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

Meet <u>IN PERSON or on Zoom!</u> Zoom Meeting ID 805 406 5230; passcode is VjfUN3 Business Meeting, Mar 2, 7pm; Home Meeting, Mar 9, 7:30pm; Officers' Meeting, Mar 23 MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE <u>ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON!</u> BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM TONY DICICCO REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

March 2023

Brothers:

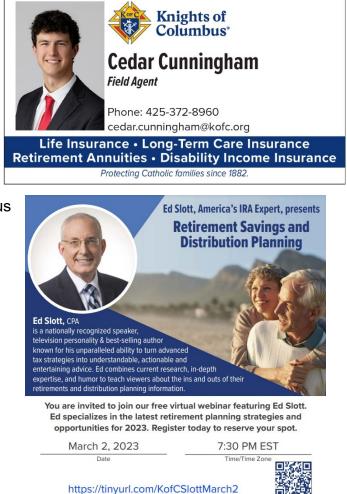
As we begin the month of March, we are two weeks into the holy season of Lent. Now is the time for us to reflect on our lives, learn from our mistakes and have a conversion of heart that leads us to our eternal life.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers for my surgery. The operation was a success, now I have a long road to recovery.

Information has been received for the State Caucus on March 26 and the state convention in May. Further information will be provided at the monthly meeting.

We have been assigned a new insurance agent. His name is Cedar Cunningham. Please see information on this page.

Vivat Jesus, Tony DiCicco Grand Knight





Officers with Seminarian Alex Cross after receiving check from RSVP program.

----- Pro-Life Chairman

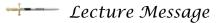
My Brothers Knights,

I hope you are well and getting ready for Lent. March is going to be a very busy pro-life month, and I'm hoping to make our presence known to the community. On top of the normal prolife monthly activities, March is special. We will be participating in the Rosary Walk March 4th at the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. Also there is Holy Hour at St Malachi's on March 18th, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

40 Days for Life started on Ash Wednesday, and we have been asked to participate by praying the Rosary on March 11th. If you are interested in praying at the abortion clinic at Comly road or Apple Tree, please let me know. Your presence would be a blessing.

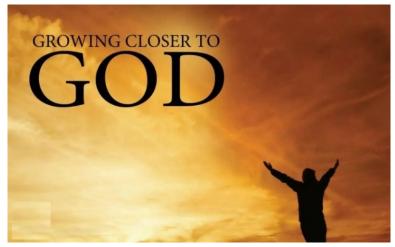
The other big event is St Patrick's Day. On March 12th, the Pro-Life Union asked the Knights of Columbus to join them in the parade in Center City. Anyone who wants to participate is asked to show up by 11:15 a.m. at JFK Boulevard, between 16th and 17th Street. I have vests for anyone who wants to participate. Please let me know so we can advertise our Council to the public. If you have any questions about what's going on, feel free to text me at any time at 215-694-3708. Have a great Easter!!!!

Chuck Kuhar Pro-Life Chairman



Get to Know God Better

We are ending our first week of lent which began on Wednesday, February 22. How are you doing? Are you moving closer to God? Are you becoming more aware of Him? Do you think about God more often during the day? Are you more aware of Holy Moments (those tiny acts of kindness) performed by others or initiated by you?



About a week before Advent, three months ago, Father Mike Schmitz suggested an advent prayer to "beg Jesus to reveal Himself to you." He recommended one hour each day for 30 days.

I was drawn to choose his suggestion and Sunday November 27, 2022, found me in front of the Tabernacle beginning my prayer, which stopped the moment it began.

Frozen in fear of what God might ask of me and worse, a fear of unworthiness, I could not complete my request. Do I <u>really</u> want Jesus to reveal Himself to me? There's a lot of material worldly things I don't believe I could give up if asked. And who do I think I am to make such a lofty request? Why would God want to be close to a sinner such as me? I didn't "want" to be <u>that</u> close to God. So, I changed my prayer to asking Jesus to give me the grace to "want to" beg Him to reveal Himself to me.

In last month's newsletter I wrote how God gradually, slowly leads us to salvation. Gradually, God gave me the grace to want a personal revelation of Jesus. Ever since November, through varied media, homilies, prayer, scripture, and the Catechism I have come to find that worthiness is not a requirement. God accepts us wherever we are at this moment in our lives.

And the material stuff can stay or go. It's not a big deal anymore. It seems the things we fear losing the most when thought about, become less desirable day by day. What today seems important diminishes significantly in comparison to Eternity.

Going back and reading what was written above can sound like a braggart. The points I want to make are, You are special and unique to God; there is nothing in your make up you need to add that you don't already have; God is kind and merciful and loves you more than you know; God will never ask anything of you without first putting the desire in your heart; God wants you to move closer to Him and come as you are.

"Pray as though everything depends on God. And work as though everything depends on you." (Aurelius Augustinus of Hippo).

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" <u>www.prayersunitetheworld.org</u>,



John J Boylan III John J Boylan IV Deacon Patrick J Diamond James C Durkin James M Durkin Karl J Heck Stephen Jesiolowski Richard J Kampf Michael Litka Daniel Mellon TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN MARCH!

> David T Montvydas William M Monteleone James A Silvano Adam V Ungaro III

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