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Grand Knight's Corner

" The curtain on 2018 has closed, and the calendar page has flipped to January, perhaps some of us have a couple remaining tasks, but for the most part we have made it another rotation around the sun. Usually around this time people start talking about resolutions or "it's a new year, it's a new me." I am not a firm believer in resolutions because they are rarely followed through. Instead I try to analyze my year and pick one behavior that I will try and work on rather than some vague goal such as, I want to lose weight. I've decided that for 2019 I'm going to work on finding moments to exercise what I call small kindness. What could that be? I hope I will know it when I see it maybe it's just yielding the lane to someone trying to get on the freeway who doesn't understand how to merge. Maybe I'll buy a cup of coffee for someone in line behind me, I'm going to trust that God understanding my intent will place those moments in front of me. With society as it is today, I don't know how big a difference it will make. I don't know how or when I'm going to leave this world but I would like to think when I do that maybe just maybe it's a little bit better off than when I came into it. Kindness, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit; the quality of understanding sympathy and concern for those in trouble or need. It is shown in affability of speech, generosity of conduct, and forgiveness of injuries sustained.

I've also thought a lot about anger this year and I am going to paraphrase I believe Seneca who said, "How much greater are the consequences of anger, than the act itself." Lord knows I have experienced anger this year, as I'm sure all of us in the council and in our families at home have. So far I have managed to keep it in check by relying on the support of my family, my friends, my fellow Knights and the Stoic belief that while I cannot control what happens to me in this life, I can control my action and response to those events. That can also extend to home in that we can ask ourselves is my response to what is angering me going to make the situation better or will it perhaps cause damage that might take a lifetime to undo. I still don't quite know how God might help to heal my spirit or the spirit of the world around us, but that practice of small kindness might be a way to start.

In that light, I came across this from the writings of St. Benedict. "Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you and life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen"

My Knight of the Month was our worthy Warden Bro. Mark Dues, my Family of the Month was the awesome Knights of Columbus Council 3724 Kitchen Crew. Mark this is overdue and I'm sorry for that, but I definitely could not run the affairs of the council without you. The Kitchen Crew spend a lot of tiring hours in preparation and serving of our parish meals and make no mistake they are a family and by extension their families at home who make it possible for them to spend those hours of labor. Make sure to congratulate them when you see them around the hall or the parish. This month we have, a parish dinner on the 12th. Percy Gros will once again be coordinating the transportation for the March for Life in Washington DC. There will be a meeting of the Financial Advisory Board on the 31st. Come out and celebrate our Parish, and our council with your brother Knights and their families. I wish you all a Happy New Year. Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus

Vivat Jesus. GK Erbacher



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ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner Saturday January 12th. This month we will be featuring our most popular item from past dinners, our hand made Chicken Pot Pie. We'll serve that up with a dinner salad and yet 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.

PRO-LIFE ITALIAN DINNER 2019

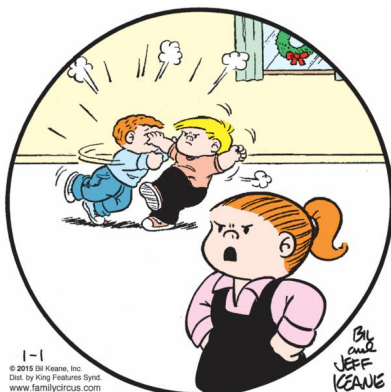
It's almost time for the 2019 edition of our famous Pro-Life Italian Dinner. All the proceeds from this event go directly to support Family and Youth Initiatives, a pro-life, pro-family organization, and their many life changing programs. As in years past, we'll be serving up spaghetti and meatballs, prepared by our own PGK Frank Carchedi, accompanied by a salad, garlic bread, and sherbet with pizzelles for desert. FYI staff will also have a fine array of auction items available for you to bid on, so come and enjoy the fun and good food! Get a great meal, some great deals and support a worthy cause. Doors open after the 4:00 mass on Saturday January 26, 2018. The price is \$10 per person.

