



# THE BANNER

*Unfurled for God and Country*



Father Thomas J. F. Ryan Council # 5036  
9090 Old Bustleton Ave, Phila, PA 19115  
Email: [Council5036@gmail.com](mailto:Council5036@gmail.com)  
Web: [www.KofC5036.org](http://www.KofC5036.org)  
Facebook: [@council5036](https://www.facebook.com/council5036)



**Please Pay Your Dues!**  
*Our dues need to be paid, so if you if haven't already please pay them now. If you have paid already, thank you!*

**BUSINESS MEETING, Feb 1, 7:00PM (Dinner Served!) ♦ OTHER MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON & ON ZOOM!**

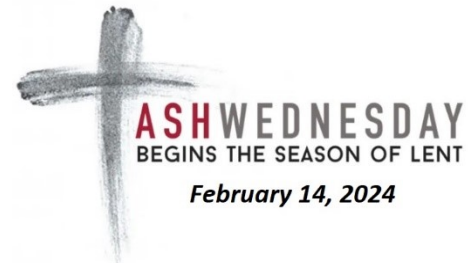
**Meet IN PERSON or on Zoom!** Zoom Meeting ID 805 406 5230; passcode is VjfUN3  
Business Meeting, Feb 1, 7pm; Home Mtg, Feb 8; Officers' Meeting, Feb 22.  
**MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON!**  
**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM TONY DICICCO REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.**

+++++

 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight* February 2024

Dear Brothers:

As we enter the month of February, we enter into the holy season of Lent. This begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th. As a reminder this is a day of fast and abstinence. That it also falls on the feast of St. Valentine will make the fast and abstinence even more meaningful.



As I said last month, I would have information concerning the council's activities during the year 2023. While I do not have the final numbers yet, I am proud to report that the members of this Council donated nearly **1,000 hours of service** to our parishes and communities last year. We also raised nearly **\$3,900 in charitable donations** and as I said donated about **3,500 pounds of food** to Catholic Social Services. As your Grand Knight, I am extremely proud of our service and know that this year we can top these numbers for myself and my successor.

Speaking of my successor, elections will be held in June. All offices are open, and any third-degree member is eligible to run for any office. If anyone is interested in running, please reach out to me or any officer of the Council.

The Council is still three members short of meeting its membership goal for the fraternal year. All members are encouraged to recruit new members. I just heard of a Council in South Philadelphia that in the last two months recruited 11 new members, with eight of them being in their 20s. So it's not impossible to find men out there interested.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tony DiCicco  
Grand Knight

*There will be some upcoming changes made to the chamber this summer as the room as not been updated in many years. **See Page 3** for information from the Home Association.*

(continued)

✠ *Update the Ladies Auxiliary 5036*

Dear Knights and Families,

Our Ladies Auxiliary has had a busy December and January. In December, we gathered for our December meeting/Christmas dinner and celebration.

Working with the Sisters for Life, we were able to provide gifts for a family in their parish to enjoy on Christmas morning. In January, a group of ladies volunteered their time serving a meal at St. Francis Inn and delivered some items we had collected for the Inn's kitchen necessities. Another group of ladies enjoyed a Saturday in Center City Philadelphia touring the Rodin and Barnes Foundation Museums. We have a lot of things planned for 2024. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Council Hall. New members are always welcome to join or attend a meeting to learn more about us. Feel free to reach out to our president, Stacey Ellis, at [staceyellisladiesaux@gmail.com](mailto:staceyellisladiesaux@gmail.com) or our recruitment chair, Mary DiCicco, at [mkd0918@aol.com](mailto:mkd0918@aol.com).



***Pics from our wonderful Lady's Auxiliary!***

(continued)

 *Message from the Chancellor*


Brothers,

Our Home Association will embark on a renovation of our Chamber beginning this summer. It should be completed by the fall. This will involve repairing the ceiling, replacing ceiling tiles, adding lighting and painting the walls. The carpet will be replaced at a later date.

As part of this process, all furnishings and decorations will be removed. Upon completion, all religious icons will be replaced, as well as a limited number of award items. Many photographs will then be displayed in the Hall instead of the Chamber.

