



THE BANNER

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Join us for Our Annual
Communion Breakfast!
NOTE: AT ST. CECILIA'S
Sunday, April 21, 2024

BUSINESS MEETING, April 4, 7:00PM (Dinner Served!) ♦ OTHER MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!

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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 2024

Dear Brothers:

Rejoice! He is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

As we enter the month of April, we exult because the Lord is risen. We have just finished a period of repentance, but now we can celebrate the many gifts and blessings we have received. The one thing I am thankful to God for is this Council. Without my Brothers here, I know I would have emptiness in my life.

I now just have a few months left on my time as Grand Knight. I want to thank everyone for their help during my time in the office. While I am leaving office, I am not going anywhere. This brings up elections. Next month nominations begin. Think about running for office or nominating someone you think would make a good candidate. All offices are open.

I do regret to inform you that our Deputy Grand Knight, Chaz Kuhar has resigned his office, as he is moving. I wish him good luck in his future endeavors.

Brothers, we will be having our annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 21st. Mass will be at St Cecilia at 8:00 am, followed by breakfast in the auditorium. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mike at 267-446-4182 or Chuck at 215-694-3708.

Vivat Jesus,
Tony DiCicco
Grand Knight

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 21st after 8am Mass

IT IS FREE!
REALLY!

AT ST. CECILIA'S

**PANCAKES, COFFEE,
HOT CHOCOLATE &
JUICE**

IN THE AUDITORIUM

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Please call Mike (267-446-4182) or
Chuck (215-694-3708) to RSVP

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1/8th of an Inch

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

In the summer of 1961, at age fifteen, I started working for a Master Cabinet Maker who taught me how to read a carpenter's rule. He was an artist at his craft. The beauty and precision of his cabinets made him in great demand.

It took me almost all of that first summer to understand those little ruler ticks. I easily grasped the inches, the half inches, and quarters, but the rest just wouldn't sink in.

One day the light went on and once I grasped the Eighth-inch ticks, the rest fell into place. When life knocks us down with those "surprises" like losing a job, the passing of a loved one, sickness, or whatever, it is difficult to see anything but what is right in front of us at the moment. All we can see is that 'surprise' and feel the hurt taking up our whole being, sucking the life out of us.

But what if we are only seeing 1/16, or 1/32, or 1/64 or... it could go on to infinity; smaller and smaller to the teensiest sliver. But how much of the whole picture are we seeing? At that moment, to us it is the whole picture. It is the only thing in the world that matters. We are in such great pain; suffering and sadness like never before. We are hurting so much, it is all one can think about and dwell on.

But in God's perfect plan it is only a very tiny bit of the whole picture. Maybe one-eighth of the whole picture (or 1/16, 1/32?) – The point is we can not see the whole picture, the entire puzzle. Who knows God's mind? (See IS 55, 8:9)

What if in our suffering, someone was to say that this 'surprise' is the best thing to happen to us? I'd probably want to hurt them. One would certainly think them cruel and uncaring, or just plain crazy. But if we could see the entire picture, we may be amazed at God's perfect plan and understand why this unhappy 'surprise' happened. Our sorrow would turn to joy and we would be exalted and humbled that God chose us.

God loves us dearly. His love for us is extravagant, excessive, lavish, and extreme. There is nothing he wouldn't do for us. If we can remember every 'bad' surprise that happens is for our good, we can thank the Lord and live much happier lives. God has never... and will never do anything but what is best for us. Saint James, the cousin of Jesus tells us to "count it all as joy when we meet various trials...that we may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (JAS 1, 2)

Jesus Lives!
Will Schmitt, PGK
2nd Year Trustee



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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Please pray for David Schein. 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,



*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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