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Grand Knight's Corner

I think one of the hardest things to do in this world is to ask for help. I'm not talking about asking a friend to help you move by offering beer and pizza. We've all made requests like that at one time or another in our lives. I'm talking about when life has you beat down, when you've taken just enough punches to start thinking about staying down. One of my favorite movie lines is in Rocky Balboa when Rocky is talking to his grown son and in that infinite boxer wisdom he states, "It's not about getting hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and get up and keep getting up and moving forward, that's how winning is done." Your council needs help, I need your help, I make this plea every year and I will make it a couple more times before the end of our fraternal year.

Brothers please step up. Our council has been one of the best in Ohio for a long time and much of that is the brothers who continuously give of themselves time and time again to keep this council current and active. Time like all things is catching up to us and if we are to remain a strong council, we need volunteers. I am finishing my 2nd term as your Grand Knight and I am praying on whether I will seek a 3rd term but it's discouraging when the same 30 brothers show up many of whom have already served their terms as council officers some multiple times. Think brothers, pray please, we need council officers next year, Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden, Chancellor, Guards. These positions of leadership among these men, your brothers are worthy of your time and talent.

As I'm sure many of you are aware our faith is under daily attack. The devil is no longer prowling about seeking to devour, he is actively engaging in full on frontal assaults on life (legal full birth abortion) on beliefs (elected official being questioned on their faith choices and being disqualified for being catholic). In the face of all this its hard to remain strong and I find myself turning to two of the older prayers, ones that I learned as a boy and seem to have stopped saying for a long time but no more.

First the Prayer to St. Michael; 'Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen
Second the Guardian Angel Prayer; Angel of God My guardian dear To Whom His Love Commits me here Ever this day Be at my side to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen
Brothers I ask you, will your council survive another 50 years? Will our faith survive the daily onslaught?

I'll leave you with this bit of Latin; "Hic ad te dependet" Translated means; "This depends on you."

Still to come this year we have the Blue Coat Awards in March, Ladies Appreciation in May and Knight of the Year in June as well as multiple parish dinners before the end of the fraternal year come join us. My Knight of the Month was Bro. Percy Gros who once again coordinated a spectacularly successful trip to Washington DC for the Walk for Life. My Family of the Month was PGK Russ Milliron and his wife Annie. Percy, Russ and Annie all serve our parish and council admirably and set the example we should all strive to meet. Make sure to congratulate them the next time you see them.

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 on Saturday March 10th. This month we will be featuring our most popular menu from last year, cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, salad and German Chocolate Cake. 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.

BLUE COAT AWARDS-2019

The Council 46th Annual Blue Coat Awards will be held on Thursday March 21, 2019 at the Mary Help of Christians Parish Center. All Officers, Members, Widows and Family Members are encouraged to attend this outstanding community event at no cost. To make your reservation, use the sign-up sheet in the lounge or notify PGK John Wolfe by E-mail at vmc45324jaw@aol.com or call 937-609-4552.

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...

2019 MEASURE-UP

Hello Brothers, just a reminder, it's Measure-Up time again. Save some time on your activities schedule during May 2-3-4 for the Measure-Up street blitz. The normal time for Street Blitz is from 9 AM thru 8 PM, two hour slots depending on location (and weather). Thanks to all who volunteered last year. Harry Yarwick 2019 Chairman

MEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars now for our annual Men's Retreat! We will once again gather at St. John Bosco Chapel in the heart of Wright State University on March 2nd. Please arrive at 8:30 for sign-in & the coffee, delicious treats, etc. We have a great day planned for helping us all properly prepare for our Lenten Journey leading up to the wonderful mystery of, & the gift of Easter. Dynamic speakers, quiet time, Stations of the Cross, music, Confessions, a nice box lunch from Panera Bread, & then Mass at about 3:30. Please call PGK Jim McCoy at 879-3570, or text him, 694-3368 for more information. There is also a sign-up sheet in the lounge. Invite a friend along. The cost for the day is \$15 to cover expenses.



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.

