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'Our Lady Star of the Sea'

STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 4245
STAR NEWS August 2017



Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month
Council Home Telephone Number - 814-695-4752

36th Anniversary
Birth of Mary Celebration

100th Anniversary of Fatima



Friday, September 8, 2017

Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine
Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA 16635

7:45am Mass and 12:05pm Mass, Celebrant: Monsignor Robert Saly

8:15am – 11:30am – Holy Rosary Commences in the church

1:00pm – 5:00pm Rosary in the church and shrine

5:30pm Mass, Celebrant/Homilist Most Rev. Bishop Mark Bartchak
Rosary Procession

Food available from 11:00am – 5:00pm

Coffee and Cake after the evening Mass

Church hall: Displays of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions, Rosary
Makers and more. Bring a lawn chair.

Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration, P.O. Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635
Donations Welcome

Plan to Volunteer! Contact Ron Harella at 814-696-3295.

August 2017
From the Grand
Knight



Chaplain's Message
September 2017

'Angels and Knights'

By
Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain



Brother Knights,

Summer is about to come to an end and September starts the fall season. There is a lot that I look forward to, one is the Mary's Day Celebration at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville. On September 8th we dedicate the day to honor and celebrate Our Lady's birthday. At St. Catherine's there is all day rosary and many displays set up in the Hall of the church. My favorite is the Outdoor Mass. So if you're around the area in September perhaps you can come and join us at St. Catherine's and check out the Mary's Day Event.

Fraternally Yours
Rich

When we think about the role models of the life we live and the work we do as Knights of Columbus, we think of course of our Lord Himself and the apostles. We think of Our Lady and the saints. We think of the Venerable Father Michael McGivney, our founder, whose cause for canonization is presently in Rome. After all, we are about the work of these individuals in what we do.

Perhaps we could look further and discover even more models and intercessors for us as Knights of Columbus. Have we ever thought of the Archangels?

On September 29 we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Prior to Vatican Council II, this day only commemorated St. Michael and was known as "Michaelmas". On the present church calendar, this day commemorates all three. Each one is known for a special function they demonstrate in the Bible.

In Revelation 12:7-9, we see Michael as the warrior against evil, Captain of the

Heavenly Host. In Daniel 12:1, we see him as protector of Israel and the Church. In Daniel 9, Gabriel is a messenger who announces the Messiah's coming. In Luke 1, he announces the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Finally, in Tobit 5-12, Raphael serves as a guardian angel, protecting Tobias on his journey.

As Knights of Columbus, are we not called to be warriors against evil—such as sins against human life, blasphemies and discrimination against our God and His church, the creeping secularization of our society and religious holidays? Are we not also called to be announcers of Good News by reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the sick and dying? Are we not also called to be guardians of others by sponsoring and supporting programs and activities for young people, supporting vocations, defending the rights of the elderly, the terminally ill, and the unborn?

Yes, in all of this, the work we do as Brother Knights is in many ways a microcosm of the work of the angels. We should turn to them often for their example and intercession—just as we do the saints and Mary, Star of the Sea.



Editor Mike Metzgar

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Our goal is to provide this newsletter to all Brother Knights as soon as possible after the monthly meeting. Please help me by providing your email address.



August 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by GK Rich Moyer at 7:02 with 40 members in attendance.

Application for Membership

- Kevin Longenecker from St. Patrick's
- Chancellor Little from St. Mary's



Grand Knight's Report:

This month we celebrate the birthday of our founder... Michael J. McGivney



Chaplain's Report:

August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Donation Requests:

- Cribs for Kids, a National Infant Safe Sleep Initiative... Donation of \$100 motion passed.
- Rock Out to Knock Out Music Festival for MS on September 30, 2017 in Hollidaysburg. Donation of \$300... motion passed.
- Monastery Community Garden program. Contact Pat Trimble to volunteer.

Financial Secretary Report:

- **REMINDER:** Please pay your dues!
- Suspension letters will be mailed to 9 members in August
- The Football Sweepstakes program are available now and have great benefit to the Council based on the volume of ticket sales. See the Financial Secretary for your tickets.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising and Committee Report: N/A

Old Business: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- Star News Editor Mike Metzgar presented information regarding the Star News. All Brothers are welcome to contribute to the Star News.....email and mailing address provided on page 3.
- A new section of the newsletter will include 'Milestones' to bring attention to Anniversaries, events, important dates and the like to the Council. It will also include the passing of Brother Knights. This section will be driven by the membership providing information.

A new section of the newsletter called 'Spotlight' will provide information about new and existing members. This section will be driven by the membership providing information.

- New Star News Printer is Pressbox printing. Look for improvements to the newsletter such as a better quality of paper and others in the future. These changes are a benefit to the Council at a reduced cost.

New Business:

- Mark Sault addresses the subject of Lyme Disease in our communities and a support group formed to create community awareness. The group needs a projector to provide awareness

locally. The group meets St Rose of Lima.

Lyme Disease

A motion to donate \$300 for the projector was passed. Brother Gene Bettwy is a member of the support group.

- Mike Metzgar suggested that a guest speaker on the Lyme Disease subject be contacted for a presentation to the Council.



Report of the 4th Degree: Presented by Ron Harella

- Next meeting will be held in September.
- The bus trip to see Jonah at the Sight and Sound Theater was a big success.
- Congratulations to new 4th Degree Knights Paul Gargon, Joe Fericola, Paul Detwiler and Tim Sleeth
- There is discussion of having a similar trip to the Sight and Sound Theater to see the:

MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

If you have interest contact Ron Harella at 814-696-3295



District Deputy Report:

- Thanks for supporting the ELM initiative and allowing the representatives to speak prior to the meeting.
- Welcome to the new 4th Degree Knights.

