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Grand Knight's Corner

The Universal Church, what does that mean? I was told in school that our faith is universal and that the term Catholic literally means universal. Recently a couple experiences have illuminated that term for me. While on family vacation earlier this year we were looking for a Sunday service and found a 12pm mass at a local mission. We did not realize until we arrived that it was a Spanish Mass, we were welcomed with open arms by the parishioners but more important, no one in the family had a problem following the mass. The rituals and the rites transcended language barriers.

More recently during the Celebration of Life Dinner with FYI, I spent a great deal of time conversing with our seminarian Alex, he comes from Uganda a 26-hour journey across the world, we talked about our shared faith and what the Knights mean to him and the other seminarians. Alex's English is impeccable, but the shared faith is what made the conversation possible. He will be staying in our diocese when he is ordained. Alex and the rest of the seminarians need our continued prayers as they pursue their vocations, they need our continued support after ordination through prayer and fellowship. Our faith, our priests and our families are under daily, if not hourly attacks on precepts that by many of our fellow citizens are considered behind the times. Knights are the strong right arm of the faith. We may not raise swords and charge into battle, but we can defend our seminarians, priests and our faith by supporting the efforts of our councils. These young men are the next generation of priests who will lead us in our universal faith.

I chose our Worthy Chancellor Brother Matt Justice as my Knight of the Month for his efforts this year in opening a larger familiarity and contact with our seminarian, check out the pics on the website and in the Santa Maria regarding his birthday celebration. I chose Harry and Judy Yarwick as the family of the month because once again Harry led an awesome fund-raising effort for Measure Up our flagship charity. No less praise should be offered to his wife Judy, in addition to the many parish activities Judy is involved with how many of us could do what we do without the support of our spouses and families.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Erbacher



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- Saint of the Month
- Support our Seminarians
- Parish Dinner
- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner this Saturday November 12th. This month we will be featuring a new entree in our lineup, Salisbury Steak, we'll server this with mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, salad, and a 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.

PANCAKES AT BAZAAR

Again this year, your council will be serving pancakes and sausage in support of the Church Christmas Bazaar. We will be serving, in the Parish Center on Sunday November 5th from 9:00am - 11:00am. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Please come out and support you council and the Church.

MEMORIAL MASS

Council 3724's Annual Memorial Mass for our fallen brothers will be on Nov 14, 2017 at 6:30pm. The mass again will be hosted by the St. John Bosco Chapel at Wright State University and officiated by Father Ed Burns. There will be a small reception after and transportation will again be provided for any widow or member who does not want to drive to the University but wants to attend the service. Shuttle service will leave the MHC parking lot at 5:40 pm.

BLOOD DRIVE

There's no greater gift one can give than the gift of life. Your Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive in the Parish Center APR room on Saturday, November 11, 2016 from 8:30AM-12:15PM. One donation can save up to three lives! How else can you save three lives in less than one hour? Remember to bring a picture ID with SS# and eat a nourishing breakfast beforehand. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment visit www.donortime.com or call 1-800-388-4483.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH SERIES

Since 1948 Catholic Information Service has been the major evangelical arm of the Knights of Columbus. Through multiple booklet series and various media formats, CIS makes our Catholic faith accessible and provides continuing tools for catechesis and spiritual formation.

The Building the Domestic church series builds on this tradition and presents some of the most popular CIS resources aimed at helping us to live out the Church's mission and vision for our families. Series topics include parenting, fatherhood and family prayer life, as well as two of St. John Paul II's famous messages for the family – Letter to Families and The Family in the Modern World.

For more information, see our Building the Domestic Church kiosk in the back of the church near the rectory.



RECENT COUNCIL SPONSORED PRO-LIFE EVENTS

The Life Tech Conference 2017 was held on 16 Sep at Cedarville University. The 75 attendees heard quality presentations by pro-life professionals and analysts. They interacted and networked with speakers in a personal and relaxed setting and were encouraged by pro-life efforts in many areas of society. The keynote address "The Coming Pro-Life Challenges: What it Will Take to Win" was made by John Horvat, II, Vice President of American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family & Property and author of "Return to Order".

