

Council Officers

CHAPLAIN - Fr. Anthony J. Legarski GRAND KNIGHT - Gary Ellis DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Allan Duman
CHANCELLOR - Ron Harella WARDEN - William Nelson FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Louis Endress TREASURER - Clarence Becker
ADVOCATE - Edward Zang, Esq. GUARDS - Bernard Mikesic, Dennis McGeehan RECORDER - Mike Metzgar
TRUSTEES - Dan Casey, Dave Karl, William Brill



July 2011

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Well it is almost July and my year as Grand Knight is over. I have been re-elected for one more year along with the old officers except 2. I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support, I hope this year will be rewarding as well. As you all know, we have a new Bishop, Mark Bartchak. I also would like to wish Bishop Joseph a long and happy retirement and hope he is able to attend our meeting and functions. Bishop Mark at the Vocation Endowment Committee expressed his wish to have a special mass for all Knights and their families to meet everyone. The mass will be at the Basilica of St Michaels in Loretto at 2:00 p.m followed by a dinner at 4:00 p.m in our Lady of Loretto Community Hall across from the Basilica. The date is August 21st, the estimated cost is \$15.00 per person and 1/2 price for children under 7. If you are interested, please contact myself at 695-6844 or Tom Sault at 832-3467 no later than July 2nd. Thank You.

Fraternally Yours, Gary

Chaplain's Message

July: The Month of the Most Precious Blood

During the month of July, the Church has traditionally asked us to focus more intently on a very central and significant element of our Catholic faith—the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. This focus is intended to fortify and strengthen our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the benefits of our Lord's shedding His blood for us. Accordingly, there are several ways that we can make this focus a fruitful one.

First of all, we can pray the Litany of the Most Precious Blood. Like all litanies, this enables us to peer through the mystery of this wonderful sign of sanctification and see in it the means of our nourishment, the quenching of our spiritual thirst for righteousness, reconciliation, and salvation.

A prayerful reading of the passages of Sacred Scripture that speak of the Precious Blood is another wonderful way to increase our sense of appreciation and longing for the benefits its reception afford us. These references of course, may be found in the institution narratives as well as the passion narratives that recount the institution of the Holy Eucharist by our Lord and His suffering and death, respectively.

We can also benefit from deep soul searching of the manner in which we receive the Precious Blood at Mass; contemplating the graces it imparts, thanking our Lord for this most precious Sacrament, and being more aware of and sensitive to the

manner in which we receive it.

Most especially, we discover the immense value of the gift of the Most Precious Blood in our own lives when we pray that others in the community of faith who are not able to receive it or have chosen over a long period time not do so, will be led back by God's grace to being able to benefit from its reception.

As we honor the mystery and the gift of the Most Precious Blood this month, may we be assisted in doing so by the mother of the one who has shed it, and through her intercession, be drawn to its endless grace and mercy—Mary, His mother and Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights that have passed away.

Happy Birthday

Rev. Bradley C. Baldwin	7/28
William Brill	7/9
Harry J. Creek	7/18
William F. Gildea	7/3
John W. Harshberger	7/2
Charles B. Hauser	7/26
Edward P. Hazenstab	7/23
Luke S. Hughes	7/31
Robert F. Kelly	7/30
J. Martin Kooman	7/8
Anthony Labriola	7/18
Guy J. Luciano, Jr.	7/8
David J. Mason	7/28
Michael A. Moore	7/28
Albert P. Plummer	7/13
Gary L. Selwitz	7/24
John H. Swope	7/12
Michael L. Varlotta	7/28
Alan M. Viglione	7/19

June Council Meeting Notes

The GK solicited interest in from the Knights present if there was interest in a one day bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster.....more to follow.

There was a brief review of the bus trip to K of C Headquarters and the great fun enjoyed by all that attended.

GK Ellis reviewed the success of the Hand in Hand BBQ and the fact that nearly all the chicken was sold.

The ARC Collection was a great success at nearly \$4,000.00

A letter from the BSA asking for support in sending financially strapped scouts to summer camp. Brother Clarence Becker made a motion to donate \$100. Motion carried.

GK Ellis reported a collection of \$4,800.00 collected with a special contribution by Brother John Moore of \$1,000. A motion was made to round the amount to \$5,000.00motion passed. Brother Dennis McGeehan will be the Chairman for the 2012 campaign. GK Ellis commended Brother Mark Frew for a job

done well!

The Hand in Hand BBQ proceeds allowed a \$3,300.00 contribution to Childrens Hospital in Philadelphia. A motion was made to increase the donation to \$3,500. ...motion carried. The tickets and the printing were donated by the Brothers Baker.

A thank you card will be sent to Mr. Fred Imler, Sr, Brother John Moore, the Jaffa Clowns and the String Band and the Highlanders.

Brother Tom Sault announced that on Sunday August 21, 2011 there will be dinner with the Bishop for all Knights and their families at the Basilica of St. Michael in Loretto. The cost is \$15pp and children will be 1/2price. The proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund. Call GK Ellis at 814-695-6844 for tickets and more information.

A Respect for Life Dinner is being held by the Hooversville, PA Knights and they requested support in an ad for their booklet. A motion was made and passed to have a \$100.00 ad in the book.

Brother Dennis McGeehan asked if there was interest in a movie night for the Council. Movies would include those about Our Lady of Fatima, Pope John Paul as examples. Father felt it would be major benefit and very interesting for all Knights.

Reminder: The K of C Family picnic will be held August 7, 2011 for all Knights and their extended family. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$10 per family. A motion was made by Brother Dan Casey and passed by Council.

Brother Ron Harella asked Council for financial support for the Mary's Day Committee celebration held at St Catherine's on September 8, 2011. Brother Brian Drumm suggested that a ham and cheese sale be held and the proceeds earmarked for the Mary's Day Committee.

Brother Bill Hiergeist (Chairman) discussed our participation in the construction of the All Ability Playground on July 28, 29, 30. Bill is soliciting volunteers to provide a lunch for all in attendance those days working on the construction. More details will follow but initial thoughts were hot dogs on the grill with bagged chips and snacks. Water and other beverages will be solicited from Sam's Club in Altoona by Brother Bill Brill. A discussion followed on this being a great opportunity for Star of the Sea Council to gain visibility performing Community Service. K of C shirts and our banner will be part of the daily luncheon.

Elections Results

- GK: **Gary Ellis**
- DGK: **Allan Duman**, Mike Benton
- Chancellor: Mark Sault declined, **Ron Harella**
- Warden: **Bill Nelson**, Lee Zimmerman
- Treasurer: **Clarence Becker**
- Recorder: **Mike Metzgar**
- Advocate: **Ed Zang**
- Inside Guard: **Bernie Mikesic**
- Outside Guard: **Dennis McGeehan**
- 3rd Year Trustee: **Bill Brill**
- 2nd Year Trustee: **Dan Casey**
- 1st Year Trustee: **Dave Karl**

Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.

The next meetings are:

Thursday, July 27 7:00pm

Thursday, August 4 7:00pm

August 7, Family Picnic

August 21, Dinner with the Bishop