

THE BANNER



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

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND

January 2020

→ Worthy Brothers,

I pray everyone has a blessed, holy and very Merry Christmas. And a joy-filled, holy and blessed New Year.

The Grand Knight's Christmas Party was a lot of fun. 20 guys enjoyed a relaxed and joyous evening. We had delicious hot roast beef on rolls, kielbasa and hot dogs with sauerkraut, chips and potato salad – cooked and prepared by Chubby's Deli. We topped it off with home-made cookies that were lovingly made by Johanna, my wife, Johanna my daughter and my grandchildren.



The council hall was dressed up with garland, Christmas lights and other sundry Christmas decor. Thanks again to Johanna, my wife, she did all the work, and I supervised. Thank you, Father Lucas, for the heartwarming and holy prayer of thanksgiving grace. Thank you, brothers for making this a night we will remember for a long time.

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Thank you for your generous Thanksgiving donations. We were able to donate 30 gift cards this year for \$40 each bringing the total to \$1,200 in gift cards. This was formerly our Thanksgiving Basket Program. We distributed these gift cards to each of our three parishes: Maternity B.V.M, Resurrection of Our Lord and St. Cecilia.

Our council donated 22 Bibles to the RCIA program at Resurrection Of Our Lord and Maternity B.V.M. Brother George Warren donated the bibles for St. Cecilia.



Our Keep Christ In Christmas magnet sales program was a huge success. We sold all 300 magnets ordered. The magnets sold for \$5.00 each and our cost was \$1.75 per magnet. Between St. Cecilia's and Resurrection of Our Lord, we grossed \$1,725. After deducting \$525 for the cost of the magnets, we netted \$1,200 for the parish schools.

For mathematicians who find incongruity with the numbers, we received \$225 in donations while selling the magnets. Thank you Brothers for your help and support, especially Tony DiCicco, John DiMarco, Dennis Franklin, Rich Girkin, Domenic Marzullo, John McAleer, Ed O'Reiley, Will Schmitt, Bill Schragen, Luke Schragen, Paul Schragen, George Smith, Clint Snyder and Paul Wuestkamp. I hope I didn't forget anyone.



Into the Breach

We finished our 'Into the Breach' program with the 8th and final session on Tuesday December 17, 2019. We all felt this program has greatly helped us on our path to holiness and certainly gave us a different outlook and challenge on how to live our Catholic Faith with courage and joy.

I would like to hear suggestions from everyone on what you would like to do as a group to further your life in holiness. Maybe another 'Into the Breach' 8 week session or something different? Maybe something with the Parishes?

Doing God's Will

My prayer goes something like this: "Lord, Please help me to know your will and give me the graces and courage to follow it." How can we discern God's plan for us? What does he want me to do? How can we know we are doing God's will? Bishop Barron explains, "If the fruits of the Holy Spirit are happening in your life, than you are on the right path."

This 12 minute YouTube Video is well worth your time in discovering God's will for you. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1INut0Gi09Q (continued)

A Joyous and Holy New Year to all of you, my brothers, and please remember the poor souls in purgatory in your prayers, fasting, sufferings and good works. Only we, the Church Militant on Earth can help the Church Suffering or Penitent in Purgatory.

YOU have the awesome power of helping someone into the eternal bliss of heaven, especially those poor souls who have no one to pray for them.

Fraternally Yours In Christ, William Schmitt Grand Knight VIVAT JESUS!



Some Interesting Statistics

According to a poll taken by EWTN News and RealClear Opinion Research, 39% of all Catholics go to Mass at least weekly; 49% believe in the Real Presence; 13% go to confession at least once a year.



Figures among the "most active" Catholics (defined as those who say they accept all or most Church teachings) are substantially higher;

66% of them believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist; 56% attend Mass at least once a week:

52% go to confession at least once a year;

49% pray the Rosary at least once a month.

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From the Chair of The Deputy Grand Knight:

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

From the Chair of The Chancellor:

Our five nominees are no longer strangers but Brother Knights who have completed their formation degree: William Schrager, Paul Schrager, Luke Schlager and Dennis Franklin, and Mike Pinkl.

-Fraternally Yours, Tony Dicicco, Chancellor, Vivat Jesus

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR JANURARY-APRIL 2020

(Dates subject to change)

JANUARY 2020

Jan 2-Officer's Meeting 7 P.M. Jan 2-Business Meeting 7:30PM

after Officers meeting Jan 9-Home Assoc. 7:30 P.M.

Jan 24 March For Life,

Washington DC.

January 30, 2020 – January

Officer's meeting

FEBRUARY 2020

Feb 26 Ash Wednesday starts our April 17--Our bi-annual Priest

40 cans for Lent program. Dinner.

MARCH/APRIL 2020

March 21 and 22 Church

Our Lord.

April 26--Our annual Communion breakfast preceded by Mass at St.

Cecilia.

Recruiting Drive at Resurrection of April or May – Family outing to **Knoebels Amusement Park**

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

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Richard L. Girkin George Fecik Theresa Kuhar James Lee, Sr. Jack Maynes Erin Snyder Joe Zenak Gwen Jackson Please call 215-745-9710 or email wajschmitt@gmail.com the names of all ill Brother Knights

Through "Prayers Unite the World" www.prayersunitetheworld.org, the following organizations are praying for the above (click on the name to visit their website):

- Knights of Columbus Father Ryan Council
- Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary
- Padre Pio Prayer Center
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Philadelphia
- Order of St. Clare
- Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration
- Brothers of Charity
- · Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart
- · Aid to the Church in Need
- Temple University Newman Center
- Mother of Mercy House

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN JANUARY!

Mark Dillon Domenic J Di Marco Thomas T Durkin Timothy M Durkin Thomas P Frank Frank M Geiger William P Keane John F Lehane John J Marnell Joseph A Micucci Thomas C Voisard Edwin Santana

William P Schragen William A Schmitt Daniel V Small George W Smith III

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

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