

# **THE BANNER**

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Brother Knights: It's that time of year! *Please send your dues.* 

BUSINESS MEETING, May 5, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!

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

Business Meeting, May 5, 7pm; Home Meeting, May 12, 7:30pm; Officer's Meeting May 26, 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

May 2022

Hope everyone is doing well and recovering from all the Easter activities. April was a very busy month, and I'm very happy to report on what is going on with the Council and the Hall. First of all, I want to thank everyone for coming out the beginning of the month to clean out the Hall, the place looks great. We got the contractor coming in next month to work on the exterior of the building to make it look more presentable. The communion breakfast was a rousing success. I can't thank the committee enough for the wonderful job that they did putting it together. I do believe we have two new members from Maternity just



We had a wonderful breakfast last month! Thank you to all who attended and helped out!

because we showed up on Sunday and invited them to breakfast.

Speaking of new members, we're going to have a major push for membership in May. The invitations are going to be in all the bulletins every week for the month of May. And we're planning a major open house on June 9th starting at 7:30. So if you are available, please come out and meet the new people. Also, we're going to start with a visual appeal to the parishes. We're going to get name tags for all the members to wear at church. The name tags

will be given out at the business meeting on the May 5<sup>th</sup>, so please show up and get your tag and we'll explain how this program's going to work in more detail.

And don't forget the upcoming events in June with the Knoebels trip, if you're interested, please contact Mike Pinkel so we know if you're going to make it. Also, we're doing a coin drive on June 18th. That's the Saturday of Father's Day weekend. We will be in front of the Acme at Cottman and Bleigh from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This is the raise money for a Special Olympics. This is an all hands-on deck event. I'll be reaching out next month to get a sign-up sheet but we need everybody's help for this one.



Sisters of Life News: The Rosary Walk will be at the Cathedral on May 14th starting at 10:30. There is free parking at the Cathedral, so if you can come out and support the sisters that would be awesome. Also, the Sisters have a Holy Hour on the May 21st that starts at 6:30 at St Malachi's--all are welcome. Please come out to support the Sisters.

On a closing note, if anyone has any ideas to recruit new members feel free to email me or text me anytime. We are really trying to make this Council grow and any help is appreciated. God bless and see you soon.

Viva Jesus, Chuck Kuhar Grand Knight











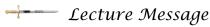


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### Mary: Model of Faith

"While Christ is the only mediator between God and man, Mary is the portrait of discipleship in her obedience to Him. She is the model of discipleship and proves it in her obedience to the Almighty in every area of her life. As a result, Jesus Christ invites us all to her model of obedience." (Mary, the Model of Discipleship by Lynne Marie Kohm:: SSRN 12 Feb 2019).

Catholics do not worship Mary and we do not pray to her as mediator to God. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man. But we do venerate her. We ask Mary to pray for us as we would ask a friend or family member to pray for us.

While there may be different views between Catholics and Protestants about Mary, the focus here is her discipleship. Mary is the perfect disciple in her obedience to God. She is the model



of faith, the model of believers. Try, if you can, to imagine the amount of trust she had in order to say yes to God. A very young girl, her teenage mind most likely not completely comprehending, but she trusted God and persisted in her obedience to God.

I'm one for reminding others about putting today's awareness on history, but if we try to put ourselves in her position at that glorious moment, we can feel her confusion.

Pause for a moment or two and place yourself in that event. You are being told by a stranger (The Archangel Gabriel) a most amazing, mind-blowing, unbelievable thing, so what are you thinking? What's going through your mind? Are you as trusting as Mary? How would you respond? Would you believe this outlandish request? Mary's faith in God is strong; much, much more than mine and probably yours.

Mary's perfect perseverance in faith, trust, and belief in God is our ideal, our model, our standard to hold high in front of us as we strive towards holiness and perfection. We may never attain perfection, but if we as disciples of God, sincerely persevere to trust as Mary, Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ we will be with Him and Mary forever. Thank you, Mary, for saying yes.

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

### ----- From the Deputy Grand Knight

As we enter the month of May, it is important that we Honor our Holy Mother, Mary, in this month dedicated to her. When you made your degrees, you promised to pray Mary's Rosary faithfully. If you have not been doing so, now is the time to start!

During this month, there are many sacraments celebrated, especially First Communion and Ordination. Pray for all those receiving these sacraments, that they may be faithful servants of God.

On the Home front, we have signed a contract to begin work on the exterior of the building. We look forward to a fresh look for our Home.

As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings.

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

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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" <a href="www.prayersunitetheworld.org">www.prayersunitetheworld.org</a>,



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

Terrence Foster Howard Kuntz. Jr. Michael Onon

If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Please e-mail: <a href="mailto:tomhsims@gmail.com">tomhsims@gmail.com</a>

PA KofC Newsletter: http://www.pakofc.us/newsletter/keystone knight/index.html

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