All other items, including a display case, are available to be taken home by any Brother. Please examine these items at our next Business Meeting and see if there is something you would like. After 4-15-2024, all remaining unclaimed items will be discarded at the discretion of the Home Association. This is your last chance to obtain a Council item that may have significance to you.

Mike Pinkl  
V.P., Home Association  
Chancellor

 *Message from the Pro-Life Chairman*

The pro-life group at St. Cecilia's, Humanitas, has two upcoming projects:

First, our Ladies Auxiliary is co-hosting a baby shower for a woman and her husband that have chosen life for their baby girl, who is due on March 7. The couple has been working with the Sisters of Life, who in turn reached out about the shower. It will be held on Saturday, February 17, from 11am-1pm at St. Cecilia rectory. The husband and wife are both going to be there, and the Sisters would love to have some men present at the shower for some "fatherly fellowship" for him. Help is needed with food and decorations, and gifts are greatly appreciated, of course. This is a fantastic way to put our faith into action! If you can help in any way, please call Theresa Kuhar at 215-694-3709 or email her at [theresakuhar@gmail.com](mailto:theresakuhar@gmail.com).

Second, Humanitas will be doing a Baby Bottle drive in May and could use your help. We will distribute the bottles at all Masses on Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5. The bottles will be collected at all Masses on the following weekend, which is Mother's Day weekend - Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12. If you would like to help at any Mass, please contact Knight George Warren at 215-495-7310.

(continued)



## Trust in the Lord

I'm sitting here dreadfully indecisive, staring at a blank sheet of paper ready to write. Normally somewhere around the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month I read, hear, or see something that jumps out, and I know this is my topic for the upcoming newsletter. I like to think it's The Holy Spirit moving in my life.

Today is the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, and I am sitting here with several books in front of me that I've been reading, and I'm not getting anything. Actually, that's not true. I am getting too much. Initially, I sat down ready to write about The Lord's Prayer, The Our Father, Section Two of the Catechism.

I went to get my Catechism and laying on top of it were the Bible and three other books I've been reading: "Introduction to the Devout Life," by St. Francis De Sales, "Making Sense Out Of Suffering," by Peter Kreeft, and "holy moments," by Matthew Kelly. So now I want to talk about all three books, the Lord's Prayer, and the extraordinary bible versus I read this week. That would be a novel, not a newsletter article.

I am agitated and anxious as I pore over each book until a slip of paper drops out of one of them:

"Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit that my work too may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me then, O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy. Amen."

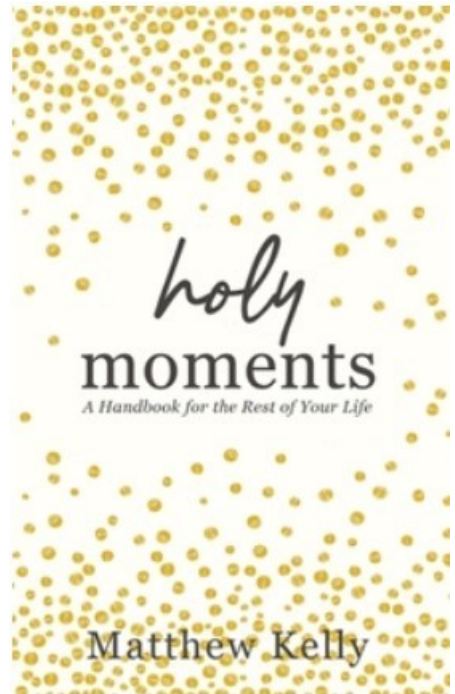
Thank you, Lord for reminding me that I did not begin my work with prayer.

Of course, the answer is Matthew Kelley's "Holy Moments." 'Holy' is repeated 10 times in the above prayer. "holy moments *A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*" is free from [HolyMomentsBook.com](http://HolyMomentsBook.com). You get 6 free books, shipping is \$23.00

This one little book has changed my life. Every day I see our country getting worse and I was frustrated because I wanted to do something, but what can one little nobody do. Well, Holy Moments showed me. Page. 99:

"Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. Once you hear about Holy Moments, the idea is impossible to forget. You cannot unhear it. It creates an immediate paradigm shift. Everywhere you go you will see opportunities to participate in Holy Moments..."

