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Grand Knight's Corner

Why Did I Choose the Knights of Columbus?

I was away from the church for a long time, one day driving by a parish in VA during my time in the Navy, the bell for mass rang so loudly that on a whim, I stopped and went in. I stumbled through the service rusty and out of practice. At the conclusion of mass, I was approached by a Knight who introduced himself asked me a bit about who I was, invited me for coffee in the kitchen and just talked. He didn't ask me to join right away, he introduced me to the pastor and the faith group coordinator also Knights who just invited me back to hear one of their faith discussions. I went back to my ship that night and for the first time in a long time I prayed my rosary. I had carried it since enlisting but had not prayed it. I went to mass the next Sun, and after met a young couple who were also looking at the faith group we went to that first faith meeting together and for the first time in a long time I felt some peace. Not too much later I met the woman who would become my wife and began to attend church regularly. The whole time we were embraced by the parish and the Knights. When I was finally asked I took my first degree in June 1993.

You all know I lift weights and train in the gym, faith is also a muscle and it must be exercised or it will atrophy. Those Knights in VA got me exercising again. I'm still a work in progress but the journey started with them. That is why I'm a Knight and believe so strongly in our fraternity. Surrounding yourself with people who share your faith and beliefs makes you stronger. As a Knight, I have an opportunity to strengthen my parish, give back to my community, grow in my faith and protect my family. The Knights of Columbus is the true definition of fraternity, a brotherhood of Catholic men who endeavor to improve the world around them.

I chose Brother Larry DeWitt as my Knight of the Month and Eric and Rhonda Rogalinski as my family of the month. Larry stepped up big time for the council chairing the beer booth at the MHC Festival this year. The Rogalinski's, what can I say, from Bingo, to the Festival to Parish support, their gift of time and talent never seems to run dry. Talk to you next month, Vivat Jesus

GK Erbacher



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- Saint of the Month
- Football Sweepstakes
- Parish Dinner
- KOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNER



September 9th marks the start of our third series of parish Dinners. We'll be starting this year the same way we did last, with one of our most popular entrees, roast chicken, green beans, buttered parsley 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.

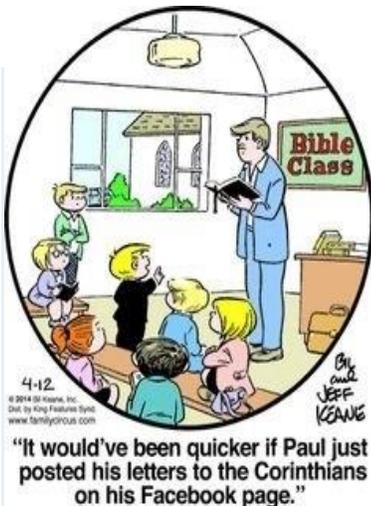
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN



On Saturday, September 09, 2017, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League will co-sponsor the fifth 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 participating again this year by holding a prayer service 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 site dedicated to the memory of aborted children. After the service, most of us plan to attend the parish dinner being held by the K of C. Come help us pray for an end to the injustice of abortion in our society and remember our brothers and sisters who are victims of this practice. Afterward, join in fellowship while having a good meal.

2017 OHIO KNIGHT'S FOOTBALL CRAZ

The NFL Football season is rapidly approaching and we've already experienced some exciting pre-season games. Your Fairborn K of C needs your help to sell the Ohio K of C Football Craz tickets. Tickets are only \$20.00 each and there is \$2500 in prizes for each of the last ten weeks of the NFL season. Each week each player has four teams. Each player has new teams each week. No other ticket has the same teams in any given week. Each week the highest 19 four team scores win payouts ranging from \$400 (highest) to \$30 19th. You can also win if you have the lowest score (\$100), 2nd lowest \$75, 3rd lowest \$50, and 4th lowest \$40. Tickets are available at the hall as well as the upcoming Sept/Oct Parish dinners. Or you can contact PGK Karhoff, (937) 361-2758 for ticket pickup or purchases. The final turn-in date is 15 October 2015. Our Council's goal is to sell 100 tickets, so please help us to achieve this goal.



