



# THE BANNER

*Unfurled For God And Country*



Father Thomas J. F. Ryan Council # 5036  
Council5036@gmail.com  
Web: www.KofC5036.org  
Facebook: @council5036



9090 Old Bustleton Avenue  
Philadelphia , PA 19115

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



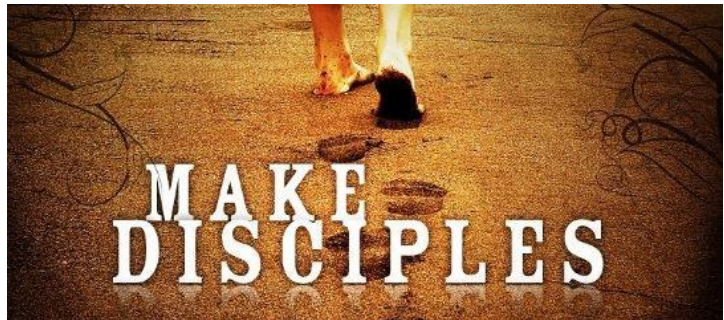
**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th**



+++++

February 2020

My Dear Brother Knights,  
Last month, John McAleer and I attended our annual Retreat at Malvern. What a fantastic weekend it was! As hard as I try, I cannot find the words to describe the feeling of joy, spiritual well-being, fellowship and excitement we experienced. Next year's retreat should be the weekend of January 15-17, 2021. Put it on your calendar now. Below are some excerpts from the retreat.



*Make Disciples, Then Mature Them*

We often wonder why "The Church" doesn't do something about \_\_\_\_\_? You fill in the blank. What's your pet peeve? Who is "The Church?" You are! I am. We all are. We are the front line, in the trenches. Priests and Deacons are here to support us. Most of us feel it is up to the priests and deacons to evangelize, but it is us the church, you and me who are the makers of disciples. Think about that. Let it sink in. You are the one who has to go out and bring in new disciples and then mature them, so they can then go out and make new disciples and so on. A Mature Disciple is "all in," 100% in.

(continued)

It is only a matter of degree difference between a Mature Disciple and a Disciple.

Jesus is always pushing us to be 'more' even when we do not know our potential. A Mature Disciple abhors mediocrity (coasting) or complacency, he is relentless! Committed!

It's very simple to evangelize. Don't get discouraged or think this is not you. You are a disciple, and Jesus is right beside you, with you always. So what is a disciple? A disciple is a person who knows Jesus Christ. He, or she, had a conversion; they had a personal encounter with Jesus. Their Catholic Faith is no longer just another aspect of the many things that make up their life (Church on Sunday, scouts, soccer, sports, work, parties, commitments, etc.). Before being a disciple, you had a whole array of things, duties, etc that encompassed your life, and Jesus Christ just happened to be one of them.

But then, something happens to you, and suddenly Jesus becomes the most important thing in your life. It may be jolting, life-threatening for some, or a simple nudge from God, but Jesus is now a "real" person to you, as real as your brother, sister or close friend. God is no longer just some force 'out there' - not just one of the many aspects of your life. You realize how much God loves you, no matter what you do or have done or not done. Jesus is as real as any person in your life. You had a personal encounter with Jesus. I cried at the full realization of God's love for me. You had a conversion. You had a personal encounter with Christ.

A disciple is an apprentice of Jesus. We are 'imitators' of Christ. Ask yourself, "What does it mean for me to be a disciple? What can I do to become a mature disciple? How can I grow in my Catholic Faith and love for God? A Mature Disciple makes disciples who become mature disciples and then go out and make disciples who then become mature disciples and go out..., and so on.

**Four reasons why our children and grandchildren do not go to church.**

1. The church does not do a good job attracting youth;
2. Our culture today is anti-religion. All religions are losing people;
3. Children and grandchildren are part of the problem;
4. You and me are part of the problem – Yeah, we sent them to Catholic school, CCD or PREP – but did we DISCIPLE them?

Earlier, I stated evangelizing can be very simple, don't overthink it. For example, I heard many faith-centered stories on retreat. I keep a journal of miracles I see happening today, and many of these 'stories' qualify as miracles for my journal. One in particular stands out in my mind, because of its simplicity and its tremendous power. It is evangelization pure and simple.

