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Council meetings are held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month  
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**July  
2013**

### From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Elections for our council for the year 2013-14 are over, and all current officers are willing to take on their task for another year, with the exception of trustee Dan Casey, whose three-year term came to a close. A special thank you to Dan for donating his time, and Congratulations to his successor Rich Moyer.

As I begin my second year as the council's Grand Knight, I can only hope and pray for a repeat of the successes we together enjoyed during this past year. Our council's participation has expanded, and new ideas have been offered. With this combination, The Star of the Sea will remain active and continue to serve our heavenly Father's people. Yes, we will have challenges, some the same like recruitment and finances, and probably new ones will turn up. However, if we remember who we are, KNIGHTS, and continue to work happily for all that is good, our council will provide for those in need.

Take a few minutes to reflect on this past years accomplishments. As you do, you will receive a great reward, a happy heart. Have a good summer and as always, check your newsletter for the dates and times of upcoming events. *Be a Happy Knight! Be a volunteer.*

Fraternally Yours,

Ron

## Chaplain's Message

### **"Catholic Americans"**

Without question, the biggest secular holiday for Americans during the month of July is of course, the Fourth of July. Rightly so. It is the day of our independence as a nation. It is a day when we assess our rights as Americans. It is a day when we demonstrate our appreciation for our rights and our freedoms.

Inasmuch as Independence Day is a day to celebrate our American citizenship, it should also be a day when we celebrate our life and mission in this great nation as Christians in general and Catholics in particular.

What is the best way to celebrate our freedom and rights as American Catholics? It is to engage in apostolic work that promotes our values and teachings as Catholic Americans. The Fourth of July is an excellent time to give prayerful consideration to the work we must do in promoting the most basic of human rights such as the right to life. What are we doing to give witness to the rights of the unborn? The right to vote is also a right that is sacred. It is by voting that we can effect change and bring about the things necessary to ensure our religious freedom and equality. Do we vote? Do we actively support initiatives that protect this sacred right?

More than anything else, Catholic Americans need to be about vigilance with regards to issues that directly effect our moral principles and our right to have the teachings of our Church take precedence over the dictates or executive orders of government agencies or administrations, respectively.

During the month of July, it is a good time to do some serious soul searching. It is a good time to go beyond the picnics, concerts, barbeques, and parades and look deep within ourselves. It is a good time to ask ourselves: "How do we give witness to Christ and His Church as Catholics and as Knights?" For this we need to pray. For this need to seek the intercession and the direction of our loving mother and patroness—Mary, Star of the Sea.

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,  
Chaplain*



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



## June Council Meeting Minutes

**Chaplains Report:** Father thanked the Council for the spiritually and financially supporting his pilgrimage to Rome, Italy. He will preach and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Clair which contains the remains of St. Francis of Assisi. The Family prayer cards are available for distribution to all the Council Parishes.

### **Grand Knight Report:**

Congratulations to Deputy Grand Knight Wilbur and wife Evelyn on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Our Council is participating in the Year of Faith. Booklets are available from the **GK Ron Harella** at [dharella@gmail.com](mailto:dharella@gmail.com) or 696-3295.

Knights considering an Officer's position should contact the current officer and learn the responsibilities of that office.

Family Prayer' cards, a part of the Year of Faith are available for you and your Parish. **Contact GK Ron Harella** at 696-3295.

### **Reading of Bills and Communications**

The Blair/Clearfield Association for the Blind –a Thank you for our \$100 donation.

From Jodie Albarano for the Council home use for their March for Babies spaghetti dinner event.

Donation request from Boy Scout Curtis Salyers for his Eagle Scout project to improve special needs children's access to Canal Basin Park. Motion by Brother George Husick for \$200.00 donation to his Troop named for this project.

MS Society asks the Council to volunteer their time to cook chicken for an event on July 21, 2013.

### **Financial Secretary Report:**

Financial Secretary Lou Endress reported that the Hand in Hand BBQ was sold out. He expressed his appreciation for all that helped. Donation to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is expected to be \$3,200.00.

Elections: The incumbent officers agreed to remain in their current positions and were affirmed by those in attendance. **Rich Moyer** was nominated, and he was agreed to be the new 3<sup>rd</sup> year Trustee, Jerry Kovach will now be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Trustee and Vince Schneider the 1<sup>st</sup> year Trustee.

### **Committee and other Reports:**

**The Hockey Shootout** will be chaired by Deputy Grand Knight Wilbur Henry. Details to follow.

**Canal Park Basin Flower Planting:** Recorder Mike Metzgar reported 4 Knights helped.

### **New Business:**

Brother Tim Surkovich discussed the posting of a website for the Council: [www.kofc4245.org](http://www.kofc4245.org). This is a work in progress with the Supreme Council. Your **login** on the site is your member number (found on your membership card) and the **password** is your date of birth. Please login, update your personal information on the website and review the site. Motion by Financial Secretary Lou Endress to reimburse Tim for the \$300.00 spent for website hosting and the domain purchase... Motion carried.

