



# *The Banner*

*Unfurled for God and Country*



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Brothers,

Lent is upon us! The most blessed time of the year for our faith. It is a time to sacrifice, reflect and rejoice!

This time in our faith is a wonderful time. A time when we make a sacrifice in our life, to show our love for God. A time when we reflect on our love and devotion to God and His love for us and the wonderful things He has given us in our lives. And at the end we rejoice at Easter in knowing that He has Risen.

As you know every year during Lent we have our "40 cans for 40 days". Please do your best to donate 40 cans of food or \$40.00 to this cause. You can bring the canned goods to the council, or we can arrange to have them picked up. You can make a financial donation to the council at any of the meetings during Lent or you can mail it to the council.

We have a church drive this month. It is at St. Cecilia Parish on March 10 and March 11; Followed by an Open House on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> in the lower room below the Cecilian Room in St. Cecilia's School.

Church Drives are our life-blood. Most of our recent new members have joined our Council through these drives. WE NEED HELP AT THEM! We need help at the beginning and end of each Mass. We only need 10 minutes of your time before and after Mass. You do not have to be at every mass. If you can only help at one mass that is fine, but WE NEED HELP! Please contact me or Will Schmitt if you have any questions.

There will be a Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. Please contact George Warren for more information: 215-495-7310, georgejr@cletus3.com.

I would like to thank Essay Chairman, Don Ibach, for distributing and collecting all of the essay information and all of you who were able to assist with the reading of the grade school essays. Winners will be announced at a later date.

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Death & Distress.....	Dave Monyvydas, GK	215-964-4665
Deputy Grand Knight ...	Will Schmitt	215-284-8821
Financial Secretary.....	Domenic Marzullo	215-837-1847
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Please submit all articles for the Banner by the **15th of the prior month.**

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**ACTIVITIES FOR**

**MARCH**

- 1 - Business Meeting
- 8 - Home Association Meeting
- 15 - Social
- 22 - Social
- 29 - Officers' Meeting

**APRIL**

- 1 - Easter
- 5 - Business Meeting
- 12 - Home Association Meeting
- 19 - Social
- 26 - Officers' Meeting

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**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR ILL BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES**

Bill Meyers, PGK, Bill Wagenborg, Josephine Pistilli, Veronica Kovacik,  
George Fecik, Gus Larizzio, George Diaz, Richard L. Girkin, Bro. Jerry Sweeney,  
Joe Efkwitz, Charlie Bisignaro, DD

Please call in the names of all ill Brother Knights

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN MARCH**

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| John J. Boylan, III  | John J. Boylan, IV    |
| George T. Carr       | Robert A. Conrad      |
| Donald J. Davis      | Patrick J. Diamond    |
| James C. Durkin      | James M. Durkin       |
| Fernando J. Giron    | Joseph P. Green       |
| Karl J. Heck         | Stephen Jesiolowski   |
| Richard J. Kampf     | Donald J. Konopka     |
| Michael Litka        | William M. Monteleone |
| David T. Montvydas   | Joseph S. Mosca       |
| Joseph P. Murray     | Mark L. Ogborn        |
| Robert F. Opuszynski | James A. Silvano      |
| Adam V. Ungaro, III  | John L. Wiechowski    |

**Happy Birthday!**

*(Grand Knight's Message - continued from page 1)*

Thanks to Chuck Kuhar and Dominic Marzullo for working to put together an updated, consolidated Membership List. Chuck has also formed a committee to put together a survey of recent Admissions to our Council. If you can help with the survey, there will be a short meeting at the Council on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 AM.

Our annual Communion Breakfast has been moved to Spring. I will let you know the date as soon as it is decided.

Our Priest Appreciation Dinner will be on April 13, 2018 at Randi's, 1619 Grant Ave., Phila., PA 19115 (Far end of Grant Plaza). We are serving Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 PM, with dinner at 7:00 PM. All Knights and their spouse are welcome. \$35 per person, Open Bar and Buffet style banquet.

Please keep Mark Dillon, Mark's nephew and mother in particular in your prayers. Also pray for Bill Meyers and his family. Bill is going through treatments for cancer.

Fraternally Yours,  
Dave Montvydas

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### **Update on Bill Meyers, PGK**

We received an email from Bill Meyers today, Friday March 9 and he sounds in good spirits.

"One of the worse things about this is that I'm not able to be with my brother knights. Please let them know I have finished my 2nd week of treatment. I'm in no pain...just the thoughts of blood tests and the needles are the things that play on my mind."

Please keep him in your prayers that the tests prove his treatments are successful.

### **40 Cans for Lent**

40 Cans for Lent begins this month. Please bring your non-perishable food donation to the council. This activity lasts throughout Lent and we would like to deliver a generous amount of food to a very worthy cause - Local Food Pantries. They provide much needed food to people in need.

### **MISSING KNIGHTS**

We are searching for Knights who we haven't heard from in a while. We understand you're busy, and don't have a lot of time. We don't need much of your time. It isn't necessary to attend every meeting, although we would be happy to see you. A few hours, or an afternoon every now and then, would be greatly appreciated.

If you have a skill, or talent that may be helpful, let us know. As you know, our mission is to serve the church, the community, and become closer to our families. Any assistance you can give will be much appreciated.

