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Grand Knight's Corner

Last year around this time I wrote about my own personal faith journey and talked about how I always thought of faith being like any other muscle. For it to grow you have to exercise it. Every time I turn on the news or listen to someone talking around the water fountain, I find it harder and harder to exercise, the constant bombardment in the media that our faith is taking is like water slowly eroding away at the shoreline that we stand upon. The last few years have been particularly tough for many of us on both the personal and the faith level. To me it seems more and more of the youth, and to an extent more and more of our fellow Catholics in general are looking at the faith as some type of catalog where you can pick and choose which parts you want to order and which parts are just inconvenient or out of date.

That last line is what bothers me the most I think that any part of a faith that has stood for thousands of years and is now considered out of date by those preaching a more secular message or a prosperity gospel, swaying people to an easier path. I am reminded of a phrase that goes around the internet every now and again. "He never promised that the path would be easy, just that it would be worthwhile."

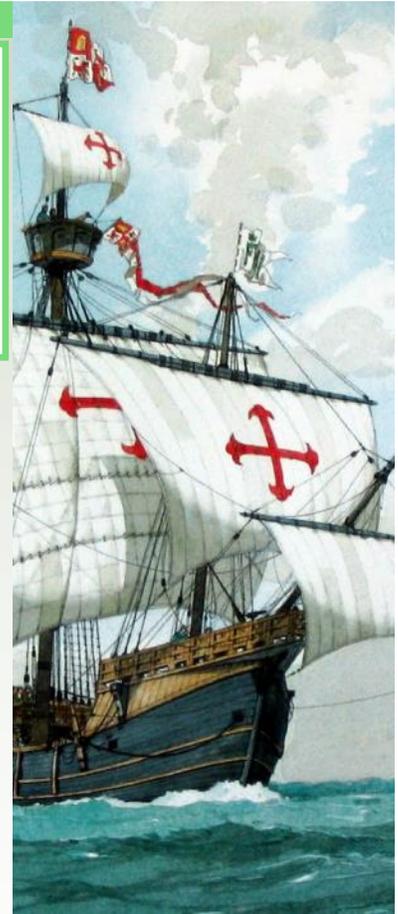
Being a Knight is not easy, but it is so worthwhile to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with other men who value your beliefs and stand united against the easy way. To me one of the quickest ways to exercise my faith is our lady's rosary, or some of the prayers it contains. When I'm feeling shaky a quick Hail Mary or an Our Father gives me a temporary boost to get through that moment. If I have a longer amount of time then a quick moment, I find the Nicene Creed to be a comfort as well. As a matter of fact when I feel my faith personally challenged by a coworker or some other acquaintance, I fall back on the Nicene Creed and simply state, this is my faith, this is what I choose to believe and what I choose to rely on to get me through a life in which ease was never a promise. Sometimes I read parts of the Creed to my questioners, sometimes I just rely on the quick Hail Mary to give me the patience to forge a meaningful response. Our faith, our priests, our very beliefs are under daily attack brothers. Read, study revisit some of our early lessons so that we may better defend ourselves and that faith.

My Knight of the Month was Worthy PGK Phil Ambs who serves admirably as our council Church Director ensuring that Knights are available when needed to serve Father at Mass, coordinates with Bro. Herb Edwards on the Fifth Sunday Rosary Program and aids the Trustees in preparation of the semiannual audits mandated by Supreme. This was long overdue and I'm sorry it took me so long to get it to you Phil.

My Family of the Month were Bro Herb and Maureen Edwards. Herb leads us in the 5th Sunday Rosary Program as well as being actively involved with Our Lady Queen of Peace. Herb and Maureen are leaders in the prayer and praise groups, serve as ministers of Holy Communion, and lectors.

Make sure to congratulate both Phil and Herb when you see them around the hall or the parish. Also coming up this month is the annual Day of Remembrance for the unborn and a membership open house. 40 days for life also starts this month.

Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus Vivat Jesus.
GK Erbacher



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Special points of interest

- Ave, Regina Caelorum
- KOTM/FOTM
- Holy Father's Prayer Intention

ACTIVITIES

PARISH DINNERS

September 8th marks the start of our fourth series of Parish Dinners. We'll be starting this year with one of our most popular entrees, roast pork loin with dressing, baked beans, mashed potatoes, salad and a dessert from the long sealed vault of Betty Crocker. 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.



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Parish Dinner Schedule 2018-2019
Serving in the Parish Center following 4:00 Mass

September 08, 2018
October 13, 2018
November 10, 2018
December 15, 2018
January 12, 2019
February 09, 2019
March 16, 2019
April 06, 2019

Dinner is just \$10 for adults, \$5 children

2018 OHIO KNIGHT'S FOOTBALL CRAZR

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 CraZR 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 26 October 2018. Our Council's goal is to sell 50 tickets, so please help us to achieve this goal.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Men of Faith

All Council 3724 Knights are requested and encouraged to come and visit the Men of Faith Fellowship that meets in St Francis Hall on the First and Third Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. Come early for a bagel, hot coffee and conversation. During nice weather, we meet on the patio adjacent to the St Francis meditation garden. Fellowship begins with a couple of well-known songs led by guitar, voice and harmonica followed by prayer and petitions. We then read Scripture for the weekend Liturgy and share personal insights / challenges about the Readings or related church teaching - a great way to spiritually prepare for Mass later that day or the next! We then close with a song and prayer. Please come! You are welcome - it is like home - an open and welcoming place to share... Contact Tom Boland (937 469-3267) or GK Gene Erbacher for more information...

