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Grand Knight's Corner

My brother Knights, last month's column touched on the need your council has for some of the less active members to step up to the plate. I am gratified that we did have some brothers who agreed to do so. I have also spent the last few months taking a long hard look at the list of members assigned to council 3724 and their status as active Knights. In many instances we have brother knights who have not even bothered to send in their dues for two years or more, in some cases many more. Paying your dues is the minimum you need to be considered active, many of our supreme credits and rebates are tied to how many brothers participate. Some brothers pay their dues faithfully every year and never show up to a meeting or event, I wish you would show up to the business meetings or the council events to see the brotherhood and camaraderie but if you don't we can still do the charitable works we need to do because your dues are in the bank.

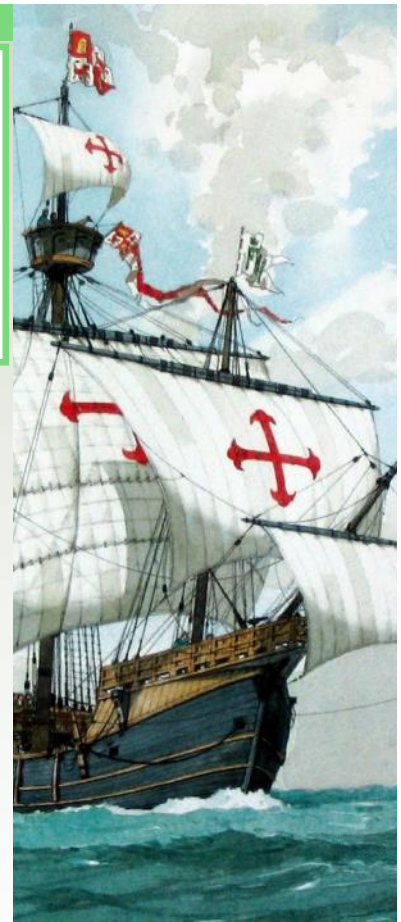
Time are tough all over the world and in the US, your council is no different. We can no longer afford to carry the weight of brothers who don't want to participate, it counts against us with Supreme, it counts against us with State, and it counts against your council with me. Notice of intent to suspend letters have been posted to all brothers who are two years or more in arrears, if you receive your letter and decide to stay, mail in your dues and be counted among us. The hardest part of growing a garden is weeding, the hardest part of maintaining a tree is pruning the dead branches. Yet this must be done to make room for the new growth, to help shape the surviving branches and enable them to breathe and flourish. I am running again for the position of Grand Knight because I have started this process and it would not be fair for an incoming Grand Knight to deal with the fallout of this decision.

I ask you one more time to come back to the Knights, if financial hardship is the cause we can handle that on a case by case basis, if you don't participate because you're mad at an existing brother or feel slighted in some manner reach out to the council and let us see if we can move forward together. The Knights are a great organization and I am proud to lead this council and the men contained within. I will not beg but if you no longer want to be a Knight, the council will not carry you.

My Knight of the month this month was PGK John Wolfe not the least of the reasons being his work on his final Blue Coat Awards as Chairman. John is an amazing Knight and I'm proud to call him my friend. My family of the month was a little different this time and I chose the entire 3724 kitchen crew. They are an amazing group of brothers and a key reason for the success of our Parish Dinners, charitable events and ambassadors of the Knights in our faith community. When you see these men congratulate them they deserve it.

We have two big council activities remaining this fiscal year, the Ladies Knight Dinner in May and the Knight of the Year dinner in June, then our work will commence again for the new fiscal year. Stand up and be counted, embrace your membership in this Fraternity. Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus

Vivat Jesus. GK Erbacher



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Special points of interest

- Saint of the Month
- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day
- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

ACTIVITIES

LAST CALL FOR LADIES NIGHT

The event is almost upon us. If you wish to attend our annual Ladies Appreciation dinner, please get your reservation in quickly. The dinner will be held on May 12 in the MHC Parish Center. The social will start at 5:00 with dinner being served at 5:45, followed by a short program. The event is always free for the ladies and only \$10 for men. Reservations are required. Please either sign up in the lounge or by calling the Grand Knight at (937)447-5669. You may also send email to GrandKnight@3724kofc.org

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

Come join some of your brother Knights at our twice monthly meeting. We meet on the first and third Saturday of each month at St Francis Hall to fellowship, pray, read Sunday Scripture Readings, and share individual or personal impact/ insights. Come and join us at 7:30 a.m. for bagels and fair trade coffee. We gather to sing, pray, read and discuss Sunday scripture readings from 8-9 a.m. We meet in St Francis Hall Chapel. Come join us! You will be affirmed and encouraged in your walk with our Lord and be blessed by fellowship with other 'Men of Faith'.

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR BANQUET

The Knight of the Year will be held on 16 June 2017 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)477-5669, or via email to GrandKnight@3724kofc.org. Please make sure I have your name and the number attending.

HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Anna Jarvis is recognized as the Founder of Mother's Day in US. Though Anna Jarvis never married and never had kids, she is also known as the Mother of Mother's Day, an apt title for the lady who worked hard to bestow honor on all mothers.

Anna Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mother's Day from her own mother Mrs. Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis in her childhood. An activist and social worker, Mrs. Jarvis used to express her desire that someday someone must honor all mothers, living and dead, and pay tribute to the contributions made by them.

A loving daughter, Anna never forgot her mother's word and when her mother died in 1905, she resolved to fulfill her mother's desire of having a mother's day. Growing negligent attitude of adult Americans towards their mothers and a desire to honor her mother's soared her ambitions.

To begin with Anna, send Carnations in the church service in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her mother. Carnations were her mother's favorite flower and Anna felt that they symbolized a mother's pure love. Later Anna along with her supporters wrote letters to people in positions of power lobbying for the official declaration of Mother's Day holiday. The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



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"Isn't it nice to have everything back to normal after your day off?"



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.



Tom Boland receiving the 2017-2018 Volunteer of the Year award from the Grand Knight. Tom was honored for exemplifying what a Knights of Columbus member is. He is in the choir, a cantor, a lecturer, leads MHC men of faith group, works bingo, is involved in the sunset café, just to name a few of his many involvements in the Church, community, and council.

THE MAGNIFICAT



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has

remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. Amen.

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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 19 April to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on Saturday April 21st. Work completed included fixing seven chairs and returning them to service. Thanks to PGK Milliron and Home Corp Director Young.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: Ben Moore, \$40

2nd Place: Sandy Stienhefler, \$25

3rd Place: Matt Justice, \$10

Due to Mother's Day Memorial Day and The Ohio K of C convention, there will be no work party in May. Please keep an eye on the Santa Maria for notice of June's work party.

The new tickets for our 37 month drawing are available. This is the best multi-draw raffle in the business. We pay, on average, five dollars more a month than most other raffles and we have the special \$50 drawing in July and 3 winners every month. For tickets email HomeCorp@3724.kofc.org, call the hall at 937-878-2909 or see any home corp director.

MEMBERSHIP

The most important thing is not our numbers but rather the quality of our evangelical life. Jesus began his mission with the twelve apostles who followed him. He exhorted them to be salt, leaven and light. This is our challenge in Fairborn. We knights have a special vocation and mission of living and sharing the Gospel message. By our example and good works we will attract new members just as the apostles did.

We are proud of our association with the largest and most ethical organization of Catholic Men in the world. We have read in our *Columbia* magazine of the KKK attacks on Catholics and how even now the attacks continue with calls in some places to eliminate prayer in school; change the pledge of allegiance; to replace Columbus Day with Citizens Day or some such substitute. We need more dedicated Knights to combat these attacks. All Catholic men who would enjoy participating in the work of the Order are eligible to be part of this defense of the faith. No man over 18 years is too old and no man does not have the time to be a member. Don't delay, ask a catholic man to join today!!

2018 CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

The final turn-in date is 10 May (Thursday Membership Meeting night). We exceeded our first turn-in goal (760 tickets were sold). However, we are running short on our final turn-in goal (1200 tickets). If you have yet to return your sold tickets, please do so on or before 10 May. Brother's, we need your help in either buying or selling these tickets. We can accomplish/exceed Council objectives if everyone provides some support. As a convince you can place your sold tickets in an envelope

and drop in the Council's mailbox behind the MHC Parish center, or contact PGK Jim McCoy at 879-3570 (H) or 694-3368 (C); PGK Herman Karhoff at 361-2758 (C); Grant Kempf at 609-1471 for pickup.

Thank you for supporting this important charity event.

INSURANCE CORNER

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2018 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the fifth year in a row. We are one of only three life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products.

Chris Michel

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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.

Health and Healing:

Wayne Moses, PGK Jim McCoy, Joan Trefethen, Mike McGuinness, Amanda Wertimer, Bruce Huey, MelitaMurhhy, Dave Bartok, John Kaempf, JavierPerez Jr, Jean Dalessandro, Lisa Gruden, Eric Grinde, Dennis and Wille Kelly, Mother and Father of Tim Barlow, Dale Mize, Tom O'Connor, Jim McNammara, John Schoenherr, Lisa Caldwell, Marylyn DenMa, Richard Edwards, Jon Edwards, Linda Grogan, Diane Gooch, Myra Limbach.



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Fairborn, OH**

MAY EVENTS

May 3	Trustees Meeting	May 7	4th Degree Meeting
May 10	Business Meeting	May 12	Ladies Night
May 13	Mothers Day	May 17	Home Corp Meeting
May 18-20	State Convention	May 28	Memorial Day

JUNE PREVIEW

Night of the Year, Father's day, Ride, walk and run for Life, 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 John Wolfe Receiving KOTM From GK



PGK Don Banford Receiving FOTM on behalf of the Kitchen Crew

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Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that that, from 1971, Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May. However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.