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**BUSINESS MEETING, July 11, 7:00PM (Dinner Served!) ♦ OTHER MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!**

## **Meetings *IN PERSON ONLY!***

**Business Meeting, July 11, 7pm; Home Meeting (Officers Only), July 18; Officers' Meeting, July 25.  
MEETINGS IN PERSON ONLY! ~ Home Mtgs are General Mtgs in March, June, September, December.  
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM MIKE PINKL REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.**

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✠ *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

July 2024

Dear Brothers:

It is my privilege to serve as your next Grand Knight. Our new Deputy Grand Knight is Jim Woodruff.

I would like to thank our Past Grand Knight, Tony DiCicco and Past Deputy Grant Knight, Chaz Kuhar, for their dedicated service. Our Council has seen an influx of new members, a profitable fundraiser event, and successful coin-drop collections during their tenure.

If I achieve a fraction of what they have, I will consider my time a success.

Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Pinkl  
Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Ryan Council 5036



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## **Newly Elected Officers**

**Grand Knight** - Mike Pinkl  
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**Three-Year Trustee** - Anthony DiCicco  
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Left: Brother John Carrol (left) presented with the St John Neuman Medal from St. John Neuman Assembly; Above and below right: Brothers came out for the Coin Drop at Acme to raise money for Special Olympics.



Members of the Council escort Fr. Jim DeGrasso and his family at his farewell dinner at Resurrection.



✝ Financial Secretary Message

The 2024 Football Sweeps Fundraiser Tickets are now available. The tickets will be out on the bar until early October 11, 2024. Please take some and try to sell or purchase them. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket and gives you a chance to win 25 weekly cash prizes ranging from \$30 to \$400 that total \$3,000. Your ticket covers the last 10 weeks of the football season, so it actually comes down to \$1 per week to play for the ten weeks. You don't need to know anything about football as the ticket has computer-picked four teams for each of your ten weeks. It's not about your teams winning or losing their games, but is about their total scores summed up for the week. There are 8 prizes for the lowest totals and 17 prizes for the highest. Each \$10 ticket purchased/sold yields \$2 for our Council. Then when the season is over there is an additional check that comes into the Council for our participation.

If you are not a regular attendee to our Council meetings (no access to the bar) then you can contact Adam Ungaro at 215-284-1997 or [adamungaro57@gmail.com](mailto:adamungaro57@gmail.com) for tickets. The cutoff for purchasing the tickets is October 11, 2024 as they must be returned to the State Council by October 18, 2024.

Adam Ungaro, Financial Secretary  
Chairman of the Football Sweeps



# Faith –Not Sight

I'm writing this on Father's Day, June 16, 2024.

Today on YouTube, Father Mike Schmitz on Ascension Press' "Sundays With Ascension," ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_uvuGzyC-I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_uvuGzyC-I))

tells a story about a man from Minnesota reminiscing about his childhood.

The man talks about his dad because he had a great relationship with his father. He was talking with his best friend and was telling him about what it was like growing up in Minnesota.

They would take these family trips driving north towards Canada. The back roads were dark with no lighting. His mom would be asleep, his brothers would be asleep, but he would stay up.

He said, "I would sit there in the middle seat behind my dad, and I would just watch as he drove into the night, into the darkness."

He said "I would feel so safe, even driving in the dark night, because my dad was driving. He was like some sort of super-hero who could see out into the night beyond the pitch-black darkness. And now my dad is gone, passed away, and it's pitch-black and I can't see anything."

Think about that on this day, especially this day, Father's Day. The role of dads in so many ways, the role of great dads, they keep their lives moving forward, they keep their families moving forward, even when it is pitch-black.

You can't see beyond the headlights; you can't see anything down the road. Something about good dads who just keep on going when they can't see ahead.

I still hear my dad's voice with his advice to me every time I went to him about a problem: "Oh well, everything will work out, it always does."

I remember him reminiscing on his 95th birthday about how often in life he couldn't see "down the road." He lived through some dangerous times WW1, The Great Depression, WW2, RIFs at work, money worries, health worries, always something to worry about, but I never saw him discouraged or disappointed. He was always happy, very calm, very laid back, and very courageous. He always trusted God and just accepted the bad times knowing that somehow, someday, God in his love and kindness would make everything O.K. again, or as in most times better than the way they were.

Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (June 16, 2024) 2Cor:6-10, Paul tells us that while we are home in our body, we are away from the Lord, so we walk by faith and not by sight.

We drive into the pitch-black unable to see what's ahead, knowing everything will turn out all right. Faith, not sight.

I'm now 78 and absolutely agree 100% with my dad. Today's reading has me reminiscing about my life. There were many, many "end-of-the-world" disasters



**June 30: The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a picnic at Masons Mill Park. All Brothers and families invited. Please RSVP to Tony DiCicco, [ajd7016@aol.com](mailto:ajd7016@aol.com)**