REVERSE RAFFLE 2018

The Council's Fall Reverse Raffle will be held on October 27th. Doors open following the 4:00 mass. Tickets are \$35 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hor d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2000. The seller of the winning ticket gets \$100. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win.

Tickets will be available the second week of September. Please call the hall at (937)878-2909 or contact PGK Minnick (FMINN@aol.com) to get one. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Please consider buying or selling a ticket to this important event.



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



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.

SWEET CORN FESTIVAL



WSU WELCOME BACK COOKOUT



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HOME CORPORATION

During the August Council Business meeting, a short Home Corp Meeting was convened for the purpose of election of officers. Last month director Tony Beiring was nominated for another twoyear term, but was not present to accept. He has since accepted the nomination and was voted in at the meeting. Thanks to Brother Beiring for continuing to support the Council as part of the Home Corp.

Your Home Corp continues to work hard to support the Council. The Directors met on 16 August to pay bills and discuss business. Elections for Home Corp officers were held in accordance with our Bylaws. The following officers were elected:

President : Corky Block	Vice President : Tony Beiring
Secretary : John Young	Treasurer : Greg Marino

A work party was held on August 23rd from 9:00 - 11:00. We diligently worked to clean the kitchen. Special thanks go out to all who participated. The kitchen, though not ours, is an important asset to our council.

Our monthly raffle winners were:
1st Place: Don Banford, \$40 Ticket #101
2nd Place: John Talbot, \$25 Ticket #013

MEMBERSHIP

A major problem in keeping ones dues current is waiting for a bill at the end of the year. Consider setting up a monthly payment of just \$3.17 or a quarterly payment of just \$9.50. You might save at the rate of just \$0.10; yes 10 cents a day, to stay in good standing with the biggest and best Catholic men's organization in existence.

We are following through on the recommendation to have Name Badges for meetings. Be sure to look for your badge on the hall table. Also please return it to the table as you leave so it is there for next week.

PGK Bill Gazzerro

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.



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 undo it for the glory of God, once and for all, in the name of your divine Son, Jesus Christ

INSURANCE CORNER



FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS, BY BROTHER KNIGHTS

We all know and appreciate the good work the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and charitable causes. But did you know that our insurance program is an essential part of the Order?

Protecting families from economic adversity has been a key part of the Knights of Columbus mission since its founding in 1882. Our founder passed the hat to support the widows and children of Brother Knights who had died. We've grown into one of the largest individual life insurers in North America – with more than \$109 billion of individual life insurance in force. Moreover, contrary to some misconceptions, our insurance program is not directed in any way by a “separate company” and never has been.

Our insurance is available exclusively to members, their wives, and their dependent children. All field agents are Brother Knights. They work full-time for the Knights of Columbus serving the needs of you and your family. They are available at all times to answer your questions on life insurance, Long Term Care Protection, Annuities, IRAs and other financial matters.

In this day and age, personal attention has become rare – but in the Knights of Columbus, we specialize in it. In fact, it's the Field Agent's job to get to know you and your family, and to make themselves available to you for assistance. We are different from other insurers – and that difference greatly benefits our members.

Your new agent going forward is someone you all know. Robert Hernandez as of September is your field agent. Give him a call and find out how the Knights of Columbus has been “Protecting Families for Generations.”

Chris Michel

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



Universal – Young People in Africa
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

***** VISIT OF DEACON ALEX *****



Deacon Alex Biryomumeisho, after the August 9th. talking about the Church in Uganda, his faith and where he's at in his ordination process.

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:

Eric Grinde, Barbara Salters, Raul Roman, John Mantel

Health and Healing:

PGK Jim McCoy, PGK John Whytal, PGK Al Brewer, PGK Lew and Melita Murphy, Wayne Moses, Vic Berberich, Joan Trefethen, Nancy Wertimer, Amanda Wertimer, Bruce Huey, Dave Bartok, John Kaempf, JavierPerez Jr, Paul Yosick, Adalynn Gibson, Rusty Baldwin, Jon Edwards, Angel Fox, Richard Edwards, Ray Daley.



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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sep 6	Trustee Meeting	Sep 8	Parish Dinner
Sep 8	Day of Remembrance	Sep 8-9	MHC Member Dr.
Sep 10	4th Degree Mtg.	Set 13	Business Mtg.
Sep 15	Life Tech Conf.	Sep 20	Home Corp Mtg. .
Sep 27	First Degree		

OCTOBER PREVIEW

Parish Dinner, Blessing of Animals, Life Chain, Celebration of Life Dinner, First Degree, Reverse Raffle.

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 Phil Ambs Receiving KOTM From GK



Herb Edwards Receiving FOTM From GK

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HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.