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Grand Knight's Corner

Two Knights of Columbus documentary projects will be airing on U.S. television in the coming weeks — “Warriors to Lourdes” and “Everyday Heroes.” Both of these films capture compelling personal stories of individuals who have found strength through their faith and for whom the Knights of Columbus have played a special role. I plan on keeping an eye on the tv schedule so I can watch both of them. I am hoping they will help show who we are as an organization and the overall character of the men called Knights.

I want to take this month's column to talk about risk. Risk is defined as the probability of an event and its consequences. Risk management is the practice of using processes, methods and tools for managing that probability. In the cyber world which I deal with daily, it focuses on identifying what could go wrong, evaluating which risks should be dealt with and implementing strategies to deal with them. It is generally a cost versus benefit calculation and I would say the calculation is the same for our spiritual benefits.

Humans are finite but per our faith, our souls are not, that upon death perhaps after a stop in purgatory we are reunited with God and those who have gone before us. There is a risk however that we will not be reunited in the afterlife depending on how we lived the life we were given. So how do we manage that risk? I submit to you the following; Prayer, Good Works, Practicing our Faith, Taking Care of Each Other and using the gifts we have been given. A relationship with God is like any other it needs to be worked at it needs to be maintained. A Deacon named Thomas Wilson once said that “Much is lost due to the absence of Prayer.”

I would say that prayer is our greatest mitigation to the risk of not being reunited with God. Prayer is that moment when we stop the busyness of life and take time to simply communicate with God. Prayer is as unique as each of us. It can be formal or informal. People pray in churches and adoration chapels. They pray in the quiet of their homes or while on vacation at the beach, and even while driving to work in their car. Because God is everywhere we can communicate with Him whenever we need to be closer to Him, no matter where we are. Prayer has been an integral element of Christian faith from the moment Jesus responded to the disciples, who said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples” (Luke 11:1). His response provided one of the most commonly-known and uttered prayers:

“Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.” (Luke 11:2-4). How about it reader's? Do you think eternity is worth a bit of risk management? I certainly do.

My Knight of the month was PGK Herman Karhoff, Herman works tirelessly behind the scenes to benefit our council from work crews to manning the table at all our functions. His advice is of great value to me and his insight is always welcome. My Family of the Month was Bill and Linda Stoddard who were instrumental in helping me host a successful ladies night dinner. Bill can always be counted on to lend a hand and Linda is right next to him. Make sure to say congrats when you see them around the parish or around the hall. Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus.

Vivat Jesus, GK Gene.



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Special points of interest

- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention
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***** NOTICE *****

Brothers, the June business meeting will see two significant events occur, firstly the Council will hold a vote to adopt a motion that authorizes the Grand Knight and/or Deputy Grand Knight to enter into a Terms of Use Agreement with the Council Members Home Corporation (HC). We will also be holding the vote for the incoming slate of officer candidates after the nominations are closed. Your attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.

ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR

Elections are upon us and as such I present the list of current candidates who have been nominated for the next Fraternal Year, we are still in need of a nomination for a Deputy Grand Knight. The June Business meeting will have one more chance at nominations before they are closed and we move into the final balloting. You can also run for an office that already has a candidate as long as the nominations are open. The list of nominees for Fraternal Year 2019-2020 so far is as follows.

- Grand Knight: PGK Gene Erbacher
- Deputy Grand Knight: Vacant
- Recorder: Tim Barlow
- Chancellor: Matt Justice
- Warden: Ken Normand
- Treasurer: Larry DeWitt
- Advocate: PGK Steve Wal
- 1st Year Trustee: PGK Larry Boggeman
- Inside Guard: Terry McCann
- Outside Guard: John Young
- Outside Guard: Herb Edwards

**Supreme Documentary Airing in Ohio
"Everyday Heroes"**

The Knights of Columbus' Supreme Council has announced the television release dates of its new documentary, "Everyday Heroes," sharing the special stories of Brother Knights who, by their lives and commitment, best exemplify the virtues and principles of our Order. The documentary is available in Ohio at the following stations:

- Cincinnati on WCPO on 5/19/2019 @ 5:00 PM
- Cleveland on WEWS on 5/26/2019 @ 1:00 PM
- Columbus on WSYX on 5/25/2019 @ 4:00 AM
- Dayton on WKEF on 6/15/2019 @ 2:00 PM
- Lima on WOHL on 5/19/2019 @ 11:00 AM
- Youngstown on WYTV on 5/19/2019 @ 12:00 PM

After the six-week nationwide airing run, the full documentary will be available, completely free, at kofc.org/heroesfilm; additional information and resources regarding the documentary can currently be found on the website.

ACTIVITIES

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR BANQUET

The Knight of the Year will be held on 15 June 2019 in the Mary Help of Christians Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30. Dinner will once again be supplied by Christy's catering and the event is free to all members and their guest. Reservations are required. There is a signup sheet in the lounge or you may RSVP by calling GK Erbacher at (937)447-5669, or via email to GrandKnight@3724kofc.org. Please make sure I have your name and the number attending.

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."

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND PICNIC

Members of the Council, along with 4th Degree members of Monsignor Buckley Assemble will once again march in the Fairborn Independence Day Parade. As always our entry will consist of a truck and a trailer and we'll gather at the hall to decorate it at 8:00 AM on the 4th. We have to be in our place in the parade line by 9:00 AM. Since the location varies every year, either meet up at the Hall before we leave or call PGK Milliron @ 937-609-9068 if you can't find us. As usual, you are welcome to ride in the truck or trailer. Some of us will also walk.

