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Grand Knight's Corner

If 2017 has taught me anything it is that nothing is promised, especially tomorrow. Death is not voluntary, eventually we will all be called to account for what we did with the life God gave us. Struggling with my own health this year, and nearly being called to give that account, I have also buried two friends who left well before they were ready. It has left me wondering about my own preparedness. Where am I at spiritually? Where am I at physically? Where am I at financially? Have I done enough for my family and my faith? Thanks to the vision of Father McGivney the Knights of Columbus provides the means to take care of the financial part and I am an insurance member, I will however be asking our agent for a visit around the first of the year to look at areas I can make that better. I have also been engaged in deep reflection on where I find myself regarding the shared faith that bonds us. The physical has been challenging with the heart attack in January, an arm injury suffered in a fall in June and a serious back injury in September, I have had to sit back literally and rethink my entire approach to how I take care of the physical vessel that God gave me to house my soul on this earth. I will also I'm sure have to answer for how I took care of that gift. I have made changes in my life this year and I'm sure I will have to make more. When my time does come, I want to be able to stand tall with my head raised as I am asked, "What did you do with your life?" With All Souls Day, and Thanksgiving the month of November is a good time to begin looking reflectively at where you are, it's a good time to take stock. With this being the last newsletter for 2017 I will wish you a Happy New Year.

PGK Don Banford was selected as Knight of the Month for his constant dedication to the parish and to the council, for that same reason, Brother Corky Block and his wife Cheryl were chosen as the family of the month. Make sure to congratulate and thank them when you see them around the hall or at the church. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you all.

Vivat Jesus,
GK Erbacher



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Special points of interest

- Immaculate Conception Prayer
- Parish Dinner
- 5th Sunday Rosary
- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner Saturday December 16th. This month we will be featuring a wonderful fall lineup of roast pork loin, stuffing and gravy, scalloped potatoes, buttered peas, cole slaw, 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.

BREAKFAST WITH ST NICK

The Council will once again be providing and serving pancakes and sausage for the annual PSR breakfast with St Nick on Sunday December 3. If you can help out please show up at 8:30.

MEMORIAL MASS

The council memorial mass was held on November 14, 2017 at St. John Bosco Chapel at Wright State University. Father Burns as usual provided a moving sermon and did an awesome job explaining who and what the Knights are to those in attendance. We had approximately 10 brothers present along with widows, Rosalee Sloat, Carol Cypher, and Marge Hueston. Remembered this year were PGKs Paul Sloat, and Thad Hueston, Brother's Dave Cypher, Carl Lump, Dick Drake, Bill Russell, Peter Munto, Edward Deardurff, and Robert Milliron. Several of the college council Knights were there and after the mass we were able to present the college council with the podium hand made by Council 3724s own master carpenters Jeffrey and Herman Karhoff. A light reception was held after and enjoyed by all.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

The first and third Saturday of each month, men of the parish meet at St Francis Hall to sing, pray, read, and discuss the 'so what' for that weekend's Scriptures. Each man who comes is affirmed and encouraged in their personal walk with our Lord Jesus, the Christ, and with each other as 'Men of Faith'. Please come and join us from 8-9 a.m. (before Honey Do's and Saturday tasks) on first and third Saturday's, if you can make it at 7:30 a.m. you will be able to chew a bagel and have a cup of fair trade coffee before we meet in St Francis Hall Chapel.

CANS FOR A CAUSE

For a couple years now, Brother Harry Yarwick has been collecting cans in the vestibule of the hall. He originally started this to help raise the money needed to replace the TV in the lounge that was taken out by lightning. He has continued to perform this service ever since, and the Home Corp directors appreciate his continued service.

The time has come, however, to put this money to better use. Beginning in the New Year, all monies generated by Brother Yarwick's collection of cans will be delivered to the FS, who will deposit it in an escrow account to be added to our Measure Up contribution.

Whether you have been a longtime supporter of this effort, or have just been waiting for a reason to bring your cans down to the hall, we ask that you give this effort your full support. As a reminder, the recycling center Brother Yarwick sells these can to takes **Beverage Cans Only!** In the past folks have dropped off other food cans. They do not take these and therefore they have to be sorted out and disposed of.

Thanks go out to Brother Yarwick who continues to help us raise money for important causes.

PAST GRAND KNIGHTS OPEN HOUSE

The Fairborn Council Past Grand Knights are hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday December 21 from 7 to 10 pm. Food and drinks will be provided by the PGKs, Brothers and a guest are encouraged to attend in the spirit of Fraternalism. This is a great opportunity to invite a prospective member and his guest to join us in some fellowship.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

The Council's next Corporate Communion will be Sunday Dec 31 at MHC's 11:15 Mass, Member and their families will have a special seating area. This is also the last 5th Sunday of the year and the Knights will lead the Rosary before mass at 10:45 AM. Please join us and make this a great showing to the parish of our devotion to Mary.

