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Grand Knight's Corner

As this fraternal year comes closer to its conclusion. I need to talk about leadership and the future of 3724. If you have been in the council for a while and been to a few meetings you know what we are about. Council 3724 is one of the most active and vibrant councils in the state of Ohio. We are responsible for thousands of hours of community service, thousands of charitable donations to the parish, the community, and various national organizations. We need brothers to step up and continue this or even better take us in new directions we may not be aware of. I am asking now for all of you reading this newsletter to prayerfully consider taking a leadership role in this next fraternal year. There are numerous smaller council leadership positions you can choose. As you grow in the knowledge of what this council is truly about mayhap you will consider one of the officer positions. Your council needs a Community Director, the Home Corp needs new officers to spare the long serving current group, the Kitchen staff needs help, the Bingo program, the list goes on. Every area we volunteer in supports a charity or the parish or the community. No one in this council serves alone. Confucius said, "Perceiving what is right and doing it not reveals a lack of courage." Bushido states that courage is worthy of being counted among virtues only if it's exercised in the cause of Righteousness. In the book of James, Chapter 4 verse 17 says "So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, it is a sin."

Council 3724 is a storied council and to be a member is a privilege, to be elected a leader in this council is an honor and it is time for our third-degree brothers to heed this call to Duty. Merriam Webster defines Duty as; obligatory tasks, conduct, service, or functions that arise from one's position (as in life or in a group) and worthy of your consideration. Honor is defined as a keen sense of ethical conduct. That is the Knights of Columbus, that is Council 3724 please consider taking a more active role in your council we need you. If you are interested even in just finding out what one of the roles entails send me an email at either grand-knight@3724kofc.org or gene.erbacher@gmail.com.

It seems the world is finally starting to dig out from under the pandemic and now a European conflict is brewing that could draw the entire world in. It's disheartening and even a little frightening because it's an attack on the human spirit and community. Never ending virus's, explosions, civil unrest, attempted military conquests all brought to you live and in color 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Spiritual warfare on a global scale and the big screen. I'm not going to go into personal beliefs about right and wrong on all of this but I'm going to say I believe now and without any doubt that the father of lies is active, has a plan and is willing to do whatever it takes to have us turn away from God and our faith.

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I thought perhaps a discussion on what the church has to say about war might help all of us as we talk to and pray with friends and family regarding current events or our own personal struggles. As I understand from my reading; St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was the first Christian writer to describe the four conditions that must be met for a war to be just, but the roots of just-war theory go back even to non-Christian Romans, particularly the Roman orator Cicero. Eight centuries ago, St. Thomas Aquinas, building on the work of Augustine articulated these still-valid criteria or conditions for a just-war as follows: (1) Legitimate authority must declare war, not private citizens or groups; (2) The cause must be just; and (3) The war must be waged with a right intention ("so that they intend the advancement of good, or the avoidance of evil," as Thomas says), which excludes acts of war done out of vengeance, hatred, and other like motives.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, following recent tradition, adds four other conditions for a war to be morally justified: (4) The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain; (5) All other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective, that is, war must be waged as a last resort; (6) There must be serious prospects of success; and (7) The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The Catechism teaches: "All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war. However, 'as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense once all peace efforts have failed.'"

As Knights in the Catholic Church, standing in solidarity with our priests and our pope. What is our defense? What can we do? Individually probably nothing much but our Pope tweeted the following on social media Wednesday the 23 of February 2022. "I invite everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace: let believers dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war." Also, my brothers and 3724 family we have the Rosary which we can use to honor Mary, Queen of Peace. The devil has declared war on the world, I'd say we are justified in fighting back in self-defense. "May the God of peace himself make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

