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Grand Knight's Corner

Last month I wrote about Faith, this month I decided to concentrate on one of the ways we express our faith which is prayer. Per the catechism (2558), Prayer is "the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." The catechism does throw a note after the definition which is, "but when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer, only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

Darkness/Light, Sorrow/Joy, Courage/Cowardice, Anger/Serenity, Heads/Tails, life just seems to be a constant coin flip, and all that separates one from the other is chance. So why pray at all? The word prayer itself is again a derivative of the Latin precarius which means 'obtained by entreaty.' Or more succinctly, when we pray we ask for something. Why do I pray, I could say it's because it's what I was taught by the nuns and its now routine. As a child I prayed to pass a test even though I never studied, or I prayed that the nun would not call on me or that the latest toy I wanted would appear, all very selfish needs that of course were never answered and rightly so. I should have studied or I should have saved my money to buy the toy. No brothers, I pray now because, I find it harder and harder to discern a good choice or a bad choice anymore it all seems relative and up to the whims of chance or fate and that unsettles me. When I pray, I no longer ask for direct things for myself or even for my family when I pray I merely ask God to look after my loved ones when I can't, but more than that I merely ask him each morning; "Please let me be a blessing to someone today." And when I go to sleep I merely ask, "Please, get me through this night so I can have another chance tomorrow." I asked you last month brothers, "What is faith to you?" This month I ask you "Why do you pray, is it just routine or like me are you trying to stay connected to that light that is God.

I'll close with this passage from the book of Micah Chapter 6 verse 8; "What does the lord require of you? But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." That seems like a good thing to pray for, "Lord help me to be just, kind and humble, because his counterpart the Devil would like nothing more than for all of us to be unfair, mean and proud after all "Pride goeth before the fall."

My Knight of the Month was our worthy recorder Tim Barlow and my Family of the Month was Bro. Percy and Anna Gros. Tim keeps our minutes and his quiet counsel is invaluable and this acknowledgement was long overdue, thank you Tim. Percy and Anna as always are the example of faith in action, stalwart supporters and unwavering in their choice to protect the unborn. Make sure to congratulate them when you see them around the hall or the parish. This month we have, the Christmas Bazaar and the breakfast the 3rd and 4th, there is a blood drive on the 10th, and the memorial mass for our fallen brothers on Nov 17. Come out and celebrate our Parish, and our council with your brother Knights.

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 November 10th. This month we will be featuring our classic Spaghetti and Meatballs We'll serve that up with salad, garlic bread and spumoni for desert 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

There's no greater gift one can give than the gift of life. MHC/K of C are sponsoring a Blood Drive in the Parish Center APR room on Saturday November 10, 2018 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

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...

MEMORIAL MASS

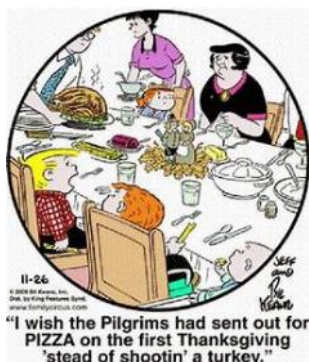
Council 3724's Annual Memorial Mass for our fallen brothers will be on Nov 17, 2018 at the MHC 4 PM mass. Brother Knights are asked to sit together as a group. There will be a small reception after Mass in the Council chambers.

PANCAKES AT THE 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 4th 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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Brothers, once again this year, we have been challenged by the Wright State University Knights to a friendly competition. The goal is to see who can collect the most food for the hungry in our area. As with last year, the losing Council must serve breakfast to the winners. PGK Milliron has offered to cover the bet, so the race is on! Last year we got owned in this competition, with the WSU Council more than doubling our donation. This year, we'd like to step it up a little and make sure they know we're in the chase. Please drop off your canned goods and non-perishable food stuffs in the red barrel at the hall. All the food will be delivered to our local St. Vincent De Paul food pantry so it really is a win-win situation ... as long as we collect more food than the college council. The pile of donated items is growing. Several brothers have also donated cash and PGK Milliron has agreed to go shopping at the last minute to add to our collection. Please consider donating. The hungry in our area really appreciate it and helping the Council look good, in the face of some stiff competition doesn't hurt either.



