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Grand Knight's Corner

I came across a quote the other day that started me on the path to this article. The quote from Hubert Humphrey states, "Just be what you are and speak from your guts and your heart. It is all a man has."

That quote got me thinking about how powerful the human voice is and what a gift it is from our creator. I have and I'm sure many of you have as well personally witnessed in our own families the effect of that gift. I have seen my children tense up and sometimes cry when I've spoken harshly even worse when they gave me no cause. At the same time I've used my voice to console when they had a bad day or express how proud and happy they make me, and seen them light up from within even today as young adults. That same cause and effect holds true for us and our creator, God may not verbally chastise or console us choosing instead to use scripture but make no mistake scripture does provide wisdom in the use of our voice. If we as God's creations use it poorly do we not feel shame and embarrassment? I know I do and I can truthfully acknowledge that I have used that gift poorly at times. Yet when I raise my voice to God in prayer or even in song I sometimes feel like the day is a little brighter.

I started looking through my bible at home for scripture regarding the use of voice and came across quite a few passages nearly as many as there are about money and debt. The following are from the books of James and the Letter to the Ephesians.

James Chapter 3 Verses 7-10, *"For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so, my brothers."* **Ephesians Chapter 4 Verses 30-32,** *"No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice and be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."*

One of the warnings I use to give my children to try and get them to think before speaking was to remember that words once uttered can never be taken back. Especially now with social media recording our very thoughts, images and commentaries and telecom companies recording our conversations and I think those cautions are even more prevalent. Words can heal or hurt today on unprecedented levels, so to exercise that voice properly they must be chosen carefully. Words hold power and I think we tend to forget that in the heat of the moment. I have even run into cautions about using your voice in my Stoic readings. Two in particular are favorites of mine and come from the writings of **Epictetus**. The first is *"We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak."* The second is *"Keep silence for the most part,*

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and speak only when you must, and then briefly." Even Abraham Lincoln was known to value thinking before speaking he coined the phrase *"It's better to be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."* I had an occasion the other day to watch my niece play youth volleyball and the sideline parenting involved some imaginative turns of phrase. ."
What struck me most and maybe it's because my kids are grown and truthfully it's been awhile, was to hear a father praise his children for a great effort and in the next breath literally curse the referee for a bad call. It really hit me, the father, the children, the ref, all made in God's image and yet praise and cursing flowed from this individual seamlessly. I could not stop thinking about that all night and reflecting on my own use of voice. I am resolved to try my hardest to use only those words that might impart grace to those who choose to listen after all, even **Matthew in Chapter 12 Verse 36**, admonishes us with *"But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken."*

This month sees the council saluting all the wonderful women in our lives on the May 4th Ladies Night Dinner. We also herald the arrival of spring with our annual Measure Up campaign for the Developmentally Disabled our flagship charity. We then close our Fraternal Year with the Men's Dinner in June. My Knight of the Month this month was Brother Herb Edwards, Herb does a lot for the council not the least of which is lead our rosary before the business meetings, as well as serve as recorder when needed, in particular he leads the community rosary and never fails to render the sense awe that comes from using our voice in that powerful prayer. My family of the month is the Normand's, Bro Ken and his wife Rita. Ken has been a worthy guard this last fraternal year and a constant in the Ushers group at Mary Help and has consented to run for the office of Warden for the next fiscal year. Rita a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and an active supporter of our council and Ken's steadfast partner. Make sure to congratulate Herb, Ken and Rita when you see them. Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus.

Vivat Jesus, GK Gene.

ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR

I will not soapbox again about the need of the council to get some other brothers to stand up and be counted. We need help everywhere, Bingo, Kitchen Staff, Working Party, and Program Officers. I will only say this I will no longer listen to complaints about the way the council operates from anyone not willing to step up and try to run for an office. Complaining without becoming part of the solution is just whining in my book.

Elections are nearly 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 nominations for a Deputy Grand Knight and an Outside Guard. You can also run for an office that already has a candidate as long as the nominations are open.

At the May business meeting, nominations will be open for any 3rd degree brother who is ready and willing to take on an officer roll in the council. 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:	Vacant

DEACON ALEX TO BE ORDAINED A PRIEST

Fairborn Knights Invited to Serve as Honor Guard at the Mass of Thanksgiving

Where: Transfiguration Parish, West Milton, Ohio

When: 10:30 AM, May 19, 2019



Fairborn Council's seminarian, Deacon Alex Biryomumeisho, invites the Knights of Fairborn Council, to join him in celebrating his ordination to the priesthood. He invites us to serve as his honor guard at the Mass of Thanksgiving, May 19th, beginning 10:30 am, at Transfiguration Parish in West Milton. Fairborn Council is calling on brother Knights to serve as his honor guard. Transfiguration's parish priest welcomes the Fourth Degree wearing of full regalia, so the Fourth Degree are requested to wear their full regalia and lead the opening procession. All other Knights are requested to wear a blue sports coat and tie with gray slacks, in a corporate display of our support. Alex's invitation states as follows: *"I thought about the Knights of your council, who have been supporting me in my formation... How beautiful it will be having you join me in the procession during mass, and to thank God for the gift of priesthood. Let all members know they are invited... I am grateful to God for having the Knights of Fairborn Council in my life."*