SPRING REVERSE RAFFLE 2019

Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Spring Reverse Raffle will be held on February 23rd. 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 Jim McCoy @ 937-879-3570 or PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com or any of our members.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All Council 3724 Knights are requested and encouraged to come and visit the Men of Faith Fellowship that meets in St Francis Hall on the First and Third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. Come early for a bagel, hot coffee and conversation. During nice weather, we meet on the patio adjacent to the St Francis meditation garden. Fellowship begins with a couple of well-known songs led by guitar, voice and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We then read Scripture for the weekend Liturgy and share personal insights / challenges about the Readings or related church teaching - a great way to spiritually prepare for Mass later that day or the next! We then close with a song and prayer. Please come! You are welcome - it is like home - an open and welcoming place to share... Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher for more information...



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"Mommy, Billy and Jeffy aren't startin' the new year off right!"

Bill
and
JEFF
KEANE



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.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 20 December to pay bills and discuss business. No work party was held in December, due to the Christmas Holiday. A work party will be held on January 19th from 9:00 - 11:00. Please come and help your brother knights keep our property and equipment functioning properly.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

- 1st Place: Michael Stock, \$40 Ticket #143
- 2nd Place: Mecca Breczek, \$25 Ticket #114
- 3rd Place: Jim McCoy, \$10 Ticket #148

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK



2018 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKHEET

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

Number of visits you made during 2018 to:
 Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 Bereaved — visits of condolence

Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2018

Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2018:
 Faith Activities — service in all Church related activities
 Family Activities — service in all youth related activities
 Community Activities — service in all community related activities
 Life Activities — service in all related projects
 Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above

Number of hours of fraternal service during 2018:
 Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores,
 transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.....

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INSURANCE CORNER

Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job. Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Evangelization – Young People and the Example of Mary .That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord, to communicate the joy of the Gospel, to the world.

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD

Check out our Councils Pro-Life billboard located on State Route 444 near the Area A entrance to Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

MEMBERSHIP

Are you happy to be a member of the Fairborn Council? If you have any negative feelings for a member, the council or the order, I, your membership director, would like to know what they are. I will be available every Thursday in the meeting room from 7:30 to 9 to listen to your misgivings. You may also e-mail me at wjg070436@gmail.com. I cannot develop a successful membership recruitment program if I do not understand what misgivings exist. All communications will be held in strict confidence. Recruiting is not just about numbers; it is about helping each other, and our families grow closer to Christ. This New Year let us challenge ourselves to welcome at least one new or reinstated member into our order. Give the gift of Knighthood to a fellow Catholic and his family.

By joining the Knights a man and his family receives many gifts: a free subscription to *Columbia* magazine with its stories of interest to Catholic families; **K of C rosary** blessed by the supreme chaplain; access to exclusive **affordable insurance and savings products**; and participation in a variety of programs and **activities for the whole family**.

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 Soul:

Mary "Janelle" Brady, Mother in Law of PGK Don Stefan.

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, ET and Joan Trefethen, Nancy Wertheimer, Dave Bartok, Paul Yosick, Angel Fox, Jon Edwards, Elissa Brugger, Lance Grinde, Andrea Grinde, Zippy Grinde, Kevin Sullivan, Julie Patton, Patrick Wygand, DCN Rusty Baldwin, Sandra Jensen, Lennie Gulley.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

JANUARY EVENTS

Jan 3	Trustees Meeting	Jan 7	4th Degree Meeting
Jan 10	Business Meeting	Jan 12	Parish Dinner
Jan 17	Home Corp Meeting	Jan 18	March for Life
Jan 24	1st Degree	Jan 26	Pro-life Dinner
Jan 31	FAB Meeting 6:30	Jan 31	PGK Meeting 7:30

FEBRUARY PREVIEW

Mem's Retreat, Parish Dinner, Reverse Raffle

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 DonBanford Receiving the FOTM on Behalf Of
The Kitchen Crew from GK Erbacher



Mark Dues Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher

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May **GOD** be with you
through **NEW YEAR**

and fill your life with
COMFORT, LOVE and **CHEER.**

May this day and the days ahead,
Hold many **BLESSINGS**
for you and yours.

Happy New Year!