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Join us for our Christmas Party on December 15.

Let us know how many will be joining us at the party by December 8!

BUSINESS MEETING, Dec 1, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ♦ ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!

Meet IN PERSON or on Zoom! Zoom Meeting ID 805 406 5230; passcode is VjfUN3
Business Meeting, Dec 1, 7pm; Home Meeting, Dec 8, 7:30pm; Officers' Meeting, Dec 29
MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON!
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM TONY DICICCO REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.

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 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

December 2022

Brothers:

As we begin the month of December, we enter into the season of Advent. Let us turn our hearts and prayers to reflecting on the upcoming celebration of Christ's birth. As brothers in this great organization, we have much to be proud of, especially our ability to gather together in fellowship and prayer.

I ask that you join me in offering a prayer of thanks and congratulations for our Supreme Chaplain, as he has been elected Vice-President of the USCCB.

Our December meeting will be December 1st, starting at 7:00 pm

The Grand Knight's Christmas Party is December 15th, starting at 7:00. If you plan on attending, let me know by December 8th, with how many are coming.

As we close out the month, I wish everyone a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas!

Vivat Jesus,
Tony DiCicco
Grand Knight



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| November 26-27 | Magnet Sales @ St Cecilia |
| December 3 | Aid for Friends food prep @ BVM 8-10 am |
| December 3-4 | Magnet Sales @ Resurrection |
| December 10-11 | Magnet Sales @ BVM |
| December 10-11 | Giving Tree collection and packaging @ St Cecilia |
| December 12 | Delivery of Giving Tree items |
| December 15 | Grand Knight's Christmas Party * |
- *Please respond by December 8 if coming and number of people

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The Knights of Columbus were well represented for the stand-up for life dinner at the Sheraton Hotel this year. It is the annual fundraiser for the Pro-Life Organization in Pennsylvania.



Knights of Columbus participated in a Rosary Walk every month with the Sisters of Life. They appreciate our participation and look forward to it with great joy. If you are free the Rosary Walk, it is usually the first Saturday of the month at different locations.

Pro-Life Chairman

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving. Now we're getting ready for Christmas. There's a few pro-life things going on December if you have time to participate that would be awesome if not please pray for us who can. Saturday December 7th there's a Rosary Walk at Visitation BVM. It starts at 10:30am runs till about noon down at B and Lehigh. This is a really important walk to be on to help support the sisters. It's through Kensington so the more Knights the better.

Also on the 17th there's a Holy Hour at St Malachi's which is 1411 North 11th Street. That starts at 6:30am and there's usually hot chocolate and cookies afterwards come down and meet the sisters. It's also a good time to go to confession right before Christmas. Please remember that we are still collecting baby stuff every month at the monthly meetings if you get a chance grab a pack of diapers wipes anything the kids could use they appreciate it. I hope you have a safe and healthy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Chuck Kuhar
Pro-Life Chairman

✝ — *Lecture Message*

A Truth Is the Truth

I want to talk about growing in holiness and our personal relationship with God. Dr. Edward Sri, our retreat master at Malvern last week, said we need to be more honest in our prayer life. It is not about how many rosaries or novenas we pray or how many masses we attend. Those are essential, yes, but what God desires is your transformation. He wants us to change our hearts. He wants you and me to have complete trust in Him.

Can we pray at least 30 minutes a day in addition to the essentials? Have an honest conversation with Jesus. We try to scale the mountain of sanctity, but God wants to meet us in the valley of humility (THE REAL YOU).

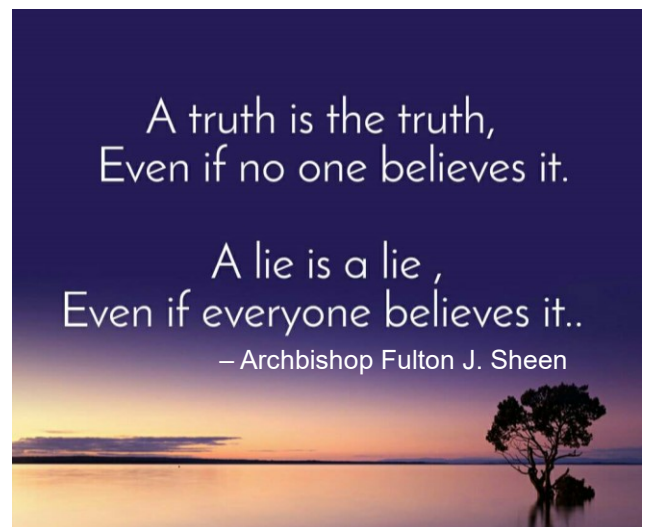
By spending quiet time with Jesus, we can experience how much we are REALLY AND TRULLY loved by God. Love cannot be earned. And you probably heard or read it so often that it lost its impact, but just stop and contemplate this: God loves you unconditionally. He does not expect you to be a saint right now. God will meet you right where you are at this moment in your life.

You are loved. You are forgiven. You are healed.

Jesus is by your side always! He fights for you, loves you, wants you. He wants you to talk with him, pour your heart out to him. You will discover he wants you to imitate him. He wants to be the center of your life. He wants us to live more intentionally as a disciple. You will soon discover true happiness and joy.

The following St. Ignatius of Loyola's prayer of surrender helps us welcome Christ's lordship in our lives:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding, and my entire will,
all that I have and possess.
Thou hast given it all to me.



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To Thee, O Lord, I return it.
All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will.
Give me Thy love and Thy grace,
for this is sufficient for me.

We are into the beginning of Advent. Take advantage of it and come closer to Jesus.

Jesus Lives!
Will Schmitt, PGK
2nd Year Trustee

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Please pray for peace in Ukraine. Please pray for victims of gun violence.
Please call or email Tony DiCicco with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.
Through "Prayers Unite the World" www.prayersunitetheworld.org,



*TO ALL WHO WERE
BORN IN DECEMBER!*

Trevor J Berna
Rev Philip G Bochansl
Christopher J Breen
Dr. Peter Connelly, III
William Derham

Edward K Kelly
Domenic A Marzullo
Charles D McKeown
James D Meredith
Thomas E Merrick

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

If we missed your birthday, we apologize. Please send an email to the editors at council5036@gmail.com

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

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