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*'Our Lady Star of the Sea'*

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## **STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 4245**

## **STAR NEWS July 2017**



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



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Planning to attend?

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**July 2017**  
**From the Grand Knight**



Brother Knights,

This month is a time to be thankful for our freedom and celebrate the 4th of July. It is a chance to have picnics, watch fireworks and spend the day with loved ones. We should also take the opportunity to remember the veterans who fought for our freedom. They gave us the independence that we celebrate on the 4th.

I would like to thank all the brother Knights who served our country.

Please don't forget to pray for our country and one another.

Sometimes we take things for granted so we should step back and look for things to do for others. Even just a few hours can make a difference in someone else's lives.

May God bless us all!

Fraternally Yours,

Rich

**Chaplain's Message**  
**The Month of July**

**Mary's Destiny Must Be Ours**

*By*  
*Father Anthony J. Legarski,*  
*Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

The month of August is a month that contains an octave (8 day) celebration in honor of Mary, the Mother of God. It begins with the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15<sup>th</sup> and concludes with the memorial celebration of her Queenship on August 22. In this Marian octave, the Church would have us prayerfully reflect on the fruits of a life that mirrors that of Mary, our mother.

Although the feast of the Queenship of Mary is not as solemn as that of the Assumption, it is nonetheless significant. In both observances, we the faithful are called to reflect prayerfully on Mary's destiny that resulted from her life of fidelity to the will of God.

As followers of Christ, we know how weary the journey can become Our life of fidelity to

Christ and his Church is constantly being challenged by all the distractions of the world and Satan. how weary the journey can become. Our life of fidelity to Christ and his Church is constantly being challenged by all the distractions of the world and Satan. Prayerful reflection on the faith-filled life of Mary can and should serve to renew us in faith, love, and above all, hope. In her being assumed body and soul into the heavenly kingdom and her being crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth, we see the effects of a life of fidelity to the will of God.

During this month especially, in the light of these two great celebrations, let us pay honor to Mary our Mother, asking her to help us by her grace and powerful intercession to enter the same realm of eternal union with our lord and savior as did she. Let us see her being taken up into the glory of God as our own. May all of us be a part of the glory that now belongs to Mary, assumed into heaven, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Star of the Sea.

**Provide Email Addresses**

***ED: The Star News will now be emailed to members by the Editor as a courtesy when it's completed each month to those that provide email addresses. It will continue to be US Mail***



## July 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Richard Moyer at 7:01 pm with 41 members in attendance.

### First Degree Ceremony.....

#### Welcome our new Brothers:

- Jeff Muriceak from St. Marys
- Re-Application from Patrick Podoletz from St. Johns, Altoona



### Grand Knights Report:

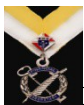
"Thank you for the opportunity to serve you."



### Chaplains Report:

Thank You Notes/Letters of Appreciation were received from the Following:

- American Rescue Workers for the \$75 donation from the Powersports Raffle.
- St. Leonard's Home for the Hand in Hand chicken dinners.
- Joshua for the \$100 donation to his Eagle Scout project.



### Financial Secretary Report:

- **REMINDER:** Please pay your dues! 11 members are past due and letters to retain them will be sent in August.
- Ham and Cheese sale in July - Orders due July 18, assembly on July 20, and delivery on July 21, 2017. Proceeds benefit the Council.
- The Hand in Hand BBQ yielded

\$3,477.24 in profit. Financial Secretary Surkovich made a motion to donate \$3,500 to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia...motion passed.

## Committee Reports

### Fund Raising and Committee Report:

#### Old Business:

- Financial Secretary Surkovich encourage the members to sign - up for committees.

#### New Business:

- Bill Hiergeist made a motion for the Newsletter Editor to investigate alternative vendors to lower the printing cost for the newsletter. He obtained an estimate which indicates a substantial savings is available to the Council..... Motion carried .

### Editor:

Per the motion above to investigate alternative vendors to print each issue of the Star News see below:

- Current vendor cost: \$1.00+ each
- Vendor #2 cost: \$.676 each
- Vendor #3 cost: \$.482 each

Each month 215 newsletters are printed and US mailed to the Brothers with a few extras available for recruiting and new potential members. Vendor #3 will be the new vendor of choice moving forward saving the Council approximately \$1,336.44 annually. Vendor #3 is Pressbox Printing in Altoona, PA

- Joe Fernicola was presented with his 3rd degree certificate - Congratulations.



### Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree: Presented by Ron Harella

- Next meeting will be held in September.

- The 4th Degree Ceremony will be held on July 29, 2017 in St. Mary's, PA. Cost is \$70.00 plus the Banquet fee. Five Knights are preparing to take the 4th Degree.
- Names are being taken for 'standby' in the case of cancellations.



### District Deputy Report:

- Congratulations to the new Knights.
- Congratulation to new Grand Knight Rich Moyer.
- Congratulations to former Grand Knight Lee Zimmerman.

### Field Agent Report:

Mike McAndrew presented an overview of the insurance options available to each Knight. He discussed his recent visit to the Supreme Headquarters in Connecticut and encourage the Council to sponsor a trip and experience the Museum and an other features of the Supreme Council Headquarters.

### Chaplains Summation:

#### Good of the Order:

- Pray for Mike Metzgar who had heart valve replacement and bypass surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in PGH.
- Pray for Robert Burley.

### Editor Mike Metzgar

**Men.... your generous prayers and get well cards of support during my surgery will not be soon forgotten. May God Bless you all!**

- Victor Balash encouraged all Brothers to donate aluminum cans in an effort to augment our income and to recycle.

Council sang the closing ode and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.