My Knight of the month was DGK Grant Kempf who continues to shine in his role Deputy Grand Knight pitching in and getting his elbows dirty in nearly every one of our charitable endeavors since his return to Ohio. My family of the month was the family of Corky Block our erstwhile Home Corp President who continues to keep the lights on, the water running and our rent on time to the parish. Corky's wife Cheryl continues to serve in the Eucharistic ministry and the parish. When you see Grant, Corky and Cheryl congratulate and thank them for their service. We have several activities this month as we enter the season of Lent including a blood drive, the men's retreat, parish dinner, and an FYI dinner. I believe the Daughters of Isabella also have a ladies retreat planned for the month as well details for both retreats are in the MHC Bulletin.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus
Vivat Jesus. Happy New Year, GK Erbacher

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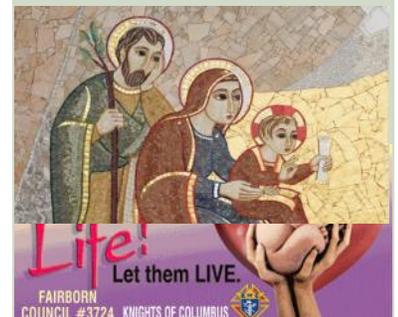
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Part 6: 1941-1950)

By the time of the Pearl Harbor attack and the United States entry into World War II in 1941, a K of C welfare program for servicemen had been well established by Canadian Knights, built and modeled on the Knights' World War I work at the Supreme Convention in 1944, the Order established a \$1 million trust fund for the children of members who died or became disabled in World War II. Following the end of the war in 1945, the Order turned its attention to the growing threats of communism and fascism. To combat these dangers, the Knights launched in 1946 the Crusade for the Preservation and Promotion of American Ideals, which published books and pamphlets to educate the public on "the perils of communism".

Meanwhile, the postwar years saw a membership boom for the Order in the Philippines. Jesuit Father George J. Willmann envisioned the Knights as the premiere lay society in the Philippines and set about establishing councils and recruiting members. He appealed to the Supreme Council in 1947 for permission to establish three new councils in the Philippines and served as the country's first district deputy. By the time Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart visited Manila in 1955, the Order had expanded to include 50 Filipino councils.

1941: When the U.S. enters World War II, the Order's outreach to soldiers is conducted via the National Catholic Community Service organization. The NCCS models many of its programs on the Order's successful WWI efforts.

1944: The Order creates a \$1 million trust fund for the education of children of members who lost their lives in or as a result of World War II. This evolves into the current scholarship fund for use at Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

1945: John E. Swift is elected supreme knight. Among his first initiatives is to authorize funding for full-page advertisements in 12 major U.S. newspapers and five Canadian papers highlighting the dangers of communism. The ad offers a free copy of Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen's pamphlet, "Communism, the Opium of the People."

1946: The Order launches its Crusade for the Preservation and Promotion of American Ideals. Educational pamphlets on communism and the dangers of secularism are published and distributed. By August 1948, there are more than 1,300 K of C discussion groups.

1947: Several hundred radio stations broadcast K of C-sponsored programs with the titles "Safeguards of America" and "Foundations of Our American Ideals."

DID YOU KNOW

-February 5th was a special day for Brother Knight Don Shepherd and his wife Teri. It was on that day back in 1972, 50 years ago that Fr Koverman married them here at Mary Help of Christians. When you see Don and Teri congratulate them on their 50th wedding anniversary.

-Fairborn Knight John P. Wolfe retired from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) with over 27-years of service on February 28, 2022. He served in a variety of assignments, at a number of Community Police Stations including his most recent assignment as Sergeant II Officer in Charge of 22 Instructors in the Arrest and Control & Lifetime Fitness Unit at the LAPD Police Academy.



Wolfe also taught Criminal Justice courses in-person and online for several years at Golden West College, Long Beach City College and Cerritos Community College.

