

# **THE BANNER**

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**Corpus Christi** Requests

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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

June 2024

#### Dear Brothers:

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you. This is my last article as your Grand Knight. This two-year journey was not always a smooth one and did not always go as I had planned it would go, but with God's grace and your support, I was able to carry out my duties to the best of my ability.

I want to start by saying **Thank You** from the bottom of my heart to my fellow Officers, especially the past Grand Knights, for their support and encouragement. I could not have done it without all of you.

Thank you also to all the members of the Council, who supported everything that was asked of you during my term in office. Your help is what keeps this Council running and growing.





Officers Election June 6

Brothers, now is the time to make your voices heard. Council elections are at the June 6th business meeting. Come out, nominate someone you think is able to do the job, or nominate yourself. Then vote when the time comes.



Coin Drive @ Acme Bleigh & Large June 15 10a - 2p Our annual coin drop for Special Olympics is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th from 10-2 at the Acme located at Bleigh and Large. This is right around the corner from Resurrection.

On Sunday, June 2nd, the parishes are having Corpus Christi processions are looking for participation from the Knights. More information can be found below. Let's be visible to our parishes.

I have invited a guest speaker to our June meeting, the PA State Program Director. He will talk to us about ways that we can improve our reporting of activities as well as ways that we can expand our activities in the areas that we serve.

Brothers, again I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Grand Knight. While I will not have a leadership role in the near future, I am not going to fade away. In closing, I offer my best wishes and support to the officers who will be elected in June to serve this council for the next fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus, Tony DiCicco Grand Knight



### **Brothers:**

We have three requests for Knights to participate in Eucharistic Processions on Sunday, June 2nd.

- 1) Fr. Chris is looking for Knights to assist with the procession at St Cecilia's after the 11:00 Mass. He would like 10 to assist with traffic control, two to four Color Corps, which I have put a request to the Assembly for, and Knights to march in the procession, wearing knights' shirts if possible. Contact Will Schmitt or Mike Pinkl for more information
- 2) Fr Jim DeGrassa is looking for Knights to participate in Resurrections procession after the 12:00 noon Mass. All that can join in are asked to wear knights gear if they have it. Contact myself if you can participate.
- 3) the Archdiocesan procession from the Cathedral to St Patrick's Church in Center City, will take place at 12:30 pm, after the 11:00 Mass.

Thank you to all who can participate.

# Come Holy Spirit

Come into our hearts and enkindle within your Divine Love

When we pray, God originates prayer, not us. "God initiates, we respond" (Father Mark Toups). God loves for us to talk with Him. We know for certain we have His full attention each and every time, because He started the dialogue.



I think instead of praying "God graciously hear us," we should pray "God, **thank you** for graciously hearing us," because we know He does hear us. Instead of "God, Have mercy on us" we should pray "God, **thank you** for having mercy on us," because we know with certainty He does have mercy; God has Oceans and Oceans of mercy for you and me, more than we realize (Psalm 103). Jesus suffered and died for us.

We can be 100% sure we are in His presence when we pray. God not only hears us but answers our every request. He intends and provides the absolute best outcome for us – ALWAYS.

If you become silent, you will 'hear' His side of the conversation, in the form of promptings, or 'thoughts' that pop into your head.

When a loved one has terminal cancer or any disease we pray for a miracle. We pray for their full recovery, spiritually and physically. Praying exactly that for my brother, I was struck with a very odd thought which I believe was God's prompting. If my brother Pat were not to recover physically, would I think my prayer unanswered?

Prayer is always, without exception, answered. Oftentimes not as expected. St. Agustine defines Love as "willing the good of the other." We will what is 'best' for our loved one. Praying for what <u>we</u> imagine to be the best outcome. Keyword: <u>WE</u>.

We cannot see the big picture. We cannot see God's perfect plan. We do not reason as God reasons. Our mind and reasoning are extremely limited (Is. 55). We want what is best for our loved one, however, God wants what is best much, much more than we do.

In the flash of an instant, in the "twinkling of an eye" we will pass from this world into Paradise and be at once face to face with Jesus enveloped in love, joy, and peace exponentially greater than ever experienced in life (1Cor. 15:52).

If given the choice to remain in this blissful pleasure or "recovering" to life on Earth, what do you think that choice would be? It is a no-brainer for me, and I'm pretty sure our loved one. They would make the choice to remain.

Knowing this, we should never again feel saddened, never again feel ignored by God if we do not get exactly what "we" thought was the best outcome. Every prayer is answered, every request is granted by God to the best outcome for you and for me.

There certainly is the sorrow of loss, but we are sure our prayer has been answered. Our loved one is where <u>they</u> want to be, "recovered" in the loving arms of Christ; The best possible outcome.

We did in fact receive the result for which we asked. God graciously answered our request. God tenderly, lovingly answered our prayer.

Certe Jesus Vivit! Will Schmitt, PGK 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee

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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" <a href="https://www.prayersunitetheworld.org">www.prayersunitetheworld.org</a>,



TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN JUNE!

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

Rev John E Lydon Daniel J McKenna Charles V Minarcik Jr Thomas G Palandro Alfred L Penzo David P Schein Luke Schragen Raymond L Snyder Robert E Wallis Jerome A Zaleski

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