Terry, a friend and brother Retreatant told me this story that happened years ago when his son was away at college. Terry's son was leaving the Dorm for Sunday night Mass. His roommate, sitting there playing a video game, asked, "Where are you going?" Terry's son replied, "To Mass. Wanna come?" His response, "Yeah. Sure. Why not?" And he has been going ever since. Simple. Direct. Very, very powerful! (A new disciple was made).

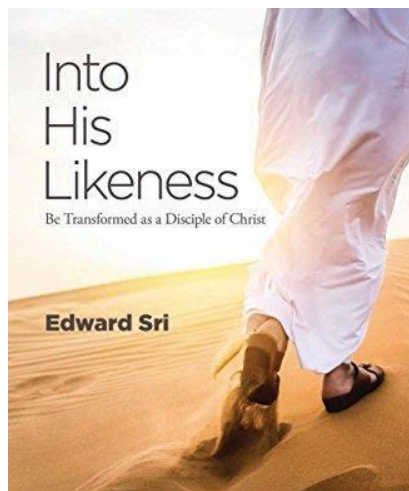
*Your commission: Go! Make a Disciple.*

Your assignment for this week: Think about being a disciple, then make a list of things you are going to do to become a Mature Disciple. As a mature disciple make a list of what you can do to make a new disciple. For example: When your children or grandchildren ask what they can get you for your birthday, Christmas, etc. Tell them a "very special gift would be for you to come to Mass with me."

**(continued)**

In the story of the shrewd manager (Luke's Gospel Chapter 16: Verses 1-13), particularly verse 10, it seems Jesus is commending the dishonesty of the manager. But actually Jesus says to his disciples (you and me) "I wish you all acted as decisively as the manager." Jesus is commending his initiative. We need to take initiative as a Mature Disciple. You need a growth plan to become a mature disciple. How can you be a mature disciple? A very good book on this topic is *Into His Likeness* by Edward Sri from Ignatius Press:

[www.ignatius.com/Into-His-Likeness-P2861.aspx](http://www.ignatius.com/Into-His-Likeness-P2861.aspx)



Will Schmitt  
Grand Knight Jesus Lives!

\*\*\*\*\*

Deputy Grand Knight ..... Chuck Kuhar.....215-694-3708.....chuckkuhar@gmail.com  
 Chancellor.....Tony DiCicco.....267-879-3611.....ajd7016@aol.com  
 Financial Secretary..... Dominic Marzullo....215-837-1847.....domenicm@prodigy.net  
 Visitation..... Will Schmitt.....215-284-8821.....dmontvydas@verizon.net  
 Insurance Agent..... William Urban.....267-984-8068.....william.urban@kofc.org

**BANNER STAFF**

Editors: Tom Sims [tomhsims@aol.com](mailto:tomhsims@aol.com) Will Schmitt [wajschmitt@gmail.com](mailto:wajschmitt@gmail.com) or [council5036@gmail.com](mailto:council5036@gmail.com)

Please submit all articles for the Banner ([Council5036@gmail.com](mailto:Council5036@gmail.com)) by the 15th of the month.

\*\*\*\*\*

**From the Chair of The Deputy Grand Knight:**

February is a month of service. I want to take this time to thank all of the Knights who volunteer their time and treasures helping the many projects that we support. My next mission is to start a new group of volunteers. We're calling them "The Knights for Life". These volunteers would be available to the Sisters of Life whenever they are in need of help. The Sisters of Life are small order of nuns sent down from New York. They were founded by Cardinal O'Connor in 1990. Their visitation mission is at 11th and Masters near the Temple University campus. What I am suggesting is that we as Knights agree to help them whenever they need us. This could be small things like moving furniture or giving a ride. If you are interested in helping out please contact me at 215-694-3708 or email me at [chuckkuhar@gmail.com](mailto:chuckkuhar@gmail.com). I am not asking for a commitment just a list of guys that I can call if needed. Please pray about this and let me know. Thanks.

