

# **THE BANNER**

# Unfurled For God And Country



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BUSINESS MEETING, Feb 3, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) • ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!

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

Business Meeting, Feb 3, 7pm; Home Meeting, Feb 10, 7:30pm; Officer's Meeting Feb 24, 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** 

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

February 2022

Greetings to my Brother Knights. We had a very busy month in January. I'm very excited and proud to call myself a Knight. Just to mention if you were things that we did last month. We joined together with the Northeast Lions Club and helped collect over a thousand pounds of household goods and items plus over \$1,600 cash. We had an outstanding turnout of Knights who were willing to stand in the bitter cold to help people in Kentucky that they never met. The Lions were very appreciative of all work.

We also joined other Knights across the country in Washington for the March for Life. Also bitter cold but for a great cause. EWTN stated that the March for Life could not happen without the Knights of Columbus. Being personally involved with the March, I can attest to that fact. The Knights always show up in force to help the unborn.



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Upcoming events for the Knights:

- -February 5th the pro-life organization is having an open house at the Cenacle at the Padre Pio Center. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.
- -The rosary walk with the sister of life is February 12th 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with the Sisters and pray for people that really need our help.
- -Speaking of sisters. The Holy Hour at Saint Malachy's is February 19th starting at 6:30. Also a great opportunity to spend some time with the Sisters because there's a social afterwards. All are welcome to attend.
- -Don't forget about the Man up Philly event. It is March 19th at Immaculata University. Knights of Columbus wholeheartedly support this mission.

I truly believe that we are put here to help others. This is our opportunity as Catholic men to spread our message. If there are any activities that you guys need more information about call or text me any time at 215-694-3708, and I will get you the information that you need.

Just as a side note if you're interested in buying any Catholic books, toys for gifts of any kind. The shop is now open at the Carmelite Monastery (65th and Old York Rd) Hours are:

Wednesday 10:00am to 4:00pm, Friday 1:00pm to 4:00pm; Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Viva Jesus, Chuck Kuhar Grand Knight





Another busy month for the Knights! Collecting food for tornado victims in Kentucky with the Lions.

They were happy for our help!



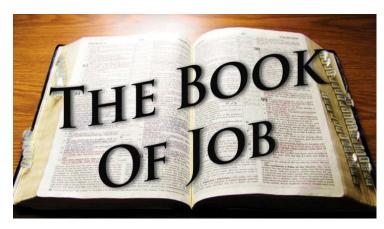
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# -- Lecture Message

A fellow Knight years ago said to me, "I really don't believe in God, but just in case, I'm not taking any chances." There is so much evil and injustice in the world, it's not hard to understand atheism.

On Day 12 of Ascension Press' "Bible in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz, we journey with Job and his questioning of God's ill treatment towards him. Job is a righteous man and cannot understand why God is punishing him. He asks God to tell him what he's done to deserve such harsh treatment.



Job who walks in faith wants to know why God is punishing him.

I would like to know that answer also, so I pour over the book of Job to find out the "WHY." Why does God allow evil and injustice to go unpunished? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why does God even allow injustice and evil to exist? But it turns out there is no "why." What then? Is God not fair or just? How can I believe or trust in a God who is not fair?

My favorite biblical verse is from Isaiah, "8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (IS 55:8-9). I repeatedly read and concentrate on this verse. Meditate on it. Lectio Divina. It comes to mind when I read or hear about injustice, or experience evil, pain, or injustice personally. Paul tells us in Romans: "We know that in everything God works for Good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (Rom. 7:28).

It's easy to walk in faith and trust God when life is smooth and unchallenging. But when things begin to unravel and not go our way it's not so easy. In fact, it's downright tough, almost impossible! I think that's when God is closer to us. It is at these times that I try to remember Isaiah and Paul, and I ponder how God is using this moment for my good or the good of others. I thank God. I offer the suffering up to God for the Souls in Purgatory and reparation for my sins.

I reason out the "What" not the "Why." God's providence is *always* with me, even (or especially) when I do not see it or when I do not understand it.

Jesus Lives!

God bless you,

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

P.S. Please pray at this moment for all the Souls in Purgatory especially all Priests and Religious and all those who have no one praying for them.



# From the Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers: It's St. Valentine's Month. Show the love by being part in all the good things God is doing through the Brother Knights. Thank you, Brothers, for all you do.

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

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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" www.prayersunitetheworld.org,



#### TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN FEBRUARY!

Robert J Cunningham Richard L Girkin Patrick Gleason Rev. Joseph E Howarth Charles P Kuhar, Sr Charles P Kuhar, Jr George J Popskyj James P Rigney, IV Nicholas J Sciarra Angelo Sciarra Anthony T Stamato Rev Joel F Szydlowski Paul J Wuestkamp

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