



# THE BANNER

*Unfurled for God and Country*



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**Coin Drive  
at Acme, June 17  
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**BUSINESS MEETING, May 4, 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, June 1, 7pm; Home Meeting, June 8, 7:30pm; Officers' Meeting, June 22.**  
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*✠ From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

June 2023

Brothers:

As we begin to plan our summer fun and relaxation, know that our Council is still busy. This month, we will be holding elections for all Council officers. Nominations are still open and will occur before the election at our meeting this Thursday, June 1.

We will also be conducting our annual coin drop to raise funds for the Special Olympics. This event will be held at the Acme located at 2100 Cottman Avenue on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend from 9-2. For more information contact Chuck Kuhar.

Beginning this month, the Council chamber will begin to undergo renovations. More details will follow, look for an email.

Report from State Convention:

- 27% of all Councils in PA present.
- 12,336 coats for kids collected goal was 10,000.
- \$105,000 raised for Special Olympics
- 15 new Ultrasound machines in PA, including the first mobile unit, which is in Erie Diocese
- #2 in ASAP money and #4 in applications
- State golf outing 8/25 in Kimberton
- PA Pro-Life March 10/16
- Next Convention 4/26-4/28 2024 at the Crown Plaza in King of Prussia



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**Officers Election June 1**

Vivat Jesus,  
Tony DiCicco  
Grand Knight

✝️ *Pro-Life Chairman*

My Brother Knights,

First of all, I want to thank everyone who came out to support the Mother's Day event. We raised \$2,500 for Guiding Star in one day. You guys did an outstanding job. In June, we're going to be doing a baby drive at Saint Cecilia's. This consists of gathering supplies that the parishioners bring and storing them and delivering them to Birthright.

The second big event for June is the Coin Drive Father's Day weekend. We will be at the Acme at 2100 Cottman Avenue between 10:00 and 2:00 on Saturday the 17th. We will be collecting for our annual special Olympics fundraiser. Last year, we raised \$900, and I'd love to top that this year if possible. If you have any time during that day and can help, stop by and lend a hand. All the money raised goes to our local special Olympics organization. I hope to see you there.

Chuck Kuhar  
Pro-Life Chairman



✝️ *Lecture Message*

## Do You Choose Life or Death?

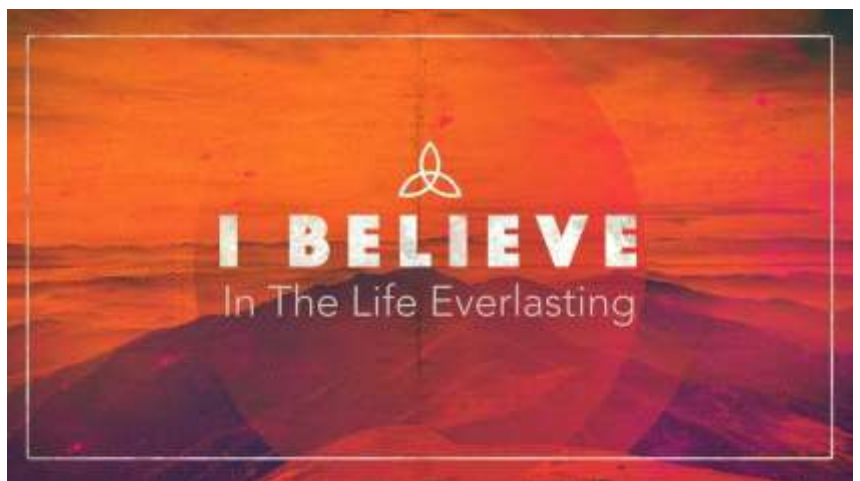
In the Profession of Faith, we pray "I believe in life everlasting."

Once we die physically, once our soul separates from our human body, our chance of accepting or rejecting God is done.

That's it. Caput! Finished! Done! We had our entire life up to the last second to accept God and now it's gone.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1021 tells us we will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with our works and faith.

Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:52 tells us it will be in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye. We die and, in a flash, instantly, we are before God.



You're lying in a bed sleeping or thinking about whatever and suddenly there before you are God and your particular judgement.

CCC 1022 reads: "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul *at the very moment of his death*, in a 'particular' judgement..." (vs the last judgement) "...that refers..." (compares) "...his life to Christ: either into the blessedness of heaven—through purification or immediately,—or immediate and everlasting damnation."

We get what we have chosen. If we have said "yes" to God's will, we get Him, if not, we don't. It's what we choose. Do we choose God or anything other than God? We need to choose God over our desires (food, sex, drink, TV, etc.)

At our 'particular judgement' we will not be compared to our neighbor or anyone else (Some say "I'm not that bad, I'm no Hitler" or "Compared to so-and-so I'm a saint"). Our life will be compared to Christ, no one else.

What if today is your last day on earth? One of these days it will be. How would you live? What would you need to do? In the Book "Imitation of Christ", Thomas Kempis exhorts: "If you aren't fit to face death today, it's very unlikely you will be tomorrow..."

We decide. We choose life or death. God wants you to choose life. He loves you. You were created for heaven.

When we pray the Hail Mary, we ask the Mother of God to intercede for us "at the hour of our death." CCC 1014.

Jesus Lives!  
Will Schmitt, PGK  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.prayersunitetheworld.org),



TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN JUNE!

Michael Callahand  
Michael J Darab  
Ronald J Di Pietro  
Francis J Domzalski  
Anthony J Esposito  
Deacon Dennis J Friel  
Patrick A Hegarty

Donald A Horvay  
Colin P Kelly  
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If we missed your birthday, we apologize. Please send an email to the editors at council5036@gmail.com.

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