On the pro-life note, 40 days for life is approaching quickly. And pro-life organization asked us to help with their mission of praying in front of the abortion clinic. On February 29th, we would like to be able to cover the whole day, starting at 10am till 2pm. All we have to do is show up for an hour or 15 minutes or 2 hours, or whatever you can. We will stand in front of the clinic at 777 Appletree Road. A sign-up sheet will be at the hall or contact me for more info. Thank you again

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

**(continued)**

**From the Chair of The Chancellor:**

Please note: Knighthood Degree will take place Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Regina Coeli Council, 9671 James St. Candidates report at 7:00pm, Degrees conferred at 8:00pm. Please make plans to attend and support Our Newest Worthy Brothers.

-Fraternally Yours, Tony Dicicco, Chancellor, Vivat Jesus

**Protocol at a Council Meeting** (from David Schein, Advocate):

To ensure a well-run Council Meeting, certain items need to take place. One of the most important is addressing the Grand Knight (GK). A member should raise his hand and after being acknowledged by the GK the Member should rise from his chair and give the salute and address the GK as "Worthy Grand Knight" and proceed with His Business. By doing this act, it shows respect for the GK position and all others present.

***Just a friendly reminder that it's dues time. We voted to keep the dues at \$27.00 for 2020 (that's a 7 cents a day). You should have received a letter in the mail, but you may send in your dues to our Financial Secretary, Domenic Marzullo, FS, 7415 Lawndale Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-3628***

**Upcoming Activities**

- Feb 6: Business meeting
- Feb 26: 40 Cans for Lent begins Ash Wednesday – Chuck Kuhar organizing
- Feb/Mar: School Essay Contest – Don Ibach
- March 22: Membership Drive and open house at Resurrection
- April 17: Religious Appreciation Dinner (Priests/Deacons, etc)
- April 26: Annual Family Mass & Communion Breakfast
- May 15-17: State Convention
- June 6: Knights Day Out at Knoebels

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**CHECK OUT ALL THE GREAT PRIZES YOU CAN WIN WITH CHANCE OF A LIFETIME (COAL)**

***These chances are available on the bar at the council. They are due April 23 for the drawing April 30. The chances are \$1 each or \$6 for a book of 10 (a great value)!***

# Chance of A Lifetime

## 2020 COAL Drawing Fact Sheet

### 16 Great Prizes - \$ 65,000

Cash Equivalent Offered for All Prizes

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize 2020 Chevrolet Spark	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Pair of Honda Scooters	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Irish Vacation	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize Historic Train Ride 9 Days
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize California Coast and Wine Country	6 <sup>th</sup> Prize Alaska Cruise 7 Days	7 <sup>th</sup> Prize National Parks 8 Days	8 <sup>th</sup> Prize New England / Canada Cruise
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$ 2000 Cash	10 <sup>th</sup> Prize Opryland Vacation 7 Days	11 <sup>th</sup> Prize Kalahari Vacation 5 Nights	12 <sup>th</sup> Prize Las Vegas 4 Days + \$ 300
13 <sup>th</sup> Prize Cancun Vacation 6 Nights	14 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$ 1000 Cash	15 <sup>th</sup> Prize Smart TV 60 Inch	16 <sup>th</sup> Prize iPad Pro 256 GB w/ Wi-Fi

**(continued)**



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

George Fecik                  Richard L. Girkin                  Theresa Kuhar                  James Lee, Sr.                  Will Schmitt  
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](http://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](#)    • [Brothers of Charity](#)
- [Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary](#)                  • [Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart](#)
- [Padre Pio Prayer Center](#)    • [Aid to the Church in Need](#)
- [Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Philadelphia](#)                  • [Temple University Newman Center](#)
- [Order of St. Clare](#) • [Mother of Mercy House](#)
- [Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration](#)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN FEBRUARY!**

Robert J Cunningham	Charles P Kuhar	Nicholas J Sciarra
Richard L Girkin	James P Rigney IV	Anthony T Stamato
Francis X Harrington	George J Popskyj	Joseph R Stoll
Rev. Joseph E Howarth	Angelo Sciarra	Rev Joel F Szydowski
		Paul J Wuestkamp

**If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Please e-mail: [tomhsims@aol.com](mailto:tomhsims@aol.com)**

+++++

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE PA State KofC Newsletter

[http://www.pakofc.us/newsletter/keystone\\_knight/index.html](http://www.pakofc.us/newsletter/keystone_knight/index.html)