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Grand Knight's Corner

I decided to explore the word purpose this month. What is my purpose? What is our purpose? Those two simple questions are ones I have struggled with lately on a personal and professional level. Everything seems out of sorts in a way that I can only describe as tilted or perhaps unbalanced would be a better term. The dictionary defines purpose as "the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists." That seems right and reasonable, after all are we not created by God and are we not taught that God has a purpose for us?

I bounced around for years as a young man, purpose was the farthest thing from my mind. My time in the Navy was probably the best decision I ever made and led to a massive shift in my perspective. I found purpose, to defend my country, to defend my shipmates and protect the ones I loved at home. I rediscovered my faith. When I left the service and returned home, I still had purpose. I had a family to take care of and a responsibility to God to give back for all that he had given me. Now I am no longer certain. Despite my efforts at learning stoicism, there is a strong undercurrent of emotion that clouds my thoughts. I still want to give back to God but what I thought was my purpose has been cloaked and as a result, I have lost clarity and focus in other areas of my life.

When he was pope John Paul the 2nd wrote that "there cannot be two parallel lives in the existence of the faithful: on the one hand, our so-called spiritual life, with its values and demands; and on the other, our so-called secular life, that is, life in a family, at work, in social relationships, in the responsibilities of public life, and in culture. Every area of our lives, as different as they are, enters into the plan of God, who desires that these very areas be the places where the love of Christ is revealed and realized for both the glory of the Father and service of others." "Therefore, we consecrate to God the whole cycle of the day, from rising and drinking our morning coffee to carpools and meetings and classes and household responsibilities until we crawl into bed for sleep."

My friend and fellow knight Herb Edwards emailed some thoughts on the "Narrow Door" spoken of in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 13:22-30, that door through which we need to try and enter and not everyone will. In summary salvation should be the goal we all share and it has to be earned. Thank you, Herb, there was a lot of food for thought. If the end goal is salvation, the reward of a life well spent in service to God and to our fellow man. Maybe that is a purpose we can all share. If we were created by God for God then a life well spent would entail taking care of each other and the world he made for us. Our goal is salvation, our purpose is to get there by deeds and service done in God's name, Luke even makes it a point stating that, "just saying the words is not enough". I always sign off this newsletter with the phrase, "Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus" A Latin phrase used by the Benedictines to remind them, "So that in all things may God be glorified." While I continue to pray and try to discern my purpose in this life, I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me as Grand Knight, I will continue to serve our council, parish and families as best I can.

Epicetus said, "The key is to keep company only with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best." Charles Darwin said, "A man's friendships are one of the best measures of his worth." As a whole both statements summarize our council

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Special points of interest

- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention
- Fr. Alex
- Insurance

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3724 family. My Knight of the Month honoree PGK Frank Carchedi and my Family of the Month honoree PGK Don and Holly Banford both would require multiple pages to site all they do for the council and the parish community so I will simply state that these honorees in particular are examples of deeds performed and not just words spoken. Make sure to congratulate them when you see them around the parish.

“Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus”
Vivat Jesus. GK Erbacher

FAMILY ROSARY RALLY

Brother Knights, the fifteenth annual Family Rosary Rally will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church at 2300 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH, on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM. The prelude music starts at 2:00 PM. This Dayton Chapter sponsored event is a FREE event to the attendees because of the financial support of the councils and assemblies in the Dayton Chapter, and the Dayton area local churches. Questions can be directed to Don Coty (937) 623-8782 or ohiocoty@woh.rr.com.



FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES

The Football Frenzy is underway, the council goal is 100 tickets and to date we are at 26. Stop in the lounge on Thursday and pick up a couple to either buy or sell. Tickets are 20.00 ea. and cover the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season. Winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games. Winners will be notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council. Ticket sales benefit the council by rebating a portion of the sale price directly back to the council. GK Erbacher

FATHER ALEX TO CELEBRATE HIS ORDINATION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN UGANDA

Our Council's sponsored seminarian, newly ordained priest Father Alex Biryomumeisho, departed Friday August 9th from Cincinnati to Uganda, for a month long visit with his parents, family, and friends. Father Alex contacted the Fairborn Council to share that our ordination gift made this special trip possible. A special Mass of Thanksgiving is planned in his home village on August 24th, to celebrate his ordination as a priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Traditionally, the ordination of a priest is an especially joyous occasion for Ugandan Catholics. Father Alex said that he is "eternally grateful to the (Fairborn) Knights" who made this special trip possible. Let us join Father Alex in giving thanks for his ordination on August 24th, and let us pray that he may have a joy filled visit and safe return.

ACTIVITIES

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."

PARISH DINNER

September 14th marks the start of our fifth series of Parish Dinners. We'll be starting this year the same way we did last, with one of our most popular entrees, roast half chicken, green beans, au gratin potatoes, salad and a special surprise 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.

