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Coin Drive @ Ressurrection and St. Cecilia's.

Another Successful Year
Thank you to all who came out to help!



BUSINESS MEETING, July 10, 7:30PM ♦ ALL MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!

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 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

July 2025

Dear Brothers:

It is my privilege to serve as your new Grand Knight. Our new Deputy Grand Knight is George Warren.

I would like to thank our Past Grand Knight, Mike Pinkl for his dedicated service. Our Council has seen an influx of new members, a profitable fundraiser event, and successful coin-drop collections during his tenure, and many charitable acts.

If I achieve a fraction of what he has, I will consider my time a success.

Vivat Jesus,
James Woodruff
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus



2025 Football Sweeps Fundraiser

Sweeps tickets are now available. The tickets will be out on the bar until early October. 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. If you do not regularly attend to our meetings then contact Adam Ungaro at 215-284-1997 or adamungaro57@gmail.com for tickets.

Newly Elected Officers

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Three Persons in One God

I am currently reading “Why Does *Everything* Come in Threes?” by Peter Kreeft, Ignatius Press, as part of George Warren St. Cecilia’s Book Club. I found it very hard to read and was quite lost after the first 30 pages. With the help of AI (Copilot, ChatGPT, and Gemini) I discovered Kreeft writes in a very associative, dialogic style. He doesn’t always explain things directly. He moves quickly between ideas and often leaves things for the reader to ponder rather than resolve. I continued reading but slower and using a thesaurus, and it began to sink in, but barely.



The book is structured around the idea that reality – on every level – seems to be patterned in triplets. Kreeft explores this through Philosophy, Theology, and Human experience and everyday life. All of these ‘Threes’ are not random. They are reflections of the Trinity. The world is created by a Triune God; thus the “Threeness” we find everywhere is like a divine fingerprint. It has helped me to see recurring patterns of three in my own experiences, which point to a deeper relationship with God.

Chapter 5 beginning on Pg.87 helps me with my struggle in wrapping my brain around the Trinity, Three persons, one God. I know I will never completely understand the Trinity until I’m with the Lord, but the more I read other’s thoughts on the Trinity, the closer I move towards God and his phenomenal, unfathomable love for you and me. God must be a Triune God because He is complete true love.

“The reason for trinities in everything except God is God Himself, who is extrinsic (outside) or transcendent (supreme, unequalled) to the whole of creation; The reason God Himself is a Trinity is intrinsic (inherent), in God Himself. God is the reason for Himself as well as the reason for everything else. God’s essence is His existence. He does not “have” existence or “get” existence from any cause; He is existence by His own essence.” We often forget God is outside of time, space and matter.

I hope I haven’t lost you, but the point I’m leading to is this: The reason God is a Trinity is because **God is love**, true love, complete and total love, self-giving, altruistic love, **agape** love of the other. “In order to be not just a lover but love itself, in Himself, to be complete love, God must include otherness in Himself. Thus, He must be more than only one person. Without otherness, love cannot be altruistic.”

“God lacks nothing. He does not need us or the world. His love is not needy; it is not the desire for something He does not have. If God is complete in Himself and His love is altruistic, not egotistic, then the only possible motive for Him to create us and the world must be altruistic, not egotistic. We and our world have been **loved** into existence.”

“It is for our glory, not His, that He created us. When He asks for our adoration and worship, it is to increase our good. He does not need us; we need Him, and we need to know and express our need for Him. Thus, the purpose of prayer is not to change God’s mind or will, not to conform His will to ours, but to fulfill it, to conform our will to His.

“Complete love requires a lover, a beloved, and the act of loving. They are the giver, the gift, and the giving. They are also the self, the other, and the relationship between them. (Everything in Threes). Thus, the Father is the absolute origin, the Son is the absolute object, and the Spirit is the absolute relationship or activity or eternal process of being, knowing and loving, which is what God is. The Father is Being and the source of all being; the Son is the Father’s perfect self-knowledge; and the Spirit is the perfect love between Father and Son. The Father’s knowledge is so perfect that it is (eternally) another person, “begotten” like a son; and the love between Father and Son is so perfect that it is (eternally) another person, “proceeding” from the Father and the Son.”

You are loved by God so much more than you can or will ever comprehend just because you are you. Know the freedom; live your life as the beloved child of God.

Vivat Jesus!
Will Schmitt, PGK, Lecturer

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Happy Birthday to all Knights born in July!

Todd Ellis
Theodore Farrell
Gary Foley
Kenneth Garsey
Brian Haughton

David Kerr
Edward Lawrence
Bernard Mack, Jr.
Joseph 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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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Also, please pray for an end to war everywhere. Please pray for victims of gun violence and the wildfires. Please pray for government officials, for a commitment to peace.

Please call or email Mike Pinkl with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

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On this day of celebration, the declaration of liberty and justice for all people is remembered. The vision and sacrifices that have shaped this nation are acknowledged.

Prayers are offered for those seeking refuge and a better life within our borders. May we provide clear pathways to citizenship and true liberty for all.

Prayers are also offered for the oppressed and marginalized in society--who we know Jesus so deeply loved. We pray for those who live with injustice, terror, and disease. We pray for those forgotten or cast off, for whom human rights are not always respected. You have called us to do this, Jesus.

May the nation truly be a refuge for the tired, the poor, and those yearning to be free from fear, poverty, oppression, exploitation, violence, war, suffering, and hopelessness.

May justice always be remembered as more than law. May hearts be filled with compassion and understanding. Inspire the living and worship in freedom. And for the sake of the Kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

Amen.