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BUSINESS MEETING EVERY 1ST THURSDAY ♦ 7:30PM ♦ FR. RYAN COUNCIL, 9090 OLD BUSTLETON AVE



NEXT BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th



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December 2019

✠ Worthy Brothers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with your family and friends. December is a wonderful time for our faith as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It can also be a very stressful time for those without Christ.

We are truly blessed to have our Catholic Faith and love of God to sustain our joy and peace while the world runs around aimlessly, stressed out, and unhappy without God. In this time of shopping, cleaning and cooking it is very important to remember Christ is Christmas.

Remember to be in the right attitude and pray always. Be especially thankful, because we as Americans have so much more material wealth than most others, and we as Catholics have so much more spiritually.

Advent begins Sunday, December 1 and the Immaculate Conception feast day is Sunday, December 8th. Although it is celebrated on Monday December 9 this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday. Ember Days in Advent are December 18, 20 and 21 (Monday, Friday & Saturday).

I consider myself so blessed to be Catholic. We are blessed with so much joy and celebration, especially in December. I love taking advantage of these gifts, and especially that one really special gift of reconciliation. To me, after the Eucharist, Reconciliation is the best thing about being Catholic. We get to go to Confession! No one else has this wonderful gift.



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Think about it. Say to yourself: I am completely cleansed of all sin, I am made perfect - God smiles at me with tremendous, unfathomable love - me - I go to Mass... actually meet God, Jesus Christ - physically present, right here, right now - Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity! I think, "Who am I that you should give me so much? Surely undeserved."

It's hard not to get emotional at the wonder and beauty of what is taking place during the Consecration. It puzzles me that there are not hordes breaking down doors to get in to see God physically present.



Meatless Fridays: Did you know it is still required by Canon Law to abstain from meat on Fridays in our Latin Church? Canon 1249, 1250 and 1251. <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/steven-greйдanus/meatless-fridays>

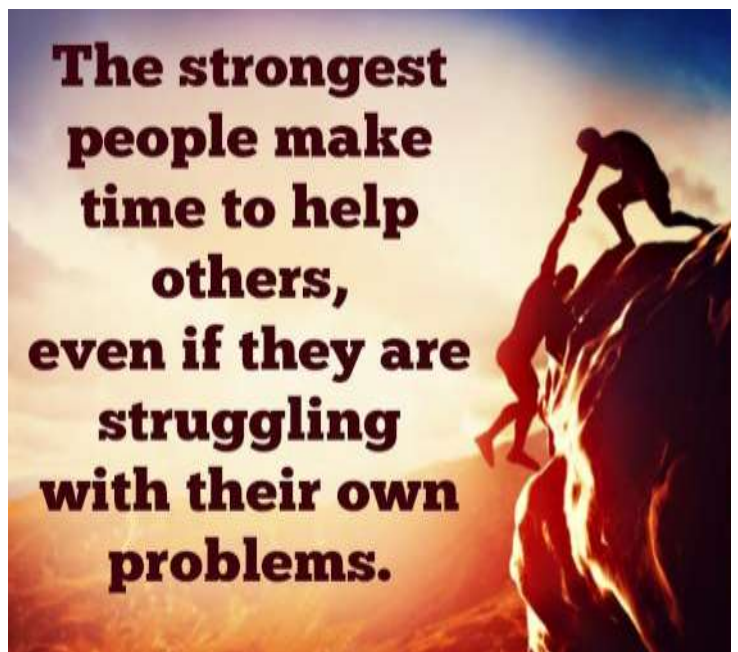
Contrary to common misconception, abstinence from meat on Fridays throughout the year has *never* been abolished from Roman law. It was not abolished by Vatican II. It was not abolished by Pope Paul VI or Pope St. John Paul II. It was not abolished by the 1983 Code of Canon Law. It remains the universal law of the Latin Church — even if not everyone has to obey it.

Our Bishops here in the United States have given all of us in each diocese dispensation from this law. HOWEVER, Fridays are days of repentance and we are required to do something in lieu of not eating meat. Advent would be a great time to begin. Why not fast on Fridays in Advent, or maybe eat just one small meal? Maybe daily Mass each Friday or an extra rosary? I know of many "miracles" and answered prayers obtained by fasting and prayer.

