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Grand Knight's Corner

3724 Family, as a faith community we are being tested and I'm sorry to say this, but our character, our very being is undergoing this test on a spiritual level. Bear with me as I lay a little groundwork. I just returned from a hiking trip, completely off grid, no electronics, no contact with anything other than nature and I saw some beautiful sights. What better artist was there ever than God? In that stillness in front of that canvas, I found some clarity and for a moment peace for a troubled soul.

One of my favorite things to do when I'm away is visiting a local pub, someplace unique to the area and not a chain. I found a great one on this trip and if you ever in Peninsula Ohio, I strongly recommend the "Winking Lizard." Good people, great food trying hard to keep their business open under the Covid-19 restrictions and doing an admirable job, yet despite their best efforts including a sign on the front door saying masks are required by the city, some people tried to test the limit. One fellow thought just holding the mask over his face was fine. The young hostess probably in her first job, who was seating people sweetly asked him to please put it on all the way. He lost his mind, he started yelling and asking for supervisors, stomping his feet it was crazy. The manager came and handled it, but the hostess was in tears and this fellow made his point by ruining everyone's dinner, the definition of a total jerk. I saw in this young lady my own daughter, oh the rage that overwhelmed me, and it was all so unnecessary. This young lady would have a horrible memory forever. The manager most likely will have to begin the process of hiring a new hostess because this young lady is so shaken and who could blame her. Minimum wage does not pay you to face that kind of hostility, I don't know what wage would.

I talked briefly about masks in a couple of earlier newsletters but what I'm going to say now is that I do not personally care where anyone stands on the wearing of masks. Asking me to wear one or forcing me to leave an establishment is not the hill, I want to call myself the king of. If I want to eat out, if I want to leave my house and be the least bit normal, understanding the rules is a practical exercise designed to ensure a pleasant experience. Establishments must comply with the guidelines or risk fines and permanent closure and that benefits no one. I'll be the first to admit I don't like masks, I may not even agree with the rational and think it's dumb, be that as it may this is one small part of what I'm talking about when I talk about a test of character. The mask is not for us. Social distancing is not for us. It's for the grandmother of the person you never met or the chemo patient, how about this, give it a more wallet-oriented note, it's for the places we want to visit and eat at so they can stay open and pay wages to their employees. In wearing the mask, you protect the strangers you see and the strangers they see, but you also protect the livelihood of the small businesses trying so hard to stay afloat.

The Stoics believe in one immutable, inescapable law of human existence, character is fate. I agree and I when I said in my opening we are being tested; our character's grade will be our fate. Just a quick glimpse across history confirms it: Liars eventually destroy themselves. The ignorant make fatal, self-inflicted mistakes. The egotistical ignore the data before them and the warnings that could save them. The selfish end up alone, even if they're surrounded by fame and fortune. Why is this, Wall Street, politics, everywhere, I submit to you it's because character is fate.

I implore you 3724 family do not give in to adversity, but do not trust in prosperity and always be mindful that fortune behaves as it pleases. Now is the time to get ready, use this moment,

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prepare, sharpen, build, and reinforce that character. If you go back to my article a couple months ago talking about the shield wall of Sparta, you are protecting the whole line, so if you are somewhere that requires a mask, wear it or don't go, if its optional have one with you just in case. To make another point, Christopher Columbus our namesake and the Catholic church, our faith are under constant attack. We as Knights and our families must stand in defense, we are sworn to it. In public settings representing the Knights you will see me wearing a mask with the Knights Logo, if for no other reason than to deny our opponents that avenue of attack.

My Knight of the Month was Bro. Dan Cyphers, our Family Director a lot of his direct efforts go unnoticed and this year with cancellations of events left and right his efforts might go unnoticed, but they did not. I saw them, the parish saw them, and they are deserving of recognition. My family of the month for much the same reason was the family of PGK Larry and Mary Bogemann, Larry takes a lot of ribbing and good naturedly gives back just as much but his efforts in the kitchen, as a Trustee and with the Ushers represent 3724 to the city, parish and community. None of that would be possible without Mary's support, let alone her work as a lay minister. When you see them around give them a hearty well done. Peace be with you.

