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# May 2013

### From the Grand Knight

#### Brother Knights,

Who-cooks-for you, who-cooks-for you all. Now don't get any ideas -Cooking is not one of my specialties. This fraise is used to huff through your stomach into a tube call to produce the sound of the barred owl, which in theory, will trigger the thunder of a gobble from a wild turkey. Oh how exciting the springwoods can be during this beautiful month of May. However, there are days when no matter what tricks I try, the turkeys just don't have any interest, won't talk, and the forest remains silent. In these times, I like to sit up against a big tree, facing the sun to feel it's warmth, and let my mind drift back to more productive hunts.

This is when I hear that thunder again; only this time it is not that of a wild turkey. This is the thunder of joy I hear in my mind, of a child who just received a successful operation from St. Jude's or Shriner's Hospital. This is the thunder of joy I hear in my mind, of a man and woman facing hard times, but receiving boxes of food from a local pantry to feed their children. This is the thunder of joy I hear in my mind, of our elderly sitting in a air-cooled room. This is the thunder I hear in my mind, and I hear it because I am a KNIGHT. Brothers, I invite ALL of you, in your quiet time, to hear the thunder. Check your newsletter for the dates and times of upcoming events, if possible volunteer and create some thunder.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron

### Chaplain's Message

# "Pentecost in the Year of Faith"

### Brother Knights:

On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Church will bring to a close the Season of Easter with the celebration of Pentecost. Fifty days after the Resurrection, the apostles, gathered in the upper room, very much of afraid of the fate that awaited them, became empowered by the Holy Spirit and went forth to do the work of Christ.

The time of Advent and the time of Lent are both accorded a "mid-point" observance. Advent has Gaudete Sunday and Lent has Laetare Sunday. It is during these times that the faithful are called upon to examine their spiritual progress through each season and discern how they may continue to spiritually grow.

In this Year of Faith, the Solemn Feast of Pentecost could serve as the same kind of benchmark. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. As such, the feast invites us to renew and recommit ourselves to the work of Christ and His church. It calls us to discern with greater depth and focus how we can be better stewards of God's many gifts. In addition to these things, perhaps we could ask ourselves how we are doing in our celebration of the Year of Faith.

What have we done to grow more fervent in our practice of the faith? Have we endeavored to be more catechized in the teachings of the Church. Are we increasing the frequency of receiving the Sacraments? These among other things, are what the Year of Faith challenges us to do.

It would most appropriate I believe, if we made Pentecost this year a special one be seeing it as an opportunity to "get onboard" with the Year of Faith. Doing so, will not only make us more knowledgeable and faithful Catholics, but it will help us as Knights to respond more eagerly and effectively to the many ways in which we are called to make Christ present in the world. In doing so, we should not forget to call upon the powerful intercession and assistance of the model of faith--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, especially Eileen Becker wife of Brother Clarence Becker and Joe Luciano brother of Brother Guy Luciano.



# April Council Meeting Minutes April 4, 2013

1st Degree Ceremony

#### **Grand Knight Report**

New Members: Seven men were accepted for membership: — Seven New Members: William Wilson, Jim Hodge, Jim Plummer, John Lord III, Francis Serenko III, Warren Suydam, Richard Moyer

# Write ups were sent to Columbia Magazine:

40 cans for 40 days Lenten Food Drive - 1,298# were collected.

Thanks to all that volunteered to make sandwiches. With all the help 900 sandwiches were assembled in 1 ½ hours.

The annual recruitment spaghetti dinner had many men who helped with the setup, serving, and cleanup. Many hands make light work.

Sunday April 7 is Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Catherine of Siena

Year of Faith begins for the Council: Faith Professed, Faith Lived, Faith Celebrated, Faith Prayed. We need to complete one item in each category.

#### **Bills and Communications**

Thank you's received from:

American Rescue Workers (1298# food),

Mary Ann Chamberlain for \$100.00 MS Walk Donation.

Donation Request- Serra Club for Vocations: Brother Clarence Becker motioned for a ½ page ad @ \$80.00 – Motion carried.

Donation Request - Blair/ Clearfield Assoc for the Blind and Handicapped: Motion for \$100.00 – Motion carried.

#### **Reports:**

Fundraising: A suggestion was presented to sponsor a catered dinner at the Council Home. More discussion will follow in the coming months. Brother Dennis Dombrosky will chair this Committee. If you wish to volunteer contact: dinopapt@aol.com, 814-695-1509

Canal Basin Park Cleanup: Per Mr. Mark Schroyer, Hollidaysburg Borough Manager the cleanup will take place in May and we will be contacted when the plans are firm. The K of C will solicit volunteers to assist in the cleanup and provide lunch for the volunteers. Recorder Mike Metzgar will chair this Committee. If you wish to volunteer contact: mikemetzgar@atlanticbb.net, 540-

521-0515.

**4th Degree:** Brother Ray Baker is still collecting Dues. Next meeting is April 25, at Altoona #551 at 7pm.





### **Council Calendar**

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

Next Meeting May 2, 2013 7PM

April 8, 2013 - Blood Drive: Brother Dan Casey said there would be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Council home. Plan to donate and volunteer your help.