After the parade, we'll have our annual Council Family Picnic back at the Hall. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided by the Council. Please bring a covered dish of your choice to share. We'll have a few games and a lot of fellowship and good times for the whole family. We'll start to gather about 2:00. As always, there will be brown bag Bingo after food.

MARIAN PRAYER SERVICE – OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS ICON

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world. The traveling icon - Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians is brought to our council this month for a special prayer service. The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time the traveling icon is Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them. Please join us for a special devotion at our council hall on Thursday, June 20th at 7pm. All are invited including families

OHIO STATE COUNCIL 2019 CONVENTION REPORT

The 120th Ohio State Council Convention was held May 17-19, 2019 at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher, PGK & PGK John A. Wolfe were Delegates and District Deputy was an Alternate. Also attending were Supreme Insurance Agent Robert Hernandez, Linda & Lexis Engle and PGK Larry & Mary Bogemann.

All the State Officers but the Warden advanced with Bob Byers of the Steubenville Diocese being elected the 2019-2021 State Deputy. The new State Warden is Jim Maslach of the Cleveland Diocese. During the Awards Session, GK Erbacher accepted the following "IN HIS HONOR" state council awards on behalf of Fairborn 3724: Compass Award – State Charity Campaigns; Support Our Seminarians Holy Orders Award \$1,000 Club; Best Division 1 Awards for Church Program – Renovation of the Mary Help of Christians Cheech and the Best Culture of Life Program – Celebration of Life Hog Roast \$8,000 Fundraiser for Family & Youth Initiatives and the Cincinnati Archdiocese Volunteer of the Year Award for PGK Larry Bogemann.

During the State Deputy's Banquet, State Deputy Kevin Miller presented PGK Larry Bogemann a plaque naming him as the 2019 State Volunteer of the Year Honoree.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Many people send or give cards or gifts to their fathers. Common Father's Day gifts include sports items or clothing, electronic gadgets, outdoor cooking supplies and tools for household maintenance.

Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday so different families have a range of traditions. These can range from a simple phone call or greetings card to large parties honoring all of the 'father' figures in a particular extended family. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and great-grandfathers and even other male relatives. In the days and weeks before Father's Day, many schools and Sunday schools help their pupils to prepare a handmade card or small gift for their fathers.

Father's Day is not a federal holiday. Organizations, businesses and stores are open or closed, just as they are on any other Sunday in the year. Public transit systems run to their normal Sunday schedules. Restaurants may be busier than usual, as some people take their fathers out for a treat.

There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

ANNUAL MARIA STEIN PILGRIMAGE

We just received the information for the Country Fest, June 21,22,23. The Pilgrimage will be on Saturday the 22nd of June. Plan to assemble in the courtyard at noon. We will proceed into the Relic Chapel for a presentation on the extent of this collection and devotion to the Saints represented. In the adjacent church we will pray the Mercy prayers for the Pilgrimage. We will then visit the Museum and Pilgrim Gift Shop. All this should have built up an appetite so we will join the Country Fest for its many delicious foods. The Festival features Tractor Square Dancing, Go-Cart racing, Tractor Pulls, Sand Artists and a Car Show as well as lots of good food. There is a Chicken Dinner at 3 at the Knights of St. John Hall and a Folk Mass at 4 at the Festival

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 20 May to pay bills and discuss business. A work party will be held on June 22th from 9:00 - 11:00. We will concentrate on general cleaning to get the hall ready for our July 4th family picnic. Please come and help your brother knights keep our property and equipment functioning properly.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

- 1st Place: Calvin Smith, \$40 Ticket #35
- 2nd Place: Cheryl Block, \$25 Ticket #89
- 3rd Place: Tom Engle, \$10 Ticket #57

MEMBERSHIP

The year has ended with us eating our losses. Now is the time for all members to buck up on our knowledge of the order and to remember why we joined. The Columbia is a great place to start. Every month there are inspirational articles that will help you present membership to your friends, neighbors and acquaintances. The little card is another item for your use. Carry a couple with you always. Resolve to recruit a new member this coming year

Thanksgiving Mass



Members of the 4th degree and Fairborn Council 3724 who attended the Thanksgiving Mass for Dcn Alex

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INSURANCE CORNER

Don't Assume You Can't Afford Disability Income Insurance

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget.

Here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year duration benefit period would cover disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. Choose a longer elimination period.

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

Thanks

Robert Hernandez

Knights of Columbus

Insurance Field Agent #18446



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:

Sandy Riegler, Thelma Gerten, Bruce Huey, Josephine Herring, Linda McCoy.

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, Anna Gros, Fran Francaina, Bob Goege, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Whilma Rizzo, Robert Herring, Francisca Maestre.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



The Mode of Life of Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

MAY EVENTS

Jun 6	Trustees Meeting	Jun 10	4th Degree Meeting
Jun 13	Business Meeting	Jun 15	KOTY Dinner
Jun 20	Home Corp Meeting	Jun 20	Marion Prayer Service
Jun 22	Ride, Walk, Run for Life	Jun 30	5th Sunday Rosary

JUNE PREVIEW

4th of July Parade and picnic, MHC Festival, Ohio State Council Program Tour, Corporate Communion, 5th Sunday Rosary, First Degree

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 Herman Karhoff Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



PGK Bill and Linda Stoddard, Family of the Month

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Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

The American flag, also nicknamed as "Old Glory" or "star-spangled banner", has changed designs over the centuries. It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars. Each of the 50 stars represents one of the 50 states in the United States and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies that became the first states in the Union.