects of Lent deserve some explanation.

Love of Jesus Crucified. The spirit of Lent is the spirit of Christ Crucified. Therefore, whatever enables us to better understand Christ's Passion and Death, and deepens our responsive love for His great love toward us should be fostered during the Lenten season. Some recommendations:

Meditation on the Gospel narratives of Christ's Passion.

Spiritual reading of books like Goodier's [Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#), Abbot Marmion's [The Way of the Cross](#), Edward Leen's [Why the Cross?](#), Fulton Sheen's [Seven Words on the Cross](#).

Recitation of prayers like [Soul of Christ Sanctify Me](#).

Besides making the daily [Way of the Cross](#), encouraging others to make the Stations at least on Fridays during Lent.

Having some symbol of Christ's Passion, like the crucifix or picture of the crucifix within easy eye vision to remind us of the Passion at odd moments of the day.

Having some short aspiration which is recited (at least mentally) a few times during the day, like, "My Jesus Crucified," or "Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death, have mercy on us."

Occasionally reciting the [Litany of the Precious Blood](#).

Spending some extra time before the Blessed Sacrament, asking Our Lord to grow in the understanding of His continued Passion now in the Church, which is His Mystical Body on earth!

Making an occasional entry into one's spiritual journal about, "How much the Passion of Christ means to me."

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Reparation for Sin. In practicing penance, we should keep in mind that there are two levels of reparation we are to practice, for our own and other people's sins. We are to expiate the guilt incurred by failing in one's love for God. And we are to repair the harm done by disobeying the will of God.

On the first level, our penance should be the practice of a deeper and more generous love for God.

By making acts of divine love.

By doing our ordinary work with more selfless love for God.

By putting our heart more sincerely into whatever we are doing, and periodically telling our Lord we are doing it out of love for Him.

By deciding before Lent, what form(s) of charity I will practice towards those with whom I live or work. There is no more pleasing love of God, as expiation, than the selfless love of others whom God puts into my daily life.

By going through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and selecting one or more on which I wish to concentrate during Lent, as my form of penance-as-love, offered to the loving but offended God.

On the second level, our penance should strive to endure some pain in order to expiate the sinful pleasure that is always the substance of sin. This can take on a variety of forms, and no two people are the same in this matter. The following are merely examples.

More frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.

More frequent attendance at Mass.

Less time spent in eating, or eating less food, or getting up earlier than usual.

Sacrifice of some hours per week that would otherwise have been spent in watching television, listening to the radio, reading secular newspapers, magazines, or fiction.

Walking, instead of driving, and walking upstairs instead of using an elevator.

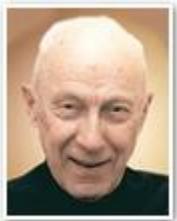
Doing without some delicacy at table, or not eating between meals.

Getting up promptly in the morning, and retiring in good time at night.

Answering letters or writing to persons who would appreciate hearing from us.

Gauging one's time in telephone conversation or conversation in general.

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Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. (1914-2000) was a tireless apostle of the Catholic faith. The author of over twenty-five books including [Spiritual Life in the Modern World](#), [Catholic Prayer Book](#), [The Catholic Catechism](#), [Modern Catholic Dictionary](#), [Pocket Catholic Dictionary](#), [Pocket Catholi Catechism](#), [Q & A Catholic Catechism](#), [Treasury of Catholic Wisdom](#), [Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan](#) and hundreds of articles, Father Hardon was a close associate and advisor of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, and Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity. Read articles or hear tapes, etc. of Father Hardon [here](#).

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MEMBERSHIP

New members are the life blood of the order, our membership has been steady declining. Every Catholic man 18 years and older should be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Sadly a small percentage are. It's up to each member to ask their family members, friends, coworkers, etc. to join the order, please make an effort this Lenten season to recruit one new member. As most of you know our Membership Director PGK Bill Gazzerro is in a rehab facility and needs help performing his duties, if you can help let the GK or Program Director know.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on Jan 21 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



.Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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

Joe Maiorano, brother of PGK John Maiorano.

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez Sgt, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Cassie Barlow, Sophia Yarwick, Cladina Hay, Tony Liam, Janet McGrath, Bill Gould, Jan Gartsipe, Jeanne Paula, Wallace Johnson, Cathy Kempf, Tony Newton, Susie Abdo, PGK Bill Gazzerro

FEBRUARY EVENTS

All activates cancelled except those noted in newsletter.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

MARCH PREVIEW

Blood Drive, Membership open house, Men's Retreat (tentative)

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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**"I have one left over. Which of you
still wants to be my valentine?"**

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