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July 2019

◆ BUSINESS MEETING 1ST THURSDAY ◆ 7:30PM ◆ LOCATION: FR. RYAN COUNCIL ◆

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, July 11th

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Dear Brother Knights,

- I am truly honored to have been elected as Grand Knight of this council! Thank you! I would like to congratulate my fellow officers who have also been elected to their positions, and I look forward to working with you and the council members. Thank you to immediate Past Grand Knight Dave Montvydas. His dedication and leadership skills will be hard to emulate. He has left huge shoes to fill and I hope I can fill them.

- Be sure to check out our new website at www.KofC5036.org. (Still needs a little tweaking – Any volunteers? - Great way to learn HTML, JS, etc).

- June was an exciting month for honoring the students of our Parishes. We presented the Richard Merrick Award for the top boy and girl in Religious Education and awards for the Essay Contest winners. The list of the recipients of both awards are listed later in the Banner. When you see them in Church be sure to congratulate them.

- Ninety student contestants from our three parish schools participated in the Essay Contest. Don Ibach did a fantastic job from start to finish. He visited the schools to explain the essay topic, the contest and rules; returned to pick up the essays, read each essay, and then began the process of sorting them into categories.

Thank you Don for donating your time and effort from your busy schedule and doing a superb job! Further thanks to Don Ibach, Tom Sims for selecting the contest winners. Thanks to Domenic Marzullo for preparing the award certificates. The first Thursday of July is Independence Day and no meeting. Our Business meeting will be July 11 and the Home meeting is on July 18.

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- We will be performing audits this July and August. The sem-annual council audit is scheduled for 7 PM, July 18 before the Home Meeting. Your Council Trustees will be supervising the project. The Home audit will take place on August 29, 2019 at 7:00 P, M, before the Officer's Meeting.

Our annual planning meeting will take place on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:30 P. M. There will be no August Home meeting. All Brother Knights are invited to attend these and all meetings of Father J. F. Thomas Ryan Council.

Be sure to check our website (<http://kofc5036.org/>) under the "Member" tab for any changes in meetings. There is also an event calendar there for you.

- Newly Ordained Father Adam Rosinski celebrated a special mass for us at the Council on Thursday, June 13. Reverend Father Robert F. Lucas and Deacon Pat Diamond assisted Father Rosinski and Ed Sharp was our Reader. It was a beautiful and spiritually uplifting Mass.

Refreshments were served afterwards and we all had a pleasant time socializing. Thanks to Chas Kuhar and all who made this a very joyous event.

- The Coin Collection at Acme Markets on Saturday, June 15 was a huge success. This year we collected \$900 for The Pennsylvania Special Olympics - Philadelphia (<https://www.sopaphilly.org/>).

A great BIG thanks to the following Knights (and future Knights) who gave up a beautiful, sunny Saturday to help: Chuck Kuhar, Chas Kuhar, Tony DiCicco and his son Matthew, Paul Wuestkamp, Mike Pinkl, George Smith, Ed O'Riley and his son Nolan, Steve Jesiolowski, Clint Snyder, and John McAleer.

Thank you Chuck Kuhar for your time and effort in putting it all together, it was no small task.

- Congratulations to Sir Knight Paul Wuestkamp on making his Patriotic (Fourth) Degree on June 8, 2019. SK Paul Wuestkamp is a member of St. John Neumann Assembly, 933.

- We had our officer elections in June and the new officers are listed later in the Banner.

- Have a safe summer and remember to pray always and don't worry - It's useless - Worry is like a rocking-chair, all you do is go back and forth. God forbids us to worry! Just let go and trust God. He loves us more than we can imagine and wants to help with everything. So, let Him!

Fraternally Yours,
Will Schmitt
Grand Knight
Vivat Jesus



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2019

(dates subject to change – check the website)

JULY

- 11 – Business Meeting
- 18 - Home Meeting (Council Audit 7 P. M.)
- 25 - Officer's Meeting

AUGUST

- 01 – Business Meeting
- 08 – Planning Meeting
- 29 – Officer's Meeting (7 PM Home Assoc Audit)

(Watch your email or our website for changes and/or additions)

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Bill Meyers and Family Steve Sanelli and Family Father Jack Lydon

Please call 215-745-9710 or email wajschmitt@gmail.com the names of all ill Brother Knights.