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.

BINGO

The proceeds from your Councils bingo operations provide much needed funds to several charities. We have bingo once a week on Wednesdays Due to health issues and other factors we are in need of additional workers, If you can help out once a month please contact our bingo chairman Eric Rogalinski 657-6958.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 22 October to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on October 6th from 9:00 - 11:00. We worked on the Home Corp's financial records and cleaned the Business Office.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: PGK Jim McCoy, \$40 Ticket #022

2nd Place: Robert Hernandez, \$25 Ticket #094

3rd Place: John Talbot, \$10 Ticket #007

Our next work party will be held on November 17th from 9-11. We'll continue our fall cleanup of the Council spaces.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



DGK Grant Kempf manning the Church membership drive at MHC

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INSURANCE CORNER

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



UNIVERSAL –IN SERVICE OF PEACE

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict

MEMBERSHIP

We had our first Church drive for members on October 20 – 21 and did meet several men as they hurried out after mass. Fr. Tom gave a nice introduction at the end of mass but that didn't really slow the exit. We could have used several more Brother Knights at the doors to catch the ones who slipped by. Please help next time. In the meantime remember to invite your catholic neighbor or co-worker to look into becoming a Knight.

On line membership is growing. Just tell him to go to kofc.org/onlinemembership for complete no obligation information.

Notice the several members wearing their new member magnetic backed name badges. You can get one too for only \$4by signing the order form on the lounge bulletin board or seeing PGK Bill Gazzerro.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER.
CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRANDKNIGHT@3724KOFCCOM**

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:

Patrick Zang, Lucille Kaffhammer, Ashley Dykehouse

Health and Healing:

PGK Jim McCoy, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Joan Trefethen, Nancy Wertimer, Dave Bartok, John Kaempf, JavierPerez Jr, Paul and Rose Yosick, Adalynn Gibson, Rusty Baldwin, Angel Fox, Lance Grinde, Suzi Russell, Marianne McNamara, John Young, Kimberly Sees.



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Fairborn, OH**

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Nov 1	Trustee Meeting	Nov 4	Bazaar Breakfast
Nov 8	Business Meeting	Nov 10	Blood Drive
Nov 10	Parish Dinner	Nov 12	4th Degree Meeting
Nov 15	Home Corp Meeting	Nov 17	Memorial Mass
Nov 22	Thanksgiving	Nov 29	FAB Meeting-6:30
Nov 29	PGK's Meeting-7:30		

DECEMBER PREVIEW

Breakfast w/St Nick, Parish Dinner, Christmas, 5th Sunday Rosary

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.



Recorder Tim Barlow Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher

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HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

November 22. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth. Did you know? Lobster, seal and swans were on the Pilgrims' menu.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving on an annual or occasional basis became common practice in other New England settlements as well. During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also designated days of thanks during their presidencies.

In 1817, **New York** became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November. In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday, may or may not have been on offer when the Pilgrims hosted the inaugural feast in 1621. Today, however, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird—whether roasted, baked or deep-fried—on Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate. Parades have also become an integral part of the holiday in cities and towns across the United States. Presented by Macy's department store since 1924, New York City's Thanksgiving Day parade is the largest and most famous, attracting some 2 to 3 million spectators along its 2.5-mile route and drawing an enormous television audience. It typically features marching bands, performers, elaborate floats conveying various celebrities and giant balloons shaped like cartoon characters.

Beginning in the mid-20th century and perhaps even earlier, the president of the United States has "pardoned" one or two Thanksgiving turkeys each year, sparing the birds from slaughter and sending them to a farm for retirement. A number of U.S. governors also perform the annual turkey pardoning ritual.