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Grand Knight's Corner

"Nature exerts her own power, and "makes her presence known even to the strongest." Seneca. It doesn't matter what you think. It doesn't matter what you say. It doesn't matter how well-laid your plans are or how powerful you become. Alexander the Great and his mule driver is one of the most compelling insights I've ever read. The most powerful conqueror on earth was, in the end, no better or no less mortal, than the man who drove his baggage cart, if that's not humbling, I don't know what else would be.

The Stoics talk about slowing down, about stillness but they are not talking about checking out. They are talking about tuning out distraction to better address what's happening in the world. Murder and racism are not new events. What's really changed is that people—maybe because of the pandemic—are a little less busy and finally able to see what's happening. That and the fact that social media and the news blast us every day with the worst of the worst. It's the same for all the major issues of our time. Marcus Aurelius was a big proponent of not being bounced around by life. If we concentrate, we can see the here and now. That is a hard thing, we are all frenzied, inundated with soundbites, doing way too many things. It is hard to find the time or the quiet necessary to do deep thinking. I'm not going to say slowing down will solve all problems but being plagued by anxiety, stress, distraction, or anger will block us from progress. There is precedent for this in scripture, lest you think I only draw from Stoic books anymore. In Ecclesiastes Chapter 7:8, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; better is a patient spirit than a lofty one." Galatians Chapter 5:22-23, "In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians talks of self-control, patience, and generosity all very Stoic concepts. Another passage I really like; 1 John Chapter 2:17, "Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever." I read that and thought, "Wow, does that not fit society now? We must slow down. We must see. Maybe then we can do the work Jesus asked of us. "Love God, love our Neighbors, Treat as you want to be Treated."

I've mentioned the Latin phrase "Amor Fati" in my other letters which means love of fate. An embracing of what happens, even if it is the exact opposite of what we proposed. Put more simply as only my grade school nuns could, "man proposes, God disposes." You don't have to be religious to understand or agree with it. It just means: All we can do is plan...then life intervenes. I'm going to close this letter with another passage from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3:1, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." and Chapter 3:4, "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. Is there a better summation of 2020? I find Ecclesiastes to be a very interesting book.

My Knight of the Month was Bro Harry Yarwick, who works tirelessly as our Measure Up chairman and who despite the pandemic still helped guide us to a good Measure Up year. My family of the month was the family of Brother Percy and Anna Gros, With Anna's help and support Percy makes sure our council stays at the area forefront of the fight for Life. When you see them around give them a hearty well done.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus. Vivat Jesus, GK Gene.



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DEFENDING OUR NAMESAKE Part 2.

Charge #2 Against the Character of Christopher Columbus. He committed genocide.

There was no “genocide” during these early voyages, though many natives died from unfamiliar diseases and clashes between two very different cultures. The Americas had been isolated from the rest of the world for millennia, which is why people were especially vulnerable to diseases from outside.

The real ground for animosity against Columbus is the fact that he brought the Catholic faith to the New World. He believed he was chosen by God to bring the Gospel to a people who were living in darkness and the shadow of death. Christ’s teaching about the duty to proclaim the Gospel to all nations was his driving force.

He was a devout Catholic attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion regularly. He was a Franciscan Tertiary who believed, like St. Francis, that the world should be converted to Christ by prayer, preaching and peaceful means. I think you’d be hard pressed to claim any Franciscan was Genocidal.

His Journal from August 3 to October 12, 1492 is a daily record of the historic voyage from Spain to the New Indies. Day after day, he refers to Jesus and the need for divine help. He is always asking Our Lord for the light and strength he needs to realize what God had entrusted him to do – the mission of bringing the knowledge and love of Jesus and Mary to the world.

