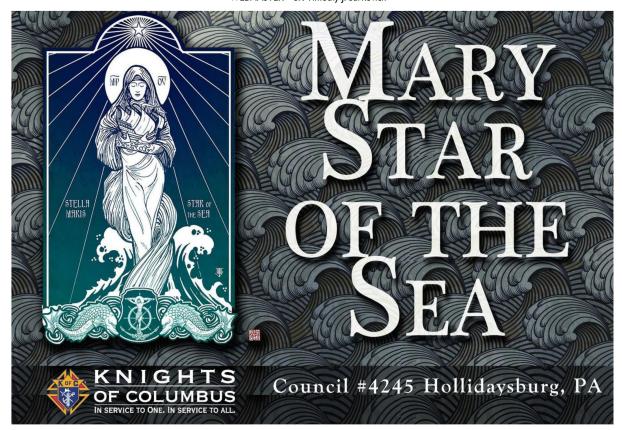
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Contact Brother Paul Detwiler with the total number of sandwiches ordered by 12pm on Monday May 13th Cell: 935-3501

Look for us again in July!

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May 2019 From the Grand Knight





Brother Knights:

Warmer weather has arrived and with it comes flowers, buds on the trees, and new life. To me that is how the Easter season is. It is the passion of Christ, leading to His death and resurrection, and new life. For me, spring is a time to renew your faith by replacing the things that take you further from Christ with the things which can bring you closer to Him. Wishing everyone has a Happy and Blessed Easter and a return to new life! I would like to thank everyone for selling cash bash tickets and for all the help with set up and clean up. You all did an amazing job to make this a very successful fundraiser.

The 40 cans for 40 days food drive collection comes to an end on Holy Thursday. Please bring nonperishable food items to the K of C council hall from 7 AM to 10am. April 25th is the next 4th degree meeting.

April 29th is a fundraiser committee meeting at 6:30 PM.

May 12th is our Mother's Day dinner. Please join us to enjoy lunch at our council hall with your mother and family.

There will be a ham and cheese sale in May as well.

God bless. Fraternally yours,

Rich





Chaplain's Message

It's Not Over Yet!

By Father Anthony J. Legarski, Chaplain

Brother Knights:

All of us at one time or another have experienced the joy of a good book, movie, or story right up until the end. If the material is well-composed and of great substance, we react in two ways: (1) We can't wait to see how it ends; and (2) We somehow want it to continue, perhaps into a sequel.

The celebration our Lord's resurrection from the dead should challenge us in the same way. We are now in the Great Season of Easter; the period of fifty days during which we continue in our minds, hearts, souls and lives the mystery of the Resurrection and the hope and promise of eternal life that it affords us

The challenge that is before us during the Easter Season is to ask ourselves how the celebration of Easter can continue to be a part of our faith journey each and every day of our lives. In doing so, we must remind ourselves that the mystery of Easter is not the end but rather, the beginning of a wonderful time for us. Forty days after we celebrate this great event (May 30) we celebrate our Lord's ascension into heaven to be reunited with His fa-

ther and to advocate on our behalf. As he told the Apostle Thomas, he has "...gone to prepare a place for us" (cf. John 14:3). This in itself should excite us, motivate us, and drive us to live our lives so as to accept the life of grace that will take us there.

Ten days after that (June 9), we celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the Church and the strengthening of our baptismal graces that accompany the sending down of the Holy Spirit. Because of this, we are empowered! We have special graces, gifts that will strengthen us and sustain us on our earthly pilgrimage. How do we use these gifts? Are we aware of them when our spiritual life seems to grow lukewarm or we somehow feel inadequate or powerless to do the work of the Church we are called to do as Christians and as Brother Knights? Pentecost changed all of that and we have fallen heir to all of the graces, gifts, and blessings concomitant to that great

So Brother Knights, it is not the end but the beginning. It is not over yet! It continues. And we must reflect upon what we have, what we can do, and what lies in store for us who accept the call as disciples to witness in word and deed to the eternal life made possible for us by the one who Himself resurrected from the dead.

During this Great Easter Season, we must ask our Lord to help us stay with the story, continue to be part of the plan to spend all eternity with Him by doing His work on this earth as Christians and as Brother Knights. We must be especially aware of and reliant upon the one who was with Jesus during His entire earthly life and continues at His direction to help us—Mary our Mother, Star of the Sea.

