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Happy Father's Day!
June 21!

BUSINESS MEETING, June 4 7:30PM ♦ ALL MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!

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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

June 2026

Dear Brothers,

The next business meeting will be June 4th at 7:30. We will have election of Officers at the business meeting. We are in desperate need of nominees for Deputy Grand Knight and Recorder. Please offer prayers that some brothers will step up for open positions.

Tony DiCicco and I, along with our wives, attended the State Convention. Council #5036 won an award for Public Relations. See pictures.

Until next month.

Vivat Jesus!
Jim Woodruff
Grand Knight

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OFFICER ELECTIONS JUNE 4!

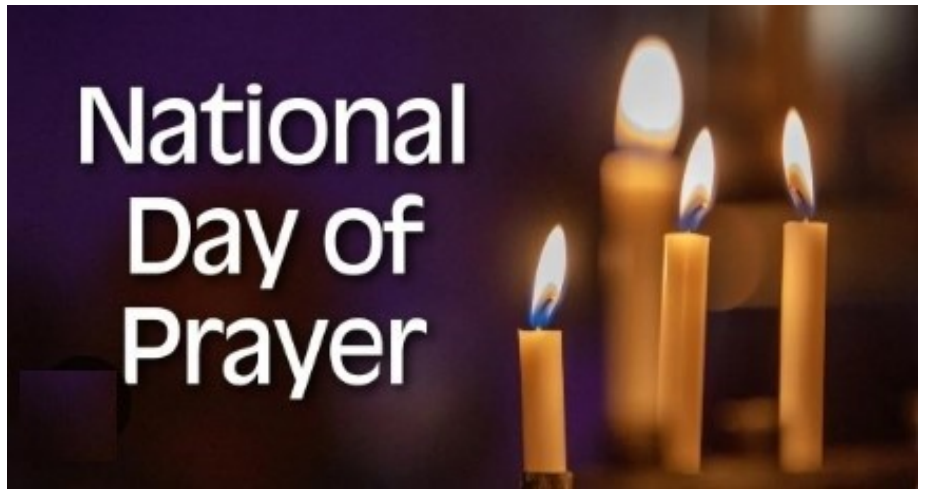
**WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO BE
AN OFFICER.**



Annual National Day of Prayer

The 75th annual National Day of Prayer was held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, with the theme “Glorify God Among the Nations – Seeking Him in All Generations.” This year marks a significant milestone during our nation’s 250th anniversary, with events held at schools, churches, and government buildings across the United States.



For this month’s message, I am drawing from an inspiring email received from Malvern Retreat House, specifically from our Rector Emeritus, Father Douglas Michael McKay. I have known Father Doug for many years as a fellow brother Knight of the Militia of the Immaculata.

The Militia of the Immaculata (MI) (<https://militiaoftheimmaculata.com/>) is a worldwide evangelization movement founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917. It encourages total consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a path toward personal conversion, sanctification, and the spiritual renewal of society. The MI is open to all Catholics over the age of seven—laity, clergy, and consecrated religious alike. Our annual Malvern Retreat is typically held around November 19 each year.

The following was Adapted from reflections by Father Douglas Michael McKay:

Greetings from Father Douglas Michael McKay on this National Day of Prayer

Our country has a long and meaningful history of Presidents issuing proclamations encouraging Americans to “turn to God in prayer and meditation.” While President Harry Truman formally established the annual observance in 1952, the roots of a National Day of Prayer stretch back to the American Revolution.

In 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed July 20 as a day of “public humiliation, fasting, and prayer” in response to the British invasion of Boston. This became the first scheduled National Day of Prayer in U.S. history. Later, Presidents George Washington and John Adams issued similar proclamations for thanksgiving and prayer. In 1988, under President Ronald Reagan, the first Thursday in May was officially designated as the permanent observance date, creating consistency for generations to come.

For Catholic Christians, the Gospel offers a perfect foundation for this annual event through the tripod of spiritual growth: **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.**

Prayer is often the easiest for many to understand and practice, but fasting and almsgiving can be more challenging.

Fasting can take many forms: food or drink, personal vices, entertainment, or even abstaining from all electronics for a day. For many, giving up cell phone use entirely for one day may be one of the most difficult sacrifices. Yet this discipline can deepen our connection with God through intentional self-denial and focused prayer.

Almsgiving means offering assistance to those in need through money, food, clothing, time, or compassion. By placing another person's needs before our own, we experience a profound and peaceful sense of charity that strengthens both the giver and the receiver.

This reflection also reminds us of the beautiful phrase once recited daily in schools:

“One Nation Under God.”

A Final Thought on Penance

Penance remains essential for spiritual growth and inner strength.

Consider the word **PENANCE**:

- It contains two “N’s.”
- You take one “N,” and I take one “N.”
What remains?



PEACE: A state of being we all seek.

Prayer for Peace

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, bless us with peace. Bless this great nation with peace, so that we may bless other nations with peace.

May we live by extending peace and justice for all, so that we may attain our salvation—a permanent union with the Lord.

May God bless America, the Malvern Retreat House, you, and your family.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

May God bless The Knights of Columbus, our Council and all brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

Will Schmitt

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Happy Birthday to all Knights born in June!

Joseph Benvenuto	Daniel J McKenna
Michael Callahan	Charles V Minarcik Jr
Michael J Darab	Thomas G Palandro
Rev James Degrassa	Alfred L Penzo
Francis J Domzalski	David P Schein
Deacon Dennis J Friel	Luke Schragen
Patrick A Hegarty	Raymond L Snyder
John Lamb	Robert E Wallis
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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 the Grand Knight with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

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