



# THE BANNER

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BUSINESS MEETING, SEPT 2, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ♦ ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Meetings *IN PERSON and on Zoom!*

Business Meeting, September 2; Home Meeting, September 16; Officers Meeting, September 23, 7:30pm

MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON!  
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM CHUCK KUHAR REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.

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September 2021

✠ *From the Desk of the  
Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

This service year is off to a great start with lots of meetings and many family-friendly events to keep us engaged and focused on serving our community. Since so much is happening, I've opted to share these opportunities and their details with you rather than my usual column. I hope to see many of you throughout the coming month!

- **September Business Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, **September 2**, at 7pm at the hall and on Zoom. We will be honoring one of our Brother Knights for his outstanding service to the Council. Dinner is included, so come hungry.
- **Silver Rose:** The Silver Rose Program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along



**Grand Knight Pinball Challenge!**  
Our Grand Knight is inviting all council members to the business meeting September 2nd at 7 p.m. to try to beat Father Lucas on the pinball machine.

Also inside...



routes from Canada to Mexico. This year, our Council will participate at our Chapter celebration hosted by St. Albert the Great on Wednesday, **September 8**, at 7pm. All Knights are encouraged to bring their families.

- **Council 5036 Officers' Installation Mass** will be held on Thursday, **September 9**, at 7pm at our hall. Knights are strongly encouraged to bring their families. We will enjoy a social with light refreshments after Mass.
- **Married Couples Retreat at Malvern Retreat House:** Grow deeper in love. Marriage is a vocation requiring us to continuously devote time, effort and love. Join us at Malvern Retreat House the weekend of **September 10-12**. The weekend will begin with dinner Friday evening (6pm) and conclude after breakfast and Mass on Sunday (noon). Cost is \$380 per couple and includes the program, private accommodations, and all meals. To reserve your space, click [here](#) and then click on "Register Now" or call Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400. For more information, please call Co-Captain Chuck Kuhar (215-694-3708).
- **September Home Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, **September 16**, at 7:30pm at the hall and on Zoom.
- **AbbeyFest:** The [premier celebration](#) of family, friends, and contemporary Catholic/Christian music in the greater Philadelphia area will be held on Saturday, **September 18** with gates opening at noon. We have featured some of the top Christian contemporary artists (this year's headliner is Matt Maher and also offers many top artists). In addition to the music, our exceptional speakers Curtis Martin, Oscar Rivera, Bill Donaghy, Sister Mariam Heidland, SOLT., and Jeff Cavins have inspired and



encouraged attendees to pursue their Catholic faith with passion and purpose. The beautiful culmination of [AbbeyFest](#) is a large outdoor afternoon Mass offered by Archbishop Nelson Perez and solemn evening candlelight Eucharistic procession, Adoration and Benediction. Our annual AbbeyFest is held at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA. The grounds are transformed into a festival atmosphere featuring hundreds of Christian vendors, food trucks, family and kid-friendly activities, pickup Frisbee, soccer and touch football games and dozens of Archdiocesan, Norbertine, and other order priests hearing confessions throughout the day and evening along with prayer and healing teams. One of the most unique aspects of AbbeyFest is its engaging atmosphere for children, teens, youth groups and families to experience the fullness of faith and truth of Jesus Christ. Purchase tickets [here](#). (continued)

- **PA March for Life** will take place on Monday, **September 27**. Please plan to arrive at the PA Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA, by 10am (transportation not provided to Harrisburg) to board shuttle buses to the march site. The march will begin at 11am.
- **September Officers' Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, **September 30**, at 7:30pm at the hall and on Zoom.
- **Philadelphia Chapter Annual Dinner** honoring the Man and Woman of the Year. We are blessed to be the home Council of Brother Knight Ed Lawrence, recipient of this year's Man of the Year award. This will be held at Twining Hall from 2-6pm on Sunday, **October 3**. Tickets are \$35 per person. See the email from Chuck Kuhar (8/26/21) to order tickets by Monday, September 20.

***Mark your calendars and plan to join us!***

Viva Jesus,  
Chuck Kuhar

**SAVE  
THE DATES!**

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on Zoom!**

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Officer Installation Mass, September 9 @ 7:00pm  
Home Meeting, September 16 @ 7:30pm  
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✠ *Lecture Message*

***Do not store treasure on earth...store  
treasure in Heaven (Mt 6:19-20)***

In Matthew 5:1-12a, Jesus teaches the Beatitudes. The first of which is "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

An online thesaurus list of synonyms for blessed are: Fortunate, Happy, Lucky, to be envied, etc. Thus, we could say Happy are those, or how fortunate, or how Lucky are those who are poor in spirit.

What does "poor in spirit" mean? I have tried to figure that out over the years listening to many sermons and reading how others define "spirit" in the context of that Beatitude. The definition I like best is "*being detached from the things of the world.*" The wealthiest person in the world can be poor in spirit if not attached to worldly things.

One may have billions of dollars but does not really care about the money or the things it can buy, because God is more important. How happy he is, because he has discovered that




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material things are worthless in the big picture. Our real treasure much better than any earthly wealth is Heaven. When you consider that eternal life is forever, what good is it to acquire material things that we only enjoy for a noticeably brief time here on Earth?

How happy we can be craving God and working towards eternal life instead of wasting time and killing ourselves going after worldly things. Eternal life is permanent. Our time here on earth is temporary. How happy, how fortunate, how lucky are those who live their life desiring and working towards God & eternal life, they are already experiencing heaven; they are full of joy here on earth looking forward to eternal bliss. Heaven is complete satisfaction.

God bless you,  
PGK Will Schmitt  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee

 *From the Deputy Grand Knight and Roundtable Chair at Resurrection*

Brothers:

This is your council. The officers need you to be active so they we can grow in fraternity and in service to our community. Please make every effort to come out to the meetings and take an active role. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome. Hope to see everyone soon!

Vivat Jesus,  
Tony DiCicco

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**Upcoming Activities IN PERSON and on Zoom!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE THREE THURSDAYS!**

**Business Meeting, September 2 at 7pm (Join us for dinner and the pinball challenge!)**

**Home Meeting, September 16 @ 7:30pm - Officers Meeting, September 23 @7:30pm**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES**

Please call or email Chuck Kuhar with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

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](#)
- [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](#)
- [Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart](#)
- [Aid to the Church in Need](#)
- [Temple University Newman Center](#)
- [Mother of Mercy House](#)



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

John DiMarco  
Nicola Disandro  
James McGinty  
Vito Greco

John Herr  
Michael Kilgarriff  
John McAleer Jr  
Jay McCue

Francis Onumah  
Edward O'Reilly  
Edward Samocki  
Steven Tacca

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

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**Prospect Landing Page has been updated by Supreme.**

Each council member should have this link readily available on your phone for obtaining new members. Especially if you are helping out at Church Membership Drives.

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