April 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Reading of Minutes from the previous meeting:

The minutes were available for reading in advance of the meeting and the minutes are approved as posted.

Initiations (Degrees):

1st Degree Ceremony was held for 2 Knights from Council 551.

Grand Knight's Report: Information presented by Rich Moyer:



Easter will be celebrated on April 21; reminder to take the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance during the Lenten season.

Treasurer's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver:



Beginning Balance March 1, 2019 - \$10,028.68

Deposits \$1,886.50 Disbursements \$2,254.80 Ending Balance March 31, 2019 -\$9,660.32

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Request for donation received from UPMC Home Nursing Agency Foundation; Jim Zimmerman presented a motion to table; Mike Metzger provided the second; motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report – Information presented by Dan Weaver on behalf of Tim Surkovich:

Tim apologized for his inability to attend the meeting due to his sons wedding. 2nd notices have been mailed – please pay your dues.

Thank you to all who helped with our Cash Bash.

Seminarian tickets are available for sale – see Tim or Dan. Cost is \$20/each. Drawings are held within the month of June 2019. The proceeds from these tickets help to offset the financial responsibilities of our seminarians.

Dan Turcovsky provided the following data, regarding the Seminarian Endowment Fund (SEF)

The SEF provides financial aid to seminarians from the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.

The money is separate from the diocesan fund and used exclusively for the seminarians.

Our diocese has 5 seminarians cur-

rently in formation.

The seminarians are expected to take out loans and pay for their undergraduate education.

During pre-theology the theology phases, the seminarians incur personal expenses including typical medical deductibles, co-pays and vehicle related expenses.

The SEF helps our seminarians by providing financial assistance to help offset the above expenses.

The income for the SEF is generated from the annual sale of the Seminarian tickets.

The monies are invested with the Independent Catholic Foundation.

We need priests, please help to support our seminarians.

Report of Standing Committees:

Fund Raising - Robert Hazenstab

The Cash Bash was held on March 30, 2019 and was a successful event. Thank you to all who helped. Receipts are incoming, and the financial results will be shared at the next meeting.

The committee is planning a Fall 2019 event which will include a chicken BBQ. Details will follow in the near future. FYI – remember that we will cook chicken for non-KofC "customers". If you receive any inquires please share the following information; for a typical charge \$8/meal, the profit is ~\$4/meal.

Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sale:

Next Sale is May 17th. Orders due by noon May 13th. Assemble sandwiches 4PM May 16th. Sale benefits the Home Association.

40 cans for 40 Days – Information presented by Mike Metzgar on behalf of Ron Harella :

Remember to say the daily prayer. Donations will be collected on Holy Thursday at the Council Home from 7:30-10:00AM.

The Catholic Daughters will participate in this event.

Last year, we collected 3,048 lbs. and this year, we need to exceed that amount during our 2019 collection – please donate.

Mother's Day Dinner – Information presented by Dennis Dombrosky:

Dinner will be held at the Council home on May 12, 2019 from 11:00-1:00 PM with both eat-in or take-out available. Volunteers should meet at 10:00 AM on Mother's Day.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$10/pp with a limit of 150 tickets – see Dennis.

Please donate desserts for this fund raiser, in honor of our Mothers.

Sign-up sheet is available.

Dinner includes chicken breast and ham along with side dishes.

Blood Drive – Information presented by Dan Casey:

Drive will be held on April 8, 2019 at the Council Home from 1:30-6:00 pm. Please donate.

Hand-in-Hand BBQ

Spaghetti Dinner Kickoff (stag event) was held on March 28, 2019 at the Council home.

The Shriners have invited any Knight and their guest on a free bus trip to visit the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia on Saturday, June 29, 2019. If you are interested, please contact Rich Moyer or Gary Ellis.

New Business:

Thank you to Mike Metzgar for his past work as Editor for the Star News. We are still looking for a new Editor, interested parties should contact Rich Moyer.

Volunteers should meet on May 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Council Home to stuff tickets for the Hand-in-Hand Chicken BBO.