International Life Chain 1 Oct 2017: Council members joined hundreds of Dayton area Christians from many local churches as they assembled in a PEACEFUL...PRAYERFUL...EFFECTIVE...and LEGAL demonstration. Their love and concern for all the victims of abortion: the babies, the mothers, the fathers, and our entire society was profoundly evident. Our Life Chain was centered around the Dayton area's only remaining abortion clinic on East Stroop Road, Kettering.

40 Days for Life: From September 27 to November 5, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. Our Council signed up to pray at the abortion mill on East Stroop Rd. Kettering on 13 Oct 2017.

Pork Dinner: Our council and Family & Youth Initiatives held the Annual Celebration of Life Dinner & Live Auction on 21 Oct 2017 at the parish center. As always the Pitstick family provided the pork. This year's honorees are the Mairano Family in recognition of their generosity and assistance with Dominic's Bike for Kids effort.

YOUR KNIGHTS IN ACTION

MEASURE UP CHECK DISTRIBUTION



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ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE DINNER



KNIGHTS WISH OUR SEMINARIAN HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Fairborn Knights met with our third year seminarian, Alex Biryomumeisho of Uganda, to celebrate his 34th birthday on September 30, 2017. On behalf of Council 3724, Matt Justice and PGK Herman Karhoff presented Alex a birthday card signed by the membership, a cash gift, two dozen Young's Jersey Dairy brownies, and a birthday cake. After lunch, Alex gave an interesting tour of the seminary's beautiful sanctuary, historic artworks, library, classrooms, and grounds.



A special highlight of the tour was the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Within the chapel, Alex pointed out an inspirational stain glass window depicting the patron saint of Uganda, St. Charles Lwanga. St. Charles was martyred, on June 3rd, 1886 at the age of 26, along with 22 Catholics and 23 Anglicans. Alex is writing his dissertation on St. Charles. He is on schedule to become a deacon in year 2018, and to be ordained

an Archdiocesan priest in year 2019. His parents and seven siblings reside in Uganda.

Alex was able to attend our Annual Celebration of Life Dinner & Live Auction on 21 Oct 2017. See additional pictures above.



Alex with stain glass window of Uganda's patron, Saint Charles

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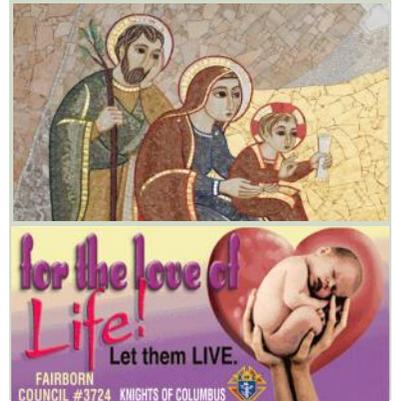
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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp Directors met on 19 October to pay bills and discuss business. The Tuesday crew continues to work to keep our dedicated spaces well maintained and looking good. We met for a work party on September 36 to work on cleaning the kitchen. Special thanks go out to PGKs Carchedi, Karhoff and Milliron, as well as Home Corp directors John Young and Corky Block who cleaned and maintained the refrigeration units in the kitchen.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

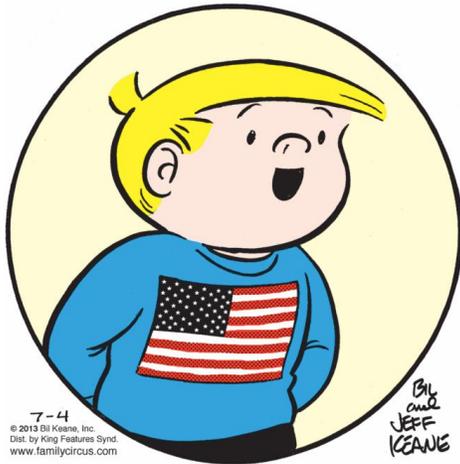
- 1st Place: Mike Stock, \$40, Ticket #153
- 2nd Place: Jim McCoy, \$25, Ticket #070
- 3rd Place: Judy McCoy, \$10, Ticket #072

There are still a few of this year's raffle tickets for sale. Don't miss out on the best multi-draw raffle around. We pay out at least \$5 more per month than any of the other raffles around and we have 37 draws, not just 36. For tickets, see any Home Corp Director.