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

THE RULE OF SAINT FRANCIS

The Rule in Your Life

1. Let the Gospel guide you. Saint Francis places the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the center of his Rules, with opening paragraphs in each noting the paramount importance of careful reading and observing of the gospel. It tells us: open your Bible. Read about the life and teachings of Jesus. Do as Jesus did and said. And take whatever life hands you — fear and hope, joy and sorrow, peace, and anxiety—and read it considering the Gospel.

2. Live simply. This instruction is one that any spiritual seeker could benefit from observing. Consider what detachment from goods might look like in your life. Could it include a refusal to buy new clothes or household items for a year?

ACTIVITIES

FOOTBALL CRAZR

This year we have experienced a lengthy period of the Covid-19 pandemic and our council Fairborn 3724 has not had the opportunities to generate income for our various programs and charities. The Football CraZR can help some of our goals. The Ohio State Council has created this program to give us an this season. Games played between Nov 1, 2020 and Jan 3, 2021. I am asking each member of the council to purchase or sell three tickets, yes, they are 20.00 each but the state will return between 5.50 and 9.00 back to us. The more, we sell the more we get back. Winners will be notified and automatically paid each week by the Ohio State Council.

To purchase tickets, contact the Grand Knight at Grandknight3724@kofc.org or (937) 477-5669, or come to the council hall on Thursday nights. The ticket deadline is October 24, 2020 after which no further tickets will be sold or accepted. In the event the NFL season is cancelled, the Ohio State Council has data from the past five seasons that will randomly determine the winners each week. There will be winners every week and quite frankly no one has any idea what 2021 is going to have in store for any of us, this may be one of the only fundraisers 3724 can put together this year.

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ACTIVITIES

2020 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 8th, 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 Mihlbachler, 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.

Thirty golfers participated in this year's team scramble. The brother knights and their guests enjoyed the fraternal competition and were treated to a pork and chicken dinner for lunch. Prizes were awarded for low team score and individual shot making. The team of PGK Steve Wal, Jeremy Wal, Andrew Wal, and Trevor Combs came in first place with a score of 57. Other team and individual results follow.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>
Frank Carchedi (PGK), T. Sheffield, A. Sheffield, C. Sheffield, K Norman	65
Norm Knoth, T. Knoth, E. Knoth, P.Knoth	63
Gary Stroble, M. Stroble, D. Young, B. Walls	66
Shelby Scott, J. Carlson, P. Maggiacomo, L. Boggs	60
Larry Bogeman PGK, A. Pellee, G. Zemore, Fr. Tom Nevels, J. Manning	69
Brandon Kunkle, B. Grody, K. Lisby, J. Sexton	72

Closest to the Pin #2	Larry Boggs
Closest to the Pin #5	Larry Bogeman, PGK
Closest to the Pin #8	Brent Grody
Closest to the Pin #16	Keith Lisby
Longest Drive #10	Steve Wal (PGK)
Longest Putt #15	Terry Sheffield

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.

FAMILY & YOUTH INITIATIVES (FYI) FUNDRAISING EVENT

This year K of C Council 3724 **will not** be sponsoring the annual hog roast dinner for the benefit of FYI. Instead of the Knights doing all of the work, we are invited to attend and enjoy FYI's Harvesting Hope Night Dinner, on Thursday Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (1801 St. Paris Pike in Springfield). FYI will be providing a free full-course dinner and dessert bar catered by the host church; an online/live auction, and music by popular local artist Amber Hargett. FYI's new Executive Director, Ms. Nikki Stefanow, will be sharing her vision for FYI. **Your donations matter!**



Ways in which the Knights can help are:

- Join the FYI event prayer team (email kermit@fyiohio.org)
- Volunteer to host and fill your own table of six or more of your friends & neighbors
- Bid on auction items
- Donate an item for the auction
- Become a monthly donor

Your donation helps FYI with funding its programs to rescue children from the evils of abortion, suicide, unsafe home environments, and unhealthy choices with tough consequences. Helping with the event will enable FYI to empower more families with love and respect, provide more hope to those in the communities FYI serves.

Due to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic, there will also be a virtual option for the event. You can tune in via Facebook Live for a condensed video version of the event on the same night and time. This allows those who are not comfortable with an in-person event to still participate and to participate at their own convenience.