**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S LIFE CHAIN
SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, FROM 2-3:30PM**



**Peaceful...Prayerful
Effective...and Legal**

demonstration of love and concern for all the victims of abortion: pre-born babies, moms, dads, and our entire society. Our Life Chain will center around the Dayton area's only remaining abortion clinic on East Stroop Road, Kettering

For more information contact Percy Gros 878-5455

YOUR KNIGHTS IN ACTION

MHC FESTIVAL



SWEET CORN FESTIVAL



MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



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HOME CORPORATION

Your Home Corp Directors met on 17 August to pay bills, discuss business, and elect officers. The officers for the 2017 - 2018 Fraternal Year are:

President: PGK Russell Milliron Vice-President: Corky Block Secretary: John Young Treasurer: Tony Beiring

Our monthly raffle winners were:

1st Place: Matt Justice, \$40, Ticket #067 2nd Place: Robin Chaney, \$25, Ticket #152, 3rd Place: Judy McCoy, \$10, Ticket #072

There are still a few of this year's raffle tickets for sale. 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 any Home Corp Director.

Our next work party will be the 26th of August. We will work on cleaning the kitchen to make ready for the Kitchen Crew and another series of their excellent dinners. On September 23, we will gather to work on the lounge. As you may know, the kitchen is an important part of our Bingo operation and our fall schedule. The lounge is the most used part of our dedicated space. Please help us make these two areas look and function their very best.

MEMBERSHIP

To start off this year we want to let everyone know what we have been doing and how we have been having good family fun. To do this we need your pictures from our Adult parties, dances, Easter Egg Hunts, Kids Christmas parties, Family picnics and dinners and any other s you might have. E-mail your pictures to tobillgazzero@juno.com or if you have only prints bring them to the Hall any Thursday so that they can be scanned and returned to you. If all else fails, call Bill at 233-8913. Thank you.

Our monthly family dinners will begin this month. We will be showing your pictures at these dinners to help you start a conversation with prospective members. Take advantage of this opportunity. Promotional material will be available. The September dinner will also be time for an Open House. Invite your prospect to our Lounge and meeting rooms for additional information about our council and the Order's good works around the world.

MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS



O Virgin Mary, faithful Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of your children; Mother whose hands never cease to help, because they are moved by the loving kindness that exists in your Immaculate Heart; Cast your eyes of compassion upon me, and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life, You know all the pains and sorrows caused by these tangled knots. Mary, my Mother, I entrust to your loving hands the entire ribbon of my life. In your hands there is no knot which cannot be undone. Most holy Mother, pray for Divine Assistance to come to my aid. Take this knot (mention need) into your maternal hands this day; I beg you to uno it for the glory of God, once and for all, in the name of your divine Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ROSARY RALLY



13th Annual
Family Rosary Rally
100th Anniversary of Fatima
Sunday, October 8, 2017
Immaculate Conception Church
2300 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH
(Previously held at UD Arena)
Prelude Music: 2 PM
Adoration, Rosary, Benediction 2:30 PM
Fr. Ethan Moore, celebrant



May 13, 2017 marked the 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Mother appearing to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. They were asked to "say the rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to war." ***"Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy"*** was given to them by Mary.

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.

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in France on April 24, 1581. He was ordained in 1600, St. Vincent went to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians. The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor". Two miracles have been attributed to St. Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis. As a result of the first, Pope Benedict XIII beatified him on August 13, 1729 and on June 16, 1737 he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII. The feast day for St. Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27.

Good of the Order

Readers will notice that the good of the order section is smaller this month. The list of prayer intentions had grown so large we almost need an old-fashioned parchment scroll to unroll before each newsletter printing. A decision was made by the council officers to publish the Health and Healing requests in conjunction with the council book of prayers kept at the hall. If you have not been to 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:

Diane Maus, Tim Barlow, Eric Grinde, Jim McNamara, Bruce Huey, Tom Engle, PGK John Whytal, Carol and Greg Groeber, Marriages and Strong Families, Carmelite Retreat at Maria Stein Aug 11-13, 2017.

Congratulations to Vic & Rita Berberich on the recent celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.



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Fairborn, OH**

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sep 7	Trustees Meeting	Sep 9	Parish Dinner
Sep 9/10	Membership Open House-MHC	Sep 11	4th Degree Mtg.
Sep 14	Business Mtg.	Sep 16	Life Tech Conf-UD
Sep 21	Home Corp Mtg.	Sep 28	First degree
Sep 30	4th Degree Exemp		

OCTOBER PREVIEW

Life Chain, Rosary Rally, Blessing of Animals, Parish Dinner, Fairborn Fall Festival, Celebration of Life Dinner, 2nd & 3rd Degree, Reverse Raffle, Corporate Communion

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.



Larry DeWitt Receiving KOTM From GK

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