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Officers' Installation
Wednesday, September 7, 7:30pm

BUSINESS MEETING, Sept 8, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ♦ **ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!**

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

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM TONY DICICCO REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.

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✠ *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

September 2022

Brothers:

As we begin the month of September, I bring exciting news to our Council. Fr Ryan Council has won the State Membership Incentive for the Month of July. This resulted in a cash reward for the Council.

September is looking like it's going to be a busy month for us. Our Officers' Installation is Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 pm in the chamber. The Business Meeting is the following day, September 8th, at 7:00 pm in the chamber, followed by dinner.

On September 10th, we have been asked by the Pastor of Resurrection to assist him with the St. Peregrine Celebration by helping those walking around to find where they need to go and to make sure everyone is safe. If interested in helping contact Brother Dennis Franklin at frankdj56@msn.com.

On September 19th, there is a March/Rally for Life in Harrisburg. All are invited. St. Cecilia is hosting a bus trip to the event. Look for information in their church bulletin or visit the website <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/> for details and to sign up.



From George Warren: Dear Brothers, I put together a golf foursome, William (Bill) Smith, George C. Warren 3rd, George C. Warren, Jr. and Danial (Dan) Mellvile, (pictured Left to Right). They attended the Knights of Columbus, Valley Forge Chapter, Annual Pro Life Golf Tournament and Banquet, held at Twin Ponds in Gilbertsville PA, Friday August 12, 2022. It was an all-day event followed by a delicious Prime Rib Dinner Banquet. The Banquet had fantastic door prizes, Chinese Auction for wonderful gifts, and a \$557.00 50/50. Also in attendance was the New State Deputy, Mike Kish (pictured on right).

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October is shaping up to be busy as well, more details will be coming out. Please join in person or by ZOOM. The ZOOM Meeting ID is always 805 406 5230 and passcode is VjfUN3.

Viva Jesus,
Tony DiCicco
Grand Knight

Testimonial for PFN Jim Thomson

September 24, 2022 (RSVP September 14)



From Steve Sannelli, PFN: The Testimonial for PFN Jim Thomson will be held on Sept. 24, 2022, at Twining Hall from 6 PM to 10 PM the cost will be \$ 35.00 P/P or \$70.00 per couple. If you are attending, please contact me at steves334@aol.com or 215-788-7446. I need the count by our Sept. 14 meeting all checks should be made out to St. Raphael Assembly and turned in to me by the Sept. meeting. Dress will be suit and tie (tuxedo is optional).



Knights in action. Knights in our Council collected over \$1,400 for the ASAP program. We congratulate our guys for the great pro-life work that they are doing.

The Knights showed up in force at the national night out. Love the new vest.



The Sisters of Life we're very grateful for our help and the help from Sloan movers. These volunteers spent a hot Saturday helping a mom move with smiles on everyone's faces. This is why we became Knights. Good job.

From Chuck Kuhar, Pro Life Chairman

There are three pro-life meetings in September. First is the Silver Rose. Each year, from early March through mid-December, silver roses are stewarded by councils along route from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of our Lady of Guadalupe. This year Saint Cecilia's is hosting the silver rose on September 15 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. . This is a family friendly event so bring the entire family.

Second is the Rosary Walk. The Rosary Walk will take place on September 17. This is a great time for the Knights to shine. The Sisters of Life count on the Knights to walk with them and pray the rosary every month. Roosevelt walk starts at 10:30 and is usually over by 12:00. If you're interested, I'll get you the information you need.

Third is Pennsylvania March for Life. Pennsylvania March for Life is September 19 in Harrisburg. Saint Cecilia's is sponsoring a bus that will leave at 8:30 a.m. right after a special mass at 7:30. The bus will meet at Verree and Solly and return by 4:30. Bus cost is \$25. If you are interested, let me know or call the rectory to get on the list as soon as possible. I'm hoping the fill this bus.

Thank you for all the activities you guys have done. If you have questions or ideas that will help save babies, feel free to call or text me at 215-694-3708

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Tempus Fugit Momento Mori

Time Flies, Remember Death

Brother Knights:

Our Knights of Columbus motto hanging in the front of the meeting chamber might seem morbid to some—maybe a little frightening to others, but it is revealing.

Time does indeed fly. My 76 years have passed like a fleeting mist, and yours will also. But what is one lifetime compared to eternity. Science tells us the Universe is 13.7 billion years old. The average human lifetime is 80 years. Think about that. Your life is a flash in the pan compared to the age of the universe.

“Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.” (Ecc 1:2)

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson uses the 24-hour clock to give a 24-hour history of the earth.¹ If the formation of Earth started at midnight, we Humans arrived at 11:58:43 p.m. We arrived on earth as a species one minute and seventeen seconds ago. Your life is almost immeasurably shorter than that. Comparably Shorter than a flash of lightning!

Here today, gone tomorrow. More like, here less than a millisecond and gone!
What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.” (James 4:14)

What is one moment of pleasure compared to eternity? Almost Incalculable, certainly minuscule when equated to eternity. If we can remember this in times of temptation, maybe we can more easily say yes rather than no to God. CCC 1804 teaches us human virtues are strong thoughts and habits of brain power and will power to lead a morally good life.²

We can ‘will’ our thoughts or redirect immoral thoughts as soon as we are aware of them. You can do this. It may appear difficult and frustrating at first, but like any habit, becomes easier, even second nature with practice. Soon it becomes a joy. Virtue makes self-mastery easier. CCC1804 further states “The virtuous man is he who freely practices the good.” For sure, the virtuous man leading a morally good life is full of joy and much happier than his former self. And then there is the eternal benefit on top of that!

A highly recommended prayer for combatting sin is ‘The Litany of Humility’ available on our website: <http://www.fatherryan5036kofc.org/prayers.html>.

Thanks for reading this and please remember the poor souls in Purgatory in your daily prayer.

Jesus Lives!
Will Schmitt, PGK
2nd Year Trustee

1 <https://blog.onlineclock.net/24-hour-history-of-earth/#:~:text=If%20we%20looked%20at%20Earth%E2%80%99s%20creation%20through%20a,now%20it%20began%20nearly%20four%20billion%20years%20ago.>

2 Catechism of the Catholic Church, Vatican: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2012. Print.



Malvern Retreat House is pleased to once again offer our Married Couples Retreat weekend. This year's retreat director is Rev. Paul Schneck, a married Catholic priest. Our weekend begins with dinner on Friday, September 9 at 5pm and concludes after breakfast and Mass on Sunday, September 11 (around noon). Come and grow deeper in love! Marriage is a vocation requiring us to continuously devote time, effort and love. The price is \$390 per couple, which includes the retreat program, food, and lodging. To reserve your space, go to <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/married-couples-retreat/> and click on "Register Now" or call Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400.

For more information, please call Retreat Co-Captains Chuck Kuhar (215-694-3708) or Theresa Kuhar (215-694-3709). Spaces fill quickly and the retreat is limited to 48 couples, so don't wait to make your reservation!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Will and Johanna Schmitt

Please pray for peace in Ukraine. Please pray for victims of gun violence.

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 SEPTEMBER!

Christopher Fried
 John DiMarco
 Nicola Disandro
 James McGinty

Vito Greco
 John Herr
 Michael Kilgariff
 John McAleer Jr

Francis Onumah
 Edward O'Reilly
 Edward Samocki
 Steven Tacca

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

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

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.

USA (English) Online Prospect Form: <https://info.kofc.org/us.html>

USA (Spanish) Online Prospect Form: https://info.kofc.org/us_sp.html

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