

# **THE BANNER**

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

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

Business Meeting, Dec 2, 7pm; Home Meeting, Dec 9, 7:30pm; Christmas Party (a family event), Dec 16, 7:30pm

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

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

December 2021

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. We had a very busy November and I'm sending pictures of two outside activities that the Council participated in this month.

A quick recap of November's activities I'd like to welcome the Cub Scouts to the hall. They'll be visiting us every other Monday, and we are happy to accommodate the group. Also, the Memorial Mass was a great success. It was awesome to have Mass in our chamber. We will be looking forward to doing this again in the future as often as possible.



Two of the main outdoor activities that we participated in this month were a fundraiser for Maternity BVM the weekend of the November 20 and 21. We sold stocks pound cakes for the holidays (see picture on right). It was a great success and we sold over \$150 cakes to help the pro-life organization. We also participated in our main fundraiser of Christmas magnet sales at St Cecilia's, 27th and the 28th we sold over 200 magnets which was a great success thanks to all the Knights who came out.

As a reminder we will be at Resurrection selling magnets December 4 and 5. Please call Dennis at 215-828-2117 and let him know what Mass you can help. You guys are awesome

at stepping up and helping with this fundraiser. On a positive note, we will be indoors, so the weather won't be an issue. Thanks in advance.

Upcoming events for December, we will be having our normal business meeting on the 2nd a home meeting on the 9th and a Christmas party on the 16th. Speaking of the Christmas party on the 16th, that is a family event. Please bring your family to enjoy the Christmas festivities of our Council. If you give me a heads up on how many people, I promise to



have enough food for everyone. You can text me at 215-694-3708 with a headcount. I hope you all have a safe and healthy holiday and I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you soon.

Viva Jesus, Chuck Kuhar Grand Knight

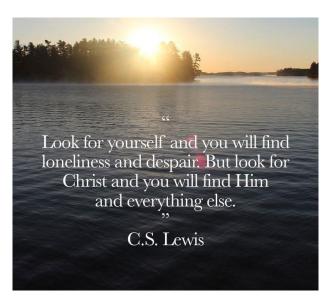


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Lecture Message



I may have mentioned this before, and at the risk of repeating myself I will tell you again. Every Monday, Johanna and I are faced with the daunting task of answering "The Question of the Week" emailed every week. I'm including my answer for the week of November 15, 2021 for December's Lecturer Message.

# QUESTION OF THE WEEK for 11/15/2021 What Do You Think Is the Meaning of Life?

This one is easy. I wonder whenever I hear about someone struggling with *THE MEANING OF LIFE*. I do not mean to belittle or be uncharitable, but to ask and ponder over the meaning of life is in my mind meaningless.

Why do you need to have a meaning? I mean what do you mean by "The Meaning of Life?" Do you have to have this to pursue your goals or desires? Do you need this as a motivator?

The question never crossed my mind until I heard about others struggling with it. It is a serious matter, and sadly, some have ended their lives prematurely over it.

What do I think is the meaning of life? Just go to Question 6 in The Baltimore Catechism:

**Q.** Why did Gid make you?

**A.** God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.

How do I **know** God? Through the Scriptures and Traditions of the Catholic Church. I was lucky enough to be a cradle Catholic, but in my twenties abandoned my Faith through worldly cares and pleasures. In my forties after a lot of bad experiences and economic downturns I returned to God and began a lifelong pursuit of getting to **KNOW** Him.

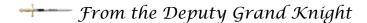
Currently, I am studying Scripture through Ascension Press "The Bible in a Year" with Father Mike Schmitz. We will have completed the entire bible by December 31, 2021. I thought I knew God before, but now I have a whole new take which is so different – So wonderous and joyful. And it keeps getting better!

Learning to know God leads to **loving** God more and more each day. Better than that however is learning how much He loves us.

But all the learning in the world means nothing if it is not put into practice. I want to **serve** Him today in this world by serving, helping others. That's a big Work In Progress for me. I struggle a lot and fail a lot but try to do His will. It sounds like drudgery and challenging work, but it is what I and others really WANT to do. It can be most enjoyable and rewarding.

However, you say this is all well and good for you, but I do not believe in God, or maybe you believe, but that He is a far-off vengeful God just waiting to pounce on you. Give yourself a break, a chance to live, a meaning. Get to know Him and his kindness and forgiveness. Some come in through the back door. C. S. Lewis, the author of famous children's books was an atheist and most reluctant convert who set out to prove God does not exist but ended up proving God's existence. Read his treatments on God.

Vivat Jesus! Will Schmitt, PGK 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee



Brothers: Looking forward to the Resurrection magnet sales this weekend, Dec 4 and 5. Please let us know if you can join us.

Vivat Jesus, Tony DiCicco Deputy Grand Knight and Roundtable Chair at Resurrection

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## Upcoming Activities <u>IN PERSON</u> and on Zoom! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE THREE THURSDAYS!

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

Please pray for Domenic Marzullo.

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

Through "Prayers Unite the World" <a href="www.prayersunitetheworld.org">www.prayersunitetheworld.org</a>,



#### 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

John G Leconey
Domenic A Marzullo
John T McGrath
Charles D McKeown
James D Meredith

Edward K Kelly

Thomas E Merrick
Nwabunwanne A Okafor
Edwin E Scully
Dominic Trocine
Christopher Wolkowicz
Gerald Woodruff

If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Please e-mail: tomhsims@gmail.com

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