The next work party will be held on November 18th. We'll start work on cleaning up the Lounge to make everything look nice for our Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEMBERSHIP

We finally have a start to recruiting new members for this year. Remember that our order helps men protect their families with our exclusive top rated insurance. We help a man bolster his faith and strengthen his family through our Domestic Church program. We offer an opportunity to live out our faith through charity as part of a brotherhood of Catholic men. When the conversation is about the world situation; mention that the Knights of Columbus donated more than 64,000 wheelchairs around the globe, including Holy Land, Honduras, Jamaica and more. When talking about the shortage of drinking water after storms; mention that the Knights have been helping build new water wells, 10 in Ethiopia and 10 in Uganda, to save lives and improve health in entire communities. I hope you are proud enough of your membership in the largest organization of Catholic men to ask, no to convince, a Catholic man to join our ranks for his and his families own good.



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"This is my favorite shirt 'cause it has our country's logo on it."



PGK RUSSEL MILLIRON RECEIVING THE COLUMBIAN AWARD FROM DD JACK HUEY AS GK GENE ERBACHER LOOKS ON.



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFFEN AS YOU CAN, PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

INSURANCE CORNER

Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

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.

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



Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

SAINT OF THE MONTH



St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579. Martin was the illegitimate son to a Spanish gentleman and a freed slave from Panama, of African or possibly Native American descent. At a young age, Martin's father abandoned him, his mother and his younger sister, leaving Martin to grow up in deep poverty. After spending just two years in primary school, Martin was placed with a barber/surgeon where he would learn to cut hair and the medical arts. As Martin grew older, he experienced a great deal of ridicule for being of mixed-race. In Peru, by law, all descendants of African or Indians were not allowed to become full members of religious orders. Martin, who spent long hours in prayer, found his only way into the community he longed for was to ask the Dominicans of Holy Rosary Priory in Lima to accept him as a volunteer who performed the most menial tasks in the monastery. In return, he would be allowed to wear the habit and live within the religious community. When Martin was 15, he asked for admission into the Dominican Convent of the Rosary in Lima and was received as a servant boy and eventually was moved up to the church officer in charge of distributing money to deserving poor. During his time in the Convent, Martin took on his old trades of barbering and healing. He also worked in the kitchen, did laundry and cleaned. After eight more years with the Holy Rosary, Martin was granted the privilege to take his vows as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic by the prior Juan de Lorenzana who decided to disregard the law restricting Martin based on race. Martin grew to become a Dominican lay brother in 1603 at the age of 24 and after he had been presented with the religious habit of a lay brother, Martin was assigned to the infirmary where he would remain in charge until his death. Martin was praised for his unconditional care of all people, regardless of race or wealth and, he didn't care if the person was diseased or dirty, and he would welcome them into his own home. Martin's life reflected his great love for God and all of God's gifts. Martin also founded an orphanage for abandoned children and slaves and is known for raising dowry for young girls in short amounts of time. In January of 1639, when Martin was 60-years-old, he became very ill with chills,

fevers and tremors causing him agonizing pain. He would experience almost a year full of illness until he passed away on November 3, 1639. By the time he died, he was widely known and accepted. After his death, the miracles received when he was invoked in such greatness that when he was exhumed 25 years later, his body exhaled a splendid fragrance and he was still intact. St. Martin de Porres was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on October 29, 1837 and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962. He has become the patron saint of people of mixed race, innkeepers, barbers, public health workers and more. His feast day is November 3.

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: PGK John Whytal, Tom Engle, Linda Paulakis, Katherine Justice, Carol Cypher, Eric Grinde, Martha Karhoff, Mike and Kathy Barlow, Cassie Barlow, Joe Barlow, Peg and Pete Jula, Whilma Rizzo, Ed and Bernadette Castello, Jean Colsanti, Paul Adams, Javier Perwz Jr



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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| Nov 2 Trustees Meeting | Nov 5 Christmas Bazaar Breakfast |
| Nov 9 Business Mtg | Nov 11 Blood Drive |
| Nov 11 Parish Dinner | Nov 13 4th Degree Memorial Mass |
| Nov 14 Council Memorial Mass | Nov 16 Home Corp Mtg |
| Nov 23 Thanksgiving | Nov 30 PGK's Meeting. |

DECEMBER PREVIEW

Breakfast w/St Nick, Parish Dinner, Journey to Bethlehem, PGK's Open House, Christmas, 1st Degree, Corporate Communion

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.



Matt Justice Receiving KOTM From GK



Harry Yarwick Receiving FOTM From GK

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