Golden West College Regional Criminal Justice Training Center Associate Dean / Director Tim Vu has announced the selection of John P. Wolfe effective March 1, 2022, as the permanent full-time Regional Criminal Justice Training Center Coordinator.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Coordinator Wolfe on his new role. John was a Charter Member of the Fairborn Circle 2271 Columbian Squires and later served as Chief Squire. He joined Fairborn Council 3724 in April 1989 and in 2009 was selected as the Council Blue Coat Awards Police Officer of the Year by Fairborn 3724 Grand Knight James L. McCoy. During the Ohio State Council State Convention Deputy Larry Moegling named John P. Wolfe as the Ohio K of C State 2009 Blue Coat Awards Honoree of the Year.

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER

This month the Knights of Columbus will harken back to the time when we used to hold regular Sunday Breakfasts and offer Breakfast for dinner. We will be serving on Saturday March 12th. This month's dinner will feature all your favorite breakfast food including scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and omelets made to order. 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.

MEN'S RETREAT

If you need a relaxing day just to get away from it all, you may want to attend a Men's Retreat. The Fairborn Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Men's Retreat at the K of C Chambers (located behind the Mary Help of Christians School) on March 5, 2022. Men from Mary Help of Christians, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart Parishes, brother knights, and your friends are invited. We have a great day planned around the theme, **Faith and where it belongs in the world today**. The Word of God is the most critical catalyst, which provides a powerful path to a deepened our spiritual lives. Our guest speakers, Fr. Tom Nevels, Fr. Donald Moss, and Deacon Max Roadruck will provide insights into how we can fulfill God's expectations of us in these challenging times.

Please arrive at 8:30 AM for sign-in. Coffee, pastries, snacks, and lunch will be provided by the K of C. There is no charge, it's **FREE**. In the afternoon (2:30 PM timeframe), we will pray the rosary, confessions will be available starting at 3 PM at MHC, if time allows, we may do the Stations of the Cross or just have meditation time in church.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fairborn K of C lounge or you can RSVP to PGK Herman Karhoff, (937) 361-2758/ (937) 233-8370. Please leave a message if no one answers your call.

FAIRBORN KNIGHTS HOSTING FAMILY & YOUTH INITIATIVES (FYI) DINNER (March 26th, 2022)

You are invited to join us at this spring fundraising dinner, planned for March 26th, 2022, in the Mary Help of Christians Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The evening will be filled with delicious food, impactful conversation, and fun! Dinner menu features pulled pork, Au Gratin potatoes, tossed salad, and German Choc cake for dessert. Tickets for the event are \$15 per adult, \$5 per child (16 & under), with a maximum family price (for 2 adults and children) of \$40.

This event will highlight how FYI is making a difference in our community and share its mission to empower families and provide hope. As we engage, equip, and encourage those we serve we are rescuing families and children from potential trauma. We believe in building a solid foundation for growth through education, training, and support.

While you enjoy your meal, FYI staff members will present a brief update on their four programs; (Parenting Network, Real Life Teen Choices, Mentoring Program, and the Community Garden), and you will hear from one of their volunteers.

All attendees will be provided an FYI bingo card with their admission to play family-friendly games of bingo throughout the evening to win baskets of gifts! Raffle tickets will be for sale for a mystery prize, which will wrap up the evening. All proceeds benefit Family & Youth Initiatives. FYI is doing amazing things for those in need and making a difference. Come and learn about what they do and how YOU can be part of the change! "In order to bloom, you must grow. Grow WITH us!"

Registration is recommended so we know how much food to prepare. You can register today at BLOOMWITH-FYI.EVENTBRITE.COM.

BLOOD DRIVE

There's no greater gift one can give than the gift of life. MHC/KofC are sponsoring a Blood Drive in the Parish Center APR room on Saturday March 26 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.

ACTIVITES

SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Brother Knights, if you have not already received them, your Ohio Charity tickets soon will be arriving in the mail. Once again, we are encouraging all members to get out and sell/purchase at least 10 tickets. Please read the GK letter which identifies a few to the charities your Council supported last year. It also provides details about the critical turn-in dates, where to mail ticket stubs & checks, and points of contact should you have questions or request for additional tickets. It's very important for you to mail in your sold tickets on or before the 1st turn-in date, Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM



Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order.