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

"We are Family"

Brother Knights, you should have received your letter and tickets in the mail for this important charity campaign. This is a major fund raiser for our Council and the State. Through all of your hard work last year you raised over \$4000 that was used by our Council for our charitable works. Thank you! We ask for your help again this year. Please try and buy or sell the tickets sent to you. Also, if you can, please try and sell even more tickets. It is how we make our goal each year. To make our maximum rebate goal, please turn in as many tickets as you can on or before the first turn in date of April 11, Business Meeting. Final turn in date is May 9. If you need any additional tickets, need someone to pick up your sold tickets, or have any questions, please contact PGK Jim McCoy at 879-3570 or cell 694-3368, PGK Herman Karhoff at 361-2758, DGK Grant Kempf at 609-1471, or call the Hall at 878-2909 and leave a message



HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 21 Feb to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on 16 February 2019, six members did some cleaning and made minor repairs to equipment, we also able to repair and reupholster eight chairs.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

- 1st Place: Alaina Yarwick, \$40
- 2nd Place: Robert Hernandez, \$25
- 3rd Place: PGK Don Banford, \$10

YOUTH GAME DAY



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INSURANCE CORNER

Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Robert Hernandez
Knights of Columbus
Insurance Field Agent #18446



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Evangelization-Formation in Spiritual Discernment.

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels

MEMBERSHIP

Recruiting is not just about numbers; it is about helping each other, and our families grow closer to Christ. This 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. To help you we are producing a calling card with information a prospect may use to access the “On Line Membership” page which allows him to gain all the benefits of membership without identifying with a specific council. On the other side of the card will be a web link for the prospect to gain information specifically about the benefits and works of the Fairborn Council. While only God knows for sure, recruiting someone may very well be a factor in saving that man’s soul and, at the very least, it is a form of evangelization.

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:

Cecil Staley, father of Brother Knight Ricky Staley, Jean Ketchen, widow of PGK Dick Ketchen

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Ed Trefethen, Nancy Wertheimer, Dave Bartok, Paul Yosick, Angel Fox, Jon Edwards, Frank Harris, DCN Rusty Baldwin, Cecilia Richards



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

MARCH EVENTS

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| Mar 2 | Blood Drive | Mar 2 | Men's Retreat |
| Mar 6 | Ash Wednesday | Mar 7 | Trustees Meeting |
| Mar 10 | MHC Membership Drive | Mar 11 | 4th Degree Meeting |
| Mar 14 | Business Meeting | Mar 16 | Parish Dinner |
| Mar 16 | Remembrance of Unborn | Mar 21 | Blue Coat Awards |
| Mar 28 | Home Corp Meeting | Mar 31 | 5th Sunday Rosary |

APRIL PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Easter

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.



Percy Gros Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



PGK Russ Milliron Receiving FOTM from GK Erbacher

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Ash Wednesday: The Beginning of Lent

By [Nick Rabiipour](#)

Ash Wednesday is finally here, and thus the beginning of [Lent](#). Ash Wednesday is an old tradition of the church, dating back to the eighth century, in which the faithful receive blessed ashes made from the palms of last year's Palm Sunday. The ashes remind us of our mortality and call us to repentance. This is clearly demonstrated when the priest says, "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shall return" (or some variation of that) when placing the ashes on our forehead. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat as Catholics and Christians around the world kick-off Lent. Many think of Lent and wonder, "What should I give up?" but it is also important to add a new spiritual practice as well.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF LENT: **PRAYER**

The best way to make the most of Lent is through daily prayer. Many [Lenten devotional books](#) help you to fall deeper in love with Christ by focusing on his Passion. This spiritual reading will allow you to meditate, read scripture, and pray in new, fruitful ways. If reading isn't your thing, pray the [Stations of the Cross](#) either by yourself or at a Stations of the Cross service usually held on Fridays at most Catholic parishes. Another good practice to consider is praying a daily [rosary](#) and/or the [divine mercy chaplet](#). The important thing is that you attempt to make this season one of daily prayer.

Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are not immortal and ought to live every day as if it is our last, fervently praying to the Lord for mercy and forgiveness. With Ash Wednesday comes a 46-day period of sacrifice and spiritual growth which culminates in the biggest celebration of the church, Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday is not a day of Holy Obligation, but nonetheless you should definitely try your best to make it to Mass. What better way to start the important season of Lent than with Mass?