YOUR KNIGHTS IN ACTION

PARISH DINNER



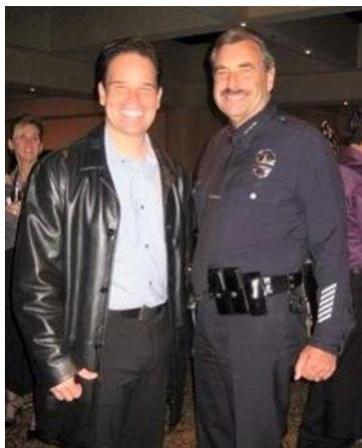
PODIUM PRESENTATION AT WSU



GK Erbacher presenting podium to GK ORR

PGK Karhoff (maker of podium) with GK Orr

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Brother Knight & Fairborn Council, Diocese & Ohio State Council 2009 Blue Coat of the Year John P. Wolfe on his promotion to LAPD SGT II. He is pictured with LAPD Chief of Police Charlie Beck and will serve as the Officer in Charge of the Arrest and Control / Lifetime Fitness Unit at the LAPD Police Academy.

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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp Directors met on 16 November to pay bills and discuss business. The Tuesday crew continues to work to keep our dedicated spaces well maintained and looking good. We met for a work party on November 18 to work on cleaning the lounge. Special thanks go out to PGKs Carchedi, Karhoff, Bogemann and Milliron, as well as Home Corp directors Corky Block who cleaned the lounge carpet, blinds and some of the flat surfaces. PKG Carchedi also covered all our AC units for the winter.

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: Alice Smith, \$40, Ticket #038

2nd Place: Theresa Antinoro, \$25, Ticket #170

3rd Place: Joshua Stock, \$10, Ticket #196

There are still a few of this year's raffle tickets for sale, and 21 draws left in the year. Don't miss out on the best multi-draw raffle around. We pay out at least \$5 more per month than any of the other raffles around and we have 37 draws, not just 36. For tickets, see PGK Beefy Milliron.

The next work party will be held on December 9th, early because of the Christmas Season. We'll try to put the finishing touches on the Lounge to make everything look nice for our Christmas open house. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEMBERSHIP

Those of you who enjoyed the Salisbury Steak dinner last month might have taken the opportunity to invite a potential member or former member to the November dinner. We members have a lot to be proud of and should not be timid about telling about the great works our Fraternity does around the world. The Order's many charitable programs are only possible because of our membership. Don't be timid about sharing the Order's good works. This display of Knights of Columbus activities is a real conversation starter. Use it to get yourself a new member and our council off to Star Council again. Invite a Catholic man and his family to the December dinner. Remember, former members count.

The Knights of Columbus make a difference for the good.

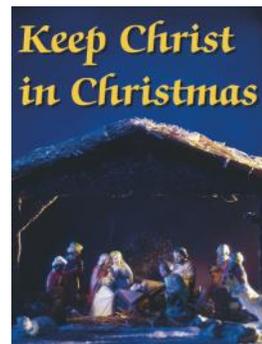
- This year the Knights of Columbus set a new record for charity.
- We set a new record for the protection of Catholic families.
- We have had the strength and ethical nature of our insurance program internationally recognized.
- We helped AIDS orphans in Uganda,
 - homeless refugees in Ukraine,
 - persecuted Christians in Egypt,
 - Christian survivors of genocide in Iraq,
 - Child refugees from North Korea,
 - typhoon survivors in the Philippines,
 - flood victims in Mexico and the United States, and
 - people with disabilities in Vietnam, Cuba and Haiti.
- We expanded our charitable and evangelization efforts
- We built up the domestic church by strengthening the marriages and families of our members
- We continued our strong defense of persecuted Christians in the Middle East



"I can help, Daddy. Let me know when they're ready to be turned on and I'll flip the switch!"

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Check out the Council's annual Keep Christ in Christmas billboard on State Route 444 near the entrance to the base. The billboard will be up for the entire month of December.



INSURANCE CORNER

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



O GOD, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so through her intercession, we too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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.

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 Jim McCoy, Tom Engle, Victor Berberich, Mike McGuinness, Perry Quijas, Katherine Justice, Jesse Franz, Bob Johnson, Paul Adams, Jon Edwards, Greeg Edwards, Meriam Leonard, Eric Grinde, Sue and Tom Heckler, Crista Hernandez, Javier Perez Jr



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DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec 3	Breakfast w/St Nick	Dec 7	Trustee Meeting
Dec 9/10	Journey to Bethlehem	Dec 11	4th Degree Meeting
Dec 14	Business Mtg	Dec 16	Parish Dinner
Dec 21	Home Corp Mtg	Dec 21	PGK's Open House
Dec 25	Christmas	Dec 28	1st Degree.

JANUARY PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Pro-Life Dinner and Silent Auction, 1st Degree

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 Don Banford Receiving KOTM From GK



Corky Block Receiving FOTM From GK

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