



# THE BANNER

*Unfurled for God and Country*



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**Officer Awards  
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 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

October 2023

Brothers:

Welcome to October, the month of the Holy Rosary. Upon taking your degrees, you received a rosary and promised to pray it as often as possible. What better time than this month. Our Ladies Auxiliary will be praying the rosary every Monday night this month at the Grotto at St Cecilia's around 7:15 pm. Come and join them.

A big shout out of thanks to all those who took the time to come forward and assist at the events the Knights had or were asked to help with in the month of September. More help is needed on October 14th at the Fall Festival at St Cecilia's.

Plans are being finalized, tickets and horses are being sold for our big fundraiser on November 11th. Please spread the word, buy a ticket and a couple of horses, so that our evening is a success.



**Month of the  
holy rosary**

On September 21st, we held the installation of council officers by our District Deputy, Sunil Gill. Mass was celebrated by our chaplain, Fr Lucas prior to the installation ceremony.

Remember Brothers, this is your Council. Your thoughts and opinions matter. Feel free to reach out to me or any officer with any thoughts, ideas or questions.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tony DiCicco  
Grand Knight

# Volunteers Needed!!!

**Saturday, November 11**

1st Annual Knight at the Races/Monte Carlo Night  
St Cecilia's Hall

This is an "all hands on deck" event. We need all the Knights who are available to volunteer in some capacity for this fundraising event. Please contact Todd Ellis at 919-215-4161 to sign up for the event. **Thank you for your support.**




*Council Officers with Fr Lucas and District Deputy Sunil Gill at last month's officer installation.*



*District Deputy Sunil Gill presenting the Fr. McGivney Award to Grand Knight Tony DiCicco.*



*We had a great time at the Rockledge car show even though it rained. Good to see everybody come out to support the Knights.*

 *Pro-Life Chairman*

Dear Brother Knights,

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign opened on Wednesday, September 27. We have been asked to pray for the Planned Parenthood on Comly Road. They have lost their surgeon who has retired. Nonetheless, they are actively recruiting another surgeon to replace him, and they do have surgeons that come in for a day here and there. This is a time for increased prayer and vigilance about this complex issue and for the health and safety of everyone involved.

Chuck Kuhar  
Pro-Life Chairman



40 DAYS  
FOR LIFE

The logo for "40 Days for Life" features a stylized blue figure with arms raised, resembling a person or a dove, positioned above the text "40 DAYS FOR LIFE". The text is in a serif font, with "40" being significantly larger than "DAYS" and "FOR LIFE".

# Your Choice

I'm sitting here by the ocean which is very calm this morning. The ocean currents slowly drift along just flowing where they do, following the path of least resistance, as if against its wishes, with no effort to change its course. It reminds me of our lives when it comes to choosing God.

We allow ourselves to drift almost mindlessly along our journey through life passively accepting "circumstances" either unconscious, unaware, or indifferent that we can make a different choice. Burying our heads in the sand so to speak, everyone hopes to spend a happy eternity with God, but few make the conscious choice.



We allow the cares of the day to rule our lives. Work, family, presumed responsibilities drive our thoughts and actions. Emotions mostly drive our actions rather than willful choice. I just do not feel like praying right now, I'm too stressed, upset, or tired. You may not agree, but that is a choice. You are choosing the world over God. You are saying, "God I know what you want, but I want what I want!" Use your gift of will and just pray.

It is the same with sin. I know what you want God, but I don't care, I want to do this! It may not be as blatantly conscious as that, but deep in your heart, you do know, you do understand, you do make a choice.

What I'm trying to get at here is to understand that we are the masters of our minds, thoughts, actions, and life, not the circumstances, thoughts and activities oozing into our lives. We are not robots with programmed coding. We have the power to decide what choice to make, what thoughts to think, what action to take; what we are going to do right at that moment. Be conscious of the moment. Stop to consider or think about what is happening and realize you are about to make a choice. Make it mindful or willful. Make a conscious choice. Choose God.

God will always give you what you want, that is, what you choose. Choose Him. Choose to come home into the loving waiting arms of your forgiving Father. No matter what you think is so evil, so underserving, or so unforgiving, it is not so much what you think that matters. It is what the Lord thinks and feels, and says your sins are totally forgotten by him in Psalm 103.

God loves you and wants you as you are, right here, right now at this very moment, more than you can possibly know.

Run to Him, His mercy endures forever.

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 OCTOBER!*

Michael Branhut  
Joseph Braun  
Matthew Burg  
August Demore  
George Diaz, Jr.

Dennis Franklin  
John Kline  
William Lamb  
Ronald Marcinkowski, Jr.  
Daniel Montvydas

Thomas Montvydas  
Paul Schragen  
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If we missed your birthday, we apologize. Please send an email to the editors at [council5036@gmail.com](mailto:council5036@gmail.com).

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