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Mark Your Calendar!
Annual Communion
Breakfast
Sunday, April 23

BUSINESS MEETING, April 13, 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, April 13 7pm; Home Meeting, April 20, 7:30pm; Officers' Meeting, April 27
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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*

April 2023

Brothers:

As you receive this newsletter, we are about to enter into the most holy week of the church year. I encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to take part in the rich liturgies that will take place this week. My thoughts and prayers are with you for a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter.

I wish to take this time to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes as I recover from my knee replacement surgery. Everything is going well.

As the first Thursday of April is Holy Thursday, our monthly meeting is rescheduled until April 13th.

Our annual Communion Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd. We will be attending the 8:30 am Mass at Resurrection of our Lord parish, as a group, then return to our hall for breakfast and fellowship. Please bring your families along.

Nominations for officers for the next fraternal year will take place at the May and June meetings. All positions are open and all members in good standing are eligible to run. If anyone is interested in running, please notify me or Chaz Kuhar, Deputy Grand Knight.

Jim Effner presents
Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan



Jim Effner is founder and President of P2P Group and specializes in training financial services professionals. Previously Jim was Managing Partner of one of the largest Northwestern Mutual offices in the country. He built the Effner Group to nearly 150 full-time and college advisors, insuring over 65,000 policyholders.



You are invited to join our webinar featuring Jim Effner, who specializes in financial services and has been helping thousands of families with financial planning.

April 26, 2023

7:30 PM EST

Date

Time

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril26>



RSVP

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As you read this the Deputy Grand Knight and I have recently attended the Delaware Valley Caucus in preparation for the upcoming State Convention in Harrisburg, May 5-7. Details will be provided at the April meeting and in the next *Banner*.

Vivat Jesus,
Tony DiCicco
Grand Knight



St Patty's Irish Night at Saint Cecilia's. The Knights showed up in force and took over two full tables. Celebrating Brother Callahan's recovery.



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✝ *Pro-Life Chairman*



My Brother Knights,

March was a very busy month for the pro-life movement. Our Council participated in the Man up Philly, and we promoted our brother Ed Lawrence and his mission of prayers unite the world. We also participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade to support the pro-life Union. Great job, all! I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Easter. I do want everyone to know that we're going to be doing a fundraiser for Guiding Star. We're going to be supporting the Pro-Life Union selling Mother's Day roses at St. Cecilia's the weekend of May 13th and 14th. If you are available to help out, please let me know so I can put you on the list. Hope to see you there.

Chuck Kuhar
Pro-Life Chairman

Bloody Passion

Good Friday is fast approaching as Lent is fading away. Hopefully, we have moved closer to Our Lord and understand a little better, even if just a glimpse, of His tender

love for us. Keep on trucking, don't stop because lent is over. God wants you.

About a month ago at our weekly bible study we were asked to research during the upcoming week the following question: Why did Jesus have to die in such a bloody mess and so much anguish? Why did He have to die the way He did?

I enjoy eating. It is my most favorite thing to do. Occasionally a nice, juicy, steak... A leg of lamb... or my all-time favorite - a rib roast cooked by my sister Clare.

I'm sure you have your favorite meat, but have you ever thought about what it takes for us to enjoy that magnificent, sumptuous meal? Things must die or be sacrificed for our survival (or enjoyment).

Before it got to your plate, before it arrived neatly wrapped and packaged, that delicious meal was a live, breathing animal who was slaughtered in a bloody mess and much anguish. Not a pleasant thought while feasting on a nice roast, we should quickly lose our appetite and put down the fork.

Estimates differ, but there were 250,000 to 2 million people in Jerusalem for Passover the year Jesus suffered and died. Imagine over 200,000 yearling sheep being slaughtered for tomorrow's Passover feast. Rules specified the slaughter had to be at the Temple, within the hours of 12 to 3 P. M. on Passover Eve. The sounds of anguish, terror, and slaughter; the smells... the gallons of blood pouring out while Jesus hung dying on a cross.

The Passover sacrifice or celebration is completed the next day when the lamb is eaten.

The bloody sacrifice of yesterday's slaughter is today's sumptuous feast!

At the end of the meal, the leader of the Passover Seder proclaims: "It is finished." The magnitude of the imagery of the Passover Lamb with that of Jesus is overwhelming. Jesus is the Passover Lamb, and we feast on the Passover Lamb every time we receive Holy Communion. Jesus had to die in such a bloody mess and much anguish. Jesus Himself tells us this in Luke 24:26-27, 44-45.

He had to die the way He did to fulfill scripture, to form a new covenant between God and us. He had to die that way out of love for you.

For a captivating experience, and to get to know God a little better, I encourage you to go online and research the above question 'Why did Jesus have to die the way He did?', the Passover, and read Scott Hahn's short book *The Fourth Cup*.

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 APRIL!*

Anthony J Diccico
Joseph A Diorio

Anthony Heffner
Donald J Ibach
Conrad J Maier

Mario Marzullo

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

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