ACTIVITIES

FOOTBALL CRAZR

The Football CraZR program involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season. Games played between Nov 1, 2020 and Jan 3, 2021. Winners will be notified and automatically paid each week by the Ohio State Council. We sold 48 tickets last year and at the close of this year’s campaign we have sold 52. The ticket deadline has passed, and the state says that they will still accept late tickets, but they only count for the remaining games of the season. The cost of a ticket is 20.00. To purchase tickets, contact the Grand Knight at Grandknight3724@kofc.org or (937) 477-5669, or come to the council hall on Thursday nights. If you have tickets to turn in and can’t get to the hall you can mail them to me directly.

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PARISH DINNER

Parish dinner will be a traditional fall feast, featuring roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, 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. We’ll have takeout meals ready to go and plenty of room for social distancing

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 7th 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

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.

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ACTIVITIES (Continued)

MEMORIAL MASS

Council 3724's Annual Memorial Mass for our fallen brothers will be on Nov 21, 2020, 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

5th SUNDAY ROSARY AND CORPORATE COMMUNION

November 29th is the 5th Sunday of the month, the Council will be praying the Rosary before the 11:15 Mass. Members and their families should be seated by 10:45 for the Rosary, please wear a Council or K of C shirt and sit in the front on the left side,.

2020 MEASURE UP FINAL REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

To all Brother Knights, breakdown of the money collected for 2020: total collected is **2704**: 891 received from MHC collection, 750 GIMME 5, 300 from Bingo, 300 Wright St ushers, 300 Council, 100 aluminum cans and 63 from Lounge coin drop can. Due to the CV 19 there was no street weekend blitz this year. The money will be split 50/50 between, Greene County Four Oaks Early Child Development and Clark County Early Childhood Development organizations.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed with volunteer time or money. Just a side note: all money collected from aluminum can donations goes toward MEASURE UP. The collection bin is located in council entry way.

Harry Yarwick

Measure UP Chairman 2020

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Mark your calendars the Consecration to the Holy Family will take place on Sunday, 27 December, on the Feast of the Holy Family at MHC. Council, members, and their families along with the MHC Parish are encouraged to participate. More details will be in future Santa Maria's.

MEMBERSHIP

You know who should be a Knight. Either contact the prospect or not but you must determine prospect's eligibility (18 yrs old and a practicing Catholic). Now comes the hard part, determine a way to contact him. This could be his e-mail address, phone number, or postal address. Whether you have that information or not, submit his name, how you know him and why you think he should be invited to join to the council to FS Russ Milliron, or Membership Director (MD) Bill Gazzerro.

FS or MD will bring the prospect's name and supporting information to the council for a vote to accept the prospect if he does eventually join. If approved, FS or MD will send your candidate an invitation to join the Fairborn Council. Candidate will be instructed to register for the on-demand exemplification and to fill out an online form.

You may contact your candidate to guide him through the registration.

Candidate, with his family, then participates in the ceremony from the comfort of his own home, The "Charity, Unity, and Fraternity" ceremony starts immediately after registering. At this point your candidate is a third degree member of our council.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on Oct 15 to pay bills and discuss business. Due to the COVID-19 crisis our work parties will be suspended until further notice.



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS MEETING (7 pm) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

INSURANCE CORNER

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.

Thanks!

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



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, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Cal and Alice Smith, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez Sgt, John Habel, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Cassie Barlow, Sophia Yarwick, Cladina Hay, Tony Liam, Janet McGrath, Bill Gould, Dale Petacki, Jan Gartsipe.

NOVEMBER EVENTS



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Nov 5	Trustees Meeting	Nov 7	Christmas Bazaar
Nov 8	Bazaar Breakfast	Nov 12	Membership Meeting
Nov 14	Blood Drive	Nov 14	Parish Dinner
Nov 16	4th Degree Meeting	Nov 19	Home Corp Meeting
Nov 21	Memorial Mass	Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Nov 29	5th Sunday Rosary	Nov 29	Corporate Communion

DECEMBER PREVIEW

Degrees, K of C Dinner, Breakfast with St Nick, FAB Meeting, PGK's Meeting

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.



Harry Yardwick receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



Percy Gros Receiving the FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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