Please RSVP on the FYI website at <https://www.fyiohio.org/events-1/harvesting-hope-with-fyi>. The online auction starts on Sep 14. Details for online bidding can be found at this site.

For more information on the event or the live auction, to host a table or get tickets, call FYI at (937) 845-0403 or email nikki@fyiohio.org. You can also call PGK's Larry Bogemann (937) 605-3359 or Herman Karhoff (937) 361-2758.

ACTIVITIES

FAIRBORN COUNCIL 3724 K OF C BLUE COAT AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of Columbus (K of C) recently visited the Ohio State Highway Patrol Xenia Post to honor Xenia Post Commander's nominee for the K of C Blue Coat Awards Trooper of the Year Award. Pictured L to R are Ohio Representative Rick Perales, Lt. Matthew Schmenk, Honoree Trooper Jaysen P. Kelly, Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher & Past Grand Knight John A. Wolfe.



Fairborn Council 3724 Knight of Columbus (K of C) recently visited the Greene County Sheriff's Office to honor the Sheriff's nominee for the K of C Blue Coat Awards Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award. Pictured L to R are Ohio Representative Rick Perales, Past Grand Knight John A. Wolfe, Honoree Lt. Robin Wooten, Grand Knight Eugene Erbacher & Sheriff Gene Fischer.



Fairborn Council 3724 Knights of Columbus Honoree of the Year Awards Ceremony held prior to the August Council Business Meeting. Knight Honoree PGK John A. Wolfe; Volunteer Honoree Herbert Edwards; Scout Honoree Donald Macleod IV; Ohio State Council State Youth Honoree Jonathan Karhoff; Youth Honoree Emily C. Petachi; Citizen Honoree Grand Knight Eugene O. Erbacher, PGK with distinguished guest State of Ohio Representative Rick Perales.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 20 Aug to pay bills and discuss business. Due to the COVID-19 crisis our work parties will be suspended until further notice.

Our monthly raffle winners for Aug were:

- 1st Place: Stephen Cleveland, \$40 Ticket #93
- 2nd Place: Michael Stock, \$25 Ticket #80
- 3rd Place: Myra Glass, \$10 Ticket #90



MEMBERSHIP

Brothers, our council is dying. Average member age is getting higher. About 38 percent are Honorary Life members and pay no dues. Just last month two more members died. You must replace yourself just to keep the council from disappearing. The new degree program makes this much easier than in the past. All you have to do is to hand a catholic man a card with the web sites for him to become knowledgeable of the works of the order. Once he joins the "On-Line" knights we can pick him up to join our council. Of course it is nice if you have some good words to go along with the card. There are lots of membership cards in the Lounge which is open every Thursday evening from 7 to 10 PM. The On-Line address is -KOF.C.ORG/JOIN. There are no meeting obligations and for \$30 a year he is eligible for Columbia and all of the financial benefits. Do not wait, replace yourself today, your council is dying.

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

Knight alert requests and activity alerts should be send to the PGK Russ Milliron at webmaster@3724kofc.org .

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, ESPICALLY DURING THIS WORLD WIDE CRISIS. 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.

Repose of the Soul:

John Keampf, SK Vic Berberich

Health and Healing:

PGK John Whytal, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Bobby Hernandez, John Habel, Alice Smith, Rosalie Sloat, Velma Hobbs, Cassie Barlow, Sophaha Yarwick, Peggy Heity, Joe Koogle, Steve Glass, Tom Storer, Peggy Heitz, Greg.Kris and Josh Edwards, Will Lawless, Katlyn,Caleb and baby Elle Mc William, Whilma Rizzo. Elena Dues.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

Sep 3 Trustees Meeting
Sep 14 4 th Degree Meeting
Sep 24 Degrees

Sep 10 Membership Meeting
Sep 17 Home Corp Meeting

OCTOBER PREVIEW

Degrees, Parish Dinner (tentatively), Life Tech Conference (tentatively), FAB Meeting, Blessing of Animals (tentatively), 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.



Dan Cyphers receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



PGK Larry Bogemann Receiving the FOTM from GK Gene Erbacher

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