Submit a prayer request online: [Prayers Unite The World](http://PrayersUniteTheWorld.com) (Ctrl-Click or Option-Click)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN JULY

Gregory Alaimo	Steve Grzeszczak	Bernard Mack, Jr.	John Severino, Jr.
Theodore Farrell	Brian Haughton	Joseph McKeown	Clinton Snyder
Gary Foley	David Kerr	Michael Pinkl	Joseph Ukogy
Kenneth Garsey	Edward Lawrence	Neal Roach, Jr.	George C. Warren, Jr.



If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Our records may not be up-to-date. Please notify us via e-mail: wajschmitt@gmail.com council5036@gmail.com



Happy Fourth of July!

Independence Day, celebrated each year on July 4th, is a Federal Holiday that commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring the independence of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain.

The Declaration of Independence was authored primarily by Thomas Jefferson, later our third president, who was the head of a committee of five men given the task of preparing the document.

Our independence from Great Britain has been celebrated every year since, with grand displays, speeches and parades. All of this is highlighted each year with grand fireworks displays. We want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Fourth of July celebration!



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Did you know that the words “Under God” in our Pledge of Allegiance were adopted by Congress through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus?

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/communications/pledgeAllegiance.pdf>

Enjoy your summer – Will

Had some blank space here so I thought I'd add some explanations (Yeah, I know not good Journalism, Newsletterism...but...)

My first few months as a Knight were confusing learning all the “Knight” terms, etc. Hopefully this little-bit may help someone:

Why all these meetings and what is “The Home?”

- Our official Knights Of Columbus meeting for our council ‘Fr. Thomas J. F. Ryan Council, No. 5036’ is the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M. and is “The **Business** Meeting.”
- The 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M. is “The Home” meeting. “Father Thomas Ryan Council **Home Association** was instituted to provide and maintain a home for the members of the Father Thomas Ryan Council #5036 of the Knights of Columbus for meetings and the performance of the Rites of their Order, to promote religious, patriotic, civil, fraternal, educational, social and athletic activities among it members.” (Article II, Section 1 of Constitution and By-laws of the Father Ryan Council Home Association).
- Third Thursday at 7:30 P. M. used to be “**Social Night**.” but life has become super-busy for many, and this has fallen by the wayside.
- The last Thursday of each month is the “**Officer’s**” meeting. All of our council officers meet for planning and discussion.



OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2020

(Calendar Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

Grand Knight – Will Schmitt

Deputy grand Knight – Chuck Kuhar

Chancellor – Tony DiCicco

Warden – Tony Esposito

Advocate – Dave Schein

Financial Secretary – Domenic Marzullo

Treasurer – John McAleer

Recording Secretary – Pat Diamond

Inside Guard – Paul Wuestkamp

Outside Guard – Bill Kuhar

Trustee 3 Year – Dave Montvydas

Trustee 2 Year – Clint Snyder

Trustee 1 Year – Dave Schein

Five Delegates Phila. Chapter:

1. Will Schmitt (By virtue of his office)
2. Chuck Kuhar (By virtue of his office)
3. Ed Lawrence
4. Tony DiCicco
5. None

Two Alternate Delegates:

1. None
2. None



The following students are the top 8th grade male and female students from each of our parishes who are honored with the Richard J. Merrick Award for their achievement in Religious Education.

Resurrection Of Our Lord:

Ian Hendrix
Chelsea Joseph

Maternity B.V.M.:

Collin Parkhill
Izabella Killich

St. Cecilia:

Riley McCabe
Camryn Keller

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The following students are the winners of the Essay Contest:

Resurrection Of Our Lord: Kyle Jones

Maternity B.V.M.: Allison Lugo

St. Cecilia: Andy Cruz