**April 18, 2013** – Officers training at 7pm at the Council Home. For all current officers and knights interested in becoming officers. Contact GK Harella: 814-696-3295.

**April 26-27, 2013** – ARC of Blair County – Measure Up Campaign – More volunteers are needed. We have 9 open slots that need volunteers.

Contact Chancellor Dennis McGeehan to Volunteer abbax8@hotmail.com, 814-934-2368

Hometown Market, Sam's Club, Giant Eagle-Altoona. Church Collections will be done April 27-28

May 7 – Ladies night dinner at the council home. Setup at 3, Social at 5:15, Dinner at 6:30pm.

Hand in Hand BBQ scheduled for June



### **Thoughts and Prayers**

Brother Mark Sault, son of Brother Tom Sault, told the Council that his father is still experiencing memory loss and sleepless nights. He said his father is under medical treatment, please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep Recorder Mike Metzgar's younger brother Pat in your prayers. Pat has a cancerous brain tumor and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Please pray for Brother Guy Luciano's daughter Suzie who is having an operation and his brother Joe who passed away.



## Happy Birthday

| Clarence A. Becker  | 5/13                                       |
|---|--|
| Peter Berggren  | 5/6  |
| William H. Bogel  | 5/24                                       |
| Daniel C. Brogdon   | 5/29                                       |
| Albert R. Brown   | 5/6  |
| Phillip M. Claar  | 5/12                                       |
| William T. Creek  | 5/29                                       |
| John P. Donley II   | 5/2  |
| Chad M. Eger  | 5/7  |
| Louis R. Endress  | 5/19                                       |
| GK Ronald J Harella Douglas J. Harker Donald F. Harrington John J. Hazenstab, Jr. Stephen F. Kovach | 5/17<br>5/27<br>5/22<br>5/16<br>5/20       |
| Clark V. Liebegott Mark D. Mielnik Robert J. Moyer Darryll W. Sommers Daniel J. Turcovsky           | 5/20<br>5/7<br>5/14<br>5/16<br>5/20<br>5/5 |

#### Our Lady, Star of the Sea

Our Lady, Star of the Sea is an ancient title for the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ. The words *Star of the Sea* are a translation of the Latin title *Stella Maris*.

The title was used to emphasize Mary's role as a sign of hope and as a guiding star for Christians, especially gentiles, whom the Old Testament Israelites metaphorically referred to as the sea, meaning anyone beyond the "coasts", or, that is to say, sociopolitical, and religious (Mosaic law), borders of Israelite territory. Under this title, the Virgin Mary is believed to intercede as a guide and protector of those who travel or seek their livelihoods on the sea. This aspect of the Virgin has led to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, being named as patroness of the Catholic missions to seafarers, the Apostleship of the Sea, and to many coastal churches being named Stella Maris or Mary, Star of the Sea. This devotion towards Our Lady with this ancient title is popular throughout the Catholic world.

#### History

Stella Maris "sea-star" is a name of α Ursae Minoris or *Polaris*, the "guiding star" (also "lodestar", "ship star", "steering star", etc.) because it has been used for celestial navigation at sea since antiquity. The name is applied to the Virgin Mary in Saint Jerome's Latin translation of the Onomasticon by Eusebius of Caesarea, although this is in fact a misnomer based on a transcription error. The Hebrew name Miryam, meaning *drop* of the sea, was translated by St Jerome into Stilla Maris, but at some later stage a copyist transcribed this into Stella Maris, and this transcription error became widespread.

Paschasius Radbertus in the ninth century wrote of Mary, Star of the Sea, as a guide to be followed on the way to Christ "lest we capsize amid the storm-tossed waves of the sea." At

this time to the plainsong hymn "Ave Maris Stella" ("Hail, Star of the Sea"),became increasingly popular.

In the twelfth century, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux wrote: If the winds of temptation arise; If you are driven upon the rocks of tribulation look to the star, call on Mary; If you are tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, of envy, of rivalry, look to the star, call on Mary. Should anger, or avarice, or fleshly desire violently assail the frail vessel of your soul, look at the star, call upon Mary." Pope Pius XII in his encyclical, Doctor Mellifluus, also quoted Bernard of Clairvaux in saying; Mary ... is interpreted to mean 'Star of the Sea.' This admirably befits the Virgin Mother... (for) as the ray does not diminish the brightness of the star, so neither did the Child born of her tarnish the beauty of Mary's virginity.

#### **Devotional application**

The idea of Mary as a guiding star for seafarers has led to devotion to Our Lady, Star of the Sea in many Catholic coastal and fishing communities. Numerous churches, schools and colleges are dedicated to Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea, or Mary, Star of the Sea.

Stella Maris Monastery, the foundation house of the Carmelite order was established on Mount Carmel, Israel, in the early thirteenth century. The abbey was destroyed several times, but a re-founded Stella Maris monastery is still considered the headquarters of the order.

Devotions to this title of Mary are found in the popular Catholic Hymn, *Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star* and the ancient prayer *Ave Maris Stella*.



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