2019 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The council's golf tournament held in memory of numerous brother knights who used the game of golf to foster unity and brotherhood was held on Saturday, August 10th, at the Locust Hills GC in Springfield. This year we honored Pete Baker, Herb Boettcher, George Butcher PGK, George Fabian PGK, Charles Fischer, John Hart, Thad Houston PGK, Jim Hughes, Bob Kirsch PGK, Ed Kempf, Mac Leybourne, Ron Limbach PGK, Ike McHugh, Marvin Meade, Carl Muhlbachler, Jeff Pitstick, Bill Russell, Ron Selner, Al Sheffield, Len Shumski PGK, Phil Simons, Paul Sloat PGK, Sam Torch, Steve Wargo, Past State Deputy Bob Wilhelm PGK, and Joe Zeller for using the game of golf to exhibit fraternity and unity as members of Fairborn Council 3724.

Twenty-two golfers participated in this year's team scramble. The brother knights and their guests enjoyed the fraternal competition and were treated to a steak and chicken dinner for lunch. Prizes were awarded for low team score and individual shot making. The team of Mike Stroble, Bary Stroble, Bill Walls, Jim Gammel, and Ray Moorman came in first place with a score of 57. Other team and individual results follow.

	<u>Score</u>		<u>Score</u>
Frank Carchedi (PGK)	63	Norm Knoth	59
Terry Sheffield		Tom Knoth	
Allen Sheffield		Ed Knoth	
Chris Sheffield		Phil Knoth	
Max Roadruck			
Steve Wal (PGK)	58	Shelby Scott	62
Jeremy Wal		Jim Carlson	
Andy Wal		Pete Maggiacomo	
Blaine Allen		Larry Boggs	
		Ray Moorman	
Closest to the Pin #7		Steve Wal PGK	
Closest to the Pin #9		Andy Wal	
Closest to the Pin #13		Blaine Allen	
Closest to the Pin \$18		Chris Sheffield	
Longest Putt #5		Phil Knoth	
Longest Putt #12		Max Roadruck	

This years' memorial tournament was once again a tremendous success due in large part to the fraternalism demonstrated by our current and memorialized brother knights. Thanks to our Grand Knight Gene Erbacher for sponsoring this year's event.



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League will co-sponsor the seventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters. Fairborn Council 3724 and Daughters of Isabella, Marian Circle 911 will be sponsoring a Rosary at our own Memorial for the Unborn after the 4:00 p.m. mass. Please join us in saying a Pro-Life Rosary at our nationally listed Memorial. Afterward the Knights of Columbus is hosting another of their nearly famous Parish dinners. Please come and join in the fellowship while having a good meal.

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,

September 5th – Green Bay Packers vs. Chicago Bears
 September 12th - Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. Carolina Panthers
 September 19th - Tennessee Titans vs. Jacksonville Jaguars
 September 26th - Philadelphia Eagles vs. Green Bay Packers

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

The MHC Church Membership Drive is scheduled for September 14 – 15, the weekend of our first of the season parish dinner. Now is the time for you to identify a prospect for membership and don't let him get away. Invite him and his family to the half chicken dinner following the Saturday afternoon mass. Give him and his wife a card with the council's landing page address (3724KofC.org). This web site will provide more information about our council than you could in a short time.

Do you know a priest, monk, deacon or seminarian who is not a member? Ask him!!

Do you know a cop, firefighter, EMT or an active duty military member? Ask him!!!

Help yourself out by offering to pass out literature and answer questions after each mass on September 14 and 15. This is a great time to sign a prospect. Let me know that you will help. Call Bill at 233-8913 or wjg070436@gmail.com.



Chaplain Fr. Don Moss addressing the Council at last month's business meeting. Come to the September meeting and hear the inspirational message from our Chaplain.



“Yeah, I had just figured out what I wanted to do during summer vacation and then it was over.”



Congratulation to our Fairborn 3724 Brother Knight Br. Ray Ronan of Mendi, Papua, New Guinea on his recent 80th Birthday. Prayers & Best Wishes from your Brother Knights

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INSURANCE CORNER

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

Robert Hernandez
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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 15 Aug to pay bills and discuss business. The Aug work party was devoted to cleaning the kitchen, as we begin our monthly dinners in Sep.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

The 2019-2020 monthly raffle are now on sale and the first drawing will be held at the Sept HC meeting. Tickets are \$10 with a chance to win one of 3 monthly cash prizes, drawn tickets are placed back into the



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.

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 Justice, Linda Engle, John Kaempf, IPSD Kevin Miller, John Kaempf.



HOLY FATHER'S



The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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Fairborn, OH**

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sep 5	Trustees Meeting	Sep 9	4th Degree Meeting
Sep 12	Business Meeting	Sep 14	K of C Dinner
Sep 14	Remembrance of Unborn	Sep 14-15	MHC Membership Drive
Sep 19	Home Corp Meeting	Sep 26	First Degree
Sep 29	Corporate Communion	Sep 29	Rosary before 11:15 Mass

OCT PREVIEW

K of C Dinner, Celebration of life Hog Roast Dinner, Blessing of Animals, Life Chain, Rosary Rally, Reverse Raffle, Life Tech Conference.

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.



PGK Frank Carchedi Receiving KOTM from GK Erbacher



PGK Don Banford Receiving the FOTM from GK Erbacher

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