



# THE BANNER

*Unfurled for God and Country*



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**Pancake Breakfast  
April 21**

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✠ *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

May 2024

Dear Brothers:

This is my next to last submission to the *Banner* as your Grand Knight. It has been a pleasure to share with you for the last two years.

First off, I want to congratulate Brother, Mike Pinkl and his team for a successful pancake breakfast last week after our annual Mass. About 100 people were fed and 55 meals were prepared for Aid for Friends with the leftovers.



*Knights and their Ladies at the State convention.*

Of utmost importance this month is the nomination of officers for the next fraternal year. The Council cannot exist or function without officers, so please consider running for office or nominating someone you feel is a good leader for the Council. All positions are available. Nominations will continue in June, followed by elections.

Brothers, our current Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Pinkl, and I have just returned from the 126th PA State Convention. Much was observed and learned. The new state officers are as follows: State Deputy - Gary Damich; Dennis Sullivan, Brian Smith, Doug Fleming and Mike Yuknek. Mike hails from the East Region and is a member of Peace Council. More information from the State Convention will be in the June *Banner*.

We are still three members away from meeting our goal. I still believe that we can do it. As I have mentioned previously, we will be cleaning out the Council building of any unwanted

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material. If you want anything, claim it now, as it will be disposed of shortly. The renovations to the chamber have been put on hold as there have been some problems discovered in the basement that need to be dealt with first. For more information come to the Home Association meeting on June 12th.

Again, thanks for everything you do to support the Council.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tony DiCicco  
Grand Knight

✠ *Ladies Auxiliary Corner*

This past weekend the Ladies Auxiliary conducted toiletries drive at Resurrection for the guests at St Francis Inn. Through the generosity of the parishioners at Resurrection, two carloads of materials were collected and donated on Sunday afternoon. The drive will continue at their May meeting on May 20th.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be gathering at Our Lady's Grotto at St Cecilia's to pray the rosary, every Monday night in May. They will begin around 7:10pm, after Benediction concludes. Please join us.



*Ladies Auxiliary hosted a toiletry drive at Resurrection for St. Francis Inn.  
Below: Photos from the Pancake Breakfast*





# Baptism in the Spirit and Fire

SEGMENT 3 of *The Wild Goose*

Click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeufg94jAjU>



I include this segment of *The Wild Goose* for two important reasons:

1. First to introduce those who never heard of it (me, until 3 weeks ago);
2. And second, to trip your memory circuits back on. The Holy Spirit has acted in your life, just let your mind flow, and remember those past 'little' miracles.

## From Segment Three Discussion:

Discuss occasions where you have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

When have you felt His peace? When have you felt His fire?

At age 3, I had a severe case of Bronchitis and my voice got really deep. Since birth I have been an early riser, and my deep voice would wake the rest of the house, so mom started getting me out of the house early by going to 5:30 Mass every morning. In 1949 Masses at St. Cecilia's were 5:30 and 6:30 A.M.

I remember one morning standing outside the old basement church just a few feet from the present church. My mom was talking to Father Coyle or Father Hughes, I could never tell them apart. I had fallen a few days earlier and hit the ground so hard that I bit open my tongue which kept bleeding profusely. They were able to finally stop the bleeding, but it really hurt; I was in excruciating pain. Mom was telling Father about it, asking for his prayers when I blurted out,

"You can fix it right now Father! You can put that white thing that has God in it on my tongue! Then it won't hurt anymore!"

I didn't know it then, but I believe it was my first experience with the Holy Spirit. Somehow at age 3, I knew, I was positive... that if I could just have the Lord touch my tongue, it would stop hurting.

When have I felt His Peace? In 1982 I reluctantly attended a Charismatic Prayer Meeting in St. Cecilia's new auditorium. I really didn't want to be there with all those Fanatics, nutzoz hugging, touching, dancing, yelling Jesus freaks.

I had other things plaguing my life. My mind was in turmoil, I was experiencing big financial problems, and I was in a constant state of worry, tension, and frustration.

Suddenly, everything got really quiet, and it was like an invisible blanket was slowly descending, covering the room. A delightful peace came over me, and I just let it all go. The tension, the worry, the pain, it all just dissipated. It was a feeling of total contentment and joy that I had never experienced before. I know today it was the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit.

When have I felt His fire? Every time I receive the Holy Eucharist, the fire of love burns in my heart for the Lord Jesus who so graciously raises us up to Divinity when we receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The gift of The Holy Spirit.

“You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.” (Divine Mercy Chaplet).

It overwhelms me when I think how He wants us to use Him. His love is so tremendously great for you and me that He humbles himself to raise us to Divinity, to “empty himself upon you.” There is only pure love for you and me; no disappointment, no chastisement, from Him. He only wants the absolute best for you and for me.

Meditate on his presence. Be aware of his actual being there with you. He sits down next to you and puts His arm around you, enveloping you with all His love and goodness. All He asks from you is your acceptance of His love and all the favors He wants to give you.

**Gifts of the Holy Spirit:**

- From St. Agustine, (Article/Paragraph VI): <https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/holy-ghost#vi-gifts-of-the-holy-ghost>
- <https://www.learnreligions.com/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit-542143>

**Fruits of the Holy Spirit:**

- From Saint Agustine, (See Paragraph or Article VII): <https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/holy-ghost#vii-fruits-of-the-holy-ghost>
- Loyola Press: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/catholic-basics/catholic-beliefs-and-practices/fruits-of-the-holy-spirit/>

Certe Jesus Vivit!  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES**

*Please pray for David Schein and Clint Snyder. 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),



*TO ALL WHO WERE  
BORN IN MAY!*

Joseph Bernauer  
Michael Foell  
Matthew McDonald

Michael Onori  
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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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*Happy Mother's Day to our Lady Knights  
and all moms everywhere!*