Our Council will have the icon (tentatively) the weekend of March 19 & 20, The feast of St Joseph. Stay tuned for more updates on this most important activity.

Spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission

MEETING WITH NEW PASTOR

Deacon Max Roadruch, PGK's Larry Bogemann and Herman Karhoff, brother Percy Gros, along with MHC staff, were introduced by Fr. Tom Nevels to Fr, Jason Bedel (pronounced Beatle), the new Pastor of the Greene Co (NE-3) Family of Parishes. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize Fr. Bedel with the MHC community. Fr. Bedel provided a summary of his journey to the priesthood and subsequent assignments prior to this new assignment. Fr. is a 4th Degree Knight. He is currently visiting all the parishes in the Family, assessing where he, along with his associates, Fr. John Madanu; Fr. Ambrose Dobrozsi; and Fr. Michael Holloran will reside, etc. Fr. Timothy Fahey will remain at Wright State University.



Father Alex and Seminarian Nam Mac Celebrate Christmas with Fairborn Council

It seems like yesterday we first met Nam Mac for the first time at our 2019 Christmas open house. It was a wonderful time, made special by his inspiring vocation story. Now Nam's a third-year seminarian. Pandemic restrictions caused our 2020 Christmas open house to be cancelled. So, it was a joy to see him again for our 2021 Christmas open house. What could have made the evening more special, but Father Alex joining us! This was the first time many of us had seen Father Alex since he was ordained a priest in May 2019. Celebrating Christmas with Father Alex and Seminarian Nam was special indeed. As it turns out, both had never met, but live within just a few miles of one another. Father Alex lives at St. John Fisher parish in Newtown, and Nam lives at the seminary.

Our Seminarian Nears Third Year Completion



Last December, our seminarian Nam Mac advanced to the Ministry of Lector. The Ministry of Lector is one of three formal steps required by the Church prior to one's being ordained to the diaconate and priesthood. The lector participates in Liturgies by singing or reciting selected biblical texts, although never the gospels, whose reading is only permitted by a priest, deacon, or bishop.

During his Christmas break, Nam managed a short visit with a friend from Vietnam, who is also studying to be a priest in the United States. They managed to visit several of New York City's important sites for the first time, including the Statue of Liberty, and the World Trade Center Memorial. Nam said his trip "was very awesome" and that "it was very cold." Nam's third year

course load this second semester is rigorous. He is taking the following six courses:

- ◆ Pastoral Spanish
- ◆ The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles
- ◆ Christian Spirituality
- ◆ Fundamentals of Dogma
- ◆ Theology of the Trinity
- ◆ Fundamentals of Moral Theology

Having recently completed two challenging years of Latin, one might think Nam would like a break from language studies. However, Nam has a gift for language and chose to study Spanish to help prepare himself for ministering to the Archdiocese's Hispanic community. So, in addition to Latin, English, and his native Vietnamese, Spanish becomes Nam's fourth language. Please continue to pray for Nam.

MARCH 2022

March is the first month of the Roman calendar and named for the Roman god of war

Daylight savings time starts in March

The birth flower for March is the daffodil

The birthstone of March is aquamarine. This pure colored aquamarine stone invokes tranquility.

The Feast of Saint Joseph or the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the principal feast day of Saint Joseph is celebrated in March

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in March

Anthony Beiring
Timothy Corcoran
Gerald Dorsten
Matt Justice

Edward Knoth
John Martin
E. Dale Mize
Scott Nicholson

Paul Petachi
Christopher Seng
Phyllip Young

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 14:

This is a story about Tootsie Rolls. You remember that tasty little chocolate treat? It's also about shining your light.

