



# THE BANNER

*Unfurled for God and Country*



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**DEGREE CEREMONY**  
**APRIL 3, 7PM**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**APRIL 27**

**BUSINESS MEETING, March 13, 7:30PM ♦ ALL MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!**

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DEGREE CEREMONY, April 3, 7pm; Business Mtg, April 3, 7:30pm; Officers' Mtg, April 24, 7:30pm.  
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*From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

April 2025

Dear Brothers,

Only a few weeks until Easter!  
*Happy Easter to all!*

We are grateful to our Brothers who helped with traffic control at St. Cecilia Parish on 3-6. Fr. Chris emailed with his appreciation. Again at St. Cecilia on 3-21, our Brothers helped with the Stations of the Cross.

We acknowledge the continuing efforts of our Brothers in Resurrection Parish with their Feed My Sheep program.

We mourn the loss of PGK Tony DiCicco's mother-in-law whose funeral mass was celebrated on March 20.

Our Council will hold a Degree Ceremony at 7:00pm on Thursday April 3, with the Business meeting to follow. Please come out and welcome our new Brother, Michael Suarez, Sr.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 27. We will celebrate Mass at Resurrection at 8:30am, with the Breakfast following in the Cafe. Please bring your family. Please RSVP to Paul Schragen ([290chair@gmail.com](mailto:290chair@gmail.com)) or me ([mikepinkl@yahoo.com](mailto:mikepinkl@yahoo.com)) to give us a count so we can prepare our meal.

Until next month.

Vivat Jesus!  
Mike Pinkl  
Grand Knight

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**Resurrection Parish,**  
**April 27, after the**  
**8:30am Mass.**

## The Reality of the Eucharist: Christ Truly Present among Us

In February's newsletter I wrote about the Eucharist. Each celebration of Mass (or the Lord's Supper) consists of the Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Concluding Rites. The Liturgy of the Word prepares the faithful to receive Christ by reflecting on scripture, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist completes the celebration through the sacramental action. The Eucharist is at the heart of the Mass.

***But do we truly understand the treasure we have in the Eucharist?***



When we receive that little round piece of bread, are we fully aware it is the actual person of Jesus Christ? We have either become too familiar with this or never fully believed it truly is Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity. Pause and let this sink in: You hold the second person of the Holy Trinity—God Himself, Jesus Christ—in your hand and on your tongue. I wonder why there are not thousands of people cramming into church, along with lines of thousands clamoring to get in to witness Jesus Christ in person. It is because they do not know about it, or they haven't fully comprehended this is a real person, truly God.

As He dissolves on my tongue, I am for a few seconds Divinity. It is a profound and wonderful thing to be with, to talk to, request favors, give thanks and love the Lord Jesus Christ in person. Quietly absorb and enjoy this when you physically receive Jesus into your body and heart. Transubstantiation explains how bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

How do I know this for sure? The bible is the word of God; God's love letter to us. Mathew 26:26-28 and John 6:51-60, Eucharistic miracles on YouTube, My own personal encounters, Paragraph 1374 of the Catechism, Smarter minds than us like Thomas Aquinas and Theresa of Calcutta.

The Eucharist is not merely a symbol but a reality—a profound encounter with the living Christ. As St. John Paul II once expressed, "This is truly the sacrament of His love." It is an intimate meeting where Jesus comes to dwell in us, strengthening our souls and drawing us closer to Him.

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This teaching is affirmed by centuries of Church tradition and Scripture. In John 6:51-60, Jesus proclaims, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven... Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." His words promise not only spiritual nourishment but a glimpse into eternal unity with God. Throughout history, Eucharistic miracles have further underscored this sacred truth, such as the Miracle of Lanciano, where the host visibly turned to flesh and blood. These miraculous events remind us of the depth of faith in the Eucharist and Christ's tangible presence.

As we gather for Mass and receive Communion, we are invited into the greatest act of love—a moment where the Lord Himself meets each of us, not symbolically, but truly. Let us approach this profound mystery with hearts wide open, filled with gratitude and reverence. And may the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist not only transform our lives but radiate through us, drawing others closer to this immeasurable gift of Divine Love.

Vivat Jesus! (Jesus Lives!)  
He Truly Does.  
Will Schmitt, PGK, Lecturer



***Happy Birthday to all Knights born in April!***

Anthony J DiCicco  
Joseph A Diorio

Anthony Heffner  
Donald J Ibach  
Conrad J Maier

Mario Marzullo  
Matthew Palmer

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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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