In the mean time, Alex is preparing for his thesis defense, on Ugandan martyr Saint Charles Lwanga. Alex was hopeful that his parents could attend his ordination. However, their application for a visa was not accepted by the embassy in Uganda. Although Alex's family will likely not be able to attend, his invitation to Fairborn Council states as follows: *"I will be strengthened by your presence. Thanks for being my 'family.'"*

Those members who can attend are requested to sign the roster in the membership lounge, or contact Matt Justice so that we may provide Transfiguration Parish with a head count. If you would like to contribute to the Council's fund for Alex's ordination gift, please contact Matt Justice or FS Russell Milliron (PGK).

Fraternally,

Chancellor Matt Justice, (937) 879-2186



Deacon Alex at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount Saint Mary's Seminary chapel. Stained glass chapel window depicting Uganda's patron, Saint Charles Lwanga, martyr.

ACTIVITIES

LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER

It's time to get your reservation in for Ladies Knight! The dinner will be held on May 4th in the MHC Parish Center. The social will start at 5:00 with dinner being served at 5:45, followed by a short program. As in years past, the event will be catered by Christy's Catering from Huber Heights. Their food is always excellent and no one ever goes away hungry. 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 937-477-5669. You may also send email to GrandKnight@3724kofc.org There will also be a signup sheet in the Lounge.

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...

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

"We are Family"

Thank you Brother Knights for all your hard work in helping us reach our first half goal. We will now receive the maximum first half rebates. However, we are only half way done. By the time you read this we will be down to the last week to get tickets in. Final turn in is May Business Meeting, May 9. We are still a long way from reaching our goal of selling one more ticket than last year.

Remember every dime goes to charity and almost \$4 of every \$5 is spent right here in our Council for all the good works you do. \$5 may seem like a lot for a ticket but the odds are better than most of the scratch offs people buy every day.

Please continue your hard work and help us cross the finish line.

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.

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.

ANNUAL MARIA STEIN PILGRIMAGE

We just received the information for the Country Fest, June 21-23. 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 did not meet on 18 April because it was Holy Thursday. A work party was held on April 27th. No one showed up so not much was done. A work party will be held on May 18th 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: Gregg Marino, \$40 Ticket #179
- 2nd Place: Sandra Patton, \$25 Ticket #167
- 3rd Place: John Skakun, \$10 Ticket #200

MEMBERSHIP

We will soon be having another Church Membership Drive. This is an opportunity for you to sponsor a new member into our brotherhood. We have over 150 members of Fairborn Council and of those we need only a dozen to step up and assist in introducing Catholic men to our order. It will take no more than 45 minutes before and after a weekend mass that you usually attend. Send me your name and the mass you attend and you will be provided with recruitment information. Bill Gazzerro wjg070436@gmail.com

MEN'S RETREAT



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INSURANCE CORNER

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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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.

Restope of the Soul:

Rick Hartison.

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, , DCN Rusty Baldwin, Cathy DeWitt, William Gilbert, Joe Kogel, Jeanne Paula, Anna Gros, Lynn Gould, Lance Grinde, Andrea Grinde, Elena Dues.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

MAY EVENTS

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| May 2 Trustees Meeting | May 2-4 Measure-up Blitz |
| May 4 Ladies Night Dinner | May 9 Business Meeting |
| May 13 4th Degree Meeting | May 12 Mother's Day |
| May 16 Home Corp Meeting | May 18 State Convention |
| May 19 Alex's Mass | May 23 First Degree |
| May 27 Memorial day | May 30 FAB Meeting |
| May 30 PGK Meeting | |

JUNE PREVIEW

Knight of the Year Dinner, Father's Day, Ride walk and run for life,

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.



Herb Edwards Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



Ken Norman Receiving FOTM from GK Erbacher

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MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures. Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be held in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. Her campaign was later financially supported by John Wanamaker, a clothing merchant from Philadelphia.

In 1908, she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on generally recognizing mothers' and mother figures' roles. Mother's Day has also become an increasingly important event for businesses in recent years. This is particularly true of restaurants and businesses manufacturing and selling cards and gift items.

MEMORIAL DAY

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because it unofficially marks the beginning of summer.