Marilyn and I have been wintering in Sarasota, Florida; and we are attending St. Thomas More Catholic Church, which seems to have a very active Knights of Columbus Council #7826. All the ushers are Knights; they wear suits or sports jackets and proudly wear their Council's name tag. Last Sunday was "Tootsie Roll Sunday," where the Knights were out in the vestibule after Mass handing out Tootsie Rolls for donations supporting one of their ministries: providing shoes for children in the community. At the same time, they were handing out brochures promoting membership to their council.

The point of this story is not to say we should be handing out Tootsie Rolls. It is about letting your light shine and not putting it under a bushel basket. If you are involved in a parish ministry, such as an Usher or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you might want to display your Knight's name tag and wear a council shirt or sports coat. Publicize who you are! Don't hide your light under a basket! You might be surprised when someone approaches you about becoming a Knight!

Welcome to new Council members Matthew and Travis Rogalinski! We are headed for Star Council status this fraternal year! Keep up the good work, Brothers! We're almost there!

Membership Incentives: Don't forget to add [Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org) as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. The First Year Free Membership Promotion has been extended through June 2022 and you can have a prospect join online for FREE (no \$30 initiation fee) when you use the Promotional Code: **MC GIVNEY 2020** in honor of the beatification last October of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. Visit [kofc.org/join](https://www.kofc.org/join).

Name Tags: If you need a Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. Cost per tag is \$5.00.

This Month's Personal Goal: Follow Up!

You have signed up a new member. Congratulations! But the job is not done. Please make sure he completes the 30-minute initiation package the Grand Knight sends out to all new members. This program online is the same as the in-person initiation ceremony into the First through Third Degree. The new brother cannot be considered fully initiated in our council until he completes the program. So, follow up! One more thing: Bring your new member personally to our business meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Remember how you felt as a new brother! It really helps if the new member is joyfully introduced to his fellow brothers by his sponsor.

HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met Feb 17 to pay bills and discuss business. The Feb 19 work party was productive, more chairs were repaired, thanks to all those who showed up to help. The next work party is scheduled for Saturday Mar 19 2022, please plan to help, the more that show up the more chairs can be repaired.

COUNCIL EMAIL ALERTS

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

Editor's note: Deadline for articles in the Santa Maria is the 4th Thursday of the month

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS DEDICATED TO WORKS OF CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM. CARE TO JOIN US? ASK ANY CURRENT MEMBER. CALL 937-878-2909 OR EMAIL GRANDKNIGHT@3724KOF.COM



INSURANCE CORNER

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur. Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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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.

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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, Dave Bartok, Paul and Rose Yosick, Jon Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Steve Paulsen, Alice Smith, Jim McNamara, Tom O'Connor, Robert Herring, Robert Hernandez, Velma Hobbs, Janet McGrath, Wallace Johnson, Alice Smith, Hope Smith, Ruth Fisher, Catherine Lumpp, Charles Lumpp, Bill Murphy, Bill Murphy Jr., Holly Gros, Abbe Belote, Sandra Jensen, PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, Mary Alice Paxson, Sr. Mary Valery Gros, Jordan Copeland, Bill Gilbert, Gordon Samuel, Paul Avery, Danielle Avery, Larry DeWitt



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



**Council 3724
Fairborn, OH**

MARCH EVENTS

Mar 2 Ash Wed
Mar 5 Men's Retreat
Mar 12 Parish Dinner
Mar 17 Home Corp Meeting
Mar 26 FYI Dinner
Mar 31 FAB Meeting

Mar 3 Trustee Meeting
Mar 10 Business Meeting
Mar 14 4th Degree Meeting
Mar 24 Lecturer Meeting
Mar 5 Blood Drive
Mar 31 PGK Meeting

APRIL PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Easter, Business Meeting, Trustees 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.



DGK Grant Kempf receiving the KOTM from GK Gene Erbacher



Corky Block receiving FOTM from GK Gene Erbcher

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