(continued)



I will add, it teaches what one little nobody can do to change the world. You heard of the butterfly effect (the idea that a butterfly's wings might create tiny changes in the atmosphere that may ultimately alter the path of a tornado ).

Page 89:

“You are just one person: (1).

You teach 3 other people about Holy Moments:  $1 + (1 \times 3 = 3) = 4$ .

And those 3 people teach 3 other people:  $4 + (3 \times 3 = 9) = 13$ .

Those 9 teach 3 more:  $13 + (9 \times 3) = 40$ .

And so it goes...

It would take less than 21 cycles to reach the whole world's population.

It's God's math. The principle of Spiritual Multiplication.”

I haven't quite finished this article, and I decide not to submit it; to do something else.

Suddenly I was interrupted by a phone call from John McAleer. This is our Retreat weekend at Malvern, but I couldn't go because of my back. John was letting me know that I could zoom into the retreat conferences, one of which was currently airing on Zoom. I stopped in the middle of this article to 'Zoom' in.

Father McHenry, retired pastor from St. Anthony of Padua, Ambler was talking about The Gifts of The Holy Spirit. Again, the Holy Spirit moving in my life. He ended by telling us to TRUST in the Lord. So, Lord, I do trust you, and here it is guys.

Jesus Lives!

Will Schmitt, PGK

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee

\*\*\*\*\*

Grand Knight.....	Tony DiCicco.....	<a href="tel:267-879-3611">267-879-3611</a>	.....	<a href="mailto:ajd7016@aol.com">ajd7016@aol.com</a>
Deputy Grand Knight .....	Chas Kuhar.....	267-579-8336.....	.....	<a href="mailto:chaskuhar@gmail.com">chaskuhar@gmail.com</a>
Chancellor.....	Mike Pinkl.....	267-446-41823.....	.....	<a href="mailto:mikepinkl@yahoo.com">mikepinkl@yahoo.com</a>
Financial Secretary.....	Adam Ungaro.....	215-284-1997.....	.....	<a href="mailto:adamungaro57@gmail.com">adamungaro57@gmail.com</a>
Lecturer .....	Will Schmitt.....	215-745-9710 .....	.....	<a href="mailto:wajschmitt@gmail.com">wajschmitt@gmail.com</a>
Insurance Agent.....	Cedar Cunningham...	425-372-8960.....	.....	<a href="mailto:cedar.cunning">cedar.cunning</a> (continued)

**Business Meeting, Feb 1, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ♦ OTHER MEETINGS @7:30PM in person and on Zoom!**

**Meet IN PERSON or on Zoom!** Zoom Meeting ID 805 406 5230; passcode is VjfUN3

**Business Meeting, Feb 1, 7pm; Home Mtg, Feb 8; Officers' Meeting, Feb 22.**

**MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON!**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES**

*Please pray for Member Karl Heck, who has passed. Also, please pray for an end to war everywhere.*

*Please pray for victims of gun violence.*

Please call or email Tony DiCicco with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

Also... pray through "Prayers Unite the World" [www.prayersunitetheworld.org](http://www.prayersunitetheworld.org),

(continued)



TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN FEBRUARY!

Richard L Girkin

Charles P Kuhar, Jr

Patrick Gleason

Anthony T Stamato

Charles P Kuhar, Sr

Rev Joel F Szydowski

Paul J Wuestkamp

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

+++++

PA KofC Newsletter: [http://www.pakofc.us/newsletter/keystone\\_knight/index.html](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](https://info.kofc.org/us_sp.html)

\*\*\*\*\*

**BANNER STAFF** ~ Editors: Tom Sims and Will Schmitt [wajschmitt@gmail.com](mailto:wajschmitt@gmail.com) or [council5036@gmail.com](mailto:council5036@gmail.com)

Please submit all articles for the Banner (Council5036@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month.