Field Agent Report:

- Thank you for the support.

Good of the Order:

- Mike Metzgar thanked all Knights for the prayers. He is doing well after heart valve replacement surgery
- Tim Surkovich thanked all who helped him during his recent residential moves.

Chaplains Summation:

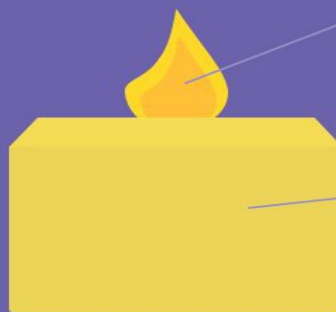
- Fr. Legarski spoke about the Patristic Period and the related theology. He also shared a reading from “A Year With the Church Fathers, Patristic Wisdom for Daily Living” by Mike Aquilina. Specifically, writings by St. Basil.

Announcements:

- Pre-Meeting Note – George Husick presented a check from our fund-raising effort, to 2 members of the ELM organization. These funds will be used for training the nurses in conjunction with operation of the ultra sound machines. They expressed their sincere gratitude for the donation and our continued support for the unborn.
- Dennis McGeehan reported that the 4th degree uniform and regalia is changing in the near future.
- Lou Endress stated that the Alleghany Club is a good organization and suggests considering becoming a member.

Council sang the closing ode and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

That candle in the front of the Church isn't just really big, it's also really special. Let's take a look.



THE FLAME
 symbolizes the light of Christ. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5) The lit candle also recalls the pillar of fire and cloud the Israelites followed in the desert.

THE CANDLE FOLLOWER
 helps the candle burn evenly and prevents wax from dripping everywhere. This practical widget is used on many candles in the church and has no particular symbolism.



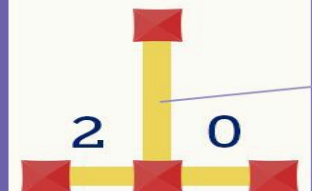
THE CANDLE
 must be at least 51% beeswax. This is because beeswax is precious stuff (it takes a lot of bees' work to make it) and the sacraments are precious, serious things. It also brings God's creation into the celebration.



DECORATIONS
 other than those mentioned below can be very elaborate, quite simple, or even nonexistent. The elements listed below can be presented in a variety of ways. The candle at left is one example.



ALPHA & OMEGA
 are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and are used to symbolize Christ as the “beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:13)



THE CROSS
 of Christ, the symbol of Christianity. Signifies that this is the paschal candle, and it's all about Jesus.



THE YEAR
 reminds us that Jesus is king of all time, even this year! He's with us, right here, right now.



5 GRAINS OF INCENSE
 (often formed into wax nails) are inserted into the candle, symbolizing the 5 wounds of Christ.



THE TYPICAL PASHCAL CANDLE
 is between 3-5 feet tall, weighing between 4-10 pounds. The cathedral in Salisbury, England is said to have had a candle measuring 36 feet tall in the Middle Ages.

The paschal candle is blessed and lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil. The deacon carries it into the dark church, stopping three times to sing “Christ be our light!,” to which the people respond, “Thanks be to God!” It is the candle from which all others are lit that night, and it is also used to bless the baptismal font.

The paschal candle is lit for all liturgies during the Easter season as well as at baptisms and funerals all year round. The unused portions of paschal candles are often melted down to make new ones.



Please sign up for the 2017 Hospitality meals – Sign-up sheet is on the Deputy Grand Knights table at every meeting.

Council reimburses all hospitality meal costs up to \$50. Roasters are available for hospitality meals.

Hospitality Meal Volunteers 2017	
Date	Brother Knight
1/5/2017	Ed Zang
2/2/2017	Bob Hazenstab
3/2/2017	Gary Ellis
4/6/2017	Dennis Dombrosky
5/4/2017	John Longenecker
6/1/2017	Lou Endress
7/6/2017	Jim Zimmerman
8/3/2017	Bobby Hazenstab
9/7/2017	Phil Claar
10/5/2017	Bob Stubler and Tom Matthews
11/2/2017	Bill Hiergeist
12/7/2017	Brian Drum



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of each month.

Next Meeting:

**September 7, 2017
...7pm.**

September 2017 Hospitality Meal Provided by Phil Claar.

8-13-17 K of C night at Peoples Natural Gas Field - Tickets are \$6.00.

9-8-17 Mary's Day at St Catherines.

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary.....

A Holy Day of Obligation August 15, 2017

Volunteer for Mary's Day at St. Catherines on September 8, 2017



September

Birthdays

RALPH	BLODGETT	9-05
FRANCIS	SHAW	9-06
LAWRENCE	HARKER	9-13
JOHN	LONGENECKER	9-13
GERALD	KOVACH	9-13
EUGENE	POLMUELLER	9-14
JOSEPH	GALLAGHER	9-16
JOHN	FRANK	9-21
JAMES	ZIMMERMAN	9-23
JOSEPH	HERR	9-24
ROBERT	LONERO	9-24
TIMOTHY	SULLIVAN	9-24
SALVATORE	GANINO	9-26
WILLIAM	LERSCH	9-27





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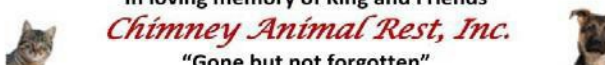
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