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Grand Knight's Corner

I was searching and searching for a theme to talk about in this month's newsletter, and I found myself falling back on some of the stoic teachings again. The stoics believed quite strongly in the values of fortitude, prudence, temperance and honor. Those values got me thinking about being a Knight and once again how much the Knights mean to me. One of my biggest regrets is that I could never convince my father to become a Knight, my grandfather was a 2nd degree but my father just wasn't interested. I am thankful that I was able to get my son and my brother to join and I wonder if perhaps I just didn't know how to approach my father meaningfully. I mean think about those values I mentioned above:

Fortitude is strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage.

Prudence is the ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason.

Temperance is the practice of moderation or voluntary self-restraint.

Honor is honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions.

To me those values sum up everything the Knights mean to me and I learned them at the feet of my father who lived them all every day. I'm sure he had moments as do we all that challenged him but man he would have been a great knight. Jesus himself displayed all those traits as did Father McGivney. I think about the struggle we have trying to convince members of this parish to join our order and I wonder is it for the same reason I could not get my father to join, do we just not know how to approach people, why are they not interested? Its a real question, I think of the Knights of old and the vows they would take.

Be without fear in the face of your enemies.

Stand brave and upright that the Lord may love thee.

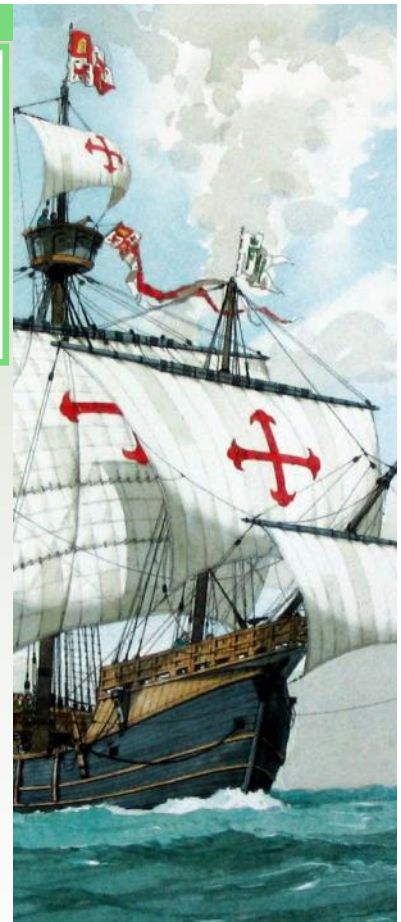
Speak the truth always even if it mean your death.

Protect the helpless and do no wrong.

The Knights of Columbus stand for something and maybe that's the message we need. After all as my father always said "Talk is Cheap." Along those lines, PGK Karhoff in conjunction with PGK Wolfe have undertaken to increase our visibility through the good works that we do, they have put together a greatest hits so to speak of Council 3724 for the last couple years which will be turned into a poster and placed in church. Review those, use them as talk points, think about the values I mentioned use them as talk points.

My Knight of the Month was Bro Harry Yarwick who once again chaired a magnificent Measure Up Campaign and my Family of the Month were Ken and Rita Normand who work tirelessly in the parish. This month we have the Mary Help Christmas Bazaar Breakfast as well as the Blood drive, the 3724 Memorial Mass for our fallen brothers and of course Thanksgiving. Plenty of opportunity to reach out to men we know and talk about the rewards of associating with and being Knights.

I will close with one of my favorite passages from the book of Micah Chapter 6 verse 8. "You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam," Vivat Jesus, GK Gene



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Special points of interest

- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention
- Veteran's Day
- Insurance

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday November 09th. This month's dinner will feature our famous Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, tossed salad and another special 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRAND-KNIGHT@3724KOFC.COM

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All men of Council 3724 are cordially invited to come to our Men of Faith Fellowship. We meet on first and third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come early for bagels and coffee. Each gathering begins with a couple of songs accompanied by guitar and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We read and share insights/questions about the coming Sunday's readings. We then close with a song/prayer and end promptly at 9 a.m. You are most welcome please come. Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher."