On our webpage [www.kofc4245.org](http://www.kofc4245.org) You'll see this new button on the front page. It is a new fund- raiser. If you click on the button it will take you to instructions. Then you can click the button again and it takes you to Amazon. For everything you purchase from Amazon using this but- ton the council receives 4% back. Share it with family and friends. Our council can then use the funds to give back to the community.



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

## Pay Your Dues

1st Reminder notices were sent in December. Please make every effort to pay your dues in a timely manner.

Pay your dues on the front page of our webpage: [www.kofc4245.org](http://www.kofc4245.org)  
Follow the provided instructions.



## Council Calendar

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

**Next Meeting: August 3, 2017 ...7pm.**

**August 2017 Hospitality Meal Provided by Bobby Hazenstab.**

7/29/17 - 4th Degree Ceremony in St. Mary's Pa. Reply to Ron Harella by July 10, 2017 (814-686-3295) Must be a 3rd degree Knight - Cost \$70.00

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



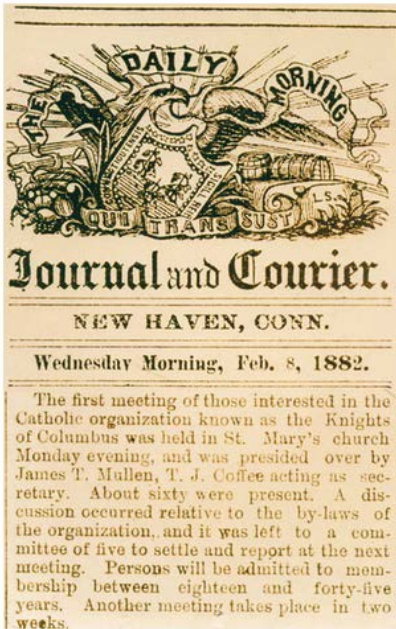
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Birthdays

JOHN	HARSHBERGER	July 2
WILLIAM	GILDEA	July 3
COREY	RAY	July 4
GUY	LUCIANO	July 8
MARTY	KOOMAN	July 8
JOHN	SWOPE	July 12
ALBERT	PLUMMER	July 13
ANTHONY	LABRIOLA	July 18
PAUL	GARGON	July 20
EDWARD	HAZENSTAB	July 23
GARY	SELWITZ	July 24
CHARLES	HAUSER	July 26
TOM	CATALANO	July 26
MICHAEL	VARLOTTA	July 28
DAVID	MASON	July 28
DEVON	MC GEEHAN	July 29
ROBERT	KELLY	July 30
LUKE	HUGHES	July 31

**CLOSE TO 2 MILLION MEMBERS IN 2015**

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The Feb. 8, 1882 edition of the New Haven Morning Journal and Courier mentions the first meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

Late-19th century Connecticut was marked by the growing prevalence of fraternal benefit societies, hostility toward Catholic immigrants and dangerous working conditions in factories that left many families fatherless. Recognizing a vital, practical need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members.

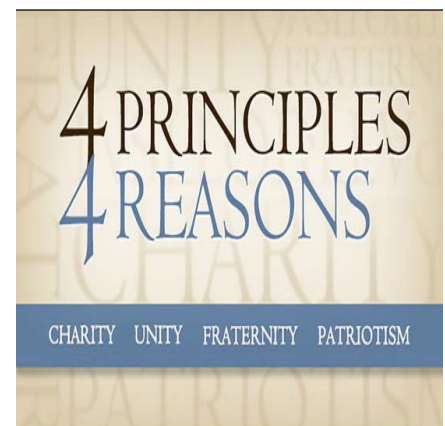
As a symbol that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, the organization's members took as their patron Christopher Columbus

— recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus elected officers in February 1882 and officially assumed corporate status on March 29.

In addition to the Order's stated benefits, Catholic men were drawn to the Knights because of its emphasis on serving one's Church, community and family with virtue. Writing in *The Columbiad* in 1898, a year before he was elected supreme knight, Edward L. Hearn wrote that a Knight should live according to the virtues of loyalty, charity, courtesy and modesty, as well as "self-denial and careful respect for the feelings of others." Fraternity and patriotism were added to the Knights' founding principles of charity and unity in 1885 and 1900, respectively.

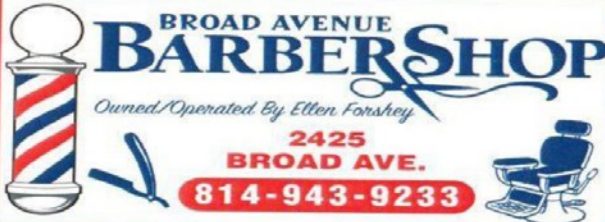
- 1882: The Knights of Columbus is born on Feb. 6, 1882, when the first members choose Columbus as their patron. Immediately after the Order's March 29 incorporation, Father McGivney sends the first diocesan-wide appeal for new members to his fellow priests.
- 1886: By the end of his four-year tenure as supreme knight, James T. Mullen personally presides at the institution of 22 of the first 38 councils. John J. Phelan is elected to succeed him and is the first supreme knight to sense the Order's destiny as a national society.

- 1890: Father McGivney dies Aug. 14, 1890. His funeral Mass is celebrated in Thomaston, Conn., four days later.
- 1892: The Order passes laws allowing noninsurance or associate members to join.
- 1892: 6,000 Knights march in the New Haven Columbus Day parade to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World.
- 1895: The Vatican's first acknowledgment of the Knights comes when Archbishop Francesco Satolli, apostolic delegate to the United States, writes a letter extolling the "merits of this splendid Catholic organization" and giving the Order his apostolic blessing.
- 1897: On Nov. 25, 1897, Canada's first council — Montreal Council 284 — is chartered.





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