Gary Ellis needs your help with cooking chicken on April 28, 2019 at 7:00 AM at the Council Home. This event will provide chicken for Ed Zang as part of a fund raiser for his campaign for Magisterial District Judge. See Ed Zang if you would like to purchase tickets.

Report of the 4th Degree – Information presented by Ron Harella:

Fourth Degree meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Altoona Council (551).

Field Agent's Report – Information presented by Mike McAndrew:

Mike offered his thanks for our prayers and concern regarding his son's recent medical incident.

Reminder, it is prudent to conduct a review of each of your life insurance policies, regardless of the issuer. Mike would be glad to conduct this review with you.



District Deputy's Report – Information present by Mel McConnell:

Recruitment is a necessary part of our responsibility to insure future sustainment of the KofC. We are behind and need your help to recruit new members.

Mel has requested that our local Councils conduct a 1st degree ceremony on a regular basis. In that manner, any prospective member can be assured an expeditious path when joining the KofC. March, July and November are the suggested dates of the Star of Sea Council. John Brown presented a motion that the Star of Sea Council will hold a 1st degree ceremony, each March, July and November at our regular meeting times; John Longenecker provided the second; motion passed.

Elections of officers will be held from May 1 thru June 15.

The RSVP form needs to be finalized.



Pray for the following:

Brother Dennis McGeehan, John Longenecker's Sister and Brother-in-Law, Shorty Biddle, and Ed Zang's Mother



2019 Hospitality Meal Volunteer List

We have 2 spots open. Consider providing a meal for meeting night. Council reimburses you

\$50

| 5/2 | Phil Claar |
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| 6/6 | Jim Zimmerman |
| 7/4 | John Longenecker |
| 8/1 | Bob Hazenstab |
| 9/5 | |
| 10/1 | Tim Surkovich |
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Brian Drum



May 12th Council Hall 11AM—1PM Eat In or Take Out \$10

Chicken Breast and Ham/Sides Desserts

Proceeds Benefit:





In Memoriam Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec and all Brother Knights that passed away throughout our councils history.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 4245 Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

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| SK Clark V Liebegott | 5/7 |
| SK Philip Claar | 5/12 |
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| Joseph P Glass | 5/21 |
| Donald F Harrington | 5/22 |
| SK Edgar E Dunning III | 5/25 |
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Upcoming Events:

6/6/19 Election of Officers8/4/19 Council Family Picnic

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Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting:** 5/2/19 Hospitality Provided by: Phil Claar

4/25/19 4th Degree Meeting @ Altoona Council Hall 7 PM

4/29/19 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

5/2/19 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

5/2/19 Praying of the Rosary 6:30 PM

5/2/19 Regular Council Meeting 7PM NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

5/12/19 Mothers Day Brunch 11 AM—1 PM

5/13/19 Ham & Cheese Orders Due 12 PM

5/16/19 Make Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 4 PM

5/17/19 Deliver Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

5/23/19 4th Degree Meeting Altoona Council Hall 7 PM

6/3/19 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

6/6/19 Home Association Meeting 5:45 PM

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6/6/19 Regular Council Meeting 7PM ELECTION OF OFFICERS Hospitality Provided By: Jim Zimmerman

Helping Our Families Prepare

Tempus fugit memento mori – times flies, remember death

The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly. As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death.

But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends.

But by thinking about the unthinkable, and planning for the inevitable, we may be able to reduce those trials and tie up some of those loose ends.

That's why I am excited to introduce the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*.

The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook is a no-cost tool available from me to you.

It is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

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- Express your wishes for your funeral service, including identifying readings, lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, and fraternal or military organization involvement

The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook may not be the most enjoyable workbook you have ever filled out, but may be the most impactful.

In a fast-paced digital age like ours, there are so many more things to plan for and to record, and so much less time in which to do it. The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is and easy and effective way to gather your thoughts, details, data, and wishes for the benefit of your loved ones. This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families.

As pointed as it may seem, *tempus* fugit memento mori reminds us that we – with certainty – will die, but that we may very well not – with certainty – know when.

So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable?

You'll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love.

Contact me today, to set up an appointment. You may be surprised at other things you may have forgotten about or never thought of that will most definitely be a benefit to the loved ones you leave behind.





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