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Unfurled for God and Country



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ELECTION RESULTS JUNE 4, 2026

Grand Knight – Jim Woodruff	Deputy Grand Knight - <u>Vacant</u>
Recorder – <u>Vacant</u>	Advocate – <u>Vacant</u>
Warden – Dennis Franklin	Chancellor – Chris Fried
Guard – Bill Schragen	Trustee – George Warren
Treasurer – John McAleer	Financial Secretary – Tony DiCicco
Bills for Convention attendance - Approved	

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

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Business Meeting, July 9, 7:30pm; Officers' Mtg, July 23, 7:30pm.

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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

July 2026

Dear Brothers,

The next business meeting will be July 9th at 7:30.

The Special Olympics collection was uplifting as the parishioners showed unbelievable generosity. With the support of Winston (pictures right).

We are still in need of Officers for the new fiscal year that starts July 1st. Deputy Grand Knight and Recorder are the spots that need to be filled ASAP.

Thank you to all the Officers who have served the council this past year.

Until next month.

Vivat Jesus!
Jim Woodruff
Grand Knight

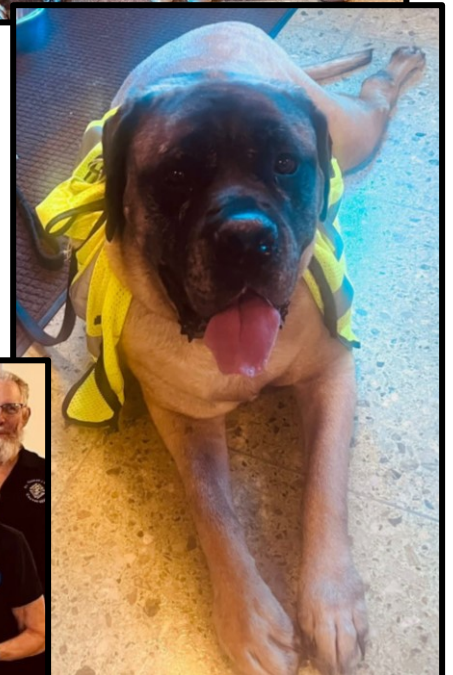
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**WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO BE
AN OFFICER.**



**Special
Olympics**



It Is Not Contrary to God's Will to Seek Healing

In the *Magnificat* for Friday, June 26, 2026, the “Meditation of the Day” features Dom Hubert Zeller, a Benedictine monk and artist. In his reflection *On Asking to Be Healed*, he writes:

“It would be the greatest mistake to imagine that God wants us to lie down under every suffering that comes—judging it to be an infidelity if we made the least effort to ease our situation. It is true that in answer to a particular call of grace a soul may feel drawn to such an act of heroic surrender. But in an ordinary way it would be wrong to equate the Christian ideal of sacrifice with supine acceptance.”



Dom Hubert makes an important distinction. In our ordinary, everyday Christian life, we get sick and we go to the doctor. We suffer and we pray for relief. We face hardship and we ask God for help while also taking reasonable steps to improve our situation. We do not simply lie down and let life walk over us. We act. We cooperate with grace.

This is **not** a lack of faith. It is not “unspiritual” or contrary to God’s will to seek healing, comfort, or solutions. It is not infidelity to try to ease suffering.

There are rare moments—given only by a particular grace—when a soul may be called to embrace suffering without seeking relief. But that is **extraordinary**, not the norm. It is not expected of everyone, nor is it the standard of holiness for daily life.

In the usual course of Christian living, God does not ask us to passively accept suffering as if doing nothing were somehow more holy. Many devout people fall into the trap of thinking, “If I try to fix this, I’m not trusting God,” or “If I seek relief, I’m rejecting the cross.” Dom Hubert corrects this. **God does not want us to suffer needlessly.** His ordinary will is that we cooperate with grace, not collapse under every burden. Heroic surrender is beautiful — but it is **not God’s ordinary expectation.**

This teaching is deeply aligned with St. Benedict’s moderation, St. Thomas Aquinas’ teaching on prudence, St. Thérèse’s insistence that God does not ask the impossible, and the Catholic understanding of redemptive suffering. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms this balance. Some of the most relevant paragraphs include:

- 1. Prudence, balance, and caring for oneself** • CCC 1806 — Prudence • CCC 2288 — Duty to care for health
- 2. Using ordinary means and cooperating with reason** • CCC 1738 — Freedom and responsibility • CCC 1950–1951 — Natural law
- 3. God does not ask the impossible** • CCC 1735 — Limits to responsibility • CCC 2008 — God’s fatherly love makes our good works possible (continued)

4. Redemptive suffering and the legitimacy of seeking healing • CCC 1501 — The desire for healing is legitimate • CCC 1505 — Christ gives suffering meaning • CCC 1509 — The Church values both prayer and medical care • CCC 1521 — Participation in Christ's redemptive suffering

5. The clearest single principle: ordinary vs. extraordinary means • CCC 2278 — Ordinary means (what God ordinarily expects) vs. extraordinary means (what God may call a soul to in special circumstances)

Dom Hubert's message is simple and freeing: **God's ordinary will is that we cooperate with grace, not surrender to suffering unnecessarily. Heroic surrender is a special grace — not a universal demand.**

Summary: Yes—seek to do God's will. Accept His will with peace and gratitude. But also use the ordinary means He gives you to alleviate suffering. Trusting God does not mean doing nothing; it means cooperating with His grace while taking prudent action.

Vivat Jesus!
Will Schmitt



Happy Birthday to all Knights born in July!

Theodore Farrell
Gary Foley
Kenneth Garsey
Brian Haughton
Edward Lawrence
Bernard Mack, Jr.
Joseph McKeown

Michael Pinkl
Neal Roach, Jr.
Clint Snyder
Michael J. Tate
Joseph Ukogu
George Warren, Jr.



***Sacred Heart Holy Hour
recently held at Resurrection***



***A
Blessed
Fourth
of July!***

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