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**Third Degree Event
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BUSINESS MEETING, Aug 4, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ♦ **ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Meetings *IN PERSON and on Zoom!*

Business Meeting, Aug 4, 7pm; Home Meeting, Aug 11, 7:30pm; Officers' Meeting Aug 25

MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON!

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

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 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

August 2022

Brothers,

During the month of July, we welcomed 5 new members into our Council—and had a new and returning members. We are well on our way to meeting our membership goal for the year. We do have a few more prospects lined up, so we should meet our goal easily.

As August is usually pretty quiet, there is not much happening--except the our participation in National Night Out on August 2nd at Fox Chase School.

Hope to see everyone at our Business meeting on August 4th at 7:00 pm. Please join in person or by ZOOM. The ZOOM code is below.

This code is good for all meetings, so please save it.

Viva Jesus,
Tony DiCicco
Grand Knight

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8054065230?pwd=ems0dFZFYUpWUkNMxXjdjRXI4ZU1HQQT09>

Meeting ID: 805 406 5230; Passcode: VjfUN3



New Knights New Members

Michael Branhut Matthew McDonald
Dr. Peter Connolly Christopher Fried
Jack Tomczuk

New member to the Council: Vern Rose

Returning Members

John Carroll Adam Ungaro III

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Knights' Third Degree Event (top) and Special Olympics Check Presentation.



Photo by Ron Marcinkowski, Jr.



The Knights were asked by the Sisters of Life to help a young mother out needed furniture and cold air. Of course, we did an outstanding job.

Thank you, gentlemen!

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The annual Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament is on Saturday August 20 – 8:00 Shotgun Start – Eagles Crossing Golf Club in Carlisle, PA.

The registration form is on the state website www.kofcpennsylvania.org. A list of some of the local hotels closest to the course is also on the website.

All checks should be payable/mail:
The Harrisburg Diocesan Chapter,
928 Acri Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Any questions can be directed to me as well. Registrations and hole sponsors are due August 12.

Fraternally,
Jerome P Wood
State Advocate and
Golf Tournament Chairman



Lessons from the Cicada Killer

It is a beautiful, glorious morning, this sunny day of July 20 where I sit in my backyard writing this. I'm late, a week beyond my usual deadline. My wife has been suffering with Covid-19 for a week, and I started feeling down and out with all the symptoms of a serious cold a few days ago. I'm not trying to garner your sympathy or attention, just laying the background for this canvas.



Originally, I supposed I'd just plagiarize something for this month's newsletter, because I just did not feel like writing. I came outside to relax and try and feel better. Nature has always fascinated me, and she takes my mind off negative thoughts. "Nature" is my 25-foot by 25-foot backyard on a sliver of land 25 feet by 100 feet. Not much when compared to zillions of acres in the country. But a lot happens in this tiny world out back, and today an incident occurred that got me wondering about how we trust God.

I am fascinated by the solitary digger wasp Cicada Killer or Cicada Hawk depending on where you're from. It is a large wasp that belongs to the family Crabronidae (I looked it up). The females average 2 inches long, but the males are half her size. Only the female can sting but must be highly provoked or stepped on. She only wants to sting Cicadas.

You may have seen colonies of them buzzing your lawn or your neighbor's. Go online or YouTube to learn about them. They are harmless, but many people fear them. They are curious and will zoom towards anyone walking innocently by. I was terrified by them and tried to exterminate every-last-one of them in my neighborhood years ago when I cut neighbors' lawns. Thank God for YouTube for educating me to the reality of these benign giants.

For the past week I've been watching 3 Cicada Killer males perched about 20 feet from each other in a triangle. One on our McDonald's Eastern White Pine, one on my neighbor's fence, and the other in the far corner of my neighbor's yard. Every couple of minutes two wasps engage each other or all three in short air-combat skirmishes lasting seconds. I can't tell for sure, but it looks like they head-butt each other. The males hatch first and emerge from their underground burrow a week or so before the females. These guys are waiting for the females to arrive.

I saw a female cruise by yesterday, but the numbskulls were so busy harassing each other they missed her.

Early this morning she cruised by again, but all three males were nowhere to be seen, probably sleeping in. She was investigating under my bushes and around the yard, probably looking for a nesting spot once she mates.

She flew over to my neighbor's yard and started investigating his portable outdoor firepit. It's old and she managed to crawl through a rusted-out hole in the bottom and trapped herself in there. She must have forgot how she got in, because she vigorously buzzed and clawed the top to escape, but it's covered in mesh. I wanted to go over and release her but waited to see if she could get out on her own. The three males eventually realized she was in there and went crazy zooming all around the fire pit and of course fighting each other. The female was

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ferociously trying to get out. This went on for hours until she finally gave up and just sat there. The males returned to their perches, harassing each other and anything else that flew by.

I was hoping she would return to the bottom of the firepit and discover one of the many rusted-out holes and slots, avenues of escape, but she clung stubbornly to the top. In her mind this was the only way out.

I said earlier that she reminded me of how we trust God. We are like that female Cicada Killer stubbornly and senselessly clinging to our way of doing things. The steel mesh of the firepit is every problem, frustration and worry we allow to trap and suffocate us. We foolishly claw at it and pound against it again and again, falsely hoping to escape.

The rusted-out holes are the avenues of hope, love, and trust God freely gives to us, but we do not trust Him or relax enough to see them. All we need do is stop fighting God and stop our furious clawing at the "steel mesh," settle down and walk freely through the avenues of acceptance offered by our loving Father. What I mean by acceptance is being at peace and freely accepting God's will. Every prayer is answered. Problems we pray about are not always answered the way we want or expect (Is 55:8-9).

Jesus Lives!
Will Schmitt, PGK
2nd Year Trustee

Malvern Retreat House is pleased to once again offer our Married Couples Retreat weekend. This year's retreat director is Rev. Paul Schneck, a married Catholic priest. Our weekend begins with dinner on Friday, September 9 at 5pm and concludes after breakfast and Mass on Sunday, September 11 (around noon). Come and grow deeper in love! Marriage is a vocation requiring us to continuously devote time, effort and love. As marriages grow and evolve, they need support to remain healthy. Malvern Retreat House's marriage retreats are designed to enable couples to evaluate God's place in their relationship while rediscovering His love in their marriage. The price is \$390 per couple, which includes the retreat program, food, and lodging. To reserve your space, go to <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/married-couples-retreat/> and click on "Register Now" or call Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400.

For more information, please call Retreat Co-Captains
Chuck Kuhar (215-694-3708) or Theresa Kuhar (215-694-3709).
Spaces fill quickly and the retreat is limited to 48 couples,
so don't wait to make your reservation!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Will and Johanna Schmitt

Please call or email Chuck Kuhar with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

Through "Prayers Unite the World" www.prayersunitetheworld.org,



TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN AUGUST!

Emilio F Agresti
John F. Carroll
Antonio Di Sandro
Joseph G Efkwitz

Richard K Girkin
William D Kuhar
Rev. Robert F Lucas
Alexander D Rigney

Stanley P Rimdzius
Tom Sims

If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Please e-mail: tomhsims@gmail.com

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PA KofC Newsletter: 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>

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FOR UKRAINE**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE
Pray for Victims and Their Families**