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Who's That Pooch?
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BUSINESS MEETING, July 13, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ♦ ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!

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 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

July 2023

Brothers:

Welcome to summer and a new fraternal year. Last fraternal year our Council had a goal of eight (8) new members, we passed that goal and had 11. Well done on the recruiting. I do not know what our goal is for this year, but it should be similar. We're off to a good start with three new members to be sworn in at the July meeting. Speaking of the July meeting, the date has been changed to July 13th, due to the holiday week. The degree ceremony will start at 7:00 pm, with the meeting immediately after.

The Football Sweeps tickets are ordered and should be delivered shortly. They will be available at the Council for whoever wants any. Anyone interested in running this program, please contact me.

Our election took place last month. Tony Esposito is the new Recorder and Pat Diamond was elected to 3-year Trustee. Will Schmidt and Chuck Kuhar move to 1 and 2-year Trustees.

Beginning the weekend of June 24/25, the Council has begun "Feed My Sheep" food collection weekends at Resurrection. These will occur monthly on the third weekend of the month. Any help after the 12:00pm Mass would be appreciated to load the food into the cars. Contact myself or Dennis Franklin for more information.

Before we meet in August or the next Banner reaches everyone, there is one big event that the Council will be participating in: National Night Out on August 1st. Anyone who can help out at our table in the yard at Fox Chase School is asked to contact Chuck Kuhar.

Vivat Jesus,
Tony DiCicco
Grand Knight



✝ *Pro-Life Chairman*

My Brother Knights,

I want to thank everyone for coming out for the annual special Olympics coin drive. It was very successful day.

I especially want to thank Winston, I'm sure some of these people have never seen a dog the size of a horse! Great job, you should be proud of yourselves. Thanks again!

I want to invite everyone out to see the renovations of the new building. It looks great--you won't recognize the place.

Chuck Kuhar
Pro-Life Chairman



Dennis Franklin speaking about "Feed my sheep."

Volunteers Needed!!! Saturday, November 11
1st Annual Knight at the Races/Monte Carlo Night
St Cecilia's Hall

This is an "all hands on deck" event. We need all the Knights who are available to volunteer in some capacity for this fundraising event. Please contact Todd Ellis at 919-215-4161 to sign up for the event. **Thank you for your support.**



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| Grand Knight | Anthony DiCicco |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Chaz Kuhar |
| Chancellor | Mike Pinkl |
| Warden | Dennis Franklin |
| Recorder | Anthony Espisito |
| Treasurer | Jon McAleer |
| Advocate | Dave Schein |
| Outside Guard | George Warren |
| Inside Guard | Bill Schragen |
| One Year Trustee | Will Schmitt |
| Two Year Trustee | Chuck kuhar |
| Three Tear Trustee | Pat Diamond |
| Financial Secretary | To be appointed by Supreme |

Imagine You and Christ Alone Together

Back in May (Tuesday, May 23 to be exact), I awoke at 3:50 A.M. and unable to get back to sleep I went downstairs and watched “Day 143 of Fr. Mike Schmitz’s Catechism in a Year” on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7BRPkg1BAY>



*Will Schmidt on Interstate 40 East
...somewhere in Oklahoma.*

Most of what follows is Father Mike with some interjection by me.

Father Mike encourages us to think about our death. Something we would look forward to if we truly understood what death is. Death is simply just passing from one form to another. At the moment of death, our soul separates from our body and immediately we are before God for our particular judgement. We are present with total love, mercy, kindness, and goodness. At that moment we receive our eternal recompense, we get what we have chosen.

Father Mike says it would be a great spiritual practice for us to imagine our death on a regular basis. That is to imagine the moment after our death when we come before God, face to face. What does his face look like as He looks up and sees us? What do we see as His gaze rests upon us and our gaze rests upon Him?

Is the look upon God’s face one of pure joy?

Is the Lord’s look one of absolute thankfulness? Praise for you?

Is He looking at you with good fatherly pride and the fact that you done it?

Can He look at us with joy as we stand before him at the moment after our death and he says to us, **well done good and faithful servant. Come receive your Master's Joy. Enter into your Master's Joy.**”

Or do We Stand face to face with God when he looks up and sees us and know us as we are and loves us so deeply.

But will there be pain in his face?

Will there be sorrow on his face as He looks at us and sees what we've chosen?

As we stand before God in his goodness, and his beauty, and his love,

will He look at us and say, “Oh, I know that's what you've chosen. You've chosen not me.”

(continued)

When I look upon him and realize I've chosen not him.
I had a whole life. I had an entire life to choose him, and I didn't.
I had an entire life to say yes to God my father, God my savior, God the Holy Spirit who dwells in me through baptism and Confirmation.
Every time I pray and ask the father for the holy spirit in Jesus' name, he gives it.
I had all those chances, all those chances to just simply say, "**I'm sorry, please father help me,**" and I didn't.

And we'll look upon the Father's face, look upon the face of our judge Jesus Christ, and His face will be sad, sorrowful, grieved,
and He will walk away, we will never enter his presence ever, ever again.
Never to gaze upon goodness ever again.
Never to experience love ever again.

It's worth it. It's worth meditating on our death.
It's worth meditating on that moment right after our death.
Will we stand before God, and He'll break into a smile of joy?
Well done - Through all the weakness, and all the pain, and all the suffering,
you realize it's all worth it.

I think it was Saint Teresa of Avila who said, "At the end of our life when we get to heaven, even with the most miserable, most horrible of our lives; a most painful and suffering-filled life will seem like a night in a bad Motel."
I hope so, I hope so.

Or will we stand before the Lord and see that sorrow in his eyes and feel nothing but regret?
Feel nothing but resentment towards him? We kind of know that we, when we walk away, will never again see goodness?

We should pray that we have the grace of final perseverance.
It's one of the things we pray for when we pray the Hail Mary. We pray, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." That grace with final perseverance is necessary for all of us. Maybe pray three 'Hail Marys' every day that we have a priest with us at our death.

To be able to close our eyes and peacefully say, "Amen," eagerly seeking our encounter with our greatest joy, Our Lord and our particular judgement.

Jesus Lives!
Will Schmitt, PGK
2nd Year Trustee

P.S. 6/14/23: I just reread the above which I wrote back in May. Right now, I'm on Interstate 40 East somewhere in Oklahoma. After gazing on the beauty of the Southwest the last 2 weeks, I've had a mere glimpse of the Creator through His creation. I understand a miniscule better what the Beatific Vision may be like...looking forward to it!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Please pray for peace in Ukraine. Please pray for victims of gun violence.
Please call or email Tony DiCicco with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.
Through "Prayers Unite the World" www.prayersunitetheworld.org,



*TO ALL WHO WERE
BORN IN JULY!*

Todd Ellis
Theodore Farrell
Gary Foley
Kenneth Garsey
David Kerr

Edward Lawrence
Bernard Mack, Jr.
Josph McKeown
Michael Pinkl
Neal Roach, Jr.

Clint Snyder
Joseph Ukogu
George Warren, Jr.

If we missed your birthday, we apologize. Please send an email to the editors at council5036@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.

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