Comment/discussion by Chancellor Dennis McGeehan to promote our BBQ chicken as a fundraiser for the community.

Grand Knight Ron Harella solicited **10** businesses to advertise in our Newsletter. The hall rental will be advertised as it has in the past.

### **Chaplains Summation:**

Father told us that June is the month of the Sacred Heart usually celebrated the Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi. The article origin of the Feast and the 12 promises from Jesus in the apparition to St. Margaret

Mary Alocque in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.. The entire article is available by email from the Recorder at:

[mikemetzgar@atlanticbb.net](mailto:mikemetzgar@atlanticbb.net)

**COOK or COOKS?** We are in need of a replacement for Brother Brian Drumm who has prepared many meeting night meals. Without a volunteer (s) the meeting night meals will be discontinued. Contact any Officer if you are interested in volunteering.



## **Council Calendar**

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

**July Meeting: Rescheduled to July 11, 2013 at the Council home, 7pm.**

**June 7:** FREE Classic Rock Concert presented by 'Gig Box Music' and 'One Brick Shy'. At the Meadows Plaza, Duncansville 8-10pm.

**June 8:** Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference at the JFK Center of St. Francis College. Loretto, PA

**June 9:** Brothers Gary Ellis and Mark Sault asked for volunteers to cook BBQ chicken. St. Johns is having a BBQ fundraiser. Contact Gary at: [caes-archick@gmail.com](mailto:caes-archick@gmail.com) or 814-685-6844

**June 27:** Fourth Degree Meeting

**July 21:** Brothers Gary Ellis and Mark Sault asked for volunteers to cook BBQ chicken. Mr Fred Imler, Sr. will supply everything for The Multiple Sclerosis Society fundraiser. Contact Gary at: [caes-archick@gmail.com](mailto:caes-archick@gmail.com) or 814-685-6844

**August 4:** Star of the Sea Council Family Picnic, 1pm. Brother Earl Eger will cook country style spareribs and chicken. Please bring a covered dish.

**August 17:** National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Grotto of Lourdes bus trip. Contact GK Harella for details 814-696-3295 for details.





## Thoughts and Prayers

Grand Knight Ron Harella visited Brother Tom Sault at Homewood in Martinsburg, PA, and told the Council that Tom was in good spirits and welcomed the visit. He also visited Brother Bernie Mikesic whose medical condition remains unchanged.

The Grand Knight acknowledged the passing of Warden Lee Zimmerman's grandfather. Prayers were requested for Jaffa Clown and Hand in Hand BBQ participant Tim Weaver as he battles stage 4 cancer and the Grand Knights cousin Tommy Riley as he also struggles with cancer.



## Happy Birthday

Rev. Bradley C. Baldwin	7/28
William Brill	7/9
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Charles B. Hauser	7/26
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Anthony Labriola	7/18
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David J. Mason	7/28
Albert P. Plummer	7/13
Corey A. Ray	7/4
Gary L. Selwitz	7/24
John H. Swope	7/12
Michael L. Varlotta	7/28
Alan M. Vigione	7/19



### Strive for Star Council status

As we welcome a new fraternal year, we congratulate Worth Grand Knight **{Ron Harella}** and all the other dedicated Knights elected and appointed to lead this great council. The coming year will be full of triumphs and challenges, and I know you'll meet this with the strength and faithfulness of those before you.

I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish this year, building upon the success of previous years. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

Among these many goals is the attainment of the Star Council award – the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. While I'm committed to helping on the insurance side, I'm also very glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order, as many of us do, he's probably waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by teaching you some sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining these goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of any council. I'm at (724) 719-2324 or [neth.scott@kofc.org](mailto:neth.scott@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Ken Scott  
General Agent

### Our Council is now on the Web

Attention all members. Council 4245 can now be found on the internet..

Our address is:

[www.kofc4245.org](http://www.kofc4245.org)

Check it out! You'll find all type of information including: Upcoming event, the council calendar, prayer requests, The Star News, Council minutes, forms, links, The Council Member List, and great deal more. Eventually it will be setup so you can pay your dues through the website. We also plan to have it setup so you can sign up to help with events. It is just starting. A big help right now from ALL members would be to go to the member list and sign in. All you need is your member number and birthdate. Then PLEASE update your information. The website has a feature to do many types of mass mailings so your email address would be extremely helpful. This will also help for updating records at Supreme. Thanks and enjoy this new addition to our council.

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