Every Thanksgiving we have our collection for the Thanksgiving Gift Program and every Thanksgiving I am reminded of what a wonderful, thoughtful and generous council of Brother Knights we are! Thank you to all our generous brothers who gave to the Thanksgiving drive. Thank you to John McAleer for all his hard work and time with the mailings and visiting each parish.

John also did a fantastic job with the Football Sweeps program. THANK YOU, John!

Take time to help: I'm a great believer in the "power of one." The power of one person, the power of one minute, one hour, etc. Think of the exponential power of many doing a tiny bit as opposed to a few doing it all. Can you help 1 hour a year? 100 members x 1 hour = 100 hours a year! That is powerful! Take it to the daily and that's only 10 seconds a day per man. Can you spare 10 seconds?



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Calendar reminders: Our annual Grand Knight's Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 P.M. Please respond YES or NO to the email you previously received or let me know if you're coming: [\(215\) 745-9710](tel:2157459710) or wajschmitt@gmail.com - We need a headcount. We will be selling our "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets at St. Cecilia's after each mass on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Paul Wuestkamp [267-882-7216](tel:2678827216) pjwuestkamp@gmail.com or Will Schmitt [\(215\) 745-9710](tel:2157459710) wajschmitt@gmail.com which masses you will help. We will sell our "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets at Resurrection of Our Lord parish. Saturday, December 15 at 4:30 P. M. and Sunday, December 15 - 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 and 12 Noon. Please contact Tony DiCicco [267-879-3611](tel:2678793611) or AJD7016@AOL.com or Will Schmitt [\(215\) 745-9710](tel:2157459710) or wajschmitt@gmail.com which Masses you will help.

I wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a very Safe and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
Will Schmitt
Grand Knight
Keep Christ in Christmas
VIVAT JESUS!

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From the Chair of The Deputy Grand Knight:

Please remember the collection for the Sisters of Life. We are collecting supplies for new moms. All you need to do is when you go to the market on your weekly shopping, cruise down the baby aisle and pick up something for less than ten bucks. Bring it to the meeting, drop it off in the basket at the hall. The Sisters really appreciate it!

Also the March for Life in Washington, DC will be January 24th. Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus that leaves from Resurrection at 6AM. Bus costs \$35 per person, and a box lunch is included. If interested please contact Dan Donovan at 215-292-2365, or Nick Marcantonio at 267-315-2096.
Let's show our support for the pro-life movement.

-Fraternally Yours, Chuck Kuhar, Deputy Grand Knight, Vitat Jesus

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From the Chair of The Chancellor:

Please be aware there is a Formation Degree at Fr Ryan Council on December 5th at 6:45pm. There is also a Knighthood Degree on December 12th at Regina Caeli Council at 9617 James St. Report at 7:00, degrees at 8:00. We have four new members to our Order. The following men are no longer strangers but Brother Knights who have taken their Admission (1st) Degrees: William Schrager, Paul Schrager, Luke Schlager and Dennis Franklin, and Mike Pinkl will make his Knighthood (2nd) degree.

-Fraternally Yours, Tony Diccico, Chancellor, Vivat Jesus

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2019 and JANUARY 2020

(Dates subject to change)

DECEMBER

05-7:00PM 2nd Degree Formation 12 Home Association
7/8-Magnet Sales, St. Cecilia 14/15 Magnet Sales, Resurrection
12-7:00PM Knighthood Degree, 19 Grand Knight Christmas Party
Regina Caeli Concil

JANUARY

24-Knights Bus for Right for Life
March to Washington, DC

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

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Please remember Richard L. Girkin in your prayers.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN DECEMBER

Trevor J Berna
Rev Philip G Bochanski
Fred J Bosi
Christopher J Breen
Carmen J Calvanese
William Derham

Daniel Frasca
Edward K Kelly
John G Leconey
Domenic A Marzullo
John T McGrath
Charles D. McKeown

James D Meredith
Thomas Merrick
Nwabunwanne A Okafor
Edwin E Scully
Dominic F Trocine
Christopher Wolkowicz

If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Our records may not be up-to-date.

Please notify us via e-mail: tomhsims@aol.com

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HERE IS THE LINK TO THE PA State KofC Newsletter

http://www.pakofc.us/newsletter/keystone_knight/index.html