MEMORIAL MASS

Council 3724's Annual Memorial Mass for our fallen brothers will be on Nov 16, 2019 at the regular 4 PM mass at Mary Help, of Christians Church. The memorial service will take place after the mass. All members and their families are invited to attend. There will be a small reception afterward in the K of C hall.

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 3th 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.

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 9, 2019 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.

FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES

Well I certainly undershot my goal for tickets this year. We sold 53 last year and my hope was to sell 100 this year, However as of the October 27 deadline we have only sold 42. There is still a chance that the number could go up but any tickets that come in now only count for remaining games in the season. I tried mailing some tickets out to our less active members this year but of the 30 I mailed out I received 2 stubs back. At least I can say we went down swinging. Thank you to the brothers who bought tickets and managed to sell a few, I know the state doesn't think so but that 20.00 cost does hurt. I think we will go for 50 next year or maybe 45. GK Gene

THURSDAY NIGHT NFL FOOTBALL

We love NFL football and you can watch exciting action each Thursday in the lounge. This month's Thursday night schedule,

Nov 7th – Chargers vs Raiders

Nov 14th - Steelers vs Browns

Nov 21st - Colts vs Texans

Nov 28th - Happy Thanksgiving

Come join your brothers in the lounge for comradery, food, and some exciting football. Football frenzy tickets will be available for purchase too. Go Bengals, Go Browns!!!

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Fairborn Council of the Knights of Columbus 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. Handouts explain the many benefits of membership for the whole family. 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!!

SANTA MARIA

Articles for the Santa Maria can be submitted anytime but no later than 5 days before the end of the month for inclusion in the next months Santa Maria. Articles can be e-mailed to Santamaria@3724koc.org.

KNIGHTS GEAR

Having a hard time picking out gifts for Christmas, try knightsgear.com for a variety of gift ideas.

SUPREME WEB SITE

Check out the new and improved Supreme web site at koc.org



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"Dolly keeps humming 'Santa Claus is Comin' to Town' and we haven't even had Thanksgiving yet!"

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The Pitfalls of Replacing Coverage

You know the old saying, “the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence,” but we all know that it rarely is. The same holds true when it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the “greener” grass on the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That’s why it pays to remember another old adage, “Read the fine print.”

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I’ll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it’s unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you’ll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you’re older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There’s no way around that. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you’ll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call me. I’ll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

Thank’s
Robert Hernandez
Knights of Columbus
Insurance Field Agent # 18446



HOLY FATHER’S



Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

HOME CORPORATION

Home Corp November 2019 Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 17 October to pay bills and discuss business. A work party was held on October 19th from 9:00 - 11:00. We refurbished three chairs, returning them to service at little or no cost to the Council Our next work party will be Saturday November 16th. We will be cleaning our Council areas to make ready for the holidays. Please come and help your brother knights keep our property and equipment functioning properly

Our monthly raffle winners were:
1st Place Jim Kumpf, \$40 Ticket #019
2nd Place: Russell Milliron, \$25 Ticket #126
3rd Place: Michael Stock, \$10 Ticket #135



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.

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:

Pat Drake, Rev David Brinkmoeller, Jim Trame, Janet Mawell

Health and Healing:

John Erbacher, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Vic Berberich, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Cathy DeWitt, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O’Connor, Whilma Rizzo, Robert Herring, Martin Hernandez, Katherine Justico, John Habel, Alice Smith, Barbara Gazzerro, Rosile Sloat, John Keampf, John Lougeman, Larry DeWitt, Bernadette Carpio.



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Fairborn, OH**

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Nov 3	Bazaar Breakfast	Nov 7	Trustees Meeting
Nov 9	Blood Drive MHC	Nov 9	K of C Dinner
Nov 11	4th Degree Meeting	Nov 14	Business Meeting
Nov 21	Home Corp Meeting	Nov 28	Thanksgiving

DEC PREVIEW

K of C Dinner, Breakfast with St Nick, First Degree, Open House

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.

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History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926,

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the [first